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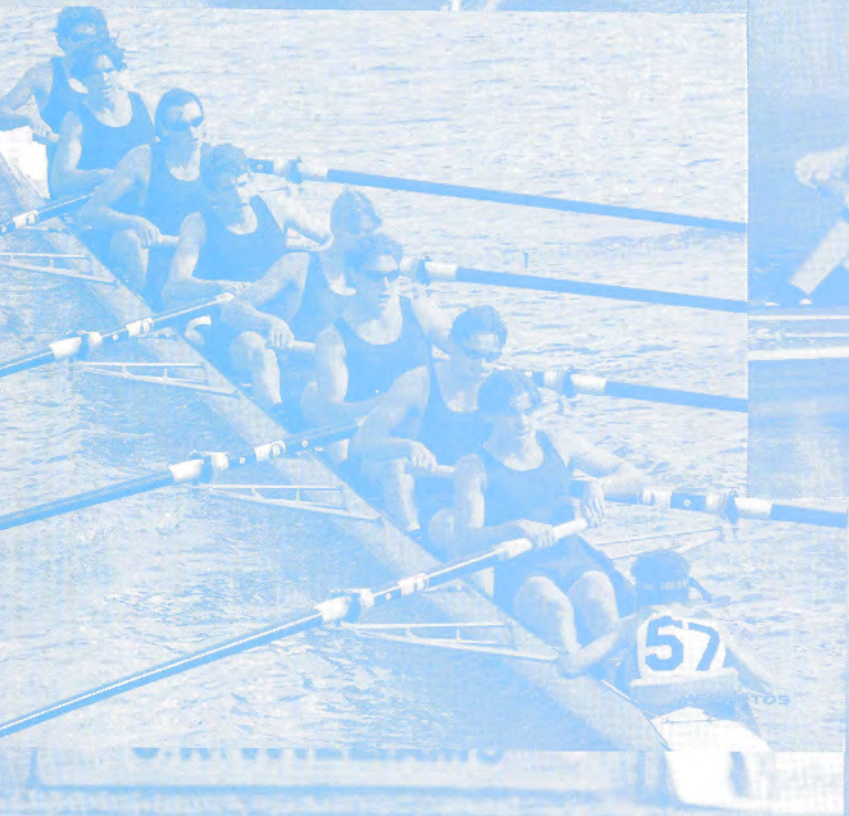
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1996-97



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Committee Members	Charles Bartlett, Ray Hammon, James Lowe, Chris O'Brien, Margot Foster, Rob Blair

**VRA STAFF**

General Manager	Jane Allen(resigned 22/8/97)
Development Co-ordinator	Ross Henderson (commenced 1/1/97)
Administration Assistant	Melvina Harvey

**COMPETITION PERSONNEL**

Regatta Secretary	Chris O'Brien
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Team Manager	Brian Vear
Senior Selectors	Sam Patten, Sue Herald, David Colvin
Youth Selectors	Chris O'Brien, Deirdre Fraser

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Delegate	Charles Bartlett
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Norm Cairnes	Jim Hardie
Caroline Judd	Harvey Nicholson*
Bill Waterfield	
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**MEMBERSHIP**

Victorian Olympic Council  
Sports Federation of Victoria

Front Cover Picture: MUBC Men's Senior B Four  
1997 Victorian Women's LW Four

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In my report to the 1996 Annual Meeting I referred to the Olympic and International success of Victorian and Australian rowers, and concluded by emphasising the need for us, despite the euphoria of Atlanta, to focus on the challenges of the year ahead.

The fact that we have indeed focused upon such challenges is evident from the results of yet another successful season for the Association. We had 13 title winning crews in the Australian Championships, and in the Interstate Regatta were successful in the Womens Coxless Four, Womens Youth Eight and Mens Youth Eight, all of which auger well for the future. Our congratulations to all the rowers and coaches who performed so well, with a special mention for the coaches of the winning crews at the Interstate Regatta - Brenton Terrell (Womens Coxless Four) David Orchet (Womens Lightweight Coxless Four), John Downie and Paul Reedy (Womens Youth Eight) and Frank Stone and Rob Heath (Mens Youth Eight).

For the first time in 14 years we lost the Kings Cup. Despite controversial circumstances as to eligibility, we congratulate ACT on its win and congratulate as well our own crew on a great performance in what was essentially a year of rebuilding.

Furthermore our International successes have continued. In the (U/23) Nations Cup at Milan in July, Sarah Chibnell (MULRC) won gold in the Womens Coxless Four, Tom Paul (MUBC) took silver in the Mens Lightweight Coxless Four whilst the Mens Eight with five Victorians and coached by Noel Donaldson came in 4th place. The Australian Junior Team was very successful. We now look forward to the results of the Australian Rowing Team for the World Championships with 16 Victorian rowers out of a team of 38 and four Victorian coaches out of 10. The Victorian Rowing Association can once again lay claim to being the pacesetter in Australian rowing and in doing so we must acknowledge the work of Noel Donaldson and John Cumper with the Victorian Institute of Sport.

On the local scene we had a successful training and regatta season despite the obstruction of the

Yarra River by the construction of the City Link Tunnel. Notably Henley and Yarra Yarra regattas were successfully conducted over 500 metres which, although not entirely satisfactory for our top rowers, certainly provided an attraction for spectators.

We are now in the course of preparing for the 1998 Australian Championships and Kings Cup to be held in Victoria on the magnificent new International standard course at Nagambie Lakes. Brian Vear has undertaken an enormous responsibility in heading the Organising Committee. We are confident that it will be a most successful regatta. The course, for those who have not yet seen it, is most impressive for rowers and spectators alike, and has received the endorsement of the Regatta Committee of Rowing Australia. Our congratulations to Pat McNamara, David Pincus and David Schier (Course Manager) and others for their great efforts. At the same time the Association is actively supportive of the efforts of the Geelong Rowing Association to establish a new rowing course on the Barwon Common.

On behalf of the Association I thank those who have contributed to such a successful year for the Association in so many differing capacities - management, executive committee, regatta officials, regatta broadcasters, regatta secretaries, club office bearers and committees, the schools, and most importantly the coaches and the rowers themselves. On this occasion I make particular mention of the work of the Executive Committee led by David Pincus with Jim Lowe (Treasurer), Ray Hammon, Margot Foster, Charles Bartlett, Rob Blair and Chris O'Brien and in particular, their work of reclassification of regattas and eligibility. I make note of the work of my two Vice Presidents (Eric Waller and Ted Woolcock - VOWA). I also make mention of Robin Murphy with the Victorian Sculling Association and James Gobbo with the Officials Panel.

After five years, Carlton and United Breweries ceases as our major sponsor. We thank them for their contribution during this period which has enabled the restructure of the Association to be put in place.





I conclude on a rather sad note. In last years report I welcomed Jane Allen as the new General Manager. Now it is time to say farewell as Jane has accepted, with our blessing, an appointment to lead Australian Gymnastics into the exciting years ahead. Jane has made great contributions to the Association during the 15 months she has been with us in the restructure of the Association - ne high profile office - upgraded publications - instigating Ross Henderson's transfer from the VIS to the VRA as Development Co-ordinator - introducing the Moomba Sprint Classic - organising the Vichealth sponsorship for the Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta and liaison with State and Local Government departments to name a few of her contributions. We thank Jane for what she has done and wish her well in her future career.

So the Association moves into 1998 facing new challenges which, judging by past performance, I am sure we will overcome. May the VRA continue to prosper.

**JUSTICE H.R. FREDERICO**  
**PRESIDENT**

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## VRA COMMITTEE REPORT

In last years report we welcomed Jane Allen as General Manager for the Association. It is with great regret that we wish her farewell in this her second and final report. Jane's energy, enthusiasm and professional experience will be sadly missed. We congratulate her on her new appointment as Chief Executive Officer to Australian Gymnastics. We are currently preparing to announce her replacement.

The successful conclusion to the project at Nagambie Lakes is now in sight with Phase II funding now confirmed. Phase II will complete all on site infrastructure at the site in time for the National Championships and Kings Cup in March 1998. Our management committee capably chaired by Brian Vear is well advanced in planning

for the event. It is expected that we will be able to announce the major sponsor for the event at the Annual General Meeting. Further progress has been made in Geelong with a formal proposal submitted to Government in May. Long awaited response from Government is expected later this year. Completion of both of these projects will give us a very solid infrastructure base into the next century.

Work on the City Link project is continuing and another disrupted season is expected. We have taken a lead in the consultants work for the City of Melbourne which will determine future land use adjacent to the Yarra River and ultimately also make recommendations on future on water activity.

We record our thanks to Carlton and United Breweries for their sponsorship over the past five years. Unfortunately this sponsorship has not been renewed and we are currently actively seeking a new sponsor.

Our Kings Cup crew was defeated for the first time since 1984, however this result was well offset by wins in the Youth events at the same regatta. We congratulate Noel Donaldson, John Cumper and Ross Henderson on their work in maintaining and restocking our position within Australian Rowing. We welcome Brian Richardson home as Head Coach, Rowing Australia. We remain well served by the efforts of many coaches both at home and overseas.

The past year has been marked by increased participation in decision making at all levels of the sport. In particular representation from over 30 clubs and schools at the May Conference was a highlight. This interest and involvement augers well for the future although there is a need to maintain this momentum in order to continue to progress. Again, we welcome your thoughts and opinions and look forward to the challenges of the forthcoming year.

**DAVID PINCUS**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**





# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



1996/97 was a busy year for Rowing as the sport strives to best position itself to take full advantage of the fast approaching 2000 Olympics.

## VRA OFFICE

I am pleased to report that our plans to establish our very own office came to fruition in December 1996 when the VRA moved into its present offices in Richmond. It comprises of three offices and a large meeting room - almost treble the space in Jolimont.

The VRA has taken a two year lease and will again assess the benefits of "buying v leasing" in December 1998.

VRA Staff increased in 1996/97 when discussions with the VIS led to the transferring of Development Coach Ross Henderson to the VRA staff under a new title of Development Co-ordinator. Administrative Assistant Melvina Harvey continues to work permanent part time and is supported by our AFL Traineeship Scheme trainee Luke O'Sullivan who works for three days. My sincere thanks to the VRA staff - Melvina, Ross and Luke for their support throughout the year.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees continue to play an important part in our annual income and the VRA is grateful to all the clubs and schools for their support in 1996/97.

One of the major projects to be tackled in the forthcoming season is the combination of all the Association's requirements - membership/status records/regatta entries into one computer package which will adequately meet the members needs. The next stage would be to link the larger clubs direct to this system and a large amount of duplicated work would disappear.

The VRA applied to the Department of State Development for a grant to upgrade their computer equipment and the development of suitable software to be able to service our membership.

I am please to announce that VRA has been awarded a grant of \$23,00 over two years for the computerisation of the VRA records.

## GOVERNMENT

The Department of State Development continues to support Rowing and our sincere thanks go to the Hon. Tom Reynolds and all his staff at the Department for their continued support and guidance.

The VRA also works closely with Parks Victoria whose main responsibility is the management of our waterways. Parks Victoria sponsored our Victorian Championships at NWSC Carrum and continues to work closely with the VRA on issues such as the commercial operators.

The Tunnel construction continues with 1997/98 to be the final season to be disrupted by the works. Rowers are to be commended for adapting to the changes and ensuring the safety measures and rules for the works area are strictly adhered to.

The City of Melbourne supported by Parks Victoria and the cities of Stonnington, Yarra and Boroondara have commissioned a study into the land based facilities supporting Rowing and other non commercial activities along the Yarra River. This study is nearing its completion and all indications are that it will have some long term benefits for Rowing with the recommendations assisting the local Governments in their planning for the future.

## DEVELOPMENT

As mentioned earlier, Ross Henderson joined the staff of the VRA in January 1997 as our Development Co-ordinator. This move strengthened the relationship between the VIS and the Association and also established the vital link to the clubs and schools.

Ross Henderson is to be commended for his good work to date as documented in the following report. Clearly coach education and the school/club relationship are his more pressing challenges.





## SPONSORSHIP

The loss of the CUB sponsorship in June was extremely disappointing for the Committee and the challenge will be to find a replacement Association sponsor.

Parks Victoria sponsored our Victorian Championships, Australian Henley and the Henley on the Maribyrnong. The Melbourne Moomba Festival sponsored the Moomba Sprint Classic which given time could develop into a very popular event.

The VRA was also delighted to receive support from Vichealth and Life Be In It through their health message "Active for Life". The sponsorship of the Head of the Schoolgirls was very successful and indications are that this sponsorship will continue for another year.

The "Active for Life" Regatta of the Year will be an exciting project in 1997/98 season and one that will link closely to the clubs and regatta committees.

## THE VICTORIAN ROWER

This publication was upgraded during the year and now complements the tremendous work done by Ray Hammon in producing the material for each issue. The challenge is providing the on going support to Ray to ensure deadlines are met and four issues a year reach our membership. Your support of this publication is vital to its success.

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1998 Australian Championships and Kings Cup will be held at Nagambie Lakes from March 10-15. The Organising Committee has been working hard to ensure all arrangements are in hand for this exciting event.

Chairman: Brian Vear  
Finance: Jim Lowe  
Competition: Steve Pennicott  
Logistics: Ray Hammon  
Course: David Schier  
Marketing: Jane Allen

The Shire of Strathbogie supported by the State Government is to be congratulated for their vision and hard work in creating a magnificent course at Nagambie. The staging of the 1998 Nationals at this venue will be a fitting "national christening". Clubs and Schools are urged to support this event in whatever way possible.

## VRA AWARDS

This was a new initiative by the Committee in an effort to give recognition to those who have contributed in the various divisions of the sport. The Awards Sub Committee of Justice Frederico, Ray Hammon, Eric Waller and Ted Woolcock are to be congratulated for their work and congratulations are extended to the 1996/97 recipients.

### Club Member of the Year

Brian Digby (Barwon RC)

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### Coach of the Year (Elite)

Jock Heys (Wend/Ball)

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### Coach of the Year (Development)

Bill Brammel(Hamilton)

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### Rower of the Year(Men)

Paul Gray (MUBC)

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### Rower of the Year (Women)

Gina Douglas (Mercantile RC)

## CONCLUSION

The VRA must continue to adapt to changes required to prepare for the year 2000 and beyond. Lifestyles will continue to change as will the demands and requirements of our members. To stand still or be shackled by the past will be fatal to the sport.

I have enjoyed immensely my short time in Rowing and will always remember the support and friendship offered by everyone. My sincere thanks to the VRA Committee who deserve your full support for their outstanding contributions to the development of Victorian Rowing.

**JANE ALLEN**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**





The role of Development Co-ordinator involves both the development of athletes and coaches. In the past twelve months the following programs have been put in place for both of these:

## 1. ATHLETES

### **JUNIOR ROWING PROGRAM 1996/97**

Through the co-operation of Schools and their Rowing Co-ordinators, 1996 saw the introduction of a program designed to give Victoria's best junior rowers an opportunity to train and race together. Throughout third term several on water sessions were organised for the thirty girls and twenty boys (all either Year 10 or 11) involved in the program. These took place on Sunday mornings as this proved the least disruptive to their other school and sporting commitments. To supplement these on water sessions, several seminars were also conducted. These included workshops on time management, goal setting, nutrition, recovery and stretching. By communicating closely with school coaches and co-ordinators, these sessions were programmed not to interfere with school rowing programs and it was made very clear to the athletes from day one that their school programs took priority over the Junior Rowing Program. Therefore there were no sessions held in terms four or one, although a three day camp was held in late January on the Yarra River. The camp was education based with two on water sessions per day. The timing of the camp proved to be fortunate as it gave the athletes a good lead onto their School rowing camps.

Following the Head of the Schoolgirls, Head of the River and National Championships, the squad reformed for selections for the Victorian Junior Team to race at the Junior Trans Tasman Regatta. From the squad, a men's and women's Eight was selected. These two boats broke down into smaller boats to race at the regatta to give the athletes invaluable racing experience against Australia's best junior athletes. With limited practice in the smaller boats, our athletes performed well under extremely difficult conditions. In the women's eight race, the Victorians were narrowly beaten by the New Zealand crew, whilst in the men's eight race, the Victorians led early and extended the lead to win comfortably from NSW.

Feedback from the athletes, coaches and school co-ordinators was extremely positive and with the ongoing co-operation of all involved, the program looks certain to evolve even further in season 1997/98.

### **SCHOOLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

The Schools' Development Program (formerly Junior Rowing Program) is in the initial stages of its second year. Schools and coaches are supporting the program having seen the benefits in its first year. There are 110 participants in the program. The main aims of the SDP are to give school aged athletes an insight into rowing outside of school and to encourage them to continue rowing once they leave school and to help increase the standard of School rowing within Victoria.

With the Schools giving tremendous support to the SDP and its aims, the program looks certain to establish itself as an important link between school rowing and club rowing in future years.

### **SCHOOL LEAVERS SEMINAR**

This year the VRA initiated a seminar for students in Year 12 wishing to continue rowing once they finish their studies. The seminar was based around Melbourne clubs as it is common that the majority of these school leavers will stay in Melbourne next year. (A program to target centres outside of this area, is currently being devised.)

By contacting school coaches and co-ordinators, a database of 300 Year 12 students was created and these students were invited to the seminar. Clubs were invited to present to these students outlining the options their club offered the students. The 60 students who attended the seminar (along with 30 parents) were asked to complete a questionnaire at the end of the evening, indicating which clubs they were interested in hearing from. These lists were then collated and each club received a list of students and their contact details. This helps to overcome the problems of students privacy, and students not knowing how to make the initial contact with the clubs. The students left the seminar being more aware of their options the following year. These are all important issues when attempting to increase the retention rate of school rowers once they have finished their school rowing careers.



## YOUTH PROGRAM

The first step into club rowing is often into a youth program. This year Victoria was well represented at club level in this category, there being 8 womens youth fours and two mens youth eights racing at the State Championships. Most of the athletes in these races had nominated for selection into the State Youth Eight crews and as such had undergone several selection criteria. Following the State Championships, squads were announced to undertake the final selection process for the crews. At this stage coaches were named and became members of the selection panel. Both the mens and womens Youth Eight crews had two coaches as it was thought that the load may be too great for one coach given all the applicants other commitments.

Following the State Championships weekend, selection ran for two weeks with very intense seat racing occurring. This done, the crews were announced and then set about training for the Interstate Regatta. The results at this regatta were outstanding with both Victorian Youth Eight crews winning their races by clear water. This was a result of true commitment from the athletes, coaches and my fellow selectors Deidre Fraser and Chris O'Brien. I would also like to thank Noel Donaldson and John Cumper for their assistance throughout the entire process.

## 2. COACHES

### NCAS COACHING COURSES

With the appointment of Barbara Fenner (Gillett) as the National Director of Coach Education, the NCAS Level 1 Sports Specific Coaching Course (Rowing) was re-accredited after a two day workshop of State Coach Educators in Sydney in March. Once this process was completed, a calendar of five courses was advertised for Victoria. With a maximum number of 20 per course, the year's tally for coaches put through the courses will be 98.

Once the process for re-accrediting the Level 2 course has been completed (mid November) a calendar of all coaching courses will be advertised including several Level 2 courses.

### VICTORIAN COACHES NETWORK

To assist in the communication of information and ideas concerning coaching, a coaches network has been established. Any NCAS accredited coach may join the network and will receive quarterly mailouts including information on regatta programs, ITC programs, upcoming coaching events, information on drugs in sport and other useful coaching information. By joining the network coaches will receive the information direct to them.

**ROSS HENDERSON**  
DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATOR







### REGATTA SUB COMMITTEE

The major change to the 1996/97 Regatta Program was the change in date for the traditional regattas held over the Christmas period - Yarrowonga, Rutherglen and Nagambie regattas. Although this caused some anxiety earlier in the decision making process, the end result saw these regattas change to new dates in an attempt to increase their entries.

All regattas benefited from the change with the Yarrowonga and Rutherglen regattas being strongly supported by the master rowers.

The major project for the season was the staging of the Conference "VRA Regatta Program - Towards 2000" in May. This Conference was attended by 74 people representing over 30 clubs and schools. The aim of the Conference was to focus on the Regatta Program, venues, status rules and premierships. Workshops were conducted to allow all attendees to contribute to the discussions. Presentations were made by Chris O'Brien and Dr Andrew Randall. Changes submitted to the July General Meeting were a result of the Conference which proved a very successful exercise.

Thanks are expressed to all members of the committee for their contributions.

### OFFICIALS' PANEL

The Official's Panel is charged with the recruitment, training and supply of licensed regatta officials to Victorian Rowing. Officials were provided at all VRA regattas as requested as well as many junior and non qualifying regattas.

The Panel was pleased to note a high level of quality and consistency in all aspects of officials work in the past year. Many successful measures were introduced last year with the benefits accruing to Victorian rowers. Attention given to latecomers resulted in occasions of regattas running over time being reduced from 28 to 9. In addition, the incidence of protests regarding an officials decision dropped from 13 to 4 over first years figures.

Recruitment has progressed well with an additional 11 persons gaining their officials accreditation. The officials handbook produced last year and introduced at the official's seminars has become a useful resource. The sections on application and interpretation of rules providing a welcome addition to the VRA Constitution.

Congratulations are extended to Robin Murphy in obtaining his FISA International Licence.

With the increasing number of regattas and the increasing duration of those regattas, the burden on Victorian Officials has significantly increased. Few sporting organisations, amateur or professional, require such a substantial commitment from their unpaid officials. Regattas were held on over thirty weeks of the year with some weekends up to four regattas being held. In fact, on the weekend of the Universities Regatta over 70 officials points required covering. It is of some concern that on the weekend in question, the Panel was only able to cover 37. This ratio was not uncommon throughout the year. This workload cannot be sustained without affecting the quality of service supplied to the Regattas.

The assistance of the many regatta committees and regatta secretaries involved in the 1996/97 regattas is gratefully acknowledged especially considering how difficult a job it is with often such limited resources.

Thanks are expressed to all officials who assisted at regattas over the year and who did such a fine job. The property steward, Bill Waterfield did an excellent job maintaining and supplying the regatta equipment. Thanks are also expressed to the members of the Panel - Chairman Reg McKay, Bill Waterfield, Rod Florence and Rene Klupacs for their efforts in maintaining standards of regattas throughout the season.

**JAMES GOBBO**  
**HONORARY SECRETARY**





The 1996/97 season saw the Victorian Rowing Association enter into its fifth and final year of the sponsorship agreement with Carlton and United Breweries as its major sponsor.

The Sponsorship agreement provided Carlton and United Breweries with naming rights and product sponsorship of the Association and activities organised and controlled through the Association, such as the Interstate Team and metropolitan and country regattas.

The 1996/97 sponsorship was allocated in the following way:

Regatta Sponsorships	\$ 8,640
Interstate Team	\$25,000
Sponsorship Co-ordination	\$10,814
Officials	\$ 1,850
Administrative Contribution	\$25,691
Sundry	\$ 300
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Total	\$72,095

The distribution of the Regatta sponsorships provided incentive for regatta committees to work hard in promoting their regattas to the rowing community.

Approximately 16,000 entries were received for the regattas which were held between the months of October 1996 and April 1997.

Carlton United Breweries also received exposure through VRA General Meetings, State Newsletter "Victorian Rower", Australian Henley members enclosure and VRA Annual Dinner.

Negotiations took place with CUB for the next four year sponsorship period and it was indeed disappointing when they decided not to continue the sponsorship of the VRA. CUB's involvement in major sponsorships such as the 2000 Olympics certainly did not assist our cause.

The VRA is extremely grateful to CUB for their support and commitment to Rowing over the past five years. Special thanks also to Colin Rawson from Guideline Communications for his co-ordination of the sponsorship over the five year period.

## LIST OF REGATTAS (sponsored by CUB)

Bendigo Regatta  
 Yarra Yarra Regatta  
 Dimboola Regatta  
 Horsham Regatta  
 Wendouree/Ballarat Regatta  
 Colac Regatta  
 Warrnambool Regatta  
 Hamilton Regatta  
 Carrum Regatta  
 Banks Regatta  
 Nagambie Regatta  
 Yarrowonga Regatta  
 Rutherglen Regatta  
 Corowa Sprint Regatta  
 Head of Yarra  
 Vic Universities Regatta  
 Australian Henley Regatta  
 Scotch Mercantile Regatta  
 Barwon Regatta  
 Ballarat Regatta  
 YWCA Regatta  
 Henley on Maribrynong Regatta  
 Footscray Regatta  
 Mildura Regatta  
 Wentworth Regatta

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## 1997 SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

The VIS has granted scholarships to the following rowers until January 1998.

Peter Antonie	HW Scull
Darren Balmforth	LW Scull/Sweep
Eliza Blair	LW Sweep
David Colvin	Coxswain
Jason Day	HW Scull
Georgina Douglas	HW Scull
Anthony Edwards	LW Scull
Caitlin Fraser	HW Sweep
Simon Gadsden	HW Sweep
Drew Ginn	HW Sweep
Paul Gray	HW Sweep
Nicholas Green	HW Sweep
Justine Joyce	LW Sweep
Andrew Lane	LW Sweep
Mike McKay	HW Sweep
Jess Morrison	HW Scull
Paul Myers	HW Sweep
Thomas Paul	LW Sweep
Stuart Peele	LW Sweep
Stuart Purves	LW Scull
Rob Richards	LW Sweep
Jane Robinson	HW Scull
Matthew Russell	LW Sweep
Christian Ryan	HW Sweep
Richard Shenfield	HW Sweep
Robert Spinks	LW Sweep
Simon Spriggs	HW Sweep
Nigel Sullivan	HW Sweep
Bronwyn Thompson	HW Sweep
James Tomkins	HW Sweep
Tim Wright	LW Sweep

Victorians at the AIS in National Teams are recognised:

Jon Berney	LW Sweep
Al Isherwood	LW Sweep
Rachael Taylor	HW Sweep
Sarah Chibnall	HW Sweep

The above listed athletes represent 11 different clubs (6 metropolitan, 5 Country).



## THE COACHING STAFF

Noel Donaldson	Head Coach (Staff)
John Cumper	Senior Coach (Staff)
Jock Heys*	Chris O'Brien*
David Ochert*	Brenton Terrell*
Ross Henderson	Development Coach
* <i>Squad Coach</i>	

In 1997 the VIS Rowing Program had the following number of athletes/coaches in Australian Teams:

World Championships	17 Athletes/3 Coaches
Nations Cup (U/23)	7 Athletes / 1 Coach

## INTENSIVE TRAINING CENTRES (ITC)

The VIS is the co-ordinating organisation for conducting events associated with the National High Performance Program. This program is referred to as the Victorian ITC. Many Victorian athletes and coaches were involved with the following events under the ITC program.

Australasian U/23	Lake Wivenhoe
4.5 km Time Trials	NWSC Carrum
ITC Camp	Barwon River
6km Ergometer Testing	Clubs
Laboratory Step Testing	VUT & Clubs
2000m Ergo Testing	Clubs
National Camp	AIS Canberra
State Championships	NWSC Carrum
Domestic VRA Regattas	Various venues
National Trials	SIRC Penrith
National Championships	Tasmania

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Peter Spence	(VIS Program Manager)
Noel Donaldson	(VIS Head Coach - Rowing)
John Cumper	(VIS Senior Rowing Coach)
James Lowe	(VRA Committee)
Jane Allen	(VRA General Manager)

The VIS enjoys a fruitful relationship with its partner, the Victorian Rowing Association. Quarterly meetings are held to discuss important partner issues. In order to best service Victorian Rowing an arrangement between the VIS/VRA saw Ross Henderson transfer his development duties from the VIS to the VRA. This program has grown in 1997.





# AUSTRALIAN TEAMS VICTORIAN REPRESENTATIVES



## 1997 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Aiguebelette, France (Aug 31 - Sept 7)

### MEN

**LIGHTWEIGHT DOUBLE SCULL(5TH)**  
Anthony Edwards (Ballarat City RC)

**LIGHTWEIGHT COXLESS PAIR(7TH)**  
Stuart Peele(MUBC)  
Andrew Lane(Barwon RC)  
John Cumper (VIS) Coach

**LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT (GOLD)**  
Alastair Isherwood(Banks)  
Jon Berney(Barwon RC)  
Tim Wright (Wend/Ball)  
Matthew Russell(Wend/Ball)  
Rob Richards(Wend/Ball)  
Lyll McCarthy(AIS) Coach

**COXED EIGHT(BRONZE)**  
Drew Ginn(Mercantile)  
David Colvin(Mercantile) Cox

### WOMEN

**DOUBLE SCULL(6TH)**  
Gina Douglas(Mercantile)  
Jane Robinson(Melbourne)  
Brenton Terrell(VIS) Coach

**LIGHTWEIGHT COXLESS PAIR (GOLD)**  
Justine Joyce(Banks)  
Eliza Blair (MULRC)  
David Ochert(VIS) Coach

**COXLESS PAIR (4TH)**  
Bronwyn Thompson(MULRC)  
Rachel Taylor(Powerhouse)

## 1997 NATIONS CUP Milan, Italy (July 26-27)

### MEN

**COXED EIGHT (4TH)**  
Christian Ryan(MUBC)  
Nigel Sullivan(MUBC)  
Paul Gray(MUBC)  
Paul Myers(MUBC)  
Simon Gadsen(Mercantile)  
Noel Donaldson(VIS) Coach

**LIGHTWEIGHT COXLESS FOUR(SILVER)**  
Tom Paul(MUBC)

### WOMEN

**COXLESS FOUR (GOLD)**  
Sarah Chibnall(MULRC)







These Championships include 5 days of club and school competition culminating in an Interstate Regatta on the final day which involves crews representing the six States and ACT. The last event on the Championship's program is historically the prestigious King's Cup (Men's Eight Oared Championship).

**1997 INTERSTATE REGATTA**

**THE KING'S CUP**  
**(Eight Oared Men's Championship)**

**FINAL**

ACT  
 New South Wales  
**Victoria**  
 Western Australia  
 Queensland  
 Tasmania  
 South Australia

**Team**

Simon Gadsden(Mercantile)  
 Paul Reedy(MUBC)  
 Paul Gray(MUBC)  
 Nigel Sullivan(MUBC)  
 Simon Spriggs(Mercantile)  
 Drew Ginn(Mercantile)  
 Peter Antonie(MUBC)  
 Richard Shenfield(MUBC)  
 David Colvin (Mercantile)      Cox  
 Noel Donaldson(VIS)              Coach

**THE PRESIDENT'S CUP**  
**(Australian Men's Sculling Championship)**

**FINAL**

Queensland  
 New South Wales  
 Tasmania  
 South Australia  
 Western Australia

**Team**

No Victorian Representative

**PENRITH CUP**  
**(Lightweight Coxless Four Championship)**

**FINAL**

New South Wales  
**Victoria**  
 Western Australia  
 Queensland  
 Tasmania

**Team**

Tim Wright (Wend/Ball)  
 Matt Russell (Wend/Ball)  
 Anthony Edwards(Ballarat City)  
 Rob Richards(Wend/Ball)  
 Jock Heys(Wend/Ball)              Coach

**NOEL F WILKINSON TROPHY**  
**(Men's Youth Eight Oared Championship)**

**FINAL**

**Victoria**  
 New South Wales  
 Queensland  
 Western Australia  
 Tasmania  
 ACT  
 South Australia

**Team**

Jonathon Stone (MUBC)  
 Peter Holt(MUBC)  
 Ben Mulcahy(Mercantile)  
 David Clerk(Mercantile)  
 Warren Keeble (MUBC)  
 Antony Schober(Mercantile)  
 Peter Moore(MUBC)  
 Michael Kelly(Mercantile)  
 Sam Pullin(MUBC)              Cox  
 Frank Stone                      Coach  
 Rob Heath                        Coach





**1997 INTERSTATE REGATTA**

**U.L.V.A TROPHY**  
**(Women's Coxless Four Championships)**

**FINAL**  
Victoria  
ACT  
South Australia  
New South Wales  
Western Australia  
Tasmania

**Team**  
Caitlin Fraser(MULRC)  
Georgina Douglas(Mercantile)  
Rachel Taylor(Powerhouse)  
Bronwyn Thompson(Melbourne)  
Brenton Terrell Coach

**VICTORIA CUP**  
**(Women's Lightweight Coxless Four C'ships)**

**FINAL**  
Victoria  
Tasmania  
New South Wales  
ACT  
South Australia  
Queensland

**Team**  
Emma Rickards(MULRC)  
Marina Cade(MULRC)  
Eliza Blair(MULRC)  
Justine Joyce(Banks)  
David Orchet(Banks) Coach

**BICENTENNIAL TROPHY**  
**(Women's Youth Eight Oared Championship)**

**FINAL**  
Victoria  
Queensland  
South Australia  
New South Wales  
Western Australia  
Tasmania  
ACT

**Team**  
Amy Pearce(Wend/Ball)  
Hilary Poole(Melbourne)  
Rebecca O'Loughlin(Corio Bay)  
Emily Martin(Wend/Ball)  
Lora Steele(Ballarat City)  
Bonnie Lakey(Banks)  
Sarah Billens(Yarra Yarra)  
Stephanie Fast(Yarra Yarra)  
Sophie McKinnon (Yarra Yarra) Cox  
John Downie Coach  
Paul Reedy Coach

**NELL SLATTER TROPHY**  
**(Australian Women's Sculling Championship)**

**FINAL**  
New South Wales  
ACT  
Victoria  
South Australia

**Team**  
Jane Robinson(Melbourne)

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# AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

LAKE BARRINGTON 1-6 APRIL, 1997



## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

### Men's Snr A Lightweight Single

Anthony Edwards (Ballarat City)

### Men's Snr A Coxed Four

Richard Shenfield(MUBC)

Simon Spriggs(Mercantile)

Drew Ginn (Mercantile)

Peter Antonie (MUBC)

David Colvin (Mercantile) Cox

### Men's Lightweight Coxless Pair

Stuart Peele (Barwon)

Andrew Lane (MUBC)

John Cumper Coach

### Men's Snr B Coxless Four

Paul Myers (MUBC)

Paul Gray (MUBC)

Nigel Sullivan (MUBC)

Christian Ryan (MUBC)

Chris O'Brien Coach

### Men's Lightweight Coxless Four

Tim Wright (Wend/Ball)

Matt Russell (Wend/Ball)

Anthony Edwards(Ballarat City)

Rob Richards(Wend/Ball)

Jock Heys Coach

### Mens' Snr B Coxed Eight

Jason Faranda(Mercantile)

Rob Douglas(Mercantile)

Bill Tait(Mercantile)

Simon Gadsden(Mercantile)

Paul Myers(MUBC)

Paul Gray(MUBC)

Nigel Sullivan(MUBC)

Christian Ryan(MUBC)

Kate Foulkes(MULRC) Cox

Chris O'Brien Coach

Noel Donaldson Coach

### Women's Snr A Lw Double Scull

Minnie Cade(MULRC)

Emma Rickards(MULRC)

Paul Reedy Coach

Sue Herold Coach

### Schoolgirl Champion Coxed Four

Katrina Walsh(Ball.Gram)

Tamsin Barnett(Ball.Gram)

Melissa Walsh(Ball.Gram)

Elizabeth Martin(Ball.Gram)

Anna Gray(Ball. Gram) Cox

Rob Gray Coach

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

### Mens' Snr A Lightweight Eight

Tim Wright(Wend/Ball)

Matt Russell(Wend/Ball)

Darren Balmforth(Tas)

Stuart Purves(Nagambie)

Anthony Edwards(Ballarat City)

Andrew Lane(MUBC)

Stuart Peele(Barwon)

Rob Richards(Wend/Ball)

David Colvin(Mercantile) Cox

John Cumper Coach

Jock Heys Coach

Dick Garrard Coach

### Women's Snr A LW Coxless Pair

Eliza Blair (MULRC)

Justine Joyce(Banks)

David Ochert Coach

### Women's Snr A Lightweight Four

Amanda Coster(Banks)

Catherine Jones(Banks)

Elisa Blair(MULRC)

Justine Joyce(Banks)

David Orchet Coach

Paul Reedy Coach

### Women's Snr B Lightweight Four

Erin Smart (Essendon)

Jess Gavaghan(Essendon)

Christine Camiller (Essendon)

Lauren Zovi (Essendon)

Matthew Lovell Coach

Jamie McDonald Coach

### Women's Snr A Coxed Eight

Jess Morrison(MULRC)

Justine Joyce(Banks)

Eliza Blair(MULRC)

Minnie Cade(MULRC)

Laurel Korholz(Nagambie)

Georgina Douglas(Mercantile)

Caitlan Fraser(MULRC)

Bronwyn Thompson(Melbourne)

Kate Foulkes(MULRC) Cox

Brenton Terrell Coach

David Ochert Coach

Dick Garrard Coach







**VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
STATE CHAMPION MEN'S CREWS



**MENS ELITE COXED EIGHT**  
Mercantile Rowing Club

**MENS ELITE COXLESS FOUR**  
Melbourne University Boat Club

**MENS ELITE COXLESS PAIR**  
Mercantile/MUBC

**MENS ELITE QUAD SCULL**  
Melbourne University Boat Club

**MENS ELITE DOUBLE SCULL**  
Melbourne University Boat Club

**MENS ELITE SINGLE SCULL**  
Ballarat City Rowing Club

**MENS SENIOR COXED FOUR**  
Melbourne University Boat Club

**MENS SENIOR COXLESS PAIR**  
Mercantile Rowing Club

**MENS SENIOR DOUBLE SCULL**  
Melbourne University Boat Club

**MENS SENIOR SINGLE SCULL**  
Melbourne University Boat Club

**MENS SENIOR LIGHTWEIGHT PAIR**  
Barwon Rowing Club

**MENS SENIOR LIGHTWEIGHT  
SINGLE SCULL**  
Melbourne University Boat Club

**MENS SENIOR LIGHTWEIGHT  
COXLESS FOUR**  
Melbourne University Boat Club

**MENS SENIOR LIGHTWEIGHT  
DOUBLE SCULL**  
Melbourne University Boat Club

**MENS YOUTH COXED EIGHT**  
Mercantile Rowing Club

**MENS INTERMEDIATE COXED EIGHT**  
Mercantile Rowing Club

**MENS INTERMEDIATE COXED FOUR**  
Barwon Rowing Club

**MENS INTERMEDIATE COXED PAIR**  
Powerhouse Rowing Club

**MENS INTERMEDIATE  
DOUBLE SCULL**  
Essendon Rowing Club

**MENS INTERMEDIATE SINGLE  
SCULL**  
Melbourne University Boat Club

**MENS JUNIOR COXLESS PAIR**  
Banks Rowing Club

**MENS JUNIOR SINGLE SCULL**  
Ballarat City

**SCHOOLBOY COXED EIGHT**  
Brighton Grammar School

**SCHOOLBOY COXED FOUR**  
St. Patrick's College

**SCHOOLBOY SINGLE SCULL**  
Ballarat City







**VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**STATE CHAMPION WOMEN'S CREWS**



**WOMENS ELITE COXED EIGHT**  
Melbourne University Ladies Rowing Club

**WOMENS ELITE COXLESS FOUR**  
Mercantile Rowing Club

**WOMENS ELITE COXLESS PAIR**  
MULRC/Banks Rowing Club

**WOMENS ELITE QUAD SCULL**  
Melbourne University Ladies Rowing Club

**WOMENS ELITE SINGLE SCULL**  
Mercantile Rowing Club

**WOMENS SENIOR COXED FOUR**  
Mercantile Rowing Club

**WOMENS SENIOR COXLESS PAIR**  
Powerhouse/Canberra

**WOMENS SENIOR DOUBLE SCULL**  
Melbourne University Ladies Rowing Club

**WOMENS SENIOR SINGLE SCULL**  
Melbourne University Ladies Rowing Club

**WOMENS SENIOR LIGHTWEIGHT  
COXLESS FOUR**  
Melbourne University Ladies Rowing Club

**WOMENS SENIOR LIGHTWEIGHT  
COXLESS PAIR**  
Essendon Rowing Club

**WOMENS SENIOR LIGHTWEIGHT  
DOUBLE SCULL**  
Albert Park/Sth Melb Rowing Club

**WOMENS SENIOR LIGHTWEIGHT  
SINGLE SCULL**  
Melbourne University Ladies Rowing Club

**WOMENS YOUTH COXED FOUR**  
Corio Bay Rowing Club

**WOMENS INTERMEDIATE  
COXED EIGHT**  
Essendon Rowing Club

**WOMENS INTERMEDIATE  
COXED FOUR**  
Essendon Rowing Club

**WOMENS INTERMEDIATE  
COXED PAIR**  
Essendon Rowing Club

**WOMENS INTERMEDIATE  
DOUBLE SCULL**  
Essendon Rowing Club

**WOMENS INTERMEDIATE  
SINGLE SCULL**  
Melbourne University Ladies Rowing Club

**WOMENS JUNIOR COXED FOUR**  
Essendon Rowing Club

**WOMENS JUNIOR COXLESS PAIR**  
Essendon Rowing Club

**WOMENS JUNIOR SINGLE SCULL**  
Ballarat City Rowing Club

**SCHOOLGIRLS COXED EIGHT**  
Geelong Grammar School

**SCHOOLGIRLS COXED FOUR**  
Geelong Grammar School

**SCHOOLGIRL SINGLE SCULL**  
Corio Bay Rowing Club







# CLUB MEMBERSHIP



CLUB	1996/97	1995/96	1994/95
ALBERT PARK STH MELBOURNE	33	79	49
BAIRNSDALE	6	6	-
BALLARAT CITY	27	24	25
BANKS	197	211	196
BARWON	61	83	58
BENDIGO	33	36	25
CARRUM	41	35	40
CAULFIELD GRAMMARIANS	18	-	-
CITY OF WARNAMBOOL	36	39	20
COLLEGIANS	32	-	-
CORIO BAY	96	97	124
COROWA	25	22	20
DIMBOOLA	30	31	23
ESSENDON	237	255	229
FOOTSCRAY CITY	54	51	46
HAMILTON	38	59	37
HAWTHORN	135	155	128
HORSHAM CITY	53	20	49
LAKE COLAC	18	12	16
LATROBE UNIVERSITY	27	-	-
MELBOURNE	95	104	90
MUBC	73	75	76
MULRC	34	27	30
MERCANTILE	334	257	251
MILDURA	69	82	60
NAGAMBIE	405	355	404
NESTLES	20	-	-
POWERHOUSE	N/A	78	48
RICHMOND	83	107	94
ROBINVALE	22	21	20
WAHGUNYAH	17	23	20
WENDOUREE BALLARAT	40	31	40
WENTWORTH	14	28	29
YARRAWONGA	30	37	19
YARRA YARRA	115	109	105
YWCA	84	89	80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2632</b>	<b>2650</b>	<b>2644</b>





# SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP



SCHOOL	1996/97	1995/96	1994/95
BALLARAT & CLAREDON	60	40	31
BALLARAT GRAMMAR	30	35	28
BALLARAT HIGH	28	25	30
BRAEMAR	-	-	-
BRAUER SECONDARY COLLEGE	-	-	-
BRIGHTON GRAMMAR	27	27	27
CANTERBURY GIRLS	-	-	-
CAREY GRAMMAR	42	29	51
CAULFIELD GRAMMAR	37	62	72
EMMANUEL COLLEGE	-	-	-
FINTONA GIRLS SCHOOL	12	10	-
FIRBANK ANGLICAN SCHOOL	24	11	-
GEELONG COLLEGE	85	38	38
GEELONG GRAMMAR	125	38	38
GENAZZANO COLLEGE	53	86	51
GOULBURN VALLEY GRAMMAR	16	13	10
HAILEYBURY COLLEGE	28	27	27
HAMILTON COLLEGE	22	-	-
HORSHAM COLLEGE	13	28	-
LAURISTON GIRLS SCHOOL	31	30	27
LORETO MANDEVILLE HALL	25	41	39
LOWTHER HALL AGS	18	14	19
MLC	26	55	60
MELBOURNE GIRLS GRAMMAR	55	59	52
MELBOURNE GRAMMAR	29	26	45
MELBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL	27	29	59
MONIVAE COLLEGE	15	15	12
RUYTON GIRLS SCHOOL	-	-	-
SACRE COEUR COLLEGE	-	22	-
SACRED HEART GEELONG	-	-	-
SALE CATHOLIC COLLEGE	-	-	-
SALE COLLEGE	-	5	-
SCOTCH COLLEGE	27	27	27
ST ANNE'S GIPPSLAND GRAM.	37	31	28
ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL	20	20	-
ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE	-	-	-
ST KEVIN'S COLLEGE	18	9	9
ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE	60	51	50
ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE	10	-	-
TOORAK COLLEGE	21	17	-
WESLEY COLLEGE	38	38	65
XAVIER COLLEGE	28	27	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1087</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>922</b>

NOTE: APPROXIMATELY 2000 STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE VRA, ARE INVOLVED IN SCHOOL ROWING PROGRAMS.  
THE ABOVE FIGURES REPRESENT VRA REGISTERED STUDENTS WITHIN AFFILIATED SCHOOLS WHO ROW IN VRA REGATTAS.





# REGATTA RESULTS



## VRA PREMIERSHIPS

During the 1996/97 season, approximately 18,000 entries were received for VRA regattas and sincere thanks are extended to all regattas committees for their planning and organisation.

Congratulations are extended to the clubs who won VRA Premierships.

MEN	
Champion Club	Powerhouse
Senior Club	MUBC
Junior Club	Powerhouse
Lightweight Club	MUBC
	Barwon
WOMEN	
Champion Club	Essendon
Senior Club	MULRC
Junior Club	Essendon
Lightweight Club	MULRC

## ASSOCIATED PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Associated Public Schools(APS) conducted the 129th Annual Head of the River Regatta from April 4-5 on the Barwon River at Geelong.

Head of the River	Melb Grammar School
Seconds	Brighton Grammar
Thirds	Brighton Grammar
Fourths	Xavier College
Fifths	Scotch College

Girl's Head of the River	Geelong Grammar
Seconds	Geelong Grammar
Thirds	Geelong College
Fourths	Geelong College
Fifths	Wesley College

## HEAD OF SCHOOLGIRLS REGATTA

The 11th annual Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta was hosted by Loreto Mandeville Hall from March 22-23 on the Barwon River at Geelong.

Senior Eight	Geelong Grammar
Senior Single Scull	Matthew Flinders
Senior Quad Sculls	MLC
First Fours	Geelong Grammar
Second Fours	Geelong Grammar
Third Fours	MLC
Fourth Fours	Geelong Grammar

## BALLARAT SCHOOLS

The annual Head of the Lake Regatta was conducted at Lake Wendouree on March 23.

Boys Head of the Lake	St Patricks College
Girls Head of the Lake	B.Q.G.S.
Boys Premiership	St Patricks College
Girls Premiership	B.Q.G.S.

## AUSTRALIAN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

This event was conducted from April 25-27 on Barwon River.

	<i>Competitors</i>	<i>Crews</i>	<i>Clubs</i>
VIC	228	251	22
NSW	36	48	4
SA	34	30	4
Qld	24	25	2
ACT	1	4	1
TAS	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>34</b>

This event was an enormous success and the Geelong Rowing Association and in particular Bob Morell with the assistance of Brian Vear did a tremendous job in organising this event.





## OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that the Victorian Rowing Association record the passing of the following members.

Dudley Williams	Dimboola
Alan Bamford	Hawthorn
Harvey Nicholson	MUBC
Bud Gazelle	Dimboola
Harold Scott	Yarra Yarra
Keith Tyrell	Mercantile
Lloyd Williams	Mercantile
Laurie Valpied	Ballarat
Ron McColl	Footscray/Banks
Jim Bourke	Mercantile/Monash

The Victorian Rowing Association wishes to extend its sincere thanks and appreciation to all clubs, schools and their committees and the numerous individuals and organisations who supported Victorian Rowing throughout the 1996/97 year. We particularly wish to thank our sponsors for their continued support.

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LIFE BE IN IT ("Active for Life" message)  
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MELBOURNE MOOMBA FESTIVAL  
JEFF SYKES & ASSOCIATES  
SIMPLY OARSOME  
MAXIM  
HEBFOTOS**



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INSTITUTE  
OF SPORT





The result for the year ended 30 June 1997 was a surplus of \$32,464 (1996 - a loss of \$11,458) against a budgeted profit of \$167.

The result for the year reflects the following:

- \* The July 1996 increases in Member, Club and School affiliation fees which were in line with budget expectations.
- \* The July 1996 increases in Regatta levies, which were \$4,765 above budget expectations.
- \* The surplus of \$3,906 on the 1997 Australian Masters Championships.
- \* The contributions from the Carlton and United Breweries, Parks Victoria and Melbourne Moomba Festival and Vichealth sponsorships.
- \* The reduction in affiliation fees paid to Rowing Australia, a saving of \$3,506 on budget.
- \* Increases in communications expenses, being postage, telephone and fax (\$5,988 above budget) and printing and stationery (\$6,053 above budget)

Over the past five years, the Association has been exceedingly fortunate to have been sponsored by Carlton and United Breweries for which the Interstate Team and Regatta Committees have been the major beneficiaries. We thank Carlton and United Breweries for their sponsorship and support over this period.

During the year the Association also received regatta sponsorships from Vichealth, Parks Victoria and the Melbourne Moomba Festival. In addition part of the Vichealth sponsorship will be used to promote the Regatta of the Year in the coming season. We thank these organisations for their contributions towards the increasing the profile of the Association and its on water activities.

As in prior years, the Victorian Institute of Sport and the Department of State Development have continued to provide significant benefits to the Association and its members. We thank them and look forward to their continued support.

I am very pleased to be able to report that the Department of State Development has provided grant funds of \$23,000 over the next two years to assist with the computerisation of the Association's membership, status and competition records. In addition we thank the Victorian Oarsmen and Women's Association for their continued support.

The Association's equity portfolio, which shows a capital appreciation of \$40,131 above book value at 30 June 1997 will provide the Association with increased financial resources to meet the needs of the membership over the longer term.

The major financial challenge facing the Association over the next year will be conducting the 1998 Australian Championships and Kings Cup regatta at Nagambie Lakes in March next year. The Organising Committee has prepared a preliminary budget which is subject to the outcome of certain infrastructure project funding applications.

Finally, I would like to thank Jane Allen and Melvina Harvey for their assistance in the management of the Association's finances over the past year. Jane's resignation in late July took us by surprise. She has made a significant contribution to the Association's profile and activities since her appointment as the Association's first General Manager 16 months ago. We wish her well at Australian Gymnastics.

**HJM LOWE**  
**HONORARY TREASURER**

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# FINANCIAL REPORT



VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

## PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
Operating Revenue	2	364,266	245,169
Operating Profit/(Loss)	3	32,464	(11,458)
Income tax expense applicable thereto	1(c)	-	-
Operating Profit/(Loss) after income tax		32,464	(11,458)
Accumulated Profits at the beginning of the year		552,282	563,740
Accumulated Profits at the end of the year		584,746	552,282

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash	4	229,350	51,609
Receivables	5	18,222	17,729
Inventories	6	5,092	6,194
Investments	7	203,259	213,400
Prepayments	8	1,093	1,500
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>457,016</u>	<u>290,432</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Receivables	5	6,358	15,658
Investments	7	132,743	246,908
Property, plant and equipment	9	50,438	50,731
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<u>189,539</u>	<u>313,297</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>646,555</u>	<u>603,729</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors and borrowings	10	55,152	49,675
Provisions	11	6,657	1,772
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>61,809</u>	<u>51,447</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>61,809</u>	<u>51,447</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>584,746</u>	<u>552,282</u>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Accumulated funds at year end		<u>584,746</u>	<u>552,282</u>

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
		Inflows/ (Outflows)	Inflows/ (Outflows)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers, trade and other debtors		323,798	216,170
Payments to creditors and employees		(295,680)	(238,713)
Interest received		33,136	37,610
Dividends received		1,332	1,478
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	12	<u>62,586</u>	<u>16,545</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
(Payments) for property, plant and equipment		(14,552)	(13,038)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		400	450
(Payments) for investments		-	(2,894)
Proceeds from sale of investments		-	8,473
Proceeds from maturity of investments		130,400	40,000
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<u>116,248</u>	<u>32,991</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
(Payment) of security deposit		(1,093)	-
Loans advanced		-	(38,618)
<b>Net cash flows (used in) financing activities</b>		<u>(1,093)</u>	<u>(38,618)</u>
<b>Net increase in cash held</b>		<u>177,741</u>	<u>10,918</u>
Cash at the beginning of the financial period		51,609	40,691
Cash at the end of the financial period	4	<u>229,350</u>	<u>51,609</u>



# FINANCIAL REPORT



VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1997

## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### (a) Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical costs.

### (b) Income and Expenditure

Income has been brought to account on a due and receivable basis. Expenses have been brought to account as incurred.

### (c) Income Tax

The Association is an exempt body under the Income Tax Assessment Act, as amended.

### (d) Investments

Debenture securities are included in the accounts at cost with any premium or discount on acquisition being amortised on a straight line basis to maturity, being the date to which they are normally held.

Listed equity securities are included in the accounts at cost. Changes in market values of listed equity securities are not taken into account unless there is considered to be a permanent diminution in value.

### (e) Depreciation

Depreciation in respect of all property, plant and equipment is calculated so as to write off the cost of each asset over its effective useful life.

### (f) Employee Entitlements

The amounts to be paid in respect of employees' entitlements to long service leave and annual leave are accrued at current wage rates.

### (g) Cash Flows

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and at bank and deposits held at call.

### (h) Comparatives

Where necessary comparative figures have been amended to accord with the presentation in 1997.

## 2. Operating Revenue

	1997 \$	1996 \$
Affiliation fees	75,999	46,420
Sponsorships	100,895	87,378
Dividends	7,175	6,038
Interest	33,386	37,618
Government grants	21,800	14,080
Other	125,011	73,635
	<u>364,266</u>	<u>245,169</u>

## 3. Operating Profit

*Operating profit has been determined after:*

### (a) Crediting

Affiliation fees - Members	85,299	46,420
Affiliation fees - Clubs	5,700	-
Affiliation fees - Schools	4,000	-
Coaching network	75	-
Development grant	19,801	-
Donations	250	889
Equipment levy	-	2,398
Fines	11,485	11,401
Hire of equipment	615	279
Hire Henley Judges Box	-	1,500
Interest - Equipment Reserve Fund	1,258	891
Interest - General	11,382	16,627
Interstate Championships (Note 3 (c)(ii))	12,067	13,364
Junior team seat fees	14,408	-
Magazines	322	181
Masters regatta receipts	11,434	18,605
Newsletter	430	660
Profit on sales of equipment	82	1,050
Regatta insurance receipts	5,833	3,652
Regatta levies	20,475	-
Regatta registrations	3,925	1,530
Sponsorships		
Carlton and United Breweries	47,095	42,378
Melbourne Parks & Waterways	8,000	-
Moomba regatta	5,800	-
Vic Health	15,000	-
State Government grants		
Administration grant	12,000	12,000
Project grants	9,500	-
Country travel grant	300	2,080
Sundry	7,459	14,438
Weight bags	214	-
	<u>294,207</u>	<u>190,321</u>





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3. Operating Profit (continued)	1997 \$	1996 \$
(b) Charging		
Affiliation fees		
Rowing Australian Inc	18,624	31,208
Other	245	240
Amortisation of premium on debentures	-	219
Rowing Australia delegate expenses	595	1,843
Bad debts	1,084	-
Bank and Government fees	711	458
Computer expenses	739	552
Country travel awards	300	2,080
Amortisation - Leasehold improvements	92	93
Depreciation - Office Equipment	4,690	3,831
Depreciation - Regatta Equipment	3,483	3,245
Depreciation - Rowing Equipment	6,280	7,982
Development expenses	2,044	-
Doubtful debts	3,500	283
Employee entitlements	4,884	(4,365)
Grants committed	2,500	-
Honoraria	2,000	1,000
Insurance	1,581	3,880
International Championships (Note 3 (c)(iii))	2,252	(1,098)
Junior team expenses	13,777	-
Magazines	310	222
Masters regatta expenses	7,529	12,221
Moomba regatta expenses	4,129	-
Newsletter	4,262	4,702
1998 National Championships	221	-
Office rent & expenses	7,750	8,010
Officials expenses	2,637	-
Postage & telephone	10,188	5,290
Printing & stationery	12,733	8,182
Regatta insurance	3,670	4,055
Regatta sponsorships	20,640	17,090
Registrations & licences	411	137
Repairs - Regatta equipment	1,861	717
Repairs - Rowing equipment	550	1,917
Salaries	71,330	47,024
Sponsorship funds committed	7,000	-
Sponsorship coordination	10,814	10,107
Sponsorship expenses	300	2,969
State Championships (Note 3 (c)(i))	93	(300)
Strategic plan	-	9,167
Superannuation	7,358	2,541
Sundry	13,070	17,423
VRA conference	5,092	-
VRA regatta expenses (net)	216	418
Weight bags	1,150	-
Workcover	1,070	438
	<u>281,743</u>	<u>201,779</u>
Operating profit/(loss) for the year	<u>32,464</u>	<u>(11,458)</u>
(c) After taking into account the following which are summarised in (a) and (b) above		
(i) State Championships		
Income		
Carlton and United Sponsorship		
Entry fees	3,977	-
Medallions	3,493	1,434
Programs	2,268	-
Sundry	0	300
	<u>9,738</u>	<u>1,734</u>
Expenditure		
Medallions	6,057	1,434
Programs	2,384	-
Sundry	1,390	-
	<u>9,831</u>	<u>1,434</u>
Profit/(Loss)	<u>(93)</u>	<u>300</u>
(ii) Interstate Championships		
Income		
Carlton and United Breweries Sponsorship	25,000	25,000
Dividends	5,381	4,528
Donation	1,800	-
Interest	14,404	13,409
Interstate levy	-	3,719
Amortisation of premium on debentures	-	(258)
Loss on sale of investments	-	(887)
Seat fees and VIS contribution	16,852	9,900
Sundry	495	-
	<u>63,932</u>	<u>55,413</u>
Expenditure		
Accommodation & meals	18,709	13,815
Airtares	10,609	12,100
Boat expenses	4,142	8,548
Car hire & fuel	7,860	5,123
Sundry	890	408
Uniforms	9,655	2,255
	<u>51,865</u>	<u>42,049</u>
Profit/(Loss)	<u>12,067</u>	<u>13,364</u>



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### 3. Operating Profit (continued)

	1997 \$	1996 \$
(iii) International Championships		
Income		
Dividends	1,794	1,510
Interest	6,344	6,692
International levy	-	3,572
Amortisation of premium on debentures	-	(12)
Loss on sale of investments	-	(296)
	<u>8,138</u>	<u>11,466</u>
Expenditure		
Rowing Australia - International levy	10,390	11,480
Olympic team	-	(1,112)
	<u>10,390</u>	<u>10,368</u>
Profit/(Loss)	<u>(2,252)</u>	<u>1,098</u>

### 4. Cash

Cash at Bank and on Deposit	55,362	(22,238)
Administration fund	10,877	10,877
Administration Reserve fund	1,236	-
Development fund	12,447	(4,958)
Equipment Reserve fund	11,048	(3,141)
International fund	76,157	39,654
Interstate fund	250	250
Lodge Henley Trust fund	-	2,411
Reserve fund	60,500	27,288
Sponsorship fund	958	958
Sports Promotion fund	<u>228,835</u>	<u>51,101</u>
Petty cash	515	508
Total Cash	<u>229,350</u>	<u>51,609</u>

### 5. Receivables

<i>Current</i>		
Other debtors	11,332	7,485
Deduct provision for doubtful debts	(3,500)	(1,236)
	<u>7,832</u>	<u>6,249</u>
Loan to Rowing Australia Inc	10,390	11,480
	<u>18,222</u>	<u>17,729</u>
<i>Non-Current</i>		
Loan to Rowing Australia Inc	6,358	15,858

### 6. Inventories

Medallions	<u>5,092</u>	<u>6,194</u>
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### 7. Investments

<i>Current</i>		
Debenture securities		
Administration fund	45,212	80,601
Administration Reserve fund	-	20,000
Equipment Reserve fund	1,000	20,000
International fund	57,896	46,799
Interstate fund	98,951	45,000
Lodge Henley Trust fund	200	-
RW Thursfield Trust fund	-	1,000
	<u>203,259</u>	<u>213,400</u>

#### *Non-Current*

Shares in listed corporations		
International fund	28,186	26,725
Interstate fund	84,557	80,175
	<u>112,743</u>	<u>106,900</u>

Debenture securities		
Administration fund	15,000	20,008
Equipment Reserve fund	-	1,000
International fund	-	30,000
Interstate fund	5,000	88,800
Lodge Henley Trust fund	-	200
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>140,008</u>
	<u>132,743</u>	<u>246,908</u>

Listed Securities - Market values

The aggregate market values of investments listed on a prescribed Stock Exchange are:

Shares	<u>152,874</u>	<u>110,670</u>
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### 8. Other Assets

Prepayments	-	1,500
Security deposit	1,093	-
	<u>1,093</u>	<u>1,500</u>





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## 9. Property, Plant and Equipment

Leasehold Improvements  
 less Accumulated Amortisation

1997 \$	1996 \$
458	897
(112)	(239)
<u>346</u>	<u>658</u>

Office Equipment  
 Less accumulated depreciation

50,921	41,808
(28,863)	(28,492)
<u>22,058</u>	<u>13,316</u>

Regatta Equipment  
 Less accumulated depreciation

44,744	43,723
(32,186)	(28,723)
<u>12,558</u>	<u>15,000</u>

Rowing Equipment  
 Less accumulated depreciation

69,581	69,582
(54,105)	(47,825)
<u>15,476</u>	<u>21,757</u>
<u>50,438</u>	<u>50,731</u>

## 10. Creditors

### Current

Accrued expenses

12,068	20,931
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Unexpended funds  
 Administration Reserve fund  
 Olympic team  
 Other

22,138	22,138
1,000	2,000
19,946	4,606
<u>43,084</u>	<u>28,744</u>
<u>55,152</u>	<u>49,675</u>

## 11. Provisions

### Current

Employee entitlements

8,657	1,772
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## 12. Cash Flow Information

### Reconciliation of net cash flows from operating activities to the operating profit after income tax

Operating profit/(loss) after income tax	32,464	(11,458)
Amortisation of premium on debentures	-	487
Depreciation	14,525	15,151
Net (profit) on sale of non-current assets	(82)	(1,050)
Net loss on sale of investments	-	1,183
Dividends reinvested	(5,842)	(4,560)
Interest reinvested	(250)	(9)
International levy offset	10,390	11,480
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) decrease in other debtors	(490)	13,831
Decrease in inventories	1,102	877
Decrease (increase) in prepayments	407	(1,500)
(Decrease) increase in creditors and employee entitlements	10,362	(7,987)
Net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities	<u>62,586</u>	<u>16,545</u>

## STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the Committee of the Victorian Rowing Association Incorporated:

- the financial statements are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the operating result for the year ended 30 June 1997 and the state of affairs as at 30 June 1997;
- the financial statements have been made out in accordance with applicable accounting standards; and
- at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Victorian Rowing Association Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made out in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of the Victorian Rowing Association Incorporated and is signed on behalf of the Committee.

Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1997

DA Pincus  
 Chairman

HJM Lowe  
 Treasurer



Chartered Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Scope

We have audited the financial statements of Victorian Rowing Association Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 1997, consisting of the profit and loss account, balance sheet, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes and the statement by committee set out on pages 1 to 13. The committee is responsible for the financial statements. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of Victorian Rowing Association Incorporated.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

Our audit opinion has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for Victorian Rowing Association Incorporated to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions and other fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to fund raising was limited to amounts recorded.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial statements of such adjustments, if any, as have might have been required had the limitation referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial statements of the Association are properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association at 30 June 1997 and the results for the financial year ended on that date;
(b) in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1981; and
(c) in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

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KPMG Chartered Accountants

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H N Hewitt Partner

5 September, 1997



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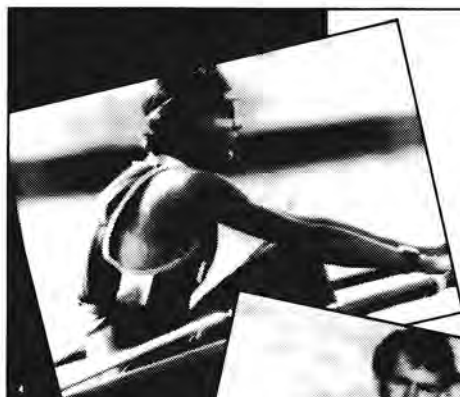
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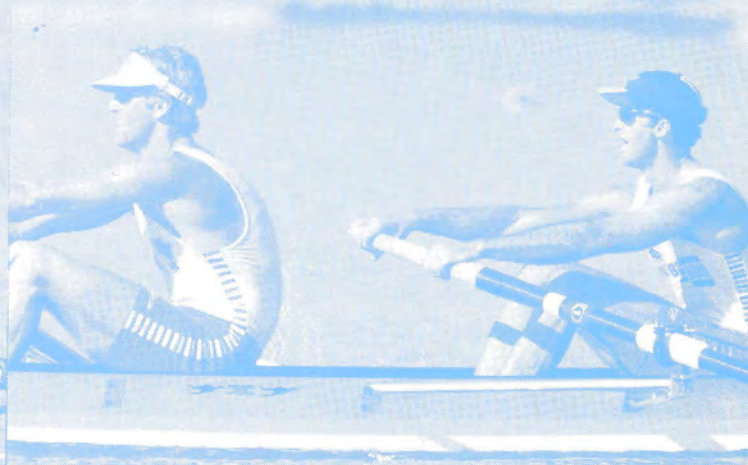
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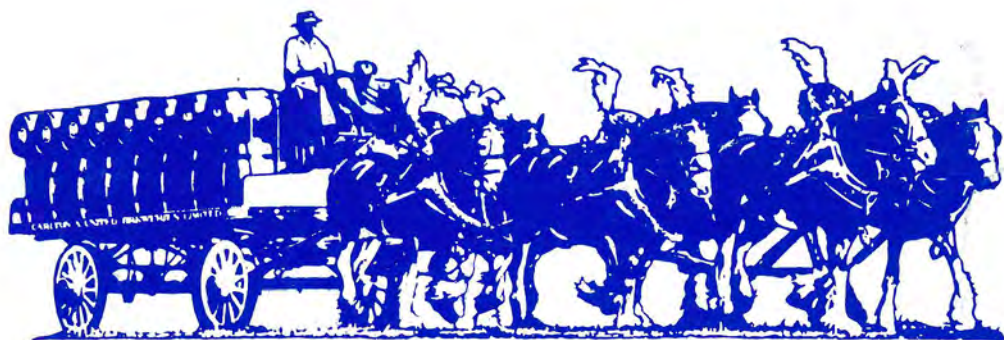
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