

**Victorian  
Rowing  
Association  
Incorporated**

**1997-1998  
Annual Report**



**SPORT AND  
RECREATION  
VICTORIA**







# VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

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## OFFICE BEARERS

President  
Vice Presidents  
Treasurer

The Hon. Mr Justice H.R. Frederico  
Ted Woolcock, Eric Waller  
James Lowe

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman  
Committee Members

David Pincus  
Charles Bartlett, Robert Blair, Chris  
O'Brien, Bob Morell, Ray Hammon  
(resigned).

## VRA STAFF

General Manager  
Development Coordinator  
Administration Assistant

Deirdre Fraser  
Ross Henderson  
Melvina Harvey (resigned 3/98)  
Maxine Brice (commenced 14/4/98)

## COMPETITION PERSONNEL

Regatta Secretary

Chris O'Brien

Officials Panel Secretary  
Officials Panel

Bill Waterfield  
Rod Florence (Chairman), Jane Greig, Jim  
Skidmore, Steve Pennicott  
V.R.A. Office  
V.R.A. Office

Men's Registrar  
Women's Registrar

Permit Committee Secretary

Rob Blair

## STATE TEAMS

Team Manager  
Senior Selectors

Youth Selectors

Rod Florence  
Alexander Marshall, Chris O'Brien, Sam  
Patten  
Chris O'Brien, Josie Millard

## ROWING AUSTRALIA

Delegate

Charles Bartlett

## VICTORIAN OLYMPIC COUNCIL

Delegate

Jim Hardie

## LIFE MEMBERS

Robert Aitken MBE    Kath Bennett  
David Boykett  
Bill Bradshaw\*        Norm Cairnes  
Jim Hardie             Caroline Judd  
Harvey Nicholson\*    Bill Waterfield  
\*deceased

## MEMBERSHIP

Victorian Olympic Council  
Sports Federation of Victoria.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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The past year has seen further outstanding successes for your Association and for its clubs and schools, our rowers and coaches. Our success has been both on the International and National scenes.

In the Nation's Cup (U23) in Greece in July seven Victorians won gold medals – Simon Gadsden, Nigel Sullivan, Christian Ryan, Paul Gray and Paul Myers were members of the gold medal Men's Eight coached by Chris O'Brien, Jill Burston coached by Stefan Tobler won gold in the Women's Lightweight double and Emily Martin won gold in the Women's Heavyweight four.

In the World Junior Championships in Austria in August the men's lightweight Four from Victoria (Karsten Fosterling, Lachlan McPherson, Anthony Coghlan and Tim Widmer, again coached by Chris O'Brien) narrowly missed out on a medal in a team which was highly successful. We now await with anticipation the Australian results from the World Championships in September.

A major highlight of the season was the successful staging of the Victorian Championships and two weeks later the National and Interstate Regatta at Nagambie in March. A very large crowd witnessed a memorable regatta held in perfect conditions. We congratulate Patrick McNamara for his vision and input into the design and development of magnificent Nagambie Lakes course. We thank Brian Vear and the Organising Committee and David Schier as Course Manager for a wonderful effort in staging the Regatta on a course that was barely completed at the commencement of the Regatta. And we thank Tattersall's, and its General Manager, Peter Gillooly for their sponsorship and support.

It was fitting that it was a most successful regatta for Victoria. In the Interstate Regatta, in addition to regaining the King's Cup, Victoria won the Nell Slatter Trophy

(Gina Douglas) the Women's Heavyweight Four, the Women's Lightweight Four, the Women's Youth Eight and the Men's Youth Eight. And in the National Regatta Victorian rowers were represented in 15 successful championship crews.

During the coming year we expect to see further steps taken in the development of the Barwon Common Rowing Course, a project that has the full support of your Association.

I would like to congratulate De Fraser on successfully completing her first year as General Manager. I thank David Pincus as Chair of the Committee, the members of the Committee and Jim Lowe as Treasurer for their contribution to a successful year. I note with regret the resignation of Ray Hammon from the Committee after many years and thank him for his contribution, most recently in relation to the development of Nagambie and the King's Cup Regatta. I acknowledge again the loyal assistance of my Vice Presidents, Eric Waller and Ted Woolcock.

As I indicated at the Annual Meeting in 1997, this is my last year as president. I think it is time for a change and will not be standing for re-election. I would like to thank everyone for their assistance and support over the years. In particular I thank Bill Waterfield who has been a mainstay of the Association over many years as Secretary of the Association and who continues his involvement through the Officials Panel. It is pleasing to hand over to my successor with the Association and the sport of rowing in Victoria in such good shape.

I regret that I will be in New York on the date of the Annual General Meeting and apologise for my absence.

**Justice H.R. Fredrico**  
**PRESIDENT**



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The 1997/98 year has been one of ongoing change and continued progress for the Association highlighted by the National Championships and King's Cup being held in Victoria for the first time since 1992.

On 8<sup>th</sup> March, 1998 the Nagambie Lakes course was officially opened in front of a large crowd as the prelude to the National Championships. The ceremony marked the conclusion of four years of work and we acknowledge the significant contributions by the Shire of Strathbogie, the State Government, Tattersalls, and the Nagambie Rowing Club. In particular the relentless efforts of David Schier deserve special mention.

The Organising Committee for the National Championships, headed by Brian Vear worked tirelessly over a long period to ensure that the event was a success. We acknowledge the efforts of the Organising Committee, their army of volunteer workers, and major sponsor Tattersall's, and thank them for their contributions which resulted in such a successful event. The event was also a great success on the water, with wins in the King's Cup, ULVA Trophy, Victoria Cup, Women's Scull and Men's and Women's Youth Eights. Second places in the Penrith Cup and the President's Cup capped off a great team effort of which we should all be justifiably proud. We congratulate the members of the State Team headed so ably by Head Coach Noel Donaldson on their fine performances.

We have continued to enjoy the benefits of our partnership with the Victorian Institute of Sport with our elite athletes again performing well at the highest levels of competition. Many are representing Australia overseas this season and we look forward keenly to their results. In conjunction with the Association the VIS Rowing Program has appointed Ausrowtec as its major sponsor for two years in an agreement providing it with it's own fleet of boats for the first time. Ross Henderson

has continued his good work in assisting the transition of athletes from Schools to Clubs and the further development of our younger athletes to elite level. Victoria's record of first placing in five of the last six Men's and Women's Youth races conducted at the Interstate Regatta is testimony to the success of this program and to the bright future for Victorian Rowing.

In October Deirdre (De) Fraser joined us as General Manager. De has an extensive background in rowing both competitively and in administration and we welcome her to her new role and look forward to her contribution over the coming year. We have received a Government grant to significantly upgrade our administrative capability with new computer hardware and software and the implementation of this system will be one of her major tasks over the coming year.



Melvina Harvey left us in April after 11 years service supporting the administrative operations of the Association. We thank Melvina for her contributions over such an extended period. We welcome Maxine Brice to take over from Melvina. We accepted with regret the resignation of Ray Hammon after many years of service. Ray played a pivotal role in the strategic planning process and restructuring of recent years. The 'Victorian Rower' produced by Ray was envied by many of our interstate

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counterparts and widely appreciated within our community.

Justice Frederico (Freddy) has indicated that he will not be continuing as President of the Association. Freddy took an active approach to the role of President and was involved in many major projects undertaken by the Association. Successive Management Committee's since 1980 have benefited from his sage advice. I take this opportunity to thank Freddy for his contribution and leadership.

The growth in the number of participants in our sport has continued and has been accompanied by increasing demands by other users on our waterways. This is the greatest challenge currently facing us and while significant progress has been made much work remains to be done to protect the position of rowing as a long term user of Victorian lakes and rivers. Accordingly members are reminded that the Association can only be as strong as its constituent parts and that their continued participation and enthusiasm are essential to meeting the challenges facing us.

**David Pincus**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**





# GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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*The role of the VRA is to manage rowing through the provision of support services and to develop the sport, facilitate competition and encourage excellence in all facets of the sport*

This mission statement was adopted by the Association in 1995 as the driving force and guide to all Association activities. As can be seen it is a diverse responsibility and one which is fundamental to the success and survival of our sport.

Change and diversity have characterised my first 11 months with the VRA. Diversity in my role as General Manager, diversity in our membership, diversity in the range of activities involved in our sport and diversity in the specific needs of our members.

The Association has also experienced considerable change over the past 2 ½ years, restructure of organisation management, considerable changes and improvements to competition structure, the computerisation of administration and the imminent associated changes, a reformed constitution not to ignore a change in General Manager.

## **Understanding The VRA**

Over the past eleven months the features of the VRA as an organisation have become much clearer. Although I have been involved in this sport as a manager, country-club member, city-club member, elite athlete and coach I have learnt much in this new role about many threats and new opportunities that our sport constantly encounters. The diverse role of the VRA and that changing nature of sport contribute to this environment.

There are a number of fundamental responsibilities that our Association will continue to meet however the key priorities that have emerged as a result of these past 11 months are outlined as follows:

## **Strategic Plan**

Since 1995 many advances have been achieved in pursuing the goals of the VRA Strategic Plan. The review and confirmation of directives will be the first major challenge facing the new Management Committee.

## **Competitions**

Once the summer events had concluded we reviewed a number of aspects of competition management. The role of the Boat Race Official was examined at our annual conference and a strategic plan has been established. Officials Panel Chairman, Rod Florence and Secretary Bill Waterfield are working in partnership with Victorian Rowing Association staff to implement the strategy. A key outcome of this plan will be the establishment of a competitions sub committee who will focus on event standards, management, officiating, future planning and event formats. This sub committee, recently ratified by the Management Committee will work toward the establishment of high quality management and support of a diverse and flexible rowing competition in Victoria.

A number of other initiatives including regatta convenor briefings, competitor and coach briefings and improved regatta operations documentation will be delivered this season in order to assist officials, regatta convenors and competitors in their activities. The *Life Be In it !/ Active For Life - Regatta of the Year* competition will be held again, this activity in 1998-99 will include the Master's Regatta Category and will serve as an important feedback and standards evaluation mechanism for all events.

## **Administration**

Information management has radically changed within the Association office over the past 11 months. New software developed by Customised Computer Systems for membership records, regatta results and status will directly benefit



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members in the coming season. The entire package currently being finalised will offer clubs and schools enormous time saving, management and information accuracy benefits. As Victoria has lead the way in the customised development of this software for rowing it is anticipated that other rowing states will also subscribe.

## Physical Resources

Ensuring access to our rivers and lakes is of critical importance to the Association. As examples, the change in leisure and recreation interests, cities moving their focus and developers recognising the benefits of river/lake access increase the pressure on our natural, physical resources. Developing strategic alliances and relationships with key government and local government bodies has been a priority in Association management activities. The establishment of a Parks Victoria advisory group this year has opened channels of communication for Melbourne based river users to voice concerns. The Association also actively works toward ensuring that the rowing community's concerns are represented in any government or non government activity that impacts upon our sport.

In partnership with clubs the Association Office will in the coming year begin to formalise relationships with all statutory bodies that control access to the waterways throughout Victoria. The Association has for many years relied upon the good work of Club members to arrange bookings for non metropolitan regattas. In future the Association will provide backing to such clubs and work cooperatively toward providing assistance in this process and add the authority of the Association should there be any threat to access for regattas or training.

## Communication

Ensuring that information reaches all quarters of the membership is a daunting task, ensuring that all quarters of the

membership can be in contact with the Association can also present difficulties.

The Victorian Rower was the first step in establishing communication within the rowing community. Largely produced through the efforts of Ray Hammon the newsletter was well received. The newsletter will take on a new face in the coming months, it will be more regular, current and of lower maintenance. It is also our intention to direct mail to coaches, a critical link in the communication network from the Victorian Rowing Association to clubs and then to the athlete.



The Association Office has begun a review of other publications and print communication. An improved Directory will reach members in the next few weeks as will the regatta calendar. This new Directory format is the first step in an upgrade of this publication which we hope will become the rowers all inclusive handbook containing all contact numbers, regatta rules, course layouts, equipment suppliers and the like. The regatta calendar will for the first time offer details on every Association regatta not just for the Summer period but for the full twelve months enabling coaches and athletes to plan both summer and winter activities.



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## **Policy of Inclusiveness**

In order to enhance direct contact with our members a policy of inclusiveness has been adopted by Association staff. As members you will be called upon more frequently to become involved in areas of Association activity that directly affect you. It is both important and beneficial for our membership to be in communication with the Association, to air your concerns and provide ideas and feedback. In order to facilitate this policy members of the Association Management will in person meet with the broadest possible range of our membership over the coming season. Support and assistance from our membership is also vital if we seek to advance our sport and achieve many of the goals that we have set.

## **Sponsorship**

A review of sponsorship has been completed and preliminary steps have been taken in implementing the strategy. Sponsors who have supported the Association this year include the Department of Sport and Recreation Stewart Derwin & Ausrowtec, VicHealth, and Cynthia Judd / Guy Hebblewhite & Hebfotos. All support received was greatly appreciated.

## **Improving Basic Services to Members**

Some of our members have described the Association as the body that issues fines, officiates regattas and procures membership money. This is a sign that our service to members requires attention. The Association will increase focus on improved customer service to ensure that as an organisation we understand and meet our members key needs- to provide high quality competitions, coaching education, officials training, guidance in improving club and event management, accurate and accessible competitor records, social events and the like.

## **Participation and Accessibility**

Rowing is frequently described as an elite sport. In reality joining a rowing club is a very inexpensive means to access sporting activity. Entry to our sport is limited in terms of exposure to potential participants as the bulk of our new membership are recruited by the private school sector combined with the conditions of some events which cater exclusively for APS schools only. A number of factors limit participation in our sport however the Association must and has taken steps to examine areas of our operation that can directly affect participation. In the coming twelve months the Association will undertake a review of competition formats, funding opportunities for grass roots participation/promotion and the establishment of strategic alliances that may assist an increase in participation and enhancement of accessibility.

## **National Championships**

Although no longer a key result area the National Championships absorbed a significant portion of the Association's resources over the past 12 months. The regatta staged by our state was arguably once of the best held in the past 8 years. The event managed primarily by Chairman Brian Vear was indeed that, an event. It was Brian's spirited leadership which drove the event and he was truly a great leader and manager for the many volunteers and staff involved. The atmosphere and attendance on the final day of the regatta were testament to the magnificent efforts of the many volunteer officials, helpers and committee who worked tirelessly in the lead up and during the event. The Victorian rowing community should be proud of their efforts.

The Nagambie region including the Shire of Strathbogie, the numerous supporters from the region and the local rowing club were also integral to the success of the event.



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Significant sponsorship was secured for the event and we thank our many sponsors especially Tattersall's who contributed funds vital to the funding of course infrastructure. Special gratitude is extended to Tattersall's Deborah Versteegan who provided invaluable support in servicing the relationship.

The athletes, coxswains and coaches who participated in the event were of course the central focus of the event and performed magnificently treating spectators to a wonderful Interstate Regatta, Victorian crews winning 6 of 8 possible titles. Congratulations.

In concluding I would like to thank the many people who have welcomed and supported me in my role as General Manager, especially to past and present staff, Melvina Harvey, Ross Henderson, Maxine Brice, Luke O'Sullivan and Penny Costello.

The next twelve months have many challenges in store for both the Association and the sport. With support and assistance from members we will be concentrating on delivering an Association that tackles the diverse priorities that have been outlined above. It will be our purpose to further develop an organisation where members possess a sense of ownership and belonging, where real value is seen in the existence and support of the Victorian Rowing Association.

De Fraser  
**General Manager**





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The past twelve months have seen Victoria re-assert itself as a force in under age rowing. With increased retention rates of school athletes, greater interest from clubs in actively developing young talent and success at the junior, youth and senior B levels, this trends looks likely to continue. By working closely with the schools and clubs to further develop clear and positive pathways for school aged athletes, we can ensure that as a state we keep moving in a positive direction with our emerging athletes.

Over the past twelve months there has been a number of initiatives and programs conducted by the VRA in order to support and facilitate the development of young athletes in this state.

### **Schools Development Program (SDP)**

Now in its second year the SDP again proved to be very popular and was well supported by Victorian schools. The program aims to provide the opportunity for the best school aged athletes to train and race together in order for them to experience the sport outside of their normal school environment.

Seventeen schools participated in this year's program, a total of one hundred and ten athletes involved. The program's initial meeting was well attended by both athletes and their parents.

The vast number of participants, although encouraging, proved logistically to be too large for the program's limited resources. The program relies on the support of the schools from the Prince's Bridge Boat Shed precinct to supply equipment, boats and oars. Although all schools were willing to help out, most of their respective fleets were under repair or being reconditioned.

The program culminates in the selection of a Victorian Team to race at the Junior Australasian Regatta. This year however, it was determined by Rowing Australia that the event would not be held. This was a

huge disappointment as there were no other regattas a combined Victorian School Team could compete in.

The SDP format is changing slightly in the 1998/99 season in order to avoid some of the difficulties faced this year. The program will be open to more Victorian school rowers who will hopefully have the opportunity not only to train together but also to race together against the best school aged athletes in Australia.

### **National Junior Selection Trials**

These trials were held in Penrith towards the end of the senior A and B National selection trials in May. Following their performances at the state based selection trials held at Carrum, four Victorian crews were sanctioned by the ITC Head Coach to compete at this event. Topping the prognostic results were the National junior men's coxless and coxed four champions from MUBC, coached by Chris O'Brien. Two members of the successful Victorian women's youth eight joined forces to earn the right to trial at Penrith as a junior women's pair to be coached by the two coaches of the State youth eight crew, Brenton Terrell and Craig Adrians. Two women's coxless fours were also selected following a close race at the state trials. The Dick Garrard coached crew from the Barwon Rowing Club earned selection and following a successful campaign at both the National Championships and Head of Schoolgirl regattas, the number one crew from the Lauriston Girls School, were also sanctioned to trial for National selection (after making the transition from a coxed boat to the more difficult coxless boat).

Holding the junior trials in conjunction with the senior trials proved a great success with the younger athletes gaining an insight into the demands at the top level. The Victorian crews raced well throughout the trials. The men's coxless four raced against a quad scull as there were no other crews trialing for the coxless four. The four had the measure of



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the quad and rowed a time fast enough to gain selection in the National Junior Team. With the selection criteria being based on crews who won their respective events, our three women's crews had their work cut out against more experienced crews from the New South Wales Academy of Sport and the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI). Cate Oliver and Charlotte Coote lead the NSW crew through the thousand meter mark, but the more experienced NSW crew pushed home a little stronger to take the race. The women's four was a great race with the crew from SASI just edging out the National Champions from Western Australia. The Lauriston crew finished strongly to take third position just ahead of the young Barwon crew.

The regatta was a great learning experience for all the athletes and coaches involved and with their strong performances these athletes will no doubt be pushing for state representation next year and a National Senior B seat in years to come.

### **Youth Program**

Following on from last year's victories in the Interstate youth races; the pressure was on to perform again this year. De Fraser did not nominate for the position of selector again, and Josie Millard this year joined Chris O'Brien as youth selector. My role in the youth program is to monitor the operations of the selectors and to manage the organisation of selection events. The youth category plays a very important role in the development of young athletes as they make the transition from school to club rowing. It is therefore vital that an elite Development Coordinator oversees this age category.

Following the release of the selection policy, over fifty athletes nominated for state youth selection. These athletes went on to participate in ten different selection events including ergometer testing, run trials and two thousand meter racing. Following the State Championships held at Nagambie, coaches were chosen for both the men's and

women's crews and squads were announced for trialing later the following week. The squads then completed two days of seat racing at Carrum to determine the final crews. As is the case with seat racing, the unexpected always happens and there is often very close racing. This year was no exception with there being very little in the final decision for some seats. The crews were announced and set about training for the Interstate Regatta.

The coaches of both crews were well aware that the athletes in the crews were also racing other boats at the National Championships and as such found a good balance between big boat and small boat training. The small boat results of those athletes in the Victorian Team this year were the best we have achieved for some time with wins in the women's senior B pair, men's junior coxed four and men's junior coxless four. Victorian Team members also featured in three second places. Racing in the National Championships saw brilliant performances from our youth eights. Our women's crew took it right up to the field in the women's senior A eights race, finally finishing third behind the AIS and UTS crews, both of which contained several Olympians and 1998 National Team members. Our men's youth eight competed in the senior B eight event and totally blitzed the field in the final to win by clear water.

Come Sunday, both of these crews were primed to perform in front of the big crowd at Nagambie Lakes. Both races were brilliant with our women's crew well ahead at the thousand meter mark and increasing their lead over the final stages going on to win by just on two lengths. The men's crew was also well in control at the half way mark and they too "put the foot down" towards the line to win comfortably. The wins made it three in a row for the women and back to back for the men.



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### **Ausrowtec Scholarships**

During 1997 the Victorian Institute of Sport were actively seeking a major sponsor for their rowing program. Early in 1998 they proudly announced that the boat building company, Australian Rowing Technology (Ausrowtec), had signed on as their major sponsor. As a part of this sponsorship agreement, Ausrowtec requested that a Development Scholarship be established to assist developing, young athletes.

Ausrowtec's Managing Director, Stewart Derwin, wanted the scholarship to go to athletes who showed potential in the junior and senior B ranks. Stewart believes that the lack of funding for under age athletes is a major problem, and as such set up two scholarships for Victorian developing athletes. One scholarship was to be offered to female athletes and the other to male athletes.

After establishing selection criteria for the scholarships, thirty athletes applied. The selection panel of the ITC Head Coach, VRA Development Coordinator and the VRA General Manager assessed all of the applications and by mid February awarded the scholarships. The male scholarship went to the men's junior four from MUBC, the crew of Lachlan McPherson, Tim Widmer, Anthony Coghlan, Karsten Forsterling and coach Chris O'Brien. This team performed exceptionally at the State Championships winning the junior men's coxed four and intermediate men's coxed four and only narrowly missing out on first place in the senior men's coxed four. The combination also went on to win the junior men's coxed four and coxless four at the National Championships. With this outstanding record the crew was selected to race for Australia at the World Junior Championships where they placed fourth in the final.

The women's scholarship was divided between two very promising senior B lightweight scullers, Christine Camiller and Jill Burston. Christine had a great year

under new coach Peter Somerville. She performed exceptionally in all ITC lead up events and won the senior women's double scull and senior women's four at the State Championships. Christine went on to be selected as the lightweight single sculler in the Australian Under 23 Team to race at the Nations Cup and after a small mishap in her semi final, had a great row in the small final to win comfortably. Jill Burston also performed very well in the lead up ITC events and the State Championships. Jill, who rows for MUWBC (coached by Stefan Tobler), won the lightweight women's single and double scull at the State Championships and the lightweight single scull title at the National Championships. Both Jill and Christine were also members of the winning Victorian women's lightweight four at the Interstate Regatta. Like Christine, Jill performed well at the selection trials and was selected in the women's lightweight double scull to represent Australia at the Nations Cup Regatta. Jill and her partner went on to record one of the more comfortable rows of the regatta going on to win gold.

### **Senior B**

The Victorian Rowing Association has now had an elite Development Coordinator for three years, and we are now starting to see the benefits of having somebody in this role. This year Victorian senior B athletes featured in seven wins at the National Championships. In two of these events, the women's lightweight single scull and men's coxless pair, Victorian athletes finished first, second and third. Of these medal winning crews, sixteen members went on to represent Victoria on Sunday at the Interstate Regatta with all sixteen athletes winning gold.

Following on from the final selection trials, Victoria had nine athletes selected into the National under 23 Team that competed at the Nations Cup Regatta in Greece. Australia had a great regatta winning four gold medals. From these crews, seven Victorians athletes and two Victorian coaches won gold medals! Emily Martin



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from the senior B team has subsequently been selected as a reserve for the senior team. Two other Victorian senior B athletes have been selected to race at the World Championships in September.

### **Australasian Regatta**

A team of nineteen athletes represented Victoria at the 1997 Under 23 Australasian Regatta held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre in August. These athletes had been training for several months and were required to undertake specified selection events in order to gain selection into the Victorian team.

With a small team Victoria was always going to struggle to win the Castaway Cup being the trophy for the Interstate point score competition held at this regatta. In true Victorian fashion however, leading into the last day of competition Victoria held the lead in the point score. Victorian athletes performed very strongly with wins in two of the small boat events and placings in several others. This was a great performance against the strong NSW team who were represented by all of their national junior and senior B representatives. The Victorian team, without any national representatives, continued their good form on the final day with our women's eight placing second behind the polished New Zealand crew, well ahead of the next Australian crew.

Unfortunately, we were overtaken in the point score, with NSW having entries in all of the big boat events.

NSW won the Castaway Cup on 33 points, with Victoria second on 25, ahead of Queensland on 11, SA and the ACT tied for fifth with 9 points and Tasmania finishing sixth with 4 points. New Zealand won back the Rusty Robinson Trophy with a two point margin over Australia.

### **Coach Education**

Four Level One coach education courses were held in Victoria last year. Three were held in Melbourne with one held in Ballarat. Numbers were limited to twenty people per course in order to provide a suitable learning

environment. All four courses were fully booked resulting in a total of eighty one coaches completing the course in the 97-98 year. As a part of the RMIT rowing unit, twenty two students undertaking this unit were also awarded their level one certificates after completing the prescribed course.

A calendar of coaching courses for the coming year was advertised with four level one and a level two course being offered. A series of coaching seminars were held during February, with a Sports Medicine theme. The first seminar was conducted by Dr. Sue White and Henry Wajswelner from Olympic Park Sports Medicine Center and covered the latest trends in rowing injuries and the prevention. Following on from this Paul Reedy and Luke Atwell held a seminar on Stretching Routines for Rowers with the last seminar being conducted by VIS Sports Science Coordinator Paul Gastin, which covered Recovery Techniques.

Due to internal VRA changes coaching education will now be the responsibility of a new Association officer to be appointed in the next few weeks. The role of the Development Officer has now become the High Performance and Elite Development Coordinator. Greater support will be provided to the VIS in the area of logistics management however development activities will be continued.

In concluding it can be seen that the development activities conducted in our state have taken on a formalised and structured nature. We are fortunate in Victoria to have the backing of the VIS to support not only senior, elite athletes but also the funding and development of our emerging athletes. Consolidation and improvement of development activities will characterize activities in the coming year as we prepare for 2000 and beyond.

Ross Henderson  
**High Performance & Elite Development  
Coordinator**



# SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

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## OFFICIAL'S PANEL

The purpose of all officials is to ensure that all regattas are conducted in accordance with the Rules and By-laws of the Association's Constitution, that the safety of all competitors is paramount and that every competitor is given an equal chance of success.

This season, with support the support and participation of many officials, both long serving and newly licensed, the Panel were able to provide a complement of competent officials on all 27 days of regatta racing, even if on occasions the numbers were a little sparse, and also assist with the conduct of the Australian Interstate and National Championships.

The Panel thanks these officials for their contribution to the successful conduct of the 33 regattas held throughout Victoria, which includes all VRA and VRA School regattas, especially those who cheerfully undertook double shifts at a number of regattas.

We also gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the many regatta committees and regatta secretaries involved in the 1997/98 regatta season.

Of great concern is the increasing harassment of officials at regattas by coaches and other supporters. In the interests of fair play and the progress of regattas this harassment of officials must stop or crews may find themselves watching their event from the sidelines.

With the passage of time, the development of rowing and the increase in regatta participation it is essential that new officials are recruited and the assistance of clubs and schools is sought in this regard lest the standard of regattas decline. The Panel members are ever ready to conduct tests for any prospective officials.

Special thanks are expressed to the members of the Panel, Chairman Rod Florence, Jane Greig, Steve Pennicott and Jim Skidmore for their efforts in maintaining our high standard of regattas during the season.

**Bill Waterfield**  
**Honorary Secretary**

## REGATTA SECRETARY

May of 1997 saw the conduct of the VRA Conference. As a result of this conference a number of significant decisions were made which were to have impact on the 1997/98 Regatta Program. The most significant of these results included:

- Creation of categories of regatta venues. A set of criteria were developed to categorise regatta venues as either Category 1, 2 or 3. These categories are detailed elsewhere, however, category one is a buoyed straight 200m course.
  - As a result of the categorisation of venues a competition was created between each of the regattas that conducted their event at the difference venues. i.e. a competition between all regattas held at category three venues, another at category two and again at category one. This competition was known as 'The Regatta of the Year'. The competition was based on assessment of regattas based on a set of assessment criteria, which were based in turn on the regatta guidelines published by the VRA and distributed to all Association members. This competition was made possible by the sponsorship of Vichealth, specifically the Active for Life Program/Life Be In it!. Active for Life/ Life Be In it! endeavors to promote a healthy way of life and covers issues such as healthy eating through to basic exercise programs. One of the problems with the Regatta of the Year Competition was the inability to provide



## SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

real time feedback to Regatta Committees.

- Another significant outcome of the conference was the decision to break the timetable of each Regatta into two distinct parts. That is, some events were conducted entirely in the morning, heat and final, while others were conducted entirely in the afternoon. The support from school members as well as from a number of clubs of this concept was widespread. The programs also included a mandatory lunch-break, which enabled a bit of catch up time if the regatta fell behind in the morning. There was talk of some preference for the old system, however, these suggestions appeared to be isolated. Further to this change was the programming in school regattas of events either morning or afternoon events.

There are still quite a number of issues that need to be addressed in order to further improve our regatta program, however, I believe steps taken thus far have been productive.

The VRA Conference has again taken place this year and from it we are provided with a number of other issues that will need to be addressed all geared towards improving the performance and marketability of our regattas.

The following are some of the areas that will be addressed in the coming year.

- Improved feedback from the Regatta of the Year Competition.
- Coming on line with the new Management Information System of the VRA.
- Development of Grand Prix Series of Regattas.
- A multitude of smaller on water matters that will further enhance the conduct of our regattas.

Chris O'Brien  
**REGATTA SECRETARY**



### 1997-98 ACTIVE FOR LIFE/LIFE BE IN IT! REGATTA OF THE YEAR

#### RESULTS

##### CATEGORY 1

1<sup>ST</sup> STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
NAGAMBIE LAKES

2<sup>ND</sup> WENDOUREE –BALLARAT  
REGATTA  
LAKE WENDOUREE

##### CATEGORY 2

1<sup>ST</sup> CARRUM REGATTA  
NATIONAL WATERSPORTS CENTRE

2<sup>ND</sup> BARWON REGATTA  
BARWON RIVER

##### CATEGORY 3

1<sup>ST</sup> DIMBOOLA REGATTA  
WIMMERA RIVER

2<sup>ND</sup> YARRA YARRA REGATTA  
YARRA RIVER



# VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

## 1998 SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

Scholarships have been awarded to the following athletes until January 31 1999.

Eliza Blair	LW Scull
Jill Burston	LW Scull
David Colvin	Coxswain
Christine Camiller	LW Scull
Georgina Douglas	HW Scull
Anthony Edwards	LW Sweep
Simon Gadsden	HW Sweep
Drew Ginn	HW Sweep
Sam Golding	LW Scull
Paul Gray	HW Sweep
Nicholas Green	HW Sweep
Justine Joyce	LW Sweep
Rachel Kininmonth	HW Sweep
Andrew Lane	LW Sweep
Mike McKay	HW Sweep
Paul Myers	HW Sweep
Tom Paul	LW Sweep
Stuart Peele	LW Sweep
Stuart Purves	LW Sweep
Rob Richards	LW Sweep
Christian Ryan	HW Sweep
Richard Shenfield	HW Sweep
Rob Spinks	LW Sweep
Jonathan Stone	LW Scull
Nigel Sullivan	HW Sweep
James Tomkins	HW Sweep

Victorians living and training in other ITC's are awarded Associate scholarships.

Jon Berney	AIS
Al Isherwood	AIS
Jane Robinson	AIS
Rachel Taylor	AIS
Bronwyn Thompson	AIS
Matt Russell	TIS

These athletes represent 6 different clubs (3 metropolitan & 3 country)

## THE COACHING STAFF

Noel Donaldson	Head Coach (Staff)
John Cumper	Senior Coach (Staff)
Jock Heys	Squad Coach
Chris O'Brien	Squad Coach
David Orchert	Squad Coach
Paul Reedy	Squad Coach
Peter Somerville	Squad Coach
Frank Stone	Squad Coach
Stefan Tobler	Squad Coach

In 1998 the VIS rowing Athletes & Coaches achieved selection in the following national teams:

World Championships Cologne 1998 – 15 athletes/1 coach

Nations Cup (U23) Greece 1998 – 7 athletes/3 coaches

## INTENSIVE TRAINING CENTRE

Under the auspices of the Australian Rowing High Performance program the VIS operates the Intensive Training Centre to administer the elite rowing program in this State. The program also provides opportunities for all athletes aspiring for National selection to participate in various qualifying activities prior to competing in national selection events. Where possible the program also aims at supporting the local regatta competition. Many Victorian athletes & coaches were involved with the following events under the ITC program.

Australasian U23	Penrith
ITC swim,run & bike trials	various locations
ITC triathlon	Port Melbourne
ITC 4.5 k trials	NWSC Carrum
National 5k Time Trial	Penrith
Ergometer testing 6k & 2k	various clubs



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Laboratory step testing	VUT – Footscray campus
National camp	Canberra
ITC Camp	Geelong
State Championships	Nagambie
Local VRA regattas	various
National Championships	Nagambie
National Selection Trials	Penrith

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Peter Spence	(VIS Program Manager)
Noel Donaldson	(VIS head Coach)
John Cumper	(VIS senior coach)
James Lowe	(VRA Committee)
De Fraser	(VRA General Manager)

The VIS and VRA enjoy a close working relationship to ensure that the elite rowing program continues to achieve at the highest level and that the development of the junior & U23 categories provides these talented athletes with the pathway to the elite level. The development program under the control of Ross Henderson continues to prosper with the continued support of the VIS. Quarterly meeting of the management committee are held to monitor progress of all aspects of the program.

**John Cumper**  
Senior Coach









# AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## NAGAMBIE LAKES VICTORIA (10-15 MARCH 1998)

These Championships include 5 days of club and school competition culminating in the

Interstate Regatta on the final day which involves crews representing the six States and ACT.

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

#### FINAL

Victoria  
South Australia  
ACT

#### Crew

Rachael Kinninmonth (MUWBC)  
Georgina Douglas (Mercantile)  
Rachael Taylor (Powerhouse)  
Bronwyn Thompson (MUWBC)  
Noel Donaldson/ Paul Thompson/  
Paul Reedy Coaches

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

#### FINAL

Victoria  
New South Wales  
Queensland

#### Crew

Cate Oliver (MUWBC)  
Bonnie Lakey (MUWBC)  
Nadine Kapitanjak (MUWBC)  
Mieke Boynton (MUWBC)  
Brooke Penning (Corio Bay)  
Lora Steele (Ballarat City)  
Emily Martin (Wendouree- Ballarat)  
Charlotte Coote (MUWBC)  
Emily Trewartha (MUWBC) Cox  
Brenton Terrel Coach  
Craig Adrians Coach

### VICTORIA CUP (Women's Lightweight Coxless Four Championship)

#### FINAL

Victoria  
New South Wales  
Tasmania

#### Crew

Jill Burston (MUWBC)  
Christine Camiller (MUWBC)  
Minnie Cade (MUWBC)  
Justine Joyce (Banks)  
Eliza Blair (MUWBC) Emergency  
David Orchert Coach

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

#### FINAL

Victoria  
New South Wales  
Queensland

#### Crew

Georgina Douglas (Mercantile)  
Noel Donaldson Coach

#### MEN

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

#### FINAL

Victoria  
New South Wales  
Western Australia

#### Crew

Christian Ryan (MUBC)  
Richard Shenfield (MUBC)  
Ben Dodwell (Mercantile)  
Nick Green (MUBC)  
Mike McKay (Mercantile)  
Drew Ginn (Mercantile)  
James Tomkins (Mercantile)  
Nigel Sullivan (MUBC)  
David Colvin (Mercantile) Cox  
Paul Gray (MUBC) Emergency  
Paul Myers (MUBC) Emergency  
Noel Donaldson Coach  
Chris O'Brien Coach



# AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## NAGAMBIE LAKES VICTORIA (10-15 MARCH 1998)

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### THE PRESIDENT'S CUP (Interstate Men's Sculling Championship)

#### FINAL

Queensland  
Victoria  
New South Wales

#### Crew

Jason Day (UTS)  
John Cumper Coach

### PENRITH CUP (Interstate Lightweight Coxless Four Championship)

#### FINAL

New South Wales  
Victoria  
Tasmania

#### Crew

Rob Spinks (MUBC)  
Stuart Peele (MUBC)  
Anthony Edwards (Ballarat City)  
Robert Richards (Wendouree)  
Jock Heys Coach

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

#### FINAL

Victoria  
Queensland  
Western Australia

#### Crew

Karsten Forsterling (MUBC)  
Lachlan McPherson (MUBC)  
Travis Johnston (Mercantile)  
Ant Deague (Mercantile)  
Warren Keeble (MUBC)  
Peter Moore (MUBC)  
Mike Raisbeck (MUBC)  
Mike Kelly (Mercantile)  
Mitch Russian (Mercantile) Cox  
Simon Morrison Coach

### AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

#### Champion Men's Junior Coxless Four

Karsten Forsterling (MUBC)  
Anthony Coghlan (MUBC)  
Timothy Widmer (MUBC)  
Lachlan McPherson (MUBC)  
Chris O'Brien Coach

#### Champion Men's Junior Coxed Four

Karsten Forsterling (MUBC)  
Anthony Coghlan (MUBC)  
Timothy Windmer (MUBC)  
Lachlan McPherson (MUBC)  
Andrew Morgan (MUWBC) Cox  
Chris O'Brien Coach

#### Champion Men's Senior B Lightweight Single Scull

John Stone (MUBC)  
Frank Stone Coach

#### Champion Men's Senior B Coxless Pair

Paul Myers (MUBC)  
Paul Gray (MUBC)  
Chris O'Brien Coach

#### Champion Men's Senior B Coxed Eight

Karsten Forsterling (MUBC)  
Lachlan McPherson (MUBC)  
Travis Johnston (Mercantile)  
Ant Deague (Mercantile)  
Warren Keeble (MUBC)  
Peter Moore (MUBC)  
Mike Raisbeck (MUBC)  
Mike Kelly (Mercantile)  
Mitch Russian (Mercantile) Cox  
Simon Morrison Coach

#### Champion Men's Senior B Lightweight Coxless Pair

Jeremy Lawrence (Com'l)  
Jon Berney (Barwon)  
Llyall McCarthy Coach



**AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**NAGAMBIE LAKES VICTORIA (10-15 MARCH 1998)**

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**AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS**

**Champion Men's Senior A Lightweight Quad Scull**

Dom Gatto (MUBC)  
 Stuart Peele (MUBC)  
 Ben Cantwell (MUBC)  
 John Stone (MUBC)  
 Paul Reedy Coach  
 Frank Stone Coach

**Champion Men's Senior A Coxed Four**

Richard Shenfield (MUBC)  
 Simon Gadsden (Mercantile)  
 Nicholas Green (MUBC)  
 James Tomkins (Mercantile)  
 David Colvin (Mercantile) Cox  
 Noel Donaldson Coach

**Champion Men's Senior A Lightweight Coxless Four**

Darren Balmforth (Geevst)  
 Simon Burgess (Geevst)  
**Anthony Edwards (Ballarat City)**  
**Robert Richards (Wendouree- Ballarat)\***  
 Sam Le Compte Coach  
 Jock Heyes Coach

**Champion Men's Senior A lightweight Coxed Eight**

Jeremy Lawrence (Com'l)  
**John Stone (MUBC)**  
 Gary Lynagh (Com'l)  
**Jon Berney (Barwon) \***  
**Alistair Isherwood (Banks)\***  
 Bruce Hick (Canb)  
 Robert Mitchell (UTS)  
 Michael Wiseman (SUBC)  
 Brett Hayman (Daramn) Cox  
**Lyall McCarthy \* Coach**  
 Han Peter Madritsch Coach  
 Reuben Bettle Coach

**AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS**

**Champion Women's Senior B Lightweight Single Scull**

Jill Burston (MUWBC)  
 Stefan Tobler Coach

**Champion Women's Senior B Coxless Pair**

Emily Martin (Wendouree)  
 Amy Pearce (Wendouree)  
 Andrew O'Brien Coach

**Champion Women's Senior B Lightweight Coxless Pair**

Erin Smart (Essendon)  
 Lauren Zovi (Essendon)  
 Matthew Lovell Coach

**Champion Women's Senior A Single Scull**

Georgina Douglas (Mercantile)

**Champion Women's Senior A Coxless Four**

Rachael Taylor (Powerhouse)  
 Anna Ozolins (Narrab)  
 Jodi Winter (Sydney)  
**Bronwyn Thompson (MUWBC)\***  
 Paul Thompson Coach

**Champion Women's Senior A Coxed Eight**

Liz Moller (UTS)  
 Angela Holbeck (Canberra)  
 Karina Wieland (Narrab)  
 Kath Burke (Sydney)  
 Jodi Winter (Sydney)  
 Anna Ozolins (Narrab)  
**Rachael Taylor (Powerhouse)\***  
**Bronwyn Thompson (MUWBC)\***  
**Katie Foulkes (MUWBC) Cox\***  
 Paul Thompson Coach

# VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CREWS

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### CHAMPION MEN'S ELITE COXED EIGHT

Melbourne University Boat Club

### CHAMPION MEN'S ELITE COXLESS FOUR

Melbourne University Boat Club

### CHAMPION MEN'S ELITE DOUBLE SCULL

UTS/Nepean

### CHAMPION MEN'S ELITE COXLESS PAIR

Mercantile/Melbourne University Boat Club

### CHAMPION MEN'S ELITE SINGLE SCULL

Mercantile Rowing Club

### CHAMPION MEN'S ELITE LIGHTWEIGHT SINGLE SCULL

Melbourne University Boat Club

### CHAMPION MEN'S SENIOR COXED EIGHT

Mercantile Rowing Club

### CHAMPION MENS SENIOR DOUBLE SCULL

Melbourne University Boat Club

### CHAMPION MEN'S SENIOR COXED FOUR

Banks Rowing Club

### CHAMPION MEN'S SENIOR COXLESS PAIR

Melbourne University Boat Club

### CHAMPION MEN'S SENIOR SINGLE SCULL

UTS

### CHAMPION MEN'S INTERMEDIATE COXED EIGHT

Mercantile Rowing Club

### CHAMPION MEN'S INTERMEDIATE COXED FOUR

Melbourne University Boat Club

### CHAMPION WOMEN'S ELITE COXED EIGHT

Melbourne University Women's Boat Club

### CHAMPION WOMEN'S ELITE COXLESS FOUR

Mercantile Rowing Club

### CHAMPION WOMEN'S ELITE LIGHTWEIGHT COXLESS FOUR

Essendon Rowing Club/Powerhouse Rowing Club

### CHAMPION WOMEN'S ELITE DOUBLE SCULL

Melbourne University Women's Boat Club

### CHAMPION WOMEN'S ELITE LIGHTWEIGHT DOUBLE SCULL

Melbourne University Women's Boat Club

### CHAMPION WOMEN'S ELITE SINGLE SCULL

Mercantile Rowing Club

### CHAMPION WOMEN'S ELITE LIGHTWEIGHT SINGLE SCULL

Melbourne University Women's Boat Club

### CHAMPION WOMEN'S SENIOR COXED EIGHT

Melbourne University Women's Boat Club

### CHAMPION WOMEN'S SENIOR COXLESS PAIR

Melbourne University Women's Boat Club

### CHAMPION WOMEN'S ELITE COXLESS PAIR

Melbourne University Women's Boat Club/Banks Rowing Club

### CHAMPION WOMEN'S ELITE LIGHTWEIGHT COXLESS PAIR

Essendon Rowing Club

### CHAMPION WOMEN'S SENIOR DOUBLE SCULL

Mercantile Rowing Club



# **VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CREWS**

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**CHAMPION MEN'S INTERMEDIATE  
COXED QUAD SCULL**  
Essendon Rowing Club

**CHAMPION MEN'S INTERMEDIATE  
COXED PAIR**  
Essendon Rowing Club

**CHAMPION MEN'S INTERMEDIATE  
DOUBLE SCULL**  
Mercantile Rowing Club

**CHAMPION MEN'S INTERMEDIATE  
SINGLE SCULL**  
Armadale Rowing Club

**CHAMPION MEN'S YOUTH COXED  
EIGHT**  
Melbourne University Boat Club

**CHAMPION MEN'S JUNIOR COXED  
FOUR**  
Melbourne University Boat Club

**CHAMPION MEN'S JUNIOR SINGLE  
SCULL**  
Nepean Rowing Club

**MENS UNDER 16 COXED FOUR**  
Lake Colac Rowing Club

**CHAMPION SCHOOLBOY'S COXED  
EIGHT**  
Scotch College

**CHAMPION SCHOOLBOY'S COXED  
FOUR**  
St Patrick's College

**CHAMPION SCHOOLGIRL'S COXED  
FOUR**  
Lauriston Girls School

**CHAMPION WOMEN'S SENIOR  
SINGLE SCULL**  
Nepean Rowing Club

**CHAMPION WOMEN'S  
INTERMEDIATE COXED EIGHT**  
Methodist Ladies College

**CHAMPION WOMEN'S  
INTERMEDIATE COXED QUAD SCULL**  
Melbourne University Women's Boat Club

**CHAMPION WOMEN'S  
INTERMEDIATE COXED FOUR**  
Melbourne University Boat Club

**CHAMPION WOMEN'S  
INTERMEDIATE COXED PAIR**  
Barwon Rowing Club

**CHAMPION WOMEN'S  
INTERMEDIATE DOUBLE SCULL**  
Melbourne University Women's Boat Club

**CHAMPION WOMEN'S  
INTERMEDIATE SINGLE SCULL**  
Ballarat City Rowing Club

**CHAMPION WOMENS YOUTH COXED  
FOUR**  
Melbourne University Women's Boat Club

**CHAMPION WOMEN'S JUNIOR  
COXED FOUR**  
Barwon Rowing Club

**CHAMPION WOMEN'S JUNIOR  
SINGLE SCULL**  
Nepean Rowing Club

**CHAMPION SCHOOLGIRL'S COXED  
EIGHT**  
Lauriston Girls School

**CHAMPION SCHOOLGIRL'S COXED  
QUAD SCULL**  
Methodist Ladies College

**CHAMPION WOMENS UNDER 16  
COXED FOUR**  
Hamilton Rowing Club

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

CLUB	1997/98	1996/97	1995/96	1994/95
Albert Park/Sth Melbourne	85	33	79	49
Ballarat City	18	27	24	25
Banks	192	197	211	196
Barwon	68	61	83	58
Bendigo	50	33	36	25
Carrum	42	41	35	40
Caulfield Grammarians	N/A	18	0	0
City of Warnambool	36	36	39	20
Collegians	39	32	0	0
Corio Bay	153	96	97	124
Corowa	32	25	22	20
Dimboola	28	30	31	23
Essendon	305	237	255	229
Footscray City	36	54	51	46
Hamilton	39	38	59	37
Hawthorn	120	135	155	128
Horsham City	11	53	20	49
Lake Colc	47	18	12	16
La Trobe University	11	27	0	0
Melbourne	149	95	104	90
MUBC	82	73	75	76
MUWBC	34	34	27	30
Mercantile	232	334	257	251
Mildura	54	69	82	60
Nagambie	197	405	355	404
Nestles	16	20	0	0
Powerhouse	84	N/A	78	48
Richmond	65	83	107	94
R.M.I.T.	N/A		0	0
Robinvale	34	22	21	20
Rutherglen	18			
Wahgunyah	20	17	23	20
Wendouree Ballarat	46	40	31	40
Wentworth District	13	14	28	29
Yarrowonga	28	30	37	19
Yarra Yarra	88	115	109	105
YWCA	57	84	89	80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2529</b>	<b>2632</b>	<b>2650</b>	<b>2644</b>



## SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

SCHOOL	1997/98	1996/97	1995/96	1994/95
Ballarat & Clarendon	50	60	40	31
Ballarat Grammar	34	30	35	28
Ballarat High	55	28	25	30
Brauer Secondary College	-	-	-	-
Brighton Grammar	27	27	27	27
Carey Grammar	73	42	29	51
Catholic College – Sale	27	-	-	-
Caulfield Grammar	32	37	62	72
Emmanuel College	-	-	-	-
Fintona Girl's School	-	12	10	-
Firbank Anglican School	34	24	11	-
Geelong College	68	85	38	38
Geelong Grammar	43	125	38	38
Genazzano College	20	53	86	51
Gippsland Grammar	30			
Goulburn Valley Grammar	19	16	13	10
Haileybury College	18	28	27	27
Hamilton College	-	22	-	-
Horsham College	13	13	28	-
Lauriston Girl's School	41	31	30	27
Loreto Mandeville Hall	100	25	41	39
Lowther Hall	6	18	14	19
Melbourne Girls College	20			
Melbourne Girls Grammar	10	55	59	52
Melbourne Grammar	27	29	26	45
Melbourne High	27	27	29	59
Methodist Ladies College	110	26	55	60
Monivae College	12	15	15	12
Parkdale Secondary College	15			
Ruyton Girl's College	-	-	-	-
Sacre Coeur College	-	-	22	-
Sacred Heart – Geelong	-	-	-	-
Sale College	-	-	-	-
St Brigid's College	14			
St Catherines School	16	20	20	-
St Joseph's College	--	-	-	-
St Kevin's College	18	18	9	9
St Patrick's College	55	60	51	50
Scotch College	36			
Strathmore Secondary College	-			
Toorak College	28	21	17	-
Wesley College	32	38	38	65
Xavier College	45	38	27	27

NOTE: APPROXIMATELY 2500 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 1997/98 season, approximately 18,500 entries were received for VRA regattas and sincere thanks are extended to all regatta committees for their planning and organisation.

Congratulations are extended to the clubs who won VRA Premierships.

### SUMMER

Champion Club : Essendon

### WOMEN

Senior Club : M.U.W.B.C.

Junior Club : Hamilton

### MEN

Senior Club: M.U.B.C.

Junior Club : Essendon

### WINTER

### WOMEN

Y.W.C.A.

### MEN

Hawthorn

## BALLARAT SCHOOLS

The annual Head of the Lake Regatta was conducted at Lake Wendouree on 4 April 1998.

Boys Head of the Lake	Ballarat & Clarendon College
Girls Head of the Lake	B.Q.G.S.
Boys Premiership	Ballarat & Clarendon College and St Patricks College
Girls Premiership	B.Q.G.S.

## HEAD OF SCHOOLSGIRLS REGATTA

The 12th annual Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta was hosted by Sacred Heart College Geelong from March 28-29 1998 on the Barwon River at Geelong.

Senior Eight	Geelong Grammar School
Senior Single Scull	Strathmore Secondary College
Senior Quad Sculls	Methodist Ladie's College
First Fours	Lauriston Girl's School
Second Fours	St Catherine's School
Third Fours	Geelong College
Fourth Fours	Ballarat Grammar School

## ASSOCIATED PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Associated Public Schools (APS) conducted the 130 Annual Head of the River Regatta from April 3-4 on the Barwon River, Geelong.

Head of the River	Scotch College
Seconds	Ballarat Grammar School
Thirds	Melbourne Grammar School
Fourths	Scotch College
Fifths	Melbourne Grammar School
Girl's Head of the River	Geelong Grammar School
Thirds	Geelong Grammar School
Fourths	Geelong Grammar School
Fifths	Carey Grammar School



# REGATTA RESULTS

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## AUSTRALIAN MASTER'S CHAMPIONSHPS

This event was conducted in Adelaide  
between 23 & 24 May, 1998.

The following 8 Victorian Clubs  
competed:-

Banks Rowing Club  
Collegians Rowing Club  
Corio Bay Rowing Club  
Essendon Rowing Club  
Footscray Rowing Club  
Melbourne Rowing Club  
Wendouree Ballarat Rowing Club  
Yarra Yarra Rowing Club

46 Victorian Rowing Association  
members competed  
Men – 34  
Women – 12

Total Victorian results:-  
Men – 15 Gold, 5 Silver, 1 Bronze  
Women – 6 Gold, 2 Silver



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## OBITUARIES

It is with deep regret that the Victorian Rowing Association records the passing of the following members:

Mr. Jim Ryan (Bendigo)  
Lex Quinn  
David Mc Glashen (M.U.B.C.)  
Tom Killeen  
(Corio Bay / Mercantile / South Melbourne)  
Laurie Valpied (Ballarat)  
Ron Mc Coll (Footscray/Banks)  
Jim Bourke (Mercantile/Monash)

## SUPPORTERS

The Victorian Rowing Association wishes to extend sincere thanks to all clubs, schools and their committees and the numerous individuals and organisations who have supported Victorian rowing throughout the year. We particularly wish to thank the Victorian Rowing Association boat race officials who spend many hours in the elements conducting competitions in particular the members of the Officials Panel, Rod Florence, Jane Greig, Steve Pennicott, Jim Skidmore and Bill Waterfield

The Association also wishes to express our gratitude to the supporters who have made it possible to conduct projects and programs that have added value to our sport especially

## AUSROWTEC

The Department of Sport and Recreation

The Department of State Development

Vic Health – Active For Life/Life Be In it!

## HEBFOTOS

## VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL AWARDS

### CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

Wendy Jenkins  
Corio Bay Rowing Club

### CLUB COACH OF THE YEAR

Paul Reedy  
MUBC

### CLUB ROWER OF THE YEAR

Matthew Wilson  
Melbourne Rowing Club

### SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Brian Vear  
Chairman : Organising Committee  
1998 National Championships & Interstate  
Regatta

### OUTSTANDING CREW / ROWER

#### Joint Winner

### 1997 World Championship Gold Medallist's

Women' Lightweight Pair  
Justine Joyce (Banks RC)  
Eliza Blair (MUWC)  
Coach:David Orchet (Banks RC)

### OUTSTANDING CREW / ROWER

#### Joint Winner

### Australian Men's Lightweight Eight

Alistar Isherwood  
John Berney  
Tim Wright  
Rob Richards  
Cox – Brett Hayman  
Coach – Lyall McCarthy



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# FINANCIAL REPORT

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

## PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
Operating Revenue	2	539,367	364,266
Operating Profit	3	3,673	32,464
Income tax expense applicable thereto	1(c)	-	-
Operating Profit after income tax		3,673	32,464
Accumulated Profits at the beginning of the year		584,746	552,282
Accumulated Profits at the end of the year		588,419	584,746

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash	4	167,696	229,350
Receivables	5	79,270	18,222
Inventories	6	3,098	5,092
Investments	7	88,476	203,259
Prepayments	8	1,893	1,093
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>340,433</b>	<b>457,016</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Receivables	5	-	6,358
Investments	7	250,285	132,743
Property, plant and equipment	9	57,209	50,438
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>307,494</b>	<b>189,539</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>647,927</b>	<b>646,555</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	10	56,008	55,152
Provisions	11	3,500	6,657
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>59,508</b>	<b>61,809</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>59,508</b>	<b>61,809</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>588,419</b>	<b>584,746</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Accumulated funds at year end		588,419	584,746

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

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	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers, trade and other debtors		428,178	323,798
Payments to creditors and employees		(490,727)	(295,680)
Interest received		23,500	33,136
Dividends received		1,644	1,332
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	12	<b>(37,405)</b>	<b>62,586</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
(Payments) for property, plant and equipment		(27,165)	(14,552)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	400
(Payments) for investments		(56,443)	-
Proceeds from maturity of investments		60,159	130,400
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<b>(23,449)</b>	<b>116,248</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
(Payment) of security deposit		(800)	(1,093)
<b>Net cash flows (used in) financing activities</b>		<b>(800)</b>	<b>(1,093)</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>(61,654)</b>	<b>177,741</b>
<b>Cash at the beginning of the financial year</b>		<b>229,350</b>	<b>51,609</b>
<b>Cash at the end of the financial year</b>	4	<b>167,696</b>	<b>229,350</b>

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## 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### (a) Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of the Committee, the Victorian Rowing Association Incorporated is not a reporting entity. The financial statements of the association have been drawn up as a special purpose financial report for distribution to the members.

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting using the historical cost convention and the going concern assumption. Except where stated, they do not take into account changing money values or current valuations of non-current assets. Except where noted, the accounting policies have been consistently applied.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) that have a material effect with the following exception:

\* AAS 1033 Presentation and Disclosure of Financial Instruments

### (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 1998.

## 2. Operating Revenue

	1998 \$	1997 \$
Affiliation fees	74,821	75,999
Sponsorships - Association	8,000	100,895
Dividends	7,744	7,175
Interest	22,651	33,386
Government grants	23,000	21,800
1998 National Championships	262,446	-
Other	142,705	125,011
	<u>539,367</u>	<u>364,266</u>

## 3. Operating Profit

Operating profit has been determined after:

### (a) Crediting

Affiliation fees - Members	65,221	65,299
Affiliation fees - Clubs	5,300	5,700
Affiliation fees - Schools	4,300	4,000
Coaching course fees	20,760	-
Coaching network	1,275	75
Coaching sales	1,122	-
Development grant	39,658	19,801
Donations	-	250
Fines	11,699	11,485
Hire of equipment	1,400	615
Interest - Equipment Reserve Fund	554	1,258
Interest - General	8,393	11,382
Interstate Championships (Note 3 (c)(ii))	5,655	12,067
Junior team seat fees	1,534	14,406
Magazines	133	322
Masters regatta receipts	1,286	11,434
Newsletter	1,150	430
1998 National Championships Note 3 (c) (iv)	10,078	(221)
Profit on sales of equipment	1,788	82
Regatta insurance receipts	2,281	5,833
Regatta levies	17,112	20,475
Regatta registrations	3,500	3,925



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### 3. Operating Profit (continued)

Sponsorships		
Carlton and United Breweries	-	47,095
Melbourne Parks & Waterways	-	8,000
Moomba regatta	-	5,800
Vic Health	8,000	15,000
State Championships (Note 3 (c)(i))	2,082	(93)
State Government grants		
Administration grant	8,000	12,000
Project grants	15,000	9,500
Country travel grant	-	300
Sundry	8,239	7,673
VRA Conference	2,590	-
	<u>246,110</u>	<u>293,893</u>

### (b) Charging

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Affiliation fees		
Rowing Australian Inc	19,360	16,624
Other	250	245
Rowing Australia delegate expenses	491	595
Bad debts	-	1,084
Bank and Government fees	850	711
Coaching education materials	11,357	-
Coaching seminar attendance	594	-
Computer expenses	1,901	739
Country travel awards	-	300
Amortisation - Leasehold improvements	92	92
Depreciation - Office Equipment	5,634	4,690
Depreciation - Regatta Equipment	3,347	3,463
Depreciation - Rowing Equipment	1,110	6,280
Development expenses	3,919	2,044
Doubtful debts	-	3,500
Employee entitlements	(3,156)	4,884
Employee expenses	9,691	-
Fringe benefits tax	4,381	-
Grants committed	-	2,500
Honoraria	2,000	2,000
Insurance	4,350	1,581
International Championships (Note 3 (c)(iii))	9,039	2,252
Junior team expenses	7,341	13,777
Magazines	279	310
Masters regatta expenses	-	7,529
Moomba regatta expenses	-	4,129
Newsletter	5,137	4,262
Office rent & expenses	7,883	7,750
Officials expenses	185	2,637
Postage & telephone	12,833	10,188
Printing & stationery	15,203	12,733
Regatta insurance	2,750	3,670
Regatta sponsorships	-	20,640
Registrations & licences	448	411
Repairs - Regatta equipment	640	1,861
Repairs - Rowing equipment	550	550
Salaries	90,312	71,330
Sponsorship funds committed	-	7,000
Sponsorship coordination	-	10,814
Sponsorship expenses	6,000	300
Strategic plan	-	-
Superannuation	5,379	7,356
Sundry	8,627	13,070
VRA conference	2,890	5,092
VRA regatta expenses (net)	(774)	216
Weight bags	-	1,150
Workcover	1,544	1,070
	<u>242,437</u>	<u>261,429</u>
Operating profit/(loss) for the year	3,673	32,464

(c) After taking into account the following which are summarised in (a) and (b) above

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(i) State Championships

Income		
Sponsorships	4,100	
Entry fees	11,988	3,977
Medallions	-	3,493
Programs	190	2,268
	<u>16,278</u>	<u>9,738</u>
Expenditure		
Course expenses	5,155	-
Medallions	3,243	6,057
Programs	2,858	2,384
Sundry	2,940	1,390
	<u>14,196</u>	<u>9,831</u>
Profit/(Loss)	<u>2,082</u>	<u>(93)</u>

(ii) Interstate Championships

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Income		
Carlton and United Breweries Sponsorship	-	25,000
Dividends	5,808	5,381
Donation	1,000	1,800
Interest	9,525	14,404
Seat fees and VIS contribution	6,154	16,852
Sundry	-	495
	<u>22,487</u>	<u>63,932</u>
Expenditure		
Accommodation & meals	9,956	18,709
Airfares	-	10,609
Boat expenses	553	4,142
Car hire & fuel	(142)	7,860
Sundry	-	890
Uniforms	6,465	9,655
	<u>16,832</u>	<u>51,865</u>
Profit/(Loss)	<u>5,655</u>	<u>12,067</u>

(iii) International Championships

Income		
Dividends	1,936	1,794
Interest	4,179	6,344
Sundry	3,746	-
	<u>9,861</u>	<u>8,138</u>
Expenditure		
International teams	6,800	-
Rowing Australia - International levy	12,100	10,390
	<u>18,900</u>	<u>10,390</u>
Profit/(Loss)	<u>(9,039)</u>	<u>(2,252)</u>

(iv) 1998 Australian Rowing Championships

Income		
Tattersall's Sponsorship	50,000	-
Bank interest	1,226	-
Beverage rights	5,000	-
Bow numbers	185	-
Catering rights	7,750	-
Championships dinner	4,770	-
Clothing rights	11,583	-
Entry deposits	37,005	-
Entry fees	60,235	-
Gate receipts	15,324	-
Government Grant	8,000	-
Government grant - poster	2,500	-
Poster contribution	1,500	-
Program advertising	2,000	-
Program sales	10,890	-
Race & Regatta sponsorships	31,340	-
Reunion lunch	2,450	-
Site fees	6,200	-
Sundry income	508	-
Umpires dinner	2,460	-
VIP & Sponsors lunch	1,540	-
	<u>262,446</u>	<u>0</u>



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(iv) 1998 Australian Rowing Championships (continued)

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Expenditure		
Accreditation passes	3,015	-
Administration	1,099	-
Advertising	2,803	-
Band	2,640	-
Bank fees	380	-
Banners & signage	5,043	-
Boat racking & facilities	4,737	-
Boatholders	820	-
Car parking costs	648	-
Championships dinner	5,460	-
Competitor marquees	345	-
Competitor shower facilities	2,000	-
Competitor toilets	553	-
Deposits refunded	37,175	-
Electricity	227	-
Emergency plan	975	-
Entrance marquees	210	-
Entry levy	11,800	-
Fencing	7,522	-
Fridge hire	375	-
Garbage collection	1,050	-
General & public liability insurance	1,210	-
Marine insurance	900	-
Marketing expenses	7,612	-
Medallions	8,276	-
Medical facilities	2,241	-
Merchandising area	1,805	-
Nagambie Kings Cup Liaison Committee	500	-
Office hire - Headquarters	1,712	-
Officials marquee	335	-
Organising Committee accommodation	7,791	-
Photo-finish equipment hire	600	-
Photocopier hire	3,637	-
Portable coolroom	100	-
Postage, telephone & fax	2,644	221
Poster & brochures	9,700	-
Presentation dais	595	-
Printed material	288	-
Program costs	15,956	-
Promotion	10,000	-
Property insurance	550	-
Public address hire	3,060	-
Public toilets	5,000	-
Radio hire	1,270	-
Regatta levy	2,900	-
Rescue services	2,720	-
Reunion lunch	1,200	-
Reunion marquee	1,502	-
Security	1,891	-
Signage	1,070	-
Spectator marquees	13,960	-
Speedboat fuel	847	-
Speedboat hire	6,340	-
St John's Ambulance donation	1,200	-
Staging fee	10,000	-
Starting headsets	423	-
Starting platform	200	-
Stationery	485	-
Sullage	660	-
Sundry expenses	977	-
Sundry sponsorship expenses	208	-
Timekeepers	3,840	-
Timing stations	304	-
Timing system	170	-
Trophy levy	1,416	-
Umpires dinner	1,230	-
VIP & Sponsors lunch	5,365	-
VIP & Sponsors toilets	958	-
VIP & Sponsors marquees	7,208	-
Volunteer accommodation	705	-
Volunteer insurance	770	-
Volunteer sustenance	8,692	-
Volunteer uniforms	270	-
	252,368	221
Profit/(Loss)	10,078	(221)

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<b>4. Cash</b>	1998	1997
Cash at Bank and on Deposit	\$	\$
Administration fund	81,930	55,362
Administration Reserve fund	0	10,877
Development fund	(14,139)	1,236
Equipment Reserve fund	12,361	12,447
International fund	12,260	11,048
Interstate fund	57,716	76,157
Lodge Henley Trust fund	-	250
Sponsorship fund	16,885	60,500
Sports Promotion fund	-	958
	<u>167,013</u>	<u>228,835</u>
Petty cash	683	515
Total Cash	<u>167,696</u>	<u>229,350</u>
<b>5. Receivables</b>		
<i>Current</i>		
Other debtors	78,122	11,332
Deduct provision for doubtful debts	(3,500)	(3,500)
	<u>74,622</u>	<u>7,832</u>
Loan to Rowing Australia Inc	4,648	10,390
	<u>79,270</u>	<u>18,222</u>
<i>Non-Current</i>		
Loan to Rowing Australia Inc	-	6,358
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,358</u>
<b>6. Inventories</b>		
Medallions	3,098	5,092
	<u>3,098</u>	<u>5,092</u>
<b>7. Investments</b>		
<i>Current</i>		
Debenture securities		
Administration fund	15,213	45,212
Equipment Reserve fund	1,000	1,000
International fund	18,263	57,896
Interstate fund	53,800	98,951
Lodge Henley Trust fund	200	200
	<u>88,476</u>	<u>203,259</u>
<i>Non-Current</i>		
Shares in listed corporations	33,821	28,186
International fund	101,464	84,557
Interstate fund	135,285	112,743
	<u>135,285</u>	<u>112,743</u>
Debenture securities		
Administration fund	45,000	15,000
International fund	20,000	-
Interstate fund	50,000	5,000
	<u>115,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	<u>250,285</u>	<u>132,743</u>
Listed Securities - Market values		
The aggregate market values of investments listed on a prescribed Stock Exchange are:		
Shares	<u>189,516</u>	<u>152,874</u>
<b>8. Other Assets</b>		
Security deposits	<u>1,893</u>	<u>1,093</u>



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## 9. Property, Plant and Equipment

	1998 \$	1997 \$
Leasehold Improvements	458	458
less Accumulated Amortisation	(204)	(112)
	254	346
Office Equipment	74,011	50,921
Less accumulated depreciation	(34,497)	(28,863)
	39,514	22,058
Regatta Equipment	48,819	44,744
Less accumulated depreciation	(35,533)	(32,186)
	13,286	12,558
Rowing Equipment	42,707	69,581
Less accumulated depreciation	(38,552)	(54,105)
	4,155	15,476
	57,209	50,438
<b>10. Accounts Payable</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accrued expenses	40,124	12,068
Unexpended funds		
Administration Reserve fund	15,884	22,138
Olympic team	-	1,000
Other	-	19,946
	15,884	43,084
	56,008	55,152
<b>11. Provisions</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Employee entitlements	3,500	6,857
	3,500	6,857

## 12. Cash Flow Information

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


Operating profit after income tax	3,673	32,464
Add (less) non cash items		
Depreciation	10,183	14,525
Add (less) items classified as investing/financing activities		
Net (profit) on sale of non-current assets	(1,788)	(82)
Dividends reinvested	(6,099)	(5,842)
Interest reinvested	(377)	(250)
International levy offset	12,100	10,390
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) decrease in other debtors	(54,790)	(490)
Decrease in inventories	1,994	1,102
Decrease (increase) in prepayments	-	407
(Decrease) increase in creditors and employee entitlements	(2,301)	10,362
Net cash inflows/(outflows) from operating activities	(37,405)	62,586

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1. In the opinion of the Committee of the Victorian Rowing Association Incorporated:
- (a) the association is not a reporting entity;
  - (b) the financial statements, set out on pages 28 to 34, are drawn up, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note 1, so as to present fairly the results and cash flows of the association for the financial year ended 30 June 1998 and the state of affairs of the association at that date; and
  - (c) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association 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.



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D.A. Pincus  
Chairman

15<sup>th</sup> September, 1998.  
Dated



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H.J.M. Lowe  
Treasurer

15<sup>th</sup> September, 1998.  
Dated



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**Scope**

I have audited the financial statements of Victorian Rowing Association Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 1998, being a special purpose financial report consisting of the profit and loss statement, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and accompanying notes set out on pages 28 to 34. The Committee are responsible for the financial statements. The Committee has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the association. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial statements have been prepared for distribution to the members. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report, or on the financial statements to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of 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 the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards nor other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

**Qualification**

As is common with 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, my audit in relation to fund raising was limited to amounts recorded.

**Qualified Audit Opinion**

In my opinion, except for the effects on the financial statements of such adjustments, if any, as 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 in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements, so as to present fairly the results and cash flows of the association for the financial year ended 30 June 1998, the financial position of the association at that date and in accordance with the Associations Incorporated Act 1981.



H N Hewitt

Registered Company Auditor

15 September 1998



