

150 YEARS 1871-2021



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We are so proud to introduce this 150-year brief history of the Yarra Yarra Rowing Club. It's a story about a rowing club, but also about our great city of Melbourne and its beautiful river. It's story about national rowing and world history. And it's a story about ordinary people who have done amazing things in pursuit of making the boat go just that little bit faster.

The Club was started by a group of Melbourne drapery store employees who had successfully campaigned to shorten the working week. The new-found Saturday afternoon gave these men access to a new world of recreation and sport. They wasted no time setting up a rowing club (and other sporting clubs!).

Continuously active for 150 years, the Club's fortunes have remained steady in the face of world events: wars, the Depression, women's liberation, and now a global pandemic. But looking at 150 years of Annual Reports, there are three consistent themes:

Commitment to rowing and all it brings: joy, heartbreak, early mornings, hard work, comradeship, competition and personal connection. Our historical archive contains a proud record of many wins; and recognition of all those rowers who competed without getting the win.

Commitment to safety and camaraderie with other clubs. Yarra Yarra members have been part of some of the great rowing developments including safety committees, joint regattas, combined crews, and participation in local, national and international racing.



Look after the boats! For 150 years members have been in collisions, landing mishaps, and handling snafus: back in the 1940s they pointed out that every pound spent on repairs was a pound that could not be spent on new boats. Sounds familiar... But seriously, the Club has had a constant focus on fielding a fleet of high-quality boats maintained in excellent racing condition.

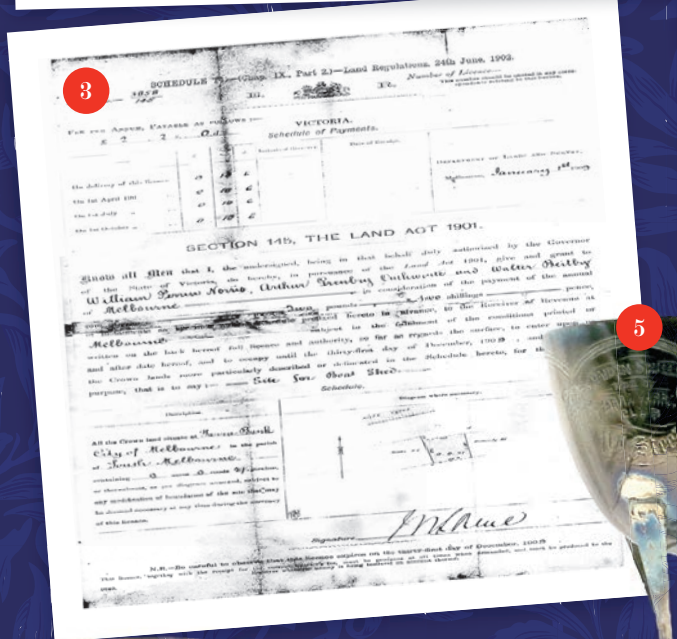
We believe the Club is well placed for a great future. Once the impact of the pandemic recedes, we have a vibrant entry-level program, strong development and senior pathways, great coaching, a well-managed fleet of high-quality boats, strong governance, great partnerships in the rowing community, and a committed membership. We look around the Club and see people helping each other, people working together to put great crews into races or just enjoying a paddle, and people who will carry the love of rowing into our next 150 years on the mighty Yarra River.



Jim Skidmore
Club Patron



Peter Gill
Club Historian



YYRC PRESIDENTS	
1871-1880	Mars Buckley
1880-1882	Thomas Alston
1882-1884	Louis Lawrence Smith
1884-1899	George C. Clausen
1899-1908	Edward R. Ainley

Let's close now, or we'll be late

During 1871, the Early Closing Association concluded a successful campaign for Melbourne drapery shops to close early on Saturday. With their new-found leisure time, a group of shop assistants met for a drink at the Bull and Mouth Hotel. At this meeting, they agreed to establish a new rowing club; and 50 members signed up on the day. At the same meeting, a cricket club was also formed.

During the early days, membership was limited to members of the Early Closing Association, but in 1873 membership was opened to men “in all walks of life”. The new name “Yarra Yarra Rowing Club” was adopted at the same time.

The newly formed Yarra Yarra Rowing Club bought four new "Gig Fours", which were house by James Edwards, a local boat builder who has premises on the Yarra River at Princes Bridge.

After Edwards, the Club rented space at Greenland and Sons Boathouse, which was destroyed by a fire during 1886. It was reported during this time that Yarra Yarra had ended up with the best fleet amongst all of the Melbourne clubs. The first Yarra Yarra clubhouse was opened on the current location in November 1904. It was designed by architect J.A. Wood, and provided permanent accommodation for the first time.

1. The earliest Club crew photo; Geelong Regatta Maiden Eight, 1884. John Connell in two seat was a member for 75 years, believed to be the longest serving member on record. 2. Edwards Boat shed, circa 1875. 3. Original YYRC lease, signed on 1/01/1909 for two pounds and two shillings (\$4.40 in today's currency). 4. Victorian Champion Eight, 1893. YYRC held the title 1891-93. 5. Maiden Sculls, Melbourne Regatta, 1874. The first YYRC regatta win by P.J. Steele. 6. Maiden Pair, Melbourne Upper Yarra Amateur Regatta, 1881. 7. Antwerp Rowing Club, Maiden Sculls, 1897. The photos featuring YYRC moments (as shown) were found inside the trophy.



Y. W. C. A. Members, Under Ald. Walker's Tutelage, Master the "Yara-Yara" Stroke
 The Rowing Club, a Flourishing Organization, in Special Training Because It Is Going to Parade Before G. A. R. Visitors.



1. Wesley College student on rowing machine, 1908. **2.** YYRC residual members who kept the Club open during the war. The Club's Annual Report was forwarded to all serving members at the time, to remind them of home. **3.** The "Yara-Yara" Stroke was introduced to the USA by YYRC member Andrew O'Dea. The Minneapolis Y.W.C.A. mastered the stroke in 1906. **4.** YYRC Annual Reports, 1910/11, 1912/13, and 1913/14. **5.** The Club held a life saving class with members of Banks Rowing Club in 1918. **6.** Original YYRC Boathouse, 1904.

ROWING TO WAR

Twelve members of Yarra Yarra were killed in action during the First World War: P.C. Arnold, H. Beeson, E.A. Collins, H. Dench, G. Drew, E.A. Evans, A. P. Harbeck, A.J. Holloway, H. McFarlane, B. O'Mullane, J. Skene, and Q. Smith.

They had joined 47 active members of Yarra Yarra in the war in Europe, as well as many members of other rowing clubs. At the time, it was estimated that 80 per cent of active Victorian rowers had enlisted.

Club Member George Stevenson was awarded the Order of St Michael and St George for his distinguished service in the 3rd Australian Artillery Brigade.

Club Member Albert Heathcote was awarded the Military Medal for his distinguished service in the 4th Australian Division Signals Company.



YYRC PRESIDENTS

1899–1908	Edward R. Ainley
1908–1915	W.T. Matthews
1915–1931	Arthur Enticott



FUEL FOR THE FIRE

YYRC PRESIDENTS	
1915–1931	Arthur Enticott
1931–1949	Col. G.I. Stevenson

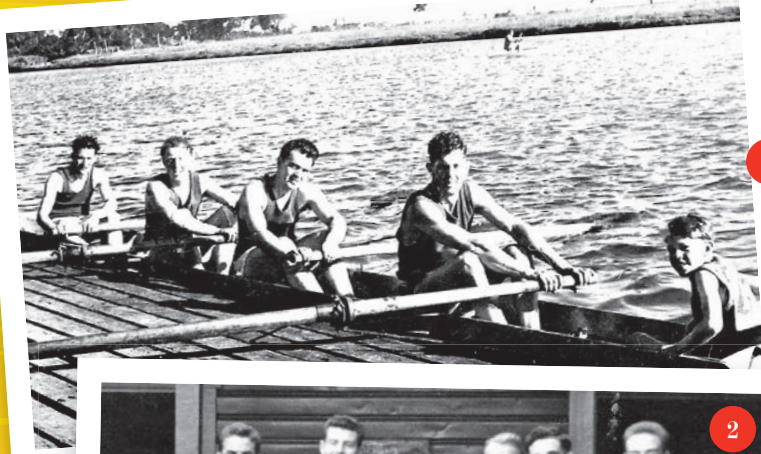


- 1.** Metropolitan Regatta Novice Eight, 1930. **2.** The visiting London Rowing Club Eight won the Grand Challenge Henley on the Yarra and the Victorian Championship Eight race, 1934. **3.** Club Races – McDonald Day Fours, 1930. **4.** Carl F.W. Pepler in single scull, 1930. **5.** YYRC Boathouse Fire, 1929. **6.** Australian Henley on the Yarra, including decorated spectator boats lining the banks, 1920.

A fire destroyed the new Club building and resulted in the death of a Club member, in January 1929. Members and boats were kindly hosted by many of our fellow clubs. Amongst the loss were early club records, while it is known that several early Presidents were distinguished members of the community, and not necessarily rowers, it is not known what brought them to the Club.

The replacement building was officially opened on Saturday 31 August 1929, when the Club held the Connell Combination Eights Regatta. Named after John Connell, a significant financial donor who donated an eight at the time. Other rowing clubs were invited to participate in the event and celebrate the new boathouse. As well as the new clubhouse, the Club had new boats: two eights, three fours, three pairs, and two single sculls.

During 1930, Yarra Yarra affiliated with the Victorian Amateur Sculling Association (still going as Winter Sculling!), and C.F.W. Pepler was the first Yarra Yarra member to win the Herald Shield. Yarra Yarra won the Champion Sculls of Victoria for eleven consecutive years from 1929 to 1939.



YIRC PRESIDENTS

1931-1949	Col. G.I. Stevenson
1949-1952	A.F. Wishart
1952-1961	Leyshon Williams





WAR AND VICTORY

Victorian Rowing was once again swept into world war. Of Yarra Yarra's 97 current members, 91 enlisted for World War II, and two members were killed.

During the 1940s, several members felt the Club should be dissolved for lack of members. The club was turned around when Des Coe wrote a pamphlet to dispel the myth that rowing was bad for your health and circulated it among Melbourne businesses. The pamphlet campaign attracted 17 new recruits for the first advertised rowing training session, and many became racing and club stalwarts.

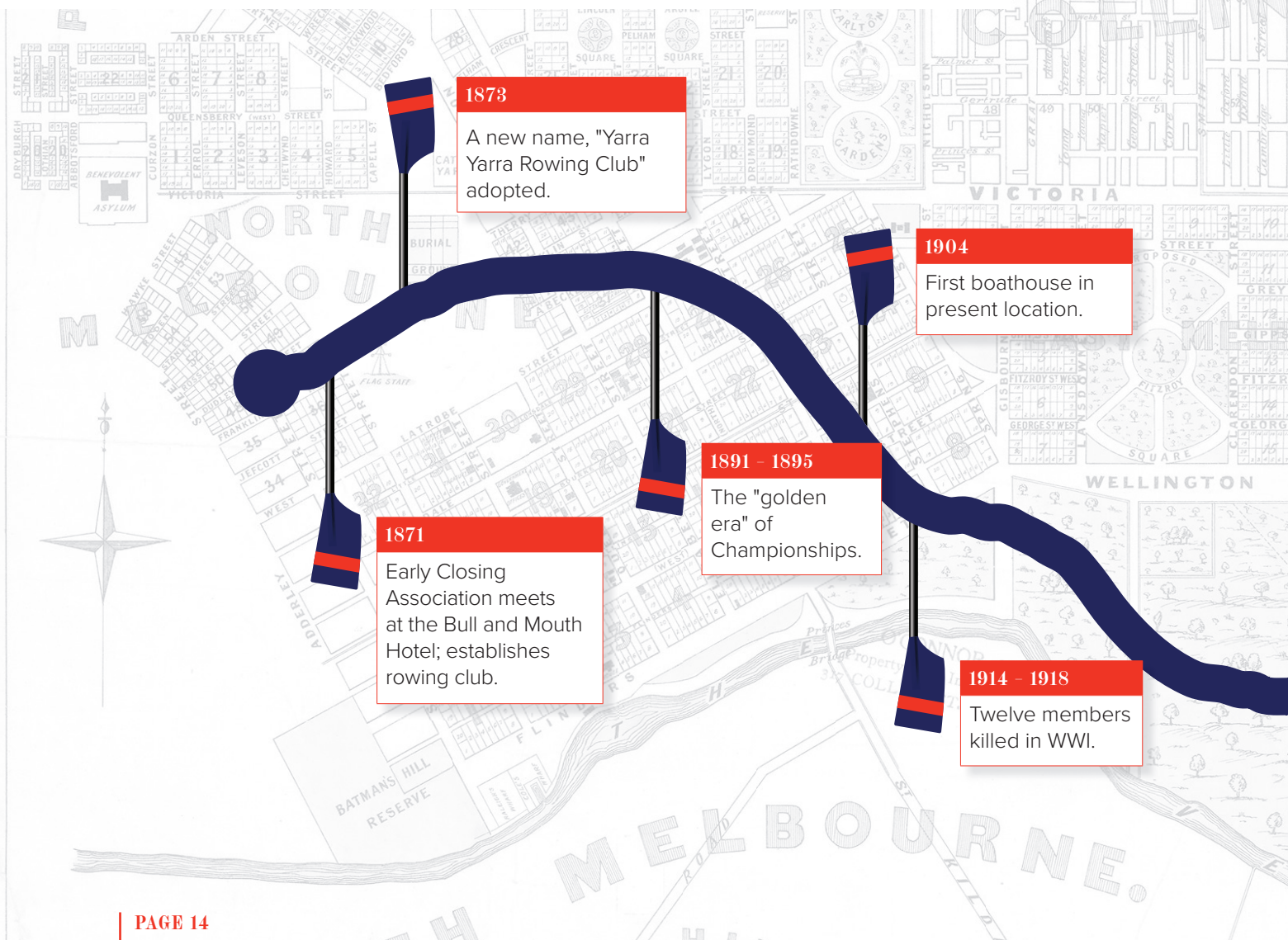
Yarra Yarra won its first Victorian Rowing title during the 1952/52 season, the Junior Fours championship. With only 18 active members at the time, this was an impressive turning point for the Club.

By 1958, Yarra Yarra was competing for the Junior Lightweight Championship. At the close of the 1957/58 season, the club needed one more win to take the Championship so sent crews to the Easter regattas in Sale, Bairnsdale and Wentworth. The Sale and Bairnsdale crews missed out on their wins, so the pressure was on for the crew in Wentworth. A convincing win by this crew brought the Championship to the club.

1A. Colac Regatta and Victorian Championships Junior Four, 1951/52 Season. **1B.** VRA Junior Premiership Certificate, 1951/52 season. **2.** YYRC Lightweight Eight, who won the Victorian Championship Lightweight Eight race in style, secured the Lightweight Premiership for Yarra Yarra, 1958. **3.** Harry Hodges Shield. Most Proficient and Diligent coxwain for the season. **4.** Building boat raft, Mildura Rowing Club, to tow the boats to Wentworth for racing the next day, 1958. **5.** YYRC Memorial Shield, honouring those members who served in WWI and WWII. **6.** Opening Lock 11 Weir Gates, Mildura, 1958. **7.** Club Regatta Transport, 1950s. **8.** Wentworth Regatta Lightweight Four whose win helped bring home the Lightweight Premiership in 1958.

Yarra Yarra Rowing Club has for 150 years been a proud member of Victoria's rowing community. Club members in our distinctive colours have been welcomed in competition, collaboration and celebration by our rowing peers, and have been a constant presence on the beautiful Yarra River.

The Club has seen a lot of changes during the last 150 years; current members are proud to set the stage for the next 150 years.



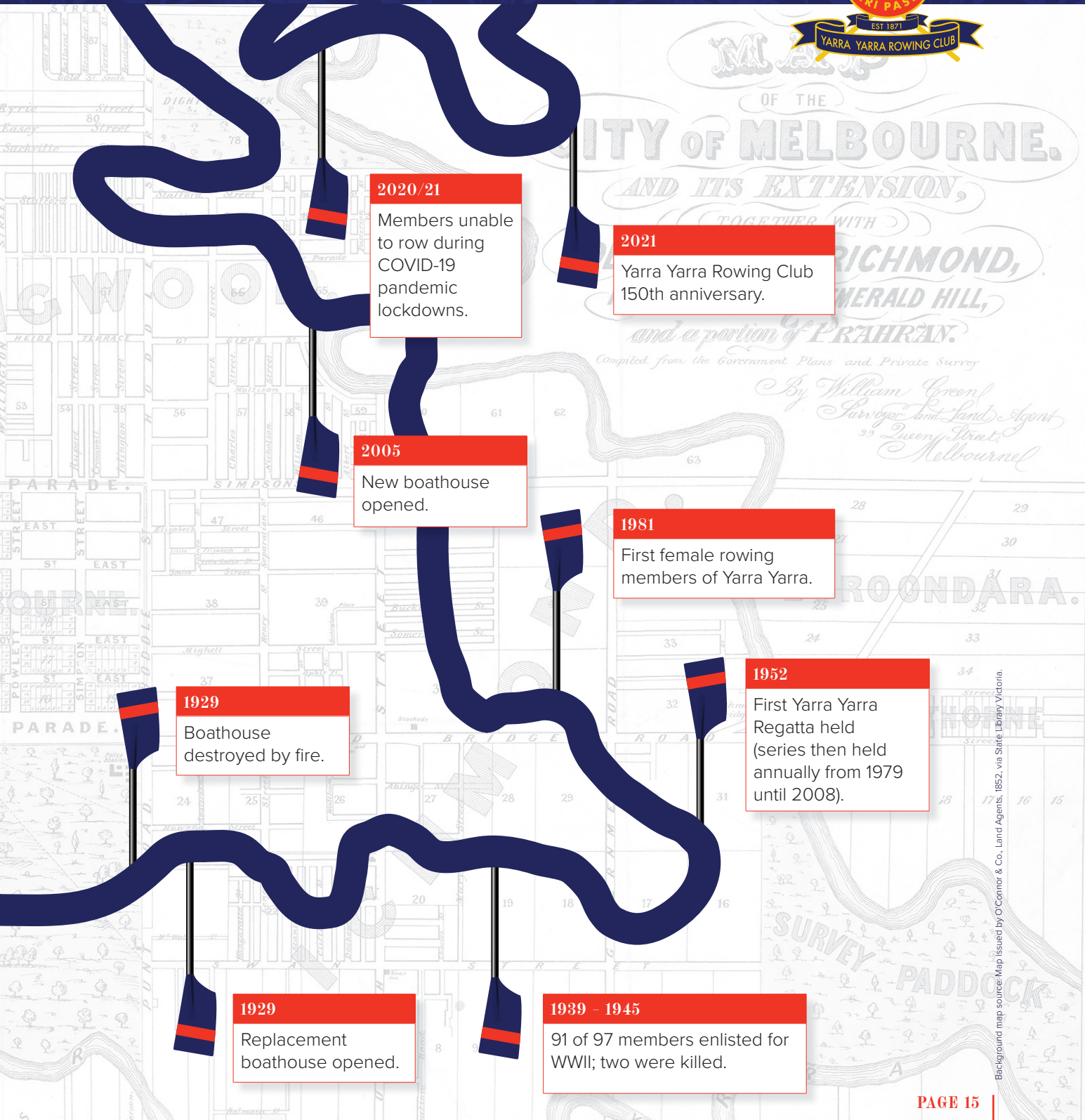
1873
A new name, "Yarra Yarra Rowing Club" adopted.

1904
First boathouse in present location.

1891 - 1895
The "golden era" of Championships.

1871
Early Closing Association meets at the Bull and Mouth Hotel; establishes rowing club.

1914 - 1918
Twelve members killed in WWI.



2020/21
Members unable to row during COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns.

2021
Yarra Yarra Rowing Club 150th anniversary.

2005
New boathouse opened.

1981
First female rowing members of Yarra Yarra.

1929
Boathouse destroyed by fire.

1952
First Yarra Yarra Regatta held (series then held annually from 1979 until 2008).

1929
Replacement boathouse opened.

1939 - 1945
91 of 97 members enlisted for WWII; two were killed.

Background map source: Map issued by O'Camor & Co. Land Agents, 1852, via State Library Victoria.



Stern words

Allan Rice and Jim Skidmore narrowly missed selection to the Australian Rowing Crew for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. They drove to the trials at the National Championships in Canberra with their double scull “Bottles” tied to the roof of a car, only to miss out on selection by 0.3 seconds. “Bottles” has had a decorative second life in the new club house – just look up!

Carey Grammar first launched from Yarra Yarra’s shed at Boathouse Drive during 1967. Work was started on a Carey Annexe during the early 1970s, and a Carey crew won the Public Schools Head of the River for the first time in 1984.

In retrospect, it seems as if the Club went through a low point during the 1970s. As one Club Captain pointed out at the time – lack of training causes a vicious cycle where crews that were not coached lost their commitment,



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YYRC PRESIDENTS

1952–1961	Leyshon Williams
1961–1962	H.T. A'Court
1962–1969	R.G. Harding
1969–1972	E.M. Wilson
1972–1974	Arthur Stickland
1974–1984	Jack J. Donald

1. Champion Junior Four, 1965/66. 2. Yea Regatta Senior Four. The crew won this race, an impressive win given their Banks competitors boated two Olympians. 3. 1976 Rowing Victoria Centenary celebration, demonstration of fixed seat rowing featuring Yarra Yarra members Ron Mitchell and Ted Woolcock. 4. In 1969 YYRC members took a road trip from Melbourne to Bundaberg towing the Victorian and Tasmanian boats on the YYRC trailer for the Kings Cup. Melbourne to Bundaberg on Mobil! 5. Allan Rice (B), Jim Skidmore (S) at Australian Rowing Team trials for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, National Championships, Canberra. 6. The winning 1966 Victorian Kings Cup Crew (also pictured), including YYRC members, John Castle (2), Rob Jones (6) and coached by Hubert Frederico.

then when a coach was found the crews were found wanting. According to Annual Reports, numbers and commitment started to grow by the end of the decade, placing the Club in a good position to bloom during the 1980s and 1990s.

During this time, the club house was "lifted" and renovated, as the shed had developed a lean, and the rear of the shed had sunk by 500cm. Club members formed working groups to install new concrete floors within the existing wooden building, to relocate the bar to the first floor, and to develop new shower and toilet facilities.

The Yarra Yarra Regatta was made an annual event from 1979. The club conducted regattas until 2008, and several members provided long-term support – Ron Mitchell as Regatta Convenor for nearly 20 years; Leigh Gallagher as Assistant Regatta Secretary for more than 20 years; Gloria Gallagher running refreshments, trophies and presentations for more than 10 years; Trevor Lange and Peter Gill as Regatta Secretary for 20 years between them.



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YYRC PRESIDENTS

1974–1984	Jack J. Donald
1984–1988	Jim Evans
1988–1992	Edward Woolcock
1992–1993	John Fairbank
1993–1998	Michael Hamilton
1998–2003	John Downie

The Female Touch

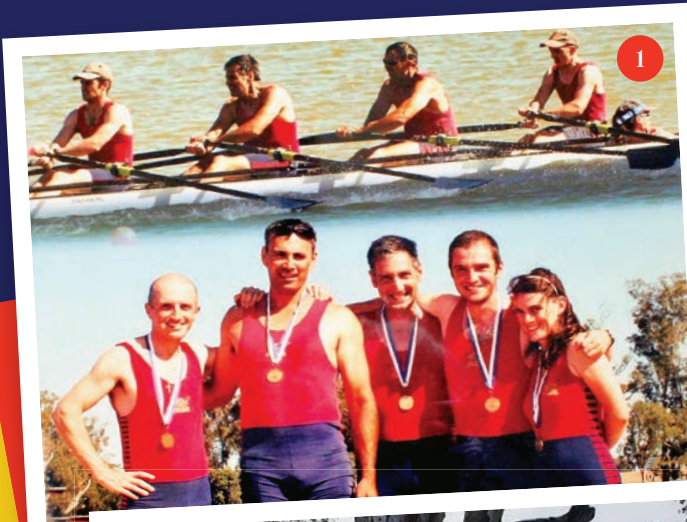
During 1981 the club accepted its first women rowing members. Not to downplay the years of contributions made by women as coxswains and volunteers! The first women's competition crews were recorded during 1983, and their first recorded win was at the 1985 Winter Regatta, where Maureen Logan, Rowena Thompson and Janet Midgely (cox) won the novice coxed pair. By 1987, women were making regular appearances on the Club's annual winners' lists.

Several current Club members including Linda Skidmore, Janet Cussen, Colin Rawson, Fiona Dickson-Speed, Ion Popa, and Susie Bartlett were representing Victoria and Australia during the 1980s.

Women rowers made an ever-stronger contribution to Yarra Yarra's competitive spirit: Yarra Yarra won the 1990/91 Women's Club Premiership; the 1991/92 Women's Senior Premiership; and in 1992/93 both the Women's Senior and the Women's Junior Premierships.

Georgina Douglas rowed in the Australian Women's Eight in the Atlanta Olympics in 1996, and also raced a scull at the Sydney Olympics in 2000. Rachel Kininmonth, after representing Australia for three consecutive years, rowed in the Australian Women's Eight in Sydney 2000.

- 1.** *Yarra Yarra State representatives and Champions at the Australian Championships, 1992.*
2. *125th Anniversary Shield, 1997.* **3.** *Women's Open Coxed Four, Mildura, 1993* **4.** *Female Four, Yarrowonga Regatta, 1984.* **5.** *The all Skidmore line-up, Yarrowonga, 1989.* **6.** *Rutherglen Regatta, 1989* **7.** *Victorian Women's Youth Eight won the State title (Bicentennial Cup), 1997.* **8.** *Victorian Women's Interstate Youth Four, 1993.*
9. *First YYRC winning womens crew trophy, 1985.*



YYRC PRESIDENTS	
1998–2003	John Downie
2003–2008	Bruce Ricketts
2008–2013	Fiona Dickson-Speed
2014–2019	Stuart Critchell
2019–Present	Linda Skidmore

1. Victorian Champion Men's D Coxed Quad Scull, 2007. 2. Men's intermediate Quad Scull State Champions, 2002. 3. That time we won three categories in the 2018 Head of the Yarra, Male Masters D Eight, Men's D Grade Eight, and Men's C Grade Eight. 4. The 2016 Rutherglen Centenary Regatta with Regatta Officials; Robin Murphy, Mark Brown and Jim Skidmore. 5. Victorian Champion Female C Eight, 2015. 6. Female C Eight, Head of the Yarra, 2007. 7. YYRC shed prior to its demolition, 2005.

MAKE

EVERY STROKE COUNT

Our lovely new clubhouse was opened during 2005, providing more accommodation for Yarra Yarra and for Carey Grammar Rowing. During construction the boats were stored across Melbourne, with a small fleet kept outdoors next to Banks Rowing Club so that members could continue to train. Club Patron Jim Skidmore operated a remote bar for members training out of Banks Rowing Club during this time, relying on an esky, bags of ice and a small cash drawer.

Brett Hayman started as a cox at YYRC, and would go on to cox the Australian Men's Eight at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 and other Australian crews in International races..

During 2015, for the first time Yarra Yarra employed a professional coach, Olympian Ion Popa. Ion's efforts, in conjunction with several other key members led the club to a very competitive position during the later part of the decade, with a significant number of wins including three golds at the 2018 Head of the Yarra: Male D Grade Eight, Male C Grade Eight and Male Masters D Eight.

Yarra Yarra remained committed to all rowing: the Learn to Row and Development programs continued to build, members

provided strong support to the annual Winter Sculling program, and members competed in Victorian and Interstate short course and long distance regattas. Yarra Yarra proudly held the Victorian Masters Championship from 2008 to 2012.

The first two years of the new decade have held bad news for the rowing community. Like the rest of Melbourne's rowing clubs, during pandemic lockdowns Yarra Yarra has been closed more than it has been open. Members have maintained strong connections with each other and with rowing, and many of our activities have moved online; even though an ergo race just isn't as exciting as on water.

One of the few bright spots on the international calendar in 2021 has been the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics. Yarra Yarra is very proud of our previous member Carol Cooke, who won a cycling silver medal in the Women's T1-2 time trial. Carol learned to row with Yarra Yarra and was an elite para-rower during the early 2010s, before taking up cycling. Yarra Yarra also celebrated with Ion Popa as his daughter Rosie won a gold in the Australian Women's Coxless Four.

2021 MEMBER REGISTRY

AS OF OCTOBER 2021

Life Members

Andrew Bray
Mark Brown
Jack Chatziyakoumis
Stuart Critchell
Fiona Dickson-Speed
Peter Gill
Michael Hamilton
Rob Jones
Bruce Ricketts
Jim Skidmore
Fiona Woodard
Jenny Yann

Honorary Life Memberships

Gloria Gallacher
Bob Mann
Peter Mees
Lyn Rasmussen
Thea Skidmore
Roger Wilson

Honorary Members

Craig Adrians
Gail Chatziyakoumis

Active Members

Jane Ainsworth
Andrew Barker
Chris Barlow
Lisa Bates
Ceri Bennett
Andrew Bolam
Elizabeth Bolam
John Bolton

Sue Bowring
Catherine Bradford
Peter Bramwell
Charles Bush
Jennifer Butler
Melissa Cameron
Harry Cator
Paul Charlwood
Chris Chesterfield
Andrew Christian
Steve Clifford
Malcolm Coe
Geoffrey Court
Maryjane Crabtree
Janet Cussen
Jennifer Dawson
Peter Dyer
Thomas Edwards
Roger Engledow
Michael Entwisle
Curtis Eppel
Peter Findlay
Glenn Fischmann
Paul Fogarty
John Foley
Rowan Gebert
Rebecca George
Janelle Gostelow
Andrew Gray
Evonne Grosso
Anthony Hall
Jennifer Hall
Alison Hallahan
Grace Han
Nicholas Harper
Jeffrey Hills

Adrienne Hilton
Bridget Hoadley
Kalen Hopkins
Dahni Houseman
Tracey Hughes
Nicholas Inglis
Giles Ingram
Johanna Jackson
Margaret Jackson
Stuart Jackson
John Jenkinson
Colin Johnston
Bradley Jones
Tracey Jones
Sabine Kasel
Paddy Keys-Macpherson
Ed Kinch
Marion Kinhead
Wendy Landy
Susan Lewis
Sonia Liu
Sam Lynch
Celia Martin
Mark McCombe
Kerry McDermott
Christopher McDonald
Robert McGauran
Jenny McIntosh
Jordan McKay
Glenn Millican
Peter Millington
Peter Mitchell
Katherine Muehlhaeuser
Andrew Murchie
Ian Murton
Charles Negri

Andrew Nicholls
Charles Northam
Judith O'Brien
Andrew Persic
Jackie Petley
Christopher Phyland
David Phillips
Jill Plummer
Ion Popa
Daniel Price
Bryce Raworth
Colin Rawson
Melanie Ringersma
Anthony Rixon
Kathryn Rodriguez
Helen Rolton
Alan Ruck
Brigid Ryan
Jane Ryan
Andrew Sinclair
Linda Skidmore
Julian Smart
Sue Smith
Ian Soderstrom
Nikolas Stavrias
Sophie Sun
Elisabeth Sutherland
Ian Symmons
Richard Thwaites
Leiarna Tosto
Cathy Tsigaras
Francis Van Gulick
Leonie van 't Hag
Robert Venus
Juley Vuong
Mark Wagner



150th Anniversary Reunion of present and past members
28 March 2021

Colin Walker
Andrew Watson
Natalie Webster
Mike Wheatcroft
Susanne White
Simon Wilson
Andrew Wollen
Alastair Wood

**Full time Student
18+ Members**

Georgina Bolam
Sophie Scott
Ravinder Walsh-Bhathal

**Junior Members
(Under 18)**

Lottie Adrians
Imogen Blake

Harper Broome
Meg Dumbrell
Matilda Dwyer
Ryan Evans
Samara Frankpitt
Claire Harrison
Eva Hegarty
Beth Hennessy
Zara Kfoury Seba
Jai Negri
Clancy Peters
Ella Redman
Charles Reyment
Max Reyment
Grace Ricketts
Lucy Thomson
Rhea Werner
Zoe White

Coxswain Members

Johan Adrians
Georgina Box
Mieta Charlwood
Lynda Clark
Clare Daly
Joshua Dewan
Andrew Edwards
Matthew Gordon
Samuel Lincoln
Samantha Loh
Maya Martin
Caitlin Ripper
Sally Sinclair
Wesley Spencer
Eliza Staford
Caroline Strafard

Social Members

Robert Coco
Andy Coe
Susan Fernon
Carolyn Foley
Diana Kelly
Trevor Lange
Briony Milesi
Fiona Munn
Neil Perry

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Pages 6–7 | 1871–1899 Photos

- 1. The earliest Club crew photo;** Geelong Regatta Maiden Eight, 1884. John Connell in two seat was a member for 75 years, believed to be the longest serving member on record. Crew members: J.R. Ainley (B), J. Connell (2), W.R. Horsburgh (3), G. Irwin (4), S. Duggan (5), W. Gierck (6), N. Samuel (7), N.S. Calvert (S), T. Ainley (cox).
- 2. Edwards Boat shed,** circa 1875.
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- 4. Victorian Champion Eight, 1893.** YYRC held the title from 1891-93. Crew members: Back row: F. Galvin (2), Arthur H. Enticott (5), Edward (Teddy) Horsburgh (4). Front row: James Yeoman (6), James McDonald (B), Edward R Ainley (S), C.W. Horsburgh (3), Alec Chamley (7). Seated in front: G. Horsburgh (cox).
- 5. Trophy – The first regatta win by YYRC.** Won by P.J. Steele, from 12 competitors. Held on lower Yarra near junction with Saltwater or Maribyrnong River. Clinker boats outrigger only.
- 6. Maiden Pair, Melbourne Upper Yarra Amateur Regatta, 1881.** J. Watters (B), H. Hansford (S), J. Byrne (cox). Seven crews in event.

- 7. Trophy – Antwerp Rowing Club, Maiden Sculls, 1897.** Won by H.M. Rooker. Salt or tea canister, with small photos found in the canister.

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- 3. Club Races - McDonald Day Fours, 1930.** Winning Crew members: E. Watson (B), E. Kellet (2), J. Batchelor (3), R. Hay (S).
- 4. Carl F.W. Peppler in single scull, 1930.**
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 - Wentworth Regatta Lightweight Four** who's win helped bring home the Lightweight Premiership in 1958. Crew members: Stan Bulmer (S), Jim Skidmore (3), Ron Mitchell (B), Peter Gill (2), In front Ian Gosling (Cox).

Pages 16–17 | 1960–1979 Photos

- Champion Junior Four, 1965/66.** Crew members: W. Sanguinetti (B), Kim Luff (2), J Moffatt (3), Peter Dalton (S), Ken Mawson (Cox), Kevin Wickham (Coach – coxswains seat in photo).
- Yea Regatta Senior Four.** The crew won this race, an impressive win given their sole competition boated an ex-Olympian. Crew members: Peter Dalton (B), Mick Long (2), Jim Skidmore (3), Brian Dennis (S), S. Livingston (Cox), Andy Curry (Coach).
- 1976 Rowing Victoria Centenary celebration**, demonstration of fixed seat rowing featuring Yarra Yarra members Ron Mitchell and Ted Woolcock. Crew members: Ron Mitchell (B), Ted Woolcock (2), Patrick Moore (3), Field Rickards (S), Matthew Foster (Cox).
- In 1969 YYRC members Jack Donald, Ian Borwick took a road trip from Melbourne to Bundaberg** towing the Victorian and Tasmanian boats on the YYRC trailer for the Kings Cup. Melbourne to Bundaberg on Mobil!
- Allan Rice (B), Jim Skidmore (S) at Australian Rowing Team trials for the 1964**

Tokyo Olympics, National Championships, Canberra.

- The winning 1966 Victorian Kings Cup Crew** (also pictured), including YYRC members, John Castles (2), Rob Jones (6) and coached by Hubert Frederico.

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- Yarra Yarra State representatives and Champions** at the 1992 Australian Championships. Crew members: Louise Findlay, Sarah Harris, Mandy Loftus-Hills, Yolanda Jones, and their coach Rob Jones.
- 125th Anniversary Shield, 1997.**
- Women's Open Coxed Four, Mildura, 1993.** Crew members: Linda Skidmore, Anabelle Eaton, Mandy Loftus-Hills, Catherine Carr.
- Female Four, Yarrowonga Regatta, 1984.**
- The all Skidmore line-up, Yarrowonga, 1989.** Crew members: Kevin Skidmore (Cox), Linda Skidmore (S), Margaret Skidmore (B).
- Rutherglen Regatta, 1989.**
- Victorian Women's Youth Eight, 1997.** For the second year the second year running, the Victorian Women's Youth Eight won the State title (Bicentennial Cup) in a time of

7:34.62. Four members and the coach were from Yarra Yarra; Stephanie Fast, Sarah Billens, Sophie McKinnon (cox), and John Downie (coach).

8. Victorian Women's Interstate Youth Four, 1993.

Includigng YYRC member, Linda Skidmore (3).

9. First YYRC winning women's crew, 1985.

Crew members: Maureen Logan (B), Rowena Thompson (S), Janet Midgley (Cox), Michael Bushby (Coach).

Jason O'Meara (B), Sarah Arblaster (Cox).

2. Men's intermediate Quad Scull State Champions, 2002.

Crew members: Ed Kinch (B), Jamie McDonald (2), Bruce Ricketts (3), John Downie (S), Virginia Sulzberger (Cox).

3. That time we won three categories in the 2018 Head of the Yarra, Male Masters D Eight, Men's D Grade Eight, and Men's C Grade Eight.

4. The 2016 150th Rutherglen Regatta with Regatta Officials;

Robin Murphy, Mark Brown and Jim Skidmore. Without whom we wouldn't be able to do the sport we love.

5. Victorian Champion Female C Eight, 2015.

Crew members:

Brenton Terrell (Coach), Sienna Jones (7), Anna Willis (B), Bryony Schmidt (2), Majella Jones (S), Linda Skidmore (6), Melanie Ringersma (5), Janelle Dawson (3), Kathleen Hanson (4), Shiho Ozeki (Cox).

6. Female C Eight, Head of the Yarra, 2007.

Crew members: Fleur Royds (B), Justine Carfae (2), Miriam Schafer (3), Carol Cooke (4), Briony Tupper (5), Kirra Yates (6), Phoebe Swinnerton (7), Jill Plummer (S), Mathew Bushett (Cox), Coached by Stuart Poole and Stuart McShane.

7. YYRC shed prior to it's demolition, 2005.

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1. Victorian Champion Men's D Coxed Quad Scull, 2007.

Crew members: Brendan O'Meara (S), Stuart Critchell (2), Jack Chatziyakoumis (3),



The YYRC 150 Anniversary Club Races commemorative medals. Awarded to the winning crew of the Yarra Yarra Dash Dash. 5 December 2021.

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