

AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL

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To the Members of the Council,

Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I present the Thirty First Annual Report of the Council and the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year which ends on the 31st March, 1963.

COUNCIL

President: G.R.H. Gill, M.B.E. (Queensland)  
Sir Harold Alderson, K.T., M.B.E., C. St. J. (New South Wales)  
R.R. Aitken, Esq., (Victoria), J.R. Berkery, Esq., (Tasmania),  
J.F. Howson, Esq., (Western Australia), A.L. Southcott, Esq.,  
(South Australia), and the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer,  
R.G. Blundstone Esq. (Tasmania).

MEETINGS

The last Annual Meeting of your Council was held at The Old Colonists Club at Ballarat, Victoria on Thursday 22nd March, 1962.

A special meeting of the Council was held on Monday 23rd April 1962, at the Ballarat City Rowing Club.

An informal meeting was held in Perth on the 26th November, 1962 at the new boat house at Canning River when the following were present:-  
Mr. J. Rogers, Australian Continental Representative on F.I.S.A.,  
Messrs. B. Walker, W. Richards, and C. Saunders (New Zealand Rowing Association) Messrs. R. Longmore (Queensland), A. Southcott (South Australia), the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer R.G. Blundstone.  
This meeting was presided over by Mr. R.R. Aitken (Victoria).

OBITUARY

It is deeply regretted to record the passing during the year of Mr. R.S. Jeffries (Western Australia) and Mr. T.S. Nickson (New South Wales).

Appropriate letters of sympathy were sent on your behalf.

Mr. R.S. Jeffries, or "Old Jeff.", as he was affectionately known, was appointed president of your Council for the period of the Empire Games, but unfortunately passed away before the Games commenced and Mr. J.F. Howson of Western Australia was appointed to the position until the 1st December, 1962. No gentleman was better known in

rowing circles as an active oarsman and as an administrator than "Old Jeff". He was an original member of your Council and always contributed thoughtfully at meetings. For a number of years he was Australian Vice-President to the World Body of Rowing. His personality will be greatly missed at all rowing regattas and King's Cups for many, many years to come.

The late Tom Nickson of New South Wales was also widely known in rowing circles throughout Australia and was a former King's Cup oarsman and at the time of his passing was a F.I.S.A. licence holder and was to officiate at the Empire Games last November. Tom was vitally interested in rowing and will be greatly missed by his association in New South Wales and oarsmen throughout Australia.

#### KING'S CUP 1963

It was decided at the Annual Meeting in Ballarat, Victoria, to hold the 1963 King's Cup and other events at Brisbane, Queensland over a period of two days, the 3rd and 4th May, 1963.

#### MAIL VOTE

The following mail vote was taken during the year :-

Re Repechage Heat King's Cup 1963. - Western Australia requested that a mail vote be taken with respect to the Repechage Heat being changed from 9 a.m. Saturday 4th May, to Friday 3rd May at 4.30 p.m. The result of the vote was in the affirmative as follows:-  
For - Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania.  
Against - New South Wales, (Queensland did not vote)

#### FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES SOCIETIES d'AVIRON

President: Monsieur Thomas Keller. Switzerland  
 Australian Continental Representative: Mr. Jim Rogers of Australia representing New Zealand and Australia.  
 Secretary: Monsieur Charles Riolo, Switzerland.

Much correspondence has taken place with Mr. Rogers during the year and also with Messieurs Keller and Riolo. Mr. Rogers is working very hard in the interests of Australia. We are now recognised as a world centre of rowing and as Mr. Rogers attends all meetings of the World Body, Australia's view points are always very strongly upheld. Mr. Rogers recently had the complete new rules of F.I.S.A. translated into English and sent to all affiliated associations in Australia. This action was greatly appreciated by all recipients.

ANNUAL MEETING F.I.S.A., LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND, 1962

Australia's three representatives at this meeting were Messrs. Geoffrey MacIntyre, New South Wales, Alan Jacobsen and Ron Jelbart of Victoria.

Excellent reports were received from Mr. Rogers and Monsieur Keller as to the able manner in which Australia was represented, particular reference being made to the great help it was Mr. MacIntyre being able to converse in French.

RECORDS OF AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1962

BALLARAT, VICTORIA

KING'S CUP: Victoria First, Western Australia Second, Tasmania Third, New South Wales Fourth. Won by half a length.  
Time : 6 minutes 8.5 seconds.

PRESIDENT'S CUP I. Tutty, New South Wales First; G. Squires Tasmania Second; J. Sykes Victoria Third; G.M. Hubbard, Western Australia Fourth. Won by four lengths.  
Time: 7 minutes 30 seconds

PENRITH CUP (Lightweight Fours) Victoria - First, New South Wales - Second, Western Australia - Third, South Australia - Fourth.  
Won by four lengths. Time 7 minutes 5 seconds

RESULTS FIRST AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL REGATTA

1962 LAKE WENDOUREE, BALLARAT, VICTORIA

FOUR-OARED CREW WITH COX Corio Bay, Victoria - First, Composite Victoria - Second, Colleagues, New South Wales - Third, Mercantile, Victoria - Fourth, Yarra Yarra Victoria - Fifth.  
Margins - Won by 1½ L. Time 7 minutes 19 seconds.

PAIR-OARED CREW WITHOUT COX Mosman No. 2 New South Wales, First; Mercantile Victoria, Second; Nagambie, Victoria, Third; Mosman No. 1 New South Wales, Fourth, Balmain New South Wales Fifth; Won by 1 Length  
Time - 7 minutes 46 seconds

LIGHTWEIGHT SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP J. Sykes, Corio Bay - First; S. Rolls, Leichardt, - Second, C. Bullard, Haberfield - Third; M. Wignall (Scratched) Won by 6 lengths. Time 8 minutes 22.5 Secs.

DOUBLE SCULLS Haberfield No. 1 New South Wales - First; Mosman No.1 New South Wales - Second; Tasmania - Third; Adelaide University - Fourth;  
Won by 3 Lengths. Time - 7 minutes 24.4 Seconds.

FOUR-OARED CREWS WITHOUT COX Mosman New South Wales - First; Sydney, New South Wales - Second; Mercantile, Victoria - Third; Yarra Yarra, Victoria - Fourth; Banks, Victoria - Fifth. Won by 3/4 Length. Time 7 Mins. 15 Secs.

LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT-OARED CHAMPIONSHIP Mercantile - Corio Bay (Victoria) - First; Sydney, New South Wales - Second; Leichardt, New South Wales - Third; Haberfield, New South Wales - Fourth. Won by 3/4 Length. Time - 6 minutes 54.9 Seconds.

PAIR-OARED CREW WITH COX Wendouree, Victoria - First; Haberfield, New South Wales - Second. Won easily. Time - 9 minutes 3.5 Seconds.

LIGHTWEIGHT PAIR-OARED CREW WITH COX South Melbourne, Victoria - First; Hawthorn, Victoria - Second; Yarra Yarra, Victoria - Third; Haberfield, New South Wales - Fourth; Leichardt, New South Wales - Fifth. Won by 3 1/2 Lengths. Time - 8 minutes, 20.5 Seconds

NOTE: All races were over the International distance of 2,000 metres.

All arrangements for the Australian Championships and the Australian National Championships were well planned and precisely carried out by the Victorian Rowing Association.

Appreciation is expressed to Mr. Norman Cairnes and his Committee for their effective work.

The first Australian National Championships were an undoubted success and all efforts must be made to see that they are continued each two years. Mr. Kevin Webb is to be congratulated for the part he has played in the inauguration of these races which must improve the standard of the sport of rowing in Australia.

#### FIRST WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS LUCERNE, SEPTEMBER, 1962

Complete, detailed reports of Australia's participation in these first World Championships as compiled by Team Manager, Mr. Geoffrey McIntyre, and Coach, Mr. Alan Jacobsen, have been sent to all affiliated associations.

Australia was represented by its Empire Games Eight from Victoria coached by Mr. Alan Jacobsen, a Four without Cox from Victoria coached by Mr. Ron Jelbart and by Australian Sculling Champion, Ian Tutty, in that event.

Both the Eight and the Four performed particularly well and on each occasion rowed fifth in the World, from about 18 competing countries. The experience gained by these crews and the corresponding knowledge



obtained of the latest scientific improvements to equipment proved invaluable to Australia's performance at the Empire Games.

Appreciation is expressed to the wonderful work done by Mr. Geoffrey McIntyre who managed the crew, to Mr. Alan Jacobsen, coach of the Eight whose enthusiasm was a major effort in the crew leaving Australia and to his help financially, to Ron Jelbart for his coaching of the Four and other help and this crew rowed surprisingly well, and to Mr. Noel Wilkinson as Honorary Treasurer of the Appeal for his energetic work in this respect.

World President, Monsieur Thomas Keller, wrote stating that Australia's performance at the First World Championships was excellent and had established Australia as one of the leading rowing nations of the world. He also stated that their performance demonstrated that Australia could conduct World Championships and these are hoped to be held in Canberra in 1970.

#### EMPIRE GAMES PERTH, 1962

Complete and detailed reports as prepared by Mr. Noel Wilkinson, Australian Team Manager and Mr. Ken Carrick, Regatta Manager have been distributed.

Australia was represented in the Eights by a brilliant crew from Victoria coached by Mr. Alan Jacobsen and for the first time in Empire Games rowing, won gold medals for Australia, which now makes Australia the leading Empire Games rowing country. The Coxed Four from Victoria coached by Mr. Albert Bell also rowed very well and were only beaten by 2.1/2 ft. by New Zealand, in the final. They won a silver medal for Australia.

Sculler, Ian Tutty, and the double sculls coached by Kevin Webb both were third in their events winning bronze medals, as also did the Coxless Pair from New South Wales. The performance of the Coxless Four from New South Wales was disappointing and is the subject of a report by the Manager, Mr. Noel Wilkinson and the Coach Mr. Wim. Sirks.

Rowing Manager, Mr. Noel Wilkinson deserves congratulations for the efficient and thorough manner in which he carried out his duties which sometimes were difficult. The facilities provided in Perth at the Canning River were excellent.

The rowing team emergencies from Victoria David Boykett and Simon Newcomb, performed most creditably in fitting in at short notice to fill the breach in the Coxless Four created by the withdrawal of two of the originally selected four to concentrate in the Coxless Pair Event.

The Rowing Association of Western Association now has an excellent

clubhouse and course on the Canning River.

The appointed rowing officials from all States carried out their duties in a most efficient manner and were always at their posts at the required time.

As Chairman of the Technical Committee controlling the rowing, Mr. Robert Aitken of Victoria carried out his duties in his usual most efficient manner and reference must also be made to the assistance given by F.I.S.A. Representative, Mr. Jim Rogers.

Appreciation must also be given to Mr. Ken Carrick as Chairman of the Rowing Committee and his team of workers for the months of effort they put into the organisation of the events. The success attained must have been gratifying to all concerned and many favourable comments were expressed by rowing officials from competing countries.

#### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Thirty-six cards from rowing associations all over the world were received and suitably acknowledged on your behalf.

#### LONDON REPRESENTATIVE

We thank Mr. Max Phillips again for his excellent efforts on our behalf. He also represented Australia at British Empire Games' meetings in London and was a great help to our association on all occasions.

We congratulate Mr. Phillips on his recent appointment as honorary treasurer of the British Empire Games Association. His closer association now with the controlling body in London will be invaluable to the Australian Amateur Rowing Council.

#### MR. JACK HOWSON

(Council Delegate Western Australia)

Congratulations to Jack Howson for the excellent manner in which he conducted the Empire Games in Perth as Director of Organisation. His organising ability was in no small way responsible for the success of the Perth Games and this was fully demonstrated by his recent special Helms Foundation Award given by the American Organisation.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES ROWING ASSOCIATION

Rowing Camp and Promotional Regatta

Congratulations to the above association for staging the first rowing camp at the Narrabeen Lakes National Fitness Camp 18th January to the 20th January 1963. It is activities such as the above organised by Mr. Kevin Webb that help to promote our sport in Australia.

#### PROPOSED NEW ZEALAND TOUR TO AUSTRALIA 1962

The above tour planned just prior to the Empire Games in 1962 was

cancelled by the New Zealand Rowing Association for various domestic reasons.

Further negotiations are now in progress for a visit from New Zealand either towards the end of 1963 or the beginning of 1964.

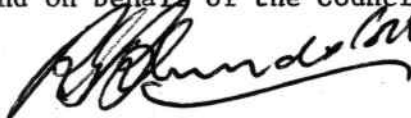
#### CONCLUSION

Your Council has been most active during the past season and the policy adopted in 1960 after the Rome Olympic Games of sending Australian Crews outside Australia for international competition has proved successful. I will do all I can to foster this policy particularly now that there will be no rowing at Empire Games for the next eight years.

I wish to express my appreciation to all State Secretaries for their co-operation during the past season. The Australian Amateur Council is now well known throughout the rowing world as is evidenced by the constant correspondence coming from all world rowing countries and the requests by Australian oarsmen and administrators for introduction to the world rowing associations when they are travelling overseas.

May we continue with our efforts to create a more efficient organisation and so reach even higher standards in our great amateur sport of rowing. In each State let us be leaders in amateur sport.

For and on behalf of the Council,



(R. G. BLUNDSTONE)  
Honorary Secretary/Treasurer  
Australian Amateur Rowing Council

22nd April, 1963

"Realty House",  
50A Murray Street,  
HOBART, Tasmania.





AND EXPENDITURE 1962/63

14/7/62	Dunkling's Jewellers Kenny Medals			17.	2.	0
16/7/62	Macquarie Typing Service to 31/5/62			36.	10.	6
18/7/62	Victorian Rowing Association (Insurance King's Cup 1961-62)			1.	16.	2
20/8/62	Macquarie Typing To 30/6/62 (Typing Re World Championships)			15.	7.	0
"	Yorkshire Ins. Co. (King's Cup etc.)			1.	17.	6
"	Travel Hon. Sec. King's Cup Ballarat			21.	2.	0
"	F.I.S.A. Affiliation Fee 1962/3			52.	0.	0
"	Affiliation Fee B.E. & C. Games			5.	5.	0
"	Macquarie Typing Service To 31/12/62			61.	0.	5
"	Monotone Art Printers Stationery	3.	7.11			
"	" " " Christmas Cards	5.	5. 9	8.	13.	8
"	Sportsmans Plaque Church of England Church Wembley, W.A. Empire Games Perth 1962			8.	10.	0
	Disbursements Empire Games Officials					
	W.A.	22 at £8 each	176.	0.	0	
	Queensland	2 " 75 "	150.	0.	0	
	N.S.W.	4 " 60 "	240.	0.	0	
	Victoria	4 " 44 "	176.	0.	0	742. 0. 0
	W.A.	1 " 8	8.	0.	0	8. 0. 0
	Balance Commonwealth Savings Bank as at 31/12/63			46.	11.	10
	<u>TOTAL</u>			£1025.	16.	1

BALANCE SHEETASSETS

Steel Filing Cabinet	28. 10. 0
Blocks A.I.F. Crew - Penrith Cup	5. 14. 0
Commonwealth Bonds (Kenny Memorial)	310. 0. 0
Balance Commonwealth Savings Bank	<u>46. 11. 10</u>
	<u>£390. 15. 10</u>

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance as per Bank Statement	132. 2. 3
Less Unpresented cheques -	
839227	8.10. 0
839225	61. 0. 5
070194	8. 0. 0
070206	8. 0. 0
	<u>85.10. 5</u>
Balance as per Financial Statement	<u>£46. 11. 10</u>

Audited and found correct  
(Sgd) A.A. Pitt, Auditor  
12th April, 1963

AS AT 31/3/63

LIABILITIES

Balance

390. 15. 10

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£390. 15. 10

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R. G. BLUNDSTONE  
Honorary Sec./Treasurer