

**AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL**

**THIRTY SECOND**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**and**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**For the year ending 31st March, 1964**

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To the Members of the Council,

Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure that I present the Thirty Second Annual Report of the Council and the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year which ends on 31st March, 1964.

COUNCIL

President: Sir Harold Alderson, K.T., M.B.E., C.St.J. (N.S.W.)  
R.R. Aitken Esq., (Victoria), J.R. Berkery Esq. (Tasmania)  
G.R.H. Gill Esq. M.B.E., (Queensland), J.F. Howson, Esq., O.B.E.,  
(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 United Services Club, Brisbane, on Thursday 2nd May, 1963, at 10 a.m.

There has been no reason for a meeting to be held since that occasion.

OBITUARY

It is deeply regretted to record the passing during the year of Mr. R. Horton Wallman, O.B.E., Ll.B. (South Australia), 11th December, 1963, Mr. Robert Lyndon, 26th July, 1963, Mr. Charles Stewart 27th July, 1963 (New South Wales) and Mr. Cliff Cullen 7th January, 1964 (Queensland).

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Rex Wallman was South Australian delegate to your Council for over twenty years (1937-1958), and Chairman of the South Australian Rowing Association for over thirty years and a former President of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council.

Bob Lyndon gave a lifetime of service to rowing in Queensland and was the only member of that State holding a F.I.S.A. Judge/Umpire's Licence. Bob's last official rowing duties were to officiate at the Empire Games in Perth recently, unfortunately he was not able to see the last King's Cup in his home State in Brisbane but on that occasion oarsmen from throughout Australia visited Bob in hospital.

Charles Stewart gave a lifetime of service to the Sydney Rowing Club and his genial personality and the hand of fellowship that he extended to visitors will be ever remembered.

Cliff Cullen was one of the most efficient rowing officials in Queensland and will be well remembered as a chief starter at the last King's Cup in Brisbane when he sent the Crews away in the final to a perfect start. His untimely passing at the age of 53 comes as a great shock to all Australian oarsmen.

The passing of the above rowing administrators is a tremendous loss to our grand amateur sport and their wise council and sound judgment will be missed throughout Australia.

#### KING'S CUP 1964

It was decided by mail vote during the year to hold the 1964 King's Cup and other events at Penrith, New South Wales on the Nepean River over a period of two days, the 20th and 21st March, 1964.

#### AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

It was also decided during the year to hold the second Australian National Championship Regatta on the new lake's course at Canberra on Thursday, 30th April - Friday, 1st May - Saturday 2nd May 1964.

#### MAIL VOTES

The following mail votes were taken during the year:-  
Submitted by New South Wales: "That the 1964 King's Cup Regatta be

held on the 20th and 21st March in New South Wales."

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The above was agreed to unanimously.

"That two Scullers from each State be allowed to compete for the President's Cup"

Voting was as follows:-  
For: Queensland, New South Wales,  
and Western Australia  
Against: Tasmania, South Australia,  
and Victoria

Motion was declared lost.

Submitted by the Honorary Secretary: "That New Zealand Crews be allowed to compete in the Australian King's Cup and President's Cup but not to hold trophies should they be successful."

Voting was as follows:-  
For: New South Wales, West Australia,  
Queensland.  
Against: Victoria, Tasmania and  
South Australia.

Motion was declared lost.

Submitted by Tasmania:- "That the Australian Amateur Rowing Council permit Graham Squires, the current Australian Sculling Champion, to defend his title by competing as an independent sculler in the President's Cup Race in March, 1964. Should permission be granted and should Squires win the race, he is prepared, if necessary, to forfeit the right to represent Australia in the Olympic Games."

Voting was as follows:-  
For: Tasmania, Queensland  
Against: West Australia, South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales.

Motion was declared lost.

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES SOCIETES d'AVIRON

President: Monsieur T. Keller, Switzerland

Australian Continental Representative: W.J. Rogers, Esq.,  
representing Australia and New Zealand

Secretary: Monsieur Charles Riolo, Switzerland.

Much correspondence has taken place with Messieurs Keller and Riolo and Mr. Jim Rogers, our Continental Representative, during the year.

4. We are now recognised as one of the world's centres of rowing and our representative Mr. Rogers attends all meetings of the world body.

During the year correspondence took place with 41 foreign countries who are vitally interested in the grand amateur sport of rowing.

WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS  
CANBERRA LAKE'S COURSE, CANBERRA, 1970

An application for the above events was made to the World Body of Rowing in Rome in 1960 and further application made at the World Meeting in Lucerne in 1962.

Every opportunity has been taken to press Australia's claim and it is your Council's intention to again apply at the F.I.S.A. Meeting to be held in Tokio during the Olympic Games. It is possible that a definite decision will be made at the World Championships, in 1966.

ANNUAL MEETING F.I.S.A. COPENHAGEN 13th AUGUST, 1963

Australia was represented at this meeting by Dr. R.A. Cooper of Melbourne and our Continental Representative, Mr. W.J. Rogers. We are greatly indebted to Dr. Cooper and to Mr. Rogers for looking after our interests at this important meeting. It is by continual attendance at these meetings that Australia can take its part in the administration of world rowing.

RECORDS OF THE KING'S CUP REGATTA HELD ON THE MILTON TOOWONG COURSE, BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND, ON FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 3rd and 4th MAY, 1963

**KING'S CUP** Victoria first, New South Wales second, West Australia third, Tasmania fourth. Won by 1 canvas.  
Time: 5 mins 59 seconds.

**PRESIDENT'S CUP:** G. Squires, Tasmania first, J. Sykes, Victoria second, R. Shirlaw N.S.W. third, R. McLennan Queensland fourth and D. Walker West. Australia fifth. Won by 1 canvas.  
Time: 8 mins. 4 seconds.

**PENRITH CUP:** New South Wales first, Victoria second, Queensland third, Tasmania fourth, South Aust. fifth.  
(Lightweight Fours)  
Time: 7 mins. 18 seconds.

Our congratulations are extended to all winning crews and

coaches for their very fine performances at the Regatta. <sup>5.</sup> Immediately after the events the trophies were presented by His Excellency, Sir Henry Abel Smith, K.C.V.O., D.S.O., Governor of Queensland.

Surfer's Paradise was the venue of the traditional picnic held on the Sunday and we thank Honorary Secretary of the Queensland Amateur Rowing Council, Mr. Cal Malouf and his father who made their property available for the occasion. Unfortunately the weather was rather unpleasant, however, all competitors and visitors really enjoyed the comfortable surroundings and meeting and talking with interstate rowing friends.

#### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Forty one cards from Rowing Associations all over the world were received and suitably acknowledged on your behalf.

#### LONDON REPRESENTATIVE

Again we thank Mr. Max Berge-Phillips for his fine efforts on our behalf and for the friendly manner in which he looks after Australian oarsmen when they meet him in London.

#### PROPOSED NEW ZEALAND TOUR AUSTRALIA 1964

Much correspondence and conferences have taken place in an endeavour to satisfactorily arrange this tour. At the time of the writing of this report arrangements have been made for the New Zealand Eight and Sculler to compete in a test race in Victoria on the 11th of April in conjunction with the G.P.S. Regatta. However, there are still difficulties regarding the arrangement of test races in New South Wales for the Eight and the Sculler. It is sincerely hoped that these can be overcome and that the New South Wales Rowing Association will be successful in arranging a test race in conjunction with their G.P.S. Regatta on the 18th April and another test race with the New Zealand Eight at the National Championships Regatta in Canberra. It is practically certain that the small boats from New Zealand will compete at the Australian National Championship Regatta, in Canberra at the end of April and the 2nd of May, 1964.

#### NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE IN AUSTRALIA

Due to his transfer to South Australia, Mr. Geoffrey McIntyre has had to relinquish his position as New Zealand Rowing Association Representative in Australia and our congratulations are extended to Mr. Kevyn Webb of New South Wales who has been appointed to the position.

6. REVISED CONSTITUTION - AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ROWING COUNCIL

During the past year, Messrs. Robert Aitken and Norman Cairnes of Victoria have rewritten our Constitution - Rules - Regatta Regulations and Laws of Boat Racing. Suggested changes in our Constitution have been sent to all States and will be finally discussed at the 1964 Annual Meeting.

Your Council expresses its grateful thanks to Messrs. Robert Aitken and Norman Cairnes for the time, thought and effort that they have put into the rewriting as stated above.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY ROWING ASSOCIATION

On the 16th November last an inaugural meeting was held to organise the above association to control rowing on the new Burley Griffin Lake's Course. Over sixty oarsmen from many rowing associations in Australia who now live in Canberra attended the meeting and the A.A.R.C. are grateful to committeemen of the New South Wales Rowing Association, Sir Harold Alderson and Messrs. John Rook, Ossie Rosevear, Laurie Steptoe, Keith Cummins, Kevyn Webb and Bill Purcell who attended the meeting and gave valuable support and advice in the formation of the association. Chairman is Mr. R.J.M. Luker, Honorary Secretary, Mr. W.E. O'Brien. Both are old oarsmen; Mr. Luker having rowed with the Sydney University, whilst Mr. O'Brien is from the Essendon Club, Melbourne. Haberfield Club, Sydney, have already donated a racing four, only four years old which is a fine gesture and a good start for the new club.

PROPOSED VISIT AUSTRALIA RATZBURG UNIVERSITY EIGHT GERMANY

After some negotiations I have received a cable from Dusseldorf to the effect that the above Eight is interested in coming to Australia and New Zealand immediately after the Tokio Olympic Games. Correspondence is being entered into now to find out what the financial obligations would be to Australia. To date no reply has been received. This very important proposal would be discussed at the Annual Meeting of the A.A.R.C. this month.

It is felt that a visit to Australia by this world famous Eight would be one of the greatest benefits to our rowing, both to oarsmen, coaches and officials.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL REGATTA AND SMALL BOATS

OLYMPIC TEST BOATS 1964

The above events will be held on the new lake Burley Griffin

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Course at Canberra on Thursday April 30th, Friday May 1st, and Saturday May 2nd, 1964. These events are being wholly conducted by the New South Wales Rowing Association and congratulations are extended to the association for the planning that they have already put into organising the events.

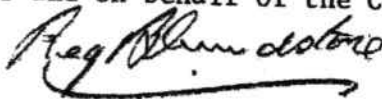
CONCLUSION

Your Council has again been very 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. The Tokio Games are only a few months away and it is certain that the standard of crews competing and representing Australia will be of a high standard.

I wish to express my appreciation to Sir Harold Alderson of New South Wales, President of the Australian Amateur Rowing Council, for his leadership and valued advice during the past year, and to all State Secretaries for their prompt replies to correspondence during the period.

May we always keep striving for a more efficient organisation and a higher standard in our great amateur sport of rowing. In each State let us be the leaders in amateur sport.

For and on behalf of the Council



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

5th March, 1964

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



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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS A

1963-1964

1963	Balance Commonwealth Savings Bank 1/4/63		46. 11. 10
8/7/63	Affiliation Fee 31/3/64 - N.S.W.	25.0.0	
	" " 31/3/64 - Vic.	25.0.0	
	" " 31/3/64 - Tas.	25.0.0	
	" " 31/3/64 - W.A.	25.0.0	
	" " 31/3/64 - Q'land	25.0.0	
	" " 31/3/64 - S.A.	<u>25.0.0</u>	150. 0. 0
	Loan Interest (Kenny Bonds)		15. 10. 0
	Bank Interest		2. 11. 2
	Refer Cheques 070194 and 070206 unrepresented now stale.		16. 0. 0
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			<u>£230. 13. 0</u>

EIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

1963-1964

0	8/7/63	Macquarie Typing to 30/4/63	21. 1. 9
	8/8/63	A.O.F. Affiliation Fee 1963/64	2. 2. 0
	30/7/63	Dunkling Jewellers 1963 Kenny Medallions	10. 10. 6
	30/7/63	F.I.S.A. Affiliation Fee 500 Sw. Francs	52. 1. 6
	30/7/63	Yorkshire Ins. Co. Ins. all Cups	1. 17. 6
0	30/7/63	Macquarie Typing Service to 30/6/63	9. 2. 7
0	30/1/64	Affiliation B.E. & C.G. Assoc. 1963/64	5. 5. 0
2	30/1/64	Printing Stationery Monotone Art Printers	8. 13. 10
0	1/2/64	Macquarie Typing to 10/2/64.	15. 16. 7
		Balance at Commonwealth Savings Bank as at 31/3/64	104. 1. 9
0			<u>£230. 13. 0</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Steel Filing Cabinet	28. 10. 0
Blocks A.I.F. Crew and King's Cup	5. 14. 0
Commonwealth Bonds (Kenny Memorial)	310. 0. 0
Balance Commonwealth Savings Bank	104. 1. 9
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	£448. 5. 9
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BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance as per Bank Statement	109. 6. 9
Less Unpresented Cheque	5. 5. 0
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Balance as per Financial Statement	£104. 1. 9
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AS AT 31/3/1964

LIABILITIES

Excess of Assets over Liabilities

448. 5. 9

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(Sgd) R.G. Blundstone  
Honorary Secretary/ Treasurer

Audited and found correct

A.A. Pitt

Auditor 6/3/1964