

STAR BOATING CLUB

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WELLINGTON

NEW ZEALAND



ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

to be submitted to the

101st Annual General Meeting

to be held in

THE CLUBHOUSE ON WEDNESDAY, 31st MAY, 1967.



OFFICERS:

President: Mr W. S. Wheeler.

Vice-President: Mr T. M. Hinkley.

Club Captain: Mr A. L. E. Garrett.

Deputy Club Captain: Mr J. G. Gibbons

Secretary: Mr C. W. Bishop.

Treasurer: Mr B. L. Albiston.

Match Committee: Messrs W. D. Dent, A. L. Brown, F. L. Scott.

General Committee: Messrs W. H. Barker, A. L. Brown, W. D. Dent, R. McDonald,
D. Munro, S. L. Radford.

Delegates to W.A.R.A.: Messrs C. W. Bishop,
A. L. Brown, A. L. E. Garrett.

Auditors: Messrs G. C. Broad, A. R. Burge.

LIST OF MEMBERS

Life Active :

1934 H. W. Bevan	1934 R. P. Hansen	1926 F. H. Mullins
1937 W. A. Bryan	1935 W. H. G. Hawker	1933 A. Ross
1933 A. R. Burge	1938 W. Hillock	1946 L. Smith
1935 S. Columb	1926 T. M. Hinkley	1906 M. A. Turner
1931 J. F. Eggers	1934 L. L. Hosking	1927 E. G. Webb
1934 G. A. H. Field	1929 S. I. Kidd	1901 W. S. Wheeler
1936 W. T. Fitzgerald	1928 A. R. Lawson	1941 B. G. Wilford
1903 F. H. C. Galvin	1929 K. E. May	
1925 G. D. D. Gray	1912 M. G. C. McCaul	

Life Honorary :

1944 R. W. Allum	1939 V. E. Donnelly	1908 S. D. Nathan
1934 A. A. Andrews	1928 A. G. Gibbons	1919 I. A. Pearce
1937 J. F. Ashby	1934 G. B. Gibbons	1946 W. Porter
1934 G. C. Broad	1911 R. B. Gibbons	1917 J. W. H. Pringle
1920 M. H. Carroll	1916 W. P. McGowan	1920 G. C. Shearwood
1936 M. H. Clay	1937 R. P. Hill	1917 W. Simm
1940 A. G. Cockroft	1935 R. V. Hodson	1943 W. K. Stone
1925 R. A. Comerford	1924 B. W. Johns	1910 H. V. Tomlinson
1934 K. G. S. Cromie	1917 F. G. Oborn	1934 J. McK. Toms
1905 J. B. Davis	1941 A. G. Little	1937 W. L. Young

Active :

1963 B. L. Albiston	1962 J. Gibbons	1963 S. Radford
1955 G. L. Ansell	1966 R. Harnor	1962 A. M. N. Roger
1962 W. H. Barker	1959 H. Hill	1957 E. D. Rogers
1965 J. Bethwaite	1925 I. Hunter	1946 G. H. S. Sadler
1961 C. W. Bishop	1964 J. Kelliher	1966 D. A. Sanft
1966 A. Bradshaw	1966 I. Lees	1952 A. R. Scott
1957 C. N. Bridge	1965 R. McDonald	1951 F. L. Scott
1955 A. L. Brown	1965 R. McGregor	1965 W. Sharp
1955 D. A. Cameron	1961 D. J. McGuire	1966 D. Shearer
1949 R. R. Carroll	1962 D. McKibbin	1965 I. Sheehy
1949 C. H. Cederholm	1955 C. E. McMahan	1965 R. Skinner
1958 J. Cordiner	1966 G. McNamara	1921 S. L. Tansley
1965 R. Cuff	1966 G. Maude	1966 C. Thodey
1959 W. Dent	1962 D. S. Miller	1966 B. Traynor
1965 A. Dowling	1950 J. Morgan	1966 J. Welch
1963 G. Fisher	1965 A. Peck	1965 J. Williams
1966 A. Fraei	1962 R. S. Prince	1966 J. Wooller
1965 A. Garrett	1963 J. R. Pope	1965 S. Zillwood

Honorary :

1959 W. R. Armstrong	1959 A. G. Johnston	1920 E. D. Moss
1942 J. Aspell	1959 P. Johnson	1951 J. A. Nicol
1948 C. Aitken	1956 R. J. Joyce	1938 S. F. Pero
1961 M. J. Belgrave	1930 Q. Kingham	1950 J. Pigou
1926 F. M. Bell	1955 A. S. Leckie	1963 D. Range
1923 J. R. Bentley	1959 G. Linford	1947 G. Richards
1959 H. J. Cranfield	1964 N. C. Lynch	1948 A. J. Simes
1946 F. G. Dobbs	1962 D. R. Lyon	1962 J. Spooner
1950 R. J. Evans	1956 P. W. McFarlane	1928 H. G. Thomas
1949 H. Edgell	1959 R. McFarlane	1959 J. W. Turnbull
1961 D. A. Fahey	1923 H. F. McLean	1948 A. A. Turner
1932 C. J. Fanning	1923 H. H. McLean	1960 R. J. Vine
1959 R. F. Green	1956 P. H. McMahan	1928 W. R. Warnes
1925 P. Hinge	1966 E. Martin	1953 R. O. Weenink
1924 D. Hughes	1957 G. O'Moore	1930 B. Wright

Country :

1928 T. Alexander	1918 E. G. T. Emerson	1964 J. Manning
1958 A. Bentley	1961 I. Fisher	1958 A. T. Hinkley
1956 P. Bugler	1936 D. F. Gane	1945 D. McLeod
1925 J. Butler	1929 W. R. P. Jaques	1926 L. Shotlander
1941 G. T. Cornink	1962 P. F. Keegan	1944 W. K. Stone
1930 E. C. Day	1957 W. K. McConville	1961 L. J. Sunde

Schoolboy Members :

RONGOTAI COLLEGE

S. Andrews	W. Mahoney	M. Gamble	L. Middleton	J. Schon
M. Bridge	C. Gamble	R. Jenkinson	W. Perica	R. Smith
G. Dunford	V. Gardiner	G. Lawrence	T. Quayle	N. Turchi
G. Fellowes	J. Gardiner			

Gentlemen—

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting the Club's 101st Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1967.

INTRODUCTORY

Generally speaking the past year has been one of advancement, certainly most eventful and satisfactory from a number of points and perhaps a little disappointing from a few others. The highlight was naturally the very successful Centennial celebrations followed by a season during which a record number of status wins were gained culminating with the winning of the Centennial Oar at the New Zealand Championships. This was a most appropriate achievement. It must be of some regret however that Championship titles still have not been won since 1936.

The splendid wins by the Wellington Rowing Club in the Champion eights and by the Hutt Valley Rowing Club in the Champion fours together with Stars' winning of the Centennial Oar, now indicates that Wellington would be the strongest rowing centre in New Zealand. This is further amplified and shows even a better balance by Rongotai Colleges' win in the Springbok Shield, the top Secondary schools fours event in New Zealand.

Further honours were gained by himself and the Club when John Gibbons was again selected to row for New Zealand, this time in the World rowing championships at Bled, Yugoslavia, held last August.

Rongotai and Wellington Colleges' rowing are still sponsored by the Club and this, especially in the case of Rongotai, has considerably strengthened the Club's Fourth and Maiden divisions.

It is now just a matter of time, an estimate being 4 to 5 years when the Club will need to move to another site. The location of this site will be the subject of negotiations with the appropriate authorities.

The hall now provides a steady source of revenue which will be required however for the next 2 to 3 years to discharge the debts incurred when effecting the hall renovations.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

It was indeed fortunate that the present and former members who came forward to assist with the various Centennial sub-committees were of such calibre to ensure the outstanding success of the celebrations.

These celebrations were held during the last Labour Day weekend and from the first function, a re-union of members on Friday evening, through to the wind-up on Monday, each function was very well attended and each a resounding success. In all, over 300 past and present members attended the celebrations some arriving from many parts of New Zealand and even from Australia. In addition many messages of goodwill were received from a number of other rowing clubs and from former members in many parts of the World.

On the Saturday afternoon, a Star Centennial Regatta was held, attended by crews from not only the other local clubs but also from Wanganui and Hawkes Bay. A Centennial Cup was presented, initially to the winners of this regatta, the Hutt Club, and then annually to the Club gaining most aggregate points in Senior events at the Wellington Championship regatta. It is pleasing to report that the Star Club won its own Centennial Cup at the 1967 Wellington regatta.

A Centennial booklet recording the Club's first 100 years was presented and to date over 400 copies have been distributed including a number of libraries. The Club still has a stock of these books.

FINANCIAL

Because the hall revenue is still not available to the Club it is necessary for the requisite funds needed for plant purchases to be raised by the members. In this regard four such schemes were held during the season. A "100" club and two raffles being conducted during the early part of the season and a further raffle in March. These certainly augmented the Club's finances but not unfortunately, to the extent as originally hoped. If more racing plant is required, and there is no doubt of this, it will be necessary to institute more fund raising schemes next season.

Regatta donations are the highest in the Club's history but this is offset in part by the increased plant maintenance costs. The hiring of a bus to carry both the crews and boats to regattas has kept regatta expenses down to a minimum.

Previous Statements of Accounts has shown a balance being the Star Centennial Account accumulated from hall

revenue over the past 12 years. This fund, approx £360, was used by the Centennial Finance Committee but their work was such and the success of the celebrations allowed this Committee to return the entire account back to the Club with a recommendation that it be used to purchase a racing boat to be appropriately named recording the Centennial. This money was used to purchase a racing pair used to very good effect during the season. The boat has yet to be named in accordance with the Centennial Committees' recommendation.

Again the interest created by the Centennial prompted a number of former members to renew their subscriptions in the Club and is largely responsible for the increase in subscriptions. This interest shown by former members is very much appreciated.

The Club acknowledges with sincere appreciation donations from the following:—Messrs. W. S. Wheeler, T. M. Kinkley, J. A. E. Kerslake, W. Hillock, R. J. Evans, H. F. McLean, J. F. Aspell, D. C. Webb and Mrs Hooper.

WELLINGTON AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION

As mentioned in the introductory paragraph, the success of the local clubs has shifted the rowing strength in New Zealand to the Wellington District.

With an increase in the number of local regattas and heavy entries in the Wellington Championships the work of the Association as progressively increased. There are now six clubs affiliated to the W.A.R.A. and there is evidence of yet another Club to be formed in the Porirua area. This amply shows that rowing is becoming more popular in Wellington and this is largely due to the introduction of Secondary schools rowing.

Messrs A. L. Garrett, A. L. Brown and C. W. Bishop were appointed the Club's delegates on the W.A.R.A. Other club members serving on the Association are Messrs G. H. Sadler (starter), L. L. Hosking, P. Henge and E. G. Webb (judges).

The Wellington championship regatta contained a new innovation this season. The races were held on the Oriental Bay course but the start was from Taranaki Street wharf and the finish just short of Pt. Jerningham. There is no doubt that by reversing the course this way it has been greatly improved.

MEMBERSHIP

It will be noted that the Club's membership has shown an increase and this would be due mainly to two reasons. First as stated earlier, the Centennial prompted some former members to renew their subscriptions, and secondly there was a great influx of ex college oarsmen into the Club. The Club is also strong in the Novice class and generally speaking the Club's membership is in a sound position.

The following table gives a comparative breakdown of the Club's membership.

	L.Act.	L. Hon.	Act. Hon.	Country	Total	
As at 31.3.66	26	28	54	27	8	143
*New members	—	—	15	19	11	46
	26	28	69	46	19	189
Resignations	—	—	13	2	—	15
	26	28	56	44	19	183
Death	2	—	—	—	—	2
	24	28	56	44	19	181
Transfers	†1	†2	-3	—	—	—
As at 31.3.67	25	30	53	44	19	181

*Including former members rejoining.

COMMITTEE

There was a number of changes in the composition of the Committee mainly due to transfers out of Wellington. This breakdown in continuity was unfortunate and increased the work of the Committee. In November 1966 the Treasurer, Mr B. L. Albiston found it necessary to resign due to the pressure of work and his impending transfer to Auckland. In this the Club has lost a fine member who has worked hard for the Club. Mr R. McDonald was appointed to fill the vacant Treasurer's position and Mr F. L. Scott the consequential vacancy on the Committee.

In addition Mr W. Barker found it necessary to resign from the Committee in November and, because of his transfer to Australia, Mr D. Munro was obliged to resign in January. Mr J. Bethwaite was appointed to fill this latter vacancy.

The Committee held 16 meetings during the year the attendance resulting as follows:—

Messrs. A. L. Garrett (13), J. G. Gibbons (12), B. L. Albiston (5) (resigned Nov. 66), R. McDonald (14), A. L.