

CANBERRA ROWING CLUB

**FIRST  
ANNUAL REPORT  
AND  
BALANCE SHEET  
1964-65 SEASON**

CANBERRA ROWING CLUB

OFFICE BEARERS 1964-5

PATRON	Hon. Gordon Freeth, M.P.
PRESIDENT	R.J.M. Luker
SEN. VICE PRESIDENT	W.E. O'Brien
VICE PRESIDENT	Major General W.D. Refshauge C.B.E.
CAPTAIN	R. Libbis
VICE CAPTAIN	T.E. Monaghan
HON. SECRETARY	R.C. Barnett
HON. TREASURER	F.A. Druce
COMMITTEE	I.M. Anderson
	J.C. Archer
	K.E. Cowley
	J.R. Gardner
	A.E. Pugh
	W.E.B. Webb
DELEGATES TO A.C.T. ROWING ASSOCIATION	R.C. Barnett, I.M. Anderson
SELECTION COMMITTEE	J.E. Foley
	R. Libbis
	T.E. Monaghan
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER	K.E. Cowley
<b>SOCIAL</b> SECRETARY	W.E.B. Webb
TRUSTEES	K.P. Webb
	Major General W.D. Refshauge C.B.E.
HON. AUDITOR	B.E. Owe s

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P.O. Box 327

Canberra City

16th June 1965

Notice is hereby given that the Second Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held at the Hotel Ainslie Rex, Limestone Avenue, on Monday 5th July, 1965 following the Special General Meeting which will commence at 8.00p.m.

Business

1. To confirm the Minutes of the 1st Annual General Meeting
2. To adopt the Annual Report of the General Committee
3. To adopt the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account.
4. To elect Patron

Vice Presidents

One Trustee

Other Office Bearers

5. To appoint an Honorary Auditor
6. General Business.

R.C. BARNETT

HON. SECRETARY.

NOTE: All nominations for Office Bearers must be in writing and in the hands of the Hon. Secretary on or before Monday 28th June 1965. All nominations will be displayed on a Notice Board in the Nissan Hut, Boat Harbour, from 29th June 1965.

### THE FLEET

At our regatta on 6th February, 1965 the wife of our President, Mrs. R.J.M. Luker, officially named the Clubs first new boat, a regulation four, "The Pioneers".

Our Fleet consists of

Charles Davison - an eight in fair condition  
A.M. Ryan - a Tub four, in good condition  
"The Pioneers" - a regulation four, in new condition  
To be named - a Tub pair in poor condition

In addition we own 22 oars and large quantities of second hand equipment which was stripped from old boats. It is also hoped to salvage two other regulation fours purchased together with the tub pair from the Illawarra Rowing Club.

To keep these boats rowable is no mean task. Our gratitude therefore goes to all who assisted in this regard, and in particular John Gardner, Fred Butler, Zel Heimburger and Alec Leitch.

### MEMBERSHIP

At the end of the year the Club had 84 financial members made up as follows:-

Members	50
Associate	3
Juniors	22
Junior (cOx)	<u>9</u>
	<u>84</u>

### HISTORY IN THE MAKING

To list all crews to represent the Club throughout season would be impracticable. However in this, our first report, we should make mention of the first crews to represent the Club.

Before the Club was formed the National Regatta conducted by the N.S.W.R.A. was held on Lake Burley Griffin. The following are those who contested a regulation four race for local crews at this regatta, and who subsequently joined this Club.

Fred Butler (in winning crew), Ken Cowley Alwyn Druce, Claus Brock, Russ Barnett, Alan Pugh (last four in the same crew).

However the following is a report of the first regatta contested by the Canberra Rowing Club.

A.N.U. Boat Club Sprint Regatta Sunday 9th August 1964

On a bleak winters day when the temperature did not rise above 42.8° and snow fell as late as late as 1.30p.m. the A.N.U. Boat Club were hosts at the first regatta conducted solely under the auspices of the A.C.T. Rowing Association. Strong westerly winds whipped up very choppy water, but this did not deter our No. 1 Novice IV achieving the honour of being the first crew of this Club to win a race.

The members of this historical crew were Bow Lindsay O'Brien, 2 Neale Macfarlane, 3 Zel Heimburger, stroke Alec Leitch and their cox in the final was Robert Johns. It should also be recorded that in the heat Geoff Butler was the cox but due to extreme suffering caused by the bleak conditions was unable to steer the crew in the final.

Other crews which the Club entered in this regatta were Novice four No. 2 Crew Bow, Kieran Daly, 2 Mark Whitton 3 Hugh Legge Str Robert Johns, Cox Geoff Butler which performed very creditably, considering all were school boys who had rowed only a few times previously, to be narrowly defeated in their heat.

Open VIII Bow, Zel Heimburger; 2 Ian Anderson; 3 Alex Leitch 4, Ian Edwards; 5, Brian Pedvin; 6, Russ Barnett; 7, Fred Butler; Stroke Howard Weston Cox Neale MacFarlane. This was rowed as a time trial. Only 5 second separate the three crews so even though this crew filled third place they did not disgrace themselves.

We also entered a four in the Open four Bow, Russ Barnett; 2, Ian Anderson; 3, Fred Butler; Stroke, Ian Edwards but due to the weather this race had to be disbanded.

RACES WON BY CLUB

A.N.U. Boat Club Regatta 9th August, 1964; Novice Regulation Four (Presidents Cup); Bow Lindsay O'Brien, 2 Neale Macfarlane, 3 Zel Heimburger, Str. Alex Leitch, Cox Robert Johns.

BURNS ROWING CLUB REGATTA 17th October 1964; Novice Regulation Four: Bow Neale Macfarlane, 2 Richard Holsbaum, 3 Zel Heimburger, Str. Alex Leitch, Cox Barry Jeffress.

CANBERRA ROWING CLUB REGATTA: 6th February; Novice Eight; Bow Neale MacFarlane, 2 Alex Leitch, 2 John Sefton, 4 Brian Pedvin, 5 Tom Roberts, 6 Richard Holsbaum, 7 Zel Heimburger, Str. Graham Hyles, Cox Barry Jeffress.

Novice Regulation Four: As As for Burns Club regatta 17th October 1964.

Novice Tub Four: Bow Roger Hughes, 2 John McLachlan, 2 Ross Lancaster, Str. Pat Davoren, Cox Geoff Butler.

BURNS ROWING CLUB REGATTA. 28th February, 1965; Open Eight: As for Canberra Regatta 6th February.

Open Four: As for Burns Club Regatta 17th October 1964

Novice Tub Four: Bow J. Sefton, 2 Brian Pedvin, 3 Tom Roberts, Str. Graham Hyles, Cox Alex Leitch.

A.C.T.R.A. REGATTA 20th March 1965.

Open Eight (Uriarra Cup): Bow Neale MacFarlane, 2 Paul Stubbe, 3 John Corrie, 4 Alex Leitch, 5 John Sefton, 6 Richard Holsbaum, 7 Zel Heimbürger, Str. Graham Hyles, Cox Barry Jeffress.

Novice Regulation Four: Bow John Corrie, 2 Paul Stubbe, 3 John Sefton, Str. Graham Hyles, Cox Barry Jeffress.

A.N.U. Boat Club Regatta 27th March, 1965 open Four (Banjo Cup): As for Burns Club regatta 17th October 1964.

Novice Sculls (A.N.U.B.C. Trophy) Zel Heimbürger

INDIVIDUAL WINS

OARSMAN

Z. Heimbürger	9
A.J. Leitch	8
N.D. McFarlane	8
R.J. Holsbaum	7
G.D. Hyles	5
J. Sefton	5
B.A. Pedvin	3
T. Roberts	3
J. Corrie	2
P. Stubbe	2
P. Davoren	1
R.J. Hughes	1
R.A. Lancaster	1
J. McLachlan	1
L. O'Brien	1

COXWAINS

B. Jeffress	8
G. Butler	1
R.C. Johns	1
A.J. Leitch	1

SYDNEY VISITS

On two occasions our star four visited Sydney. On the first in December, they rowed into the final of the Maiden fours, at the Balmain Regatta but were unplaced. Then in February they came second in the final of the Novice Fours at the N.S.W.R.A. Championship at Penrith. These were the first two occasions that crews from the A.C.T. had rowed other than on Lake Burley Griffin. Congratulations on your fine performances, and also your pioneering spirit boys.

BOAT HOUSE ACCOMMODATION

This time last year our one boat was housed in the East Basin Pavilion together with boats then owned by the Association.

Just prior to Christmas we moved, at the request of the Department of the Interior, into other temporary premises known as the Nissan Hut, Boat Harbour.

Many hands made light work of this move but the thanks of this Club, and in fact all Clubs using the Nissan Hut, go to Fred Butler for organising the building the racks and to Reg Libbis, the Architect and Engineer in charge of the construction of the launching ramp.

COACHES

The Club is indebted to the time given by those who have coached during the season. In particular our thanks to Clarrie Archer, for his efforts with the school boys during the week, Alwyn Druce, Ian Anderson, John Foley and Fred Butler.

COSWAINS

We deeply appreciate the regular attendance at the shed of all coswains, in particular Adrian Baker, Geoff Butler and Barry Jeffress. In the icy-cold winter months theirs is no mean contribution.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

During the year eleven Committee Meetings were laid and the following were the attendances:-

I.M. Anderson	11	J.C. Archer	9	R. Libbis	8	T.E. Monaghan	3
F.A. Druce	11	R.J.M. Luker	9	W.E. O'Brien	8	A.E. Pugh	3
R.C. Barnett	10	W.E.B. Webb	9	J. Gardner	7	K.E. Cowley	2

### RAFFLE

Late in 1964 we conducted a raffle with the aim of paying for "The Pioneers". First prize of £150 open order on David Jones was won by our Captain, Reg Libbis, while Second Price of £40 open order went to a Mrs. Cox, and third price of £10 open order went to our Committee Member, Clarrie Archer. A Total of £127 was added to the coffers as a result of the efforts of many active ticket sellers.

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Our many thanks to Bruce Webb for the fine job he did during the year as Social Secretary, Activities organised by Bruce included:-

Saturday 1st August - Bowls night at the Olympic Bowl  
Saturday 14th November - Bowls night at the Squesh Bowl  
Sunday 14th February - Car Trial  
Saturday 13th March - Western Night at Yarralumla Woolshed

On top of these he was responsible for organising refreshments at our two regattas which also helped swell our funds. In all, these social occasions raised approximately £69.

However this could, and should, have been greater if members had supported these functions. With the exception of the first Bowls night attendances were poor.

### OBITUARY

GRENFELL RUDDUCK - Deceased, 19th December, 1964, Mr. Rudduck was a Vice President of the Club and his sound thinking and valuable advice will be greatly missed.

### SUMMARY

We can look back on this, our first year, as a successful year. The Committee, which consists in the main of experienced ex-oarsmen, could well have had greater active <sup>rower</sup> content to balance our activities.

As yet "Club Spirit" has not really shown itself. Rowing is one of the true team sports and a crew depends on all those in it. It is to be hoped that in future seasons we won't hear of occasions where whole crews have been let down through one person being late, or even not turning up, to training or on race days.

We must also learn how to more efficiently conduct our Regattas. The A.C.T.R.A. will have Boat Race Officials for future seasons but we must still co-operate and be in the starters hands on time, so that regattas, the backbone of competitive rowing, can run to the appointed schedule.

To the future we now turn. It is hoped that our ex-oarsman will volunteer as Boat Race Officials and so actively assist in the growth of the sport. We currently have a membership of 84 of whom 29 or 35% represented the Club in active rowing. We now have the equipment to cater for novice oarsmen so let us all try and encourage others to join our young and fine Club and share in the joys of this exhilarating sport.

For and on behalf of the Committee

R.C. Barnett  
Hon. Secretary

Addendum by the President

The report, thanks to Russ Barnett, thoroughly covers our first year of rowing and the incoming Committee has, I believe, a reasonable foundation on which to build. There are a number of points however which I feel should be placed well in front of all of us so that our second year is an even better one than our first. Briefly these are:-

1. We must organise our finances so we have a regular income, however small, apart from subscriptions.
2. We must continually work towards a boat shed of our own. Until we have a "home", Club Spirit, and all that goes with it, cannot fully develop.
3. We should take a very hard look at our coaching arrangements for experienced and novice oarsmen. The better organised we are in this sphere the more quickly will our Club become really strong in rowing and in spirit.
4. All novice oarsmen should be taught a few simple safety rules before being allowed to row in any club boat.

I would very sincerely like to thank all the 1964/5 Committee for a really solid first years work. We were by no means perfect but we made what I consider to be a good start. I hope the incoming President can gather round him a Committee with as much devotion to rowing and find the kind of comradeship as I have felt during the year.

R.J. Luker  
President.

CANBERRA ROWING CLUBBALANCE SHEET - 30TH APRIL 1965

ACCUMULATED FUNDS	£	£	£
Nomination fees		23	
Surplus for the period		<u>.439</u>	
Balance - 30th April, 1965			462
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors		40	
Subscriptions in advance		7	
Bank -overdraft (secured by guarantors)		<u>248</u>	
			<u>295</u>
			<u>£757</u>
FIXED ASSETS	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	
Boats			
The Pioneers	475	24	451
Charles Davison	150	15	135
A.M. Ryan	124	12	112
Oars and equipment	<u>34</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34</u>
	<u>£783</u>	<u>£ 51</u>	<u>732</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		20	
Cash on Hand		<u>5</u>	
			<u>25</u>
			<u>£757</u>

REPORT OF THE HONORARY AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS

The above balance sheet and annexed income and expenditure account are in agreement with the books which in my opinion have been properly kept. I obtained the information and explanations I required.

In my opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and the surplus of the Club.

Canberra: 8th June, 1965.

B.E. OWENS.  
Chartered Accountant.

CANBERRA ROWING CLUBINCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 15TH MAY 1964 (DATE OF  
FORMATION) TO 30TH APRIL 1965

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members		331	
Associate members		9	
Lady members	38		
<u>Less: Donation</u>	<u>38</u>		
Junior members		<u>60</u>	
		400	
LESS: Affiliation fees		<u>12</u>	
			388

FUNCTIONS

Raffle		127	
Regattas		9	
Woolshed dance		40	
Miscellaneous		<u>23</u>	
			<u>199</u>
			587

## EXPENSES

Delegates fees		8	
Depreciation		51	
General expenses		6	
Interest		2	
Postages		25	
Rent		6	
Repairs to fleet		23	
Stationery		<u>27</u>	
			<u>148</u>
SURPLUS FOR PERIOD			<u><u>£439</u></u>