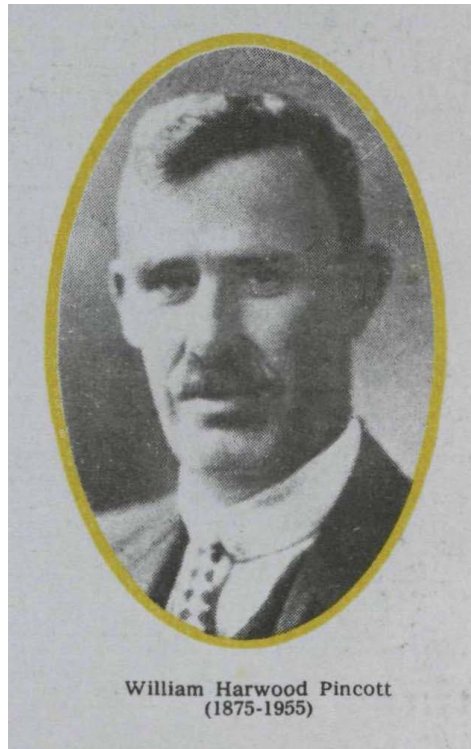




THE WH PINCOTT CLUB

RECORDS AND ROWING HISTORY



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W.H. PINCOTT

THE MAN HIMSELF

W.H. (Pinny) Pincott coached the Geelong Grammar School (GGS) first VIII from 1924 until 1944 and continued to support his successors actively until his death at the age of 79 in 1955. During this period, GGS was Head of the River six times.

W.H. Pincott attended GGS from 1886 until 1894. He was a prefect, he captained the first XVIII as well as playing in the first XI. He later played League football with Geelong.

For many years, W.H. Pincott rowed with the Barwon Club. However, coaching was his real interest and he coached many Barwon senior crews, a Melbourne University VIII and on occasions, the Geelong College crew. It is for his sincerity and simplicity of approach and for his great influence on coaches and the coaching of rowing that he will long be remembered.

ROWERS, COACHES & MASTERS

CAPTAINS OF BOATS - BOYS

Year Captain/s

1874-75 C. Fairbairn
1877-79 G.M. Smith
1881 R.J.M. Broughton
1884 T. Bailey
1886 J.E. Robertson
1888 S. Bailey & T. Parkin
1890 E.W. Bagot
1892 A.W. Whitney & E. James
1894 C. Bailey & R.M. Williams
1896 N.L. Calvert & T.N. Collins
1898-89 H. Macartney
1901 V.H. Gard & N.S. Smith
1903 G.R. Collins
1906 C.P. Cooke
1908 J.E. Roe
1910 F.H. Lascelles
1912-13 A. Davenport
1915 F.P. Brett
1917 J.L. Jardine
1919 W.S Fraser & R.E. Webb-Ware
1921 F.C. Cole
1923 R.W.M. Onslow & J.A. Hardy
1925 H.C. Morphett
1927 W.H. Sherlock
1929 J.C. Guest
1931 J.C. Barclay
1933 W.E. Lloyd

Year Captain/s

1876 C.N. Armytage
1880 H. Payne
1882-83 H. Brush
1885 M. Morgan & A.J. Bailey
1887 J.E. Robertson, S.F. Mann & F. James
1889 T. Parkin
1891 A.W. Whitney
1893 E. James & W. Macartney
1895 R.M. Williams
1897 T.N. Collins & H.D.K. Macartney
1900 V.H. Gard
1902 N.S. Smith
1904-05 J.H. Lindon
1907 G.H. Patterson
1909 F.H. Lascelles & E.L. Smith
1911 C.N. Armytage
1914 J. Webster & F.P. Brett
1916 N.F. Armytage & C.E. Beveridge
1918 J.L. Jardine & P.C Ferguson
1920 R.E. Webb-Ware
1922 G.C. Northcote
1924 J.A. Hardy & W.M. Morgan
1926 W.B. Griffiths
1928 T. C. McKellar
1930 P.A. Thornley & J.C. Barclay
1932 H.M. Rlitter
1934 S.R.C. Wood

ROWERS, COACHES & MASTERS

CAPTAINS OF BOATS - BOYS (CONTINUED)

Year Captain/s

1935-36 A.P.S. Wood
1938 J. McA.H. Lockwood
1940 F.G. Davidson
1942 C. Darvall
1944 W.J. Grose
1946 G.T. Kryger
1948 G.E. Carroll
1950 C.H. Mylius
1952 H.W.W. Hopkins
1954 R.B. Ritchie
1956 J. G. Gatenby
1958 W.J.P. Gatenby
1960 R.W. Trotter
1962 D.McL. Robinson
1964 S.I.R. Bubb
1966 S.C. Manifold
1968 R.S. Benson
1970 C.J. Koren
1972 S.H. Tuck
1974 H.J.M. Lowe
1976 D.B. Wainwright
1978 A.P. Thompson
1980 D.J. Mackey
1982 D.B. Merryless
1984 R.C. Lee
1986 T.A.E. Gubbins
1988 P.B. Arms
1990 R.J. Dowd
1992 A.J. Paice
1994 T. Ramsay
1996 A.L. Latrielle
1998 H.P.H. de Crespigny
2000 S.W. Wythes-Willis
2002 L.W. Smith
2004 J.R.O.D. Cutler
2006 J.R.C. Thomson
2008 C.A.J. Habla
2010 D.R.J. Cameron
2012 I.H.M. Cameron
2014 E.D. Gubbins
2016 T.R.M. Rafferty
2018 H.E. Wynn-Pope
2020 S.H. Wagstaff

Year Captain/s

1937 C.D. Smith
1939 C.F. Angus
1941 W.S.C. Hare
1943 W.H. Morshead
1945 J.G. Perry
1947 A.H. Purves
1949 J.S. Jose
1951 D.K. Sholl
1953 W.R.R. Beggs
1955 R. Southby
1957 N.P.W. Allen
1959 G.H. Burston
1961 J.W. Rutter
1963 R. Chambers
1965 R.R. Peardon
1967 P.C. Wallace & R.M.S. Manser
1969 J.A. Kettlewell
1971 G.J. Wood
1973 R.J. Ashbolt
1975 P.H. Weibye
1977 S.W. Gubbins
1979 W.P. Wilson
1981 P.E. Devilee
1983 P.D. Howes
1985 R.I.C. Jamieson
1987 C.J. Dawson
1989 S.C. Teschendorf
1991 W.H. Pincott
1993 R.T.B. Paul
1995 W.T.B. Paul
1997 A.W. Mackinnon
1999 N.R. Smithwick
2001 R.W.G. Cutler
2003 H.R.A. Thomson
2005 S.D.A. McCallum
2007 A.J. Austin
2009 E.D. Levy
2011 H.W.C. Baylis
2013 C.A. Tomczak
2015 D.W. Larritt
2017 J.R.T. Mentha
2019 W.J. Allen
2020 J.F. Barber

ROWERS, COACHES & MASTERS

CAPTAINS OF BOATS - GIRLS

Year Captain/s

1980-81 J.L. Ferguson
1984 R. Gilder
1986 A.K. Plowman
1988 R.S. Joyce
1990 S.C. Harris
1992 J.S. Hawker
1994 R.E. Gude
1996 K.E. Hudson
1998 G.C.P. Consett
2000 K.C. Thomson
2002 S.A. Luckock
2004 A.V.F. Luk
2006 R.J. Tuck
2008 M.E. Wagg
2010 A. Thompson
2012 J.Z. Brookes
2014 C.F.M. a'Beckett
2016 S.L. Culley
2018 G.V. Biggs
2020 S.J. Browne

Year Captain/s

1982-83 C.J. Gilder
1985 A.K. Robertson
1987 E.A. Gunnensen
1989 G.A. Coy
1991 C.G. Button
1993 P.K.H. Herbert
1995 P.J. Harvey
1997 C.M. Coote
1999 Z.M. Robertson
2001 C.L. Delany
2003 S.C. Walsh-Rose
2005 E.D. Reid
2007 J.E. Hill
2009 C.A. Sutherland
2011 O.V. Fish
2013 A.S. Rothfield
2015 X.A. Brookes
2017 J.L. Perrignon
2019 O.M. Moore
2021 S.R. Miller

MASTERS IN CHARGE / DIRECTORS OF ROWING

Year Coach

1874 - 1896 J.L. Cuthbertson
1916 - 1920 E.J. Curnow
1923 - 1944
1959 J.E.L. Barber & H. Ward
1965 - 1983 F.C. Covill
1985 - 1989 P.R. McGann
1992 - 2004 G.J. Hunter
2006 - 2010 P.A. Green
2012 - 2016 G.J. Hunter

Year Coach

1897 - 1915 A.F. Garrard
1921 - 1922 L.C. Robson
1945 - 1958 J.E.L. Barber
1960 - 1964 H. Ward
1984 R.J. Wakefield
1990 - 1991 D.J. Thain
2005 G.J. Hunter & P.A. Green
2011 R.J. Bartlett
2017 - 2022 T.R. Lister

1ST CREW COACHES - BOYS

Year Coach

1874

1876 H. Upton

1878 J.L. Cuthbertson & H.B. McCormick

1883 - 1884

1889 J.L. Cuthbertson & S. Fairbairn

1894 S. Fairbairn

1897 - 1915 A.F. Garrard

1921 - 1922 L.C. Robson

1945 - 1953 J.E.L. Barber

1955 - 1957 J.E.L. Barber

1959 - 1965 H. Ward

1970 - 1983 F.C. Covill

1985 - 1989 P.R. McGann & R.J. Wakefield

1991 D.J. Thain

1993 G.J. Hunter, S.M. Owen & R.J. Wakefield

1996 P.R. Mc Gann & R.J. Wakefield

1998 - 2000 S.W. Edge, G.J. Hunter & R.J. Wakefield

2002 S.W. Edge, G.J. Hunter & R.J. Wakefield

2004 S.W. Edge, G.J. Hunter & R.J. Wakefield

2009 S.W. Edge, G.J. Hunter & R.P. Featherston

2016 - 2019 A. Tremul

Year Coach

1875 J.L. Cuthbertson

1877 J.L. Cuthbertson

1879 - 1882 J.L. Cuthbertson

1885 - 1888 J.L. Cuthbertson

1890 - 1893 J.L. Cuthbertson

1895 - 1896 J.L. Cuthbertson

1916 - 1920 E.J. Curnow

1923 - 1944 W. H. Pincott

1954 R.M. Blomfield

1958 J.E.L. Barber & H. Ward

1966 -1969 A.C. Monger

1984 R. J. Wakefield

1990 R. J. Wakefield

1992 S.M. Owen

1994 - 1995 G.J. Hunter & R.J. Wakefield

1997 G.J. Hunter, L. McCarthy & R.J. Wakefield

2001 S.W. Edge & R.J. Wakefield

2003 S.W. Edge & G.J. Hunter

2005 - 2008 S.W. Edge & G.J. Hunter

2010 - 2015 I.R. Watt

2020 P.A. Frasca & C. Ryan

1ST CREW COACHES - GIRLS

Year Coach

1981 E. Robb

1986 A. Darker & T. Lee

1990 - 1991 R.J.R. Ditterich

1993 - 1995 L.R. McCarthy

1997 - 2002 G.J. Hunter

2004 G.J. Hunter

2006 P.A. Green

2009 W.R. England & R.P. Featherston

2011 - 2012 W.R. England

2017 W.R. England

2020 A.E. Henricus

Year Coach

1982 - 1985 W.A. Searle

1987 - 1989 A. Darker

1992 E. C. Vahl Meyer

1996 L.R. McCarthy & G.J. Hunter

2003 B.J. Stewart & G.J. Hunter

2005 B.S.H. Fry & R.P. Featherston

2007 - 2008 W.R. England

2010 R.P. Featherston

2013 - 2016 W.R. England & D.H. Clingeffer-Woodford

2018 - 2019 A.E. Crow

ROWING RECORDS

HEAD OF THE RIVER FASTEST TIMES HELD BY GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Boys	Time	Year
1st VIII	5.57:95	2017
2nd VIII	6.11:25	2017
3rd VIII	6.26:04	2017
4th VIII	6.52:81	2003
Yr 10.A	6.29:80	2017
Yr 10.B	7.00:84	2015
Yr 10.C	7.07:94	2017
Girls	Time	Year
1st VIII	6.46:71	2015
2nd VIII	7.05:92	2015
3rd VIII	7.26:98	2011
Yr 10.A	3.52:40	2017
Yr 10.B	4.02:03	2017
Yr 10.C	4.19:04	2017

GGG ROWING OLYMPIANS

OLYMPIAN	DETAILS	GAMES	COUNTRY	BOAT
John Campbell	Gl'09	Antwerp 1920	GB	VIII
Thomas Cree	M'33	Berlin 1936	GB	Pair
Samuel Wood	Cu'34	Berlin 1936	AUS	
Colin Douglas-Smith	Ge'37	London 1948	AUS	IV Coxed
Brian Dawes	P'48	Melb 1956	AUS	VIII
Garth Manton	P'48	Melb 1956	AUS	VIII
Adrian Monger	FB'51	Melb 1956	AUS	VIII
Peter Evatt	M'39	Melb 1956	AUS	IV Coxless
James Jelbart	P'51	Rome 1960	AUS	IV Coxless
James Lowe	M'74	Moscow 1980	AUS	VIII
		Los Angeles 1984	AUS	VIII
Tim Young	P'74	Moscow 1980	AUS	VIII
Simon Spriggs	FB'86	Barcelona 1992	AUS	VIII
Kate Slatter	Cl'88	Barcelona 1992	AUS	IV Coxless
		Atlanta 1996	AUS	Pair
		Sydney 2000	AUS	Pair
Angela Holbeck	Ga'92	Atlanta 1996	AUS	VIII
Rebecca Joyce	Ga'88	Atlanta 1996	AUS	Double scull
Charlotte Sutherland	Cl'09	Rio 2016	AUS	VIII

LIST OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

* DECEASED

1963

John E L Barber * First Crew Coach – Master in Charge of Rowing
J S Cook *
Jimmy Goucher * School Boatman
M Makin *
G P Smith *

1967

Don Cameron * School Boatman
W (Bill) A Searle * Boys Rowing Coach and Girls First Crew Coach
Hubert Ward AO Boys First Crew Coach–Master in Charge of Rowing–W.H. Pincott Club Founder

1977

Jessie Gadsden * Benefactor

2006

Frank Covill Boys First Crew Coach – Master in Charge of Rowing
Ian Douglas QC President of W.H. Pincott Club
William (Bill) Lester * Boys Rowing Coach – Secretary and Treasurer W.H.Pincott Club
Paul McGann Boys First Crew Coach – Director of Rowing
Garth Manton President of W.H. Pincott Club
Adrian Monger * Boys First Crew Coach – Secretary and Treasurer W.H. Pincott Club
Selwyn Owen Boys First Crew Coach – Secretary and Treasurer W.H. Pincott Club
John Rowe AM President of W.H. Pincott Club
Duncan Thain Boys First Crew Coach – Director of Rowing
Tim Young President of W.H. Pincott Club and First Patron

2007

Robert Wakefield Boys First Crew Coach – Master in Charge of Rowing

2009

Sarah Thompson Vice - President of W.H. Pincott Club
Ralph Wilson President of W.H. Pincott Club and Benefactor

2010

Stewart Edge Boys First Crew Coach
Simon Reed Treasurer and Vice President of W.H. Pincott Club
Hugh Robertson President of W.H. Pincott Club and Benefactor

2013

Amanda Catanach President of W.H. Pincott Club and Benefactor

2016

Rob England Boys and Girls Rowing Coach, Girls First Crew Coach

LIST OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

(CONTINUED)

2017

Geoff Hunter Boys and Girls Rowing Coach, Director of Rowing
Greg Earl Boatman

2019

Maryjane Crabtree Vice-President of W.H. Pincott Club
Clive Jamieson President of W.H. Pincott Club

GP DOUGLASS MEMORIAL AWARD

For a number of years the WH Pincott Club has been presenting Year 12 rowers with a small gift thanking them for their contribution to GGS Rowing. In 2017 the decision was made to reinstate the “GP Douglass Memorial Award” – after the award of the same name was gifted between 1920 and 1957.

Our thanks to the Officer Family from Warrnambool who are descendants of the Douglass family. Our gift to all Year 12 rowers now has a very special meaning.

The story of Lieut. George Percival Douglass MC (1896-1918) is one of a life tragically cut short by war. Sadly, it is not a unique story. WW1 claimed the lives of more than 60,000 Australians, with many more wounded or permanently disabled. Many of these men, including G P Douglass, enlisted during or shortly after secondary school. More than one hundred years later, the sacrifice made by these men is still felt strongly. Geelong Grammar School commemorates the lives of those who went to war in various ways, including plaques on the war memorial and stained glass windows in the Chapel. The story of one man, G P Douglass, in many ways symbolises the sacrifice made by many Old Geelong Grammarians.

GP DOUGLASS - THE STUDENT

George Percival Douglass was the only son of Henry Percival Douglass (OGG) and Enid Mary Douglass (nee Webster). He was born in Geelong and attended GGS from 1909 to 1914. He was a house prefect of Perry House, played 1st XVIII Football from 1912 to 1914 and was the 1914 Swimming Champion.

He rowed 3 Seat in the 1913 1st VIII and 5 Seat in the victorious 1914 1st VIII. (The 1914 Crew was the first GGS crew to win the Head of the River in an eight-oared boat).



GP DOUGLASS - THE SOLDIER

He enlisted (along with a number of his crew mates) in the Australian Imperial Force on 20 August 1914, aged 18, while still at school. He went to Broadmeadows Camp before being shipped out to Egypt on 21 October 1914 with the 5th Battalion, 1st Division, A.I.F., arriving in Egypt in early December. It is difficult to imagine what it would have been like for young Australians, many of whom would have never left their home state, finding themselves in a foreign and hostile land far away from home. However, his time in Egypt was cut short by illness. He was admitted to hospital on the 13 March 1915 with acute Rheumatism (pain in joints and muscles) and after spending three months in an Egyptian hospital he returned home to Australia in July. He was discharged as medically unfit in December 1915.

With continued desire to help King and Country, he again sailed to England after Christmas in 1915 and enlisted in the Royal Field Army (RFA). The RFA provided medium calibre artillery support, including Howitzers. George was accepted into the RFA (157th Brigade), and was deployed to France in July 1916. By late 1917 George was reported to be suffering from "gas throat", and had lost his voice, probably the result of poisoning from chlorine gas. This possibly occurred during The Battle of the Somme (July – November 1916) which saw extensive use of chlorine gas. Chlorine gas was one of several gases used by both the Germans and British throughout the war. The use of chemical weapons in war was eventually outlawed under the Geneva Protocol of 1925.

In August 1917 George was sent to complete a gunnery course in Amiens, a city in Northern France on the banks of the Somme, in order to recover from gas poisoning.

In early 1918 George was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, continuing to serve in France. In July 1918 his name appeared in the Supplement to the London Gazette in a list of citations for the Military Cross:

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer carried out long reconnaissances [sic] in and beyond the front line infantry during daylight along a wide front, He sent back valuable information, which was only obtained at great personal risk.

He was critically wounded on 24 of August 1918 while trying to help a fallen gunner. He died the following day and was buried at Arneke British Cemetery, just outside the town of Cassel in northern France.

He is commemorated at the School on the war memorial plaque and the G P Douglass window in the Chapel. The School was also presented with the generous gift of a ceramic poppy from the Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red installation at the Tower of London in 2014. This gift was made by Sheila Miskin (nee Scott) to commemorate the life of her uncle 'Geordie'.

THE G P DOUGLASS MEMORIAL AWARD

On December 6th 1920, Mr and Mrs H P Douglass donated £200 (just shy of two years school fees at GGS in 1920) to the School, in order for a presentation to be made annually of a trophy award named after their son, to all the members of the First VIII.

As far as we know, this memorial award was given from 1920 through to 1957. Initially, a small oar was presented, followed by a medallion. On at least one occasion a silver napkin ring was awarded.

The G.P. Douglass Oar, awarded annually to the crew and cox who represented the School in the Race for the Head of the River, was inaugurated by the purchasing of Peace Bonds by his parents, Mr and Mrs H.P. Douglass. A window in All Saints' Chapel, Corio, commemorated the life of G.P. Douglass and his father, Henry Percival Douglass. It was unveiled by the Hon. Donald Mackinnon on Monday, 10th November 1930, the left glass contains a figure of Bishop Patterson, who was killed by natives in the Melanesian Islands, and the right that of Dr. Livingstone. Both men are wearing their everyday clothing and are surrounded by natives. The colouring and expressions are particularly fine, in the background of both glasses are trees and water – the blue of the Pacific and the green of the palms.

- Extract from "Geelong Grammarians at the Great War" by James (Bim) Affleck (Cu'67)

Photos courtesy of the Officer Family



Medals that would have been received by G P Douglass for his military service.