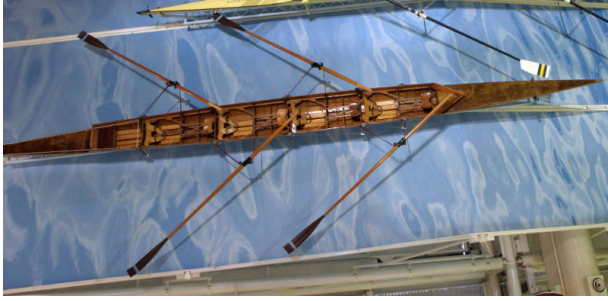


# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Rowing shell from Bairnsdale Rowing Club

**Date**

c 1940

**Medium**

Wood (meranti, cedar, oregon, spruce, pine), metal (copper, brass, steel), hemp rope, leather, varnish

**Dimensions**

Overall: 330 x 11030 x 700 mm, 83 kg Vessel Dimensions: 11.62 m x 0.71 m (38.13 ft x 2.33 ft)

**Name**

Rowing scull

**History**

The design and technology of this Four is the same as Victorian Regulation Training Fours of the 1920s - 1930s, although this one may have been built some time later. Their all-purpose design was used for training by all men, women and children rowers in Victoria until the beginning of World War II. But the shortage of boats, labour and materials immediately after the war kept clinker boats in use in many clubs well into the 1960s. Bairnsdale Rowing Club was founded in 1873 on the Mitchell River in the Gippsland area of Victoria, where it held regular competitions. The club helped to produce many champion oarsmen and women. The club was closed in the 1960s until it reopened in 1987 and made an appeal for boats and oars from metropolitan rowing clubs. This resulted in the donation of the clinker rowing boat which has subsequently been donated to the Australian National Maritime Museum.