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The Office for Recreation and Sport is the State Government agency that helps develop, support and invest in sport at all levels. Rowing South Australia works closely with the Office for Recreation and Sport to develop rowing from community participation through to high-level performance.

Rowing South Australia would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the South Australian Government, through the Office for Recreation and Sport, for the continued support provided to rowing in our state.



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OUR VISION AND MISSION

OUR VISION

Supporting and growing an inclusive and thriving rowing community.

OUR MISSION

To promote, provide and administer rowing to create opportunity for all to enjoy the sport.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Infrastructure

Continually improve/upgrade West Lakes facility, progressing work from 2017 Facilities Review.

Preserve & develop the River Torrens precinct.

Investigate satellite facility/facilities.

Competitions

Improve spectator experience.

Enhance quality & variety of regattas.

Increase regatta participation.

Marketing and Communication

Enhance the profile of the sport.

Improve the communication between RSA & stakeholders.

Educate the key influencers about the positives of rowing.

Design Marketing Plan to attract & maintain sponsorship.

Financial Sustainability

Develop alternative income streams.

Capitalise on the ownership of West Lakes.

Conduct profitable Café/Function business.

Review existing fees & charges.

Build mutual relationships & understanding with Member Clubs.

Development

Inform, educate and support Rowing Clubs (& stakeholders).

Grow participation (rowers/volunteers).

Develop retention strategies (senior rowers), refining Pathway & State Team programs.

Governance

Build upon positive relationship with Office for Rec & Sport.

Demonstrate accountability to stakeholders.

Align with Sporting Organisation “best practice”.

AFFILIATED CLUBS AND SCHOOLS

Rowing South Australia would like to thank our affiliated clubs and schools for their support during the 2017-18 season.

AFFILIATED CLUBS

ADELAIDE ROWING CLUB

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB

BERRI ROWING CLUB

GOOLWA ROWING CLUB

LORETO OLD COLLEGIANS & COMMUNITY ROWING CLUB

MANNUM ROWING CLUB

MAWSON BOAT CLUB

MURRAY BRIDGE ROWING CLUB

PEMBROKE MASTERS ROWING CLUB

PHOENIX ROWING CLUB

PORT ADELAIDE ROWING CLUB

PORT PIRIE ROWING CLUB

RENMARK ROWING CLUB

RIVERSIDE ROWING CLUB

SCOTCH OLD COLLEGIANS & COMMUNITY ROWING CLUB

TAILEM BEND ROWING CLUB

THE INSTITUTE OF ROWING

TORRENS ROWING CLUB

AFFILIATED CLUBS AND SCHOOLS (CONT.)

AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE

LORETO COLLEGE

NORWOOD MORIALTA HIGH SCHOOL

PEMBROKE SCHOOL

PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE

PULTENEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE

SCOTCH COLLEGE

SEYMOUR COLLEGE

ST PETER'S COLLEGE

ST PETER'S GIRLS' SCHOOL

UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL

WALFORD ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

WILDERNESS SCHOOL

THE ORGANISATION

Patron

His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia

Vice Patrons

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Martin Haese

Mayor of the City of Charles Sturt, Angela Evans

President

Michael Harbison

Vice Presidents

Lou Crotti

Michael Eastaughffe

Rod Elleway

Robert Russell

Penny Halliday

Paul Logan

Phil Mangelsdorf

Steve Pennington

THE ORGANISATION (CONT.)

BOARD

Chair

Philip Paterson

Elected Directors

Jamie Grant

James Hammond

Andrew Hannon

Greg Melbourne

Steve Pennington

Helene Wipf-Grant

Elected Secretary

Richard O'Dea

Appointed Directors

Georgina McGuinness

Philip Paterson

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer

David Hutton

Regatta Operations Manager

Bec Lannan

State Development Manager

Peer Richards (until April 28th, 2018)

Sam Jordan (from May 28th, 2018)

Finance Officer

Toni Ryan

Facilities and Maintenance Manager

Tim Ward

Course Manager

Brett Ralph

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Legal Advisor

Lou Crotti

Head Umpire

Greg Melbourne

Rowing Australia Councillor

Greg Melbourne

State Team Selectors

Jason Lane

Christine MacLaren

Fearnley Szuster

Andrew Stunell

Rowing SA Photographer

Cynthia Judd – Hebfotos

Ann Koch

Rowing SA Auditor

HLB Mann Judd

BOARD PROFILES

MICHAEL HARBISON: PRESIDENT

Michael competed in the last Head of the River on the Torrens in 1968, winning the Under 16's. He rowed in the St Peters College first eight, competing at the first Head of the River held at West Lakes.

Michael was very active as a rowing parent, supporting both Wilderness and St Peters College. He served as Rowing SA Chairman from 1998 to 2003 and Lord Mayor of Adelaide from 2003 to 2009.

Michael was appointed as President of Rowing SA in 2015.

PHILIP PATERSON: CHAIR (Appointed Director)

Attended 11 of 11 meetings.

Philip was appointed to the Board in June 2015 to be the first "Appointed" Director under the new Constitution. The Board elected Philip as Chair in August 2015. A Chartered Accountant and partner with Grant Thornton for 30 years, Philip left the firm in 2012 to achieve a change of pace and to establish his own consultancy specializing in planning, problem solving and governance. Philip's broad financial and commercial experience is valuable to the Rowing SA Board.

Philip has not rowed competitively but has connections to rowing that attracted him to Rowing SA, including many hours rowing dinghies around Goolwa and the Coorong as a child. Both Philip's children rowed with Scotch College and Philip continues to be a supporter of the Scotch rowing program. In 2010 Philip was lucky enough to purchase an 18 foot Ken Basset "Liz" timber, sliding seat scull from its builder living on Scotland Island on the Hawkesbury River. Philip's wife Sandra has recently taken to rowing. In support of that Philip purchased a Race 1 Wave-cutter single scull in 2015.

Three of the four family members are involved in recreational rowing. Philip looks forward to building the strength of Rowing SA in order to support everyone participating in rowing in South Australia.

BOARD PROFILES (CONT.)

GEORGINA MCGUINNESS: BOARD MEMBER (Appointed Director)

Attended 8 of 11 meetings.

Georgina is an experienced media relations, government relations and stakeholder engagement executive, who has forged a career of more than 30 years in communications.

For 25 years, Georgina presented Adelaide's premier weekend news bulletin on Channel 9.

Away from the news desk, she was also a senior journalist, sub-editor, producer, chief of staff and documentary presenter.

Georgina has received awards for TV journalism and participated in a news presenter exchange with Adelaide's sister city, Austin, Texas.

More recently, Georgina has been a speech-writer to two State Opposition Leaders and Senior Communications Adviser to the then Opposition Leader and now Premier, Mr Steven Marshall MP.

This unique background across media and government has allowed her to establish a wealth of experience and expertise in communication, stakeholder engagement, key message development, publicity, branding and presentation.

In April 2014, she established McGuinness Media and in the four years since, she has experienced strong and growing demand for her services from local, national and international clients.

JAMIE GRANT: BOARD MEMBER (Elected Director)

Attended 9 of 11 meetings.

Jamie has a strong interest in rowing that has grown over the last five years, with the involvement of his son and his niece. He believes that if your children are participating in a sport, then the parents should contribute as well, and in Jamie's case, the sport of rowing has become a passion for his whole family.

Jamie and his siblings operate three family businesses and have done so for the past 30 years. Operating his own business has taught him many skills, such as: financial management, effective communication, marketing & advertising, time management, logistics, corporate due diligence and event management. It is through these skills that Jamie can make a positive and effective contribution to the South Australian Rowing Community.

Jamie has previously held the positions of Vice President and President of the Prince Alfred College Rowing Club. The time spent in these roles led to his interest and successful nomination to the Board of Rowing SA in 2015, and Jamie has enjoyed carrying out the role with due diligence, for the betterment of rowing as a whole in South Australia.

BOARD PROFILES (CONT.)

JAMES HAMMOND: BOARD MEMBER (Elected Director)

Attended 7 of 11 meetings.

James was elected to the Board in 2017. James has been an active member of the rowing community within NSW, the ACT and now SA for almost 20 years. Coaching for 12 years, James is passionate about developing young rowers into rowers for life.

Currently Director of Rowing at Prince Alfred College, James is regularly and actively engaged with many aspects of rowing in South Australia. James is an active member of the School Rowing Coordinators' Committee often acting as a liaison between the committee and Rowing SA. James believes it is important for both Rowing SA and the rowing schools within SA to work collaboratively for the benefit the sport and South Australia's rowing community. While currently involved primarily with schools James remains sympathetic to the needs of clubs and believes firmly in a united, productive and successful rowing community.

Formerly Executive Officer of Rowing ACT James has an intricate understanding of the operational processes within state rowing associations along with the governance of rowing nationally. Under the direction of the Board of Rowing ACT James managed the daily operations of the organisation which has given him unique experience of the many processes involved in Rowing SA from governance and strategic planning to accounts and asset management and even regatta operations. James is grateful for the opportunity to bring his experience and expertise to the Rowing SA Board to make a positive contribution to Rowing SA in the best interests of all members of the rowing community.

ANDREW HANNON: BOARD MEMBER (Elected Director)

Attended 11 of 11 meetings.

Andrew is the Group Commercial Manager for Viterra and has general management experience in Australian and global business entities. With a Masters in Agribusiness and Diploma of Finance, Andrew has experience managing the requirements of a large scale organisation across multiple stakeholder groups.

Andrew is a Ministerial appointment to two agricultural industry consultative committees working with regulators and government departments at federal and state level.

Through working with company Boards, corporate and industry bodies, Andrew has an excellent understanding of appropriate governance models to ensure the achievement of positive outcomes, supporting all participants.

As past-President of Saint Peters Girls Rowing, Andrew introduced a sustainable funding model and implemented the use of an innovative marketing and communications plan. This plan delivered significant program improvements for athletes and parents.

Andrew is a former national and state sailing representative, a competing member of the Adelaide Rowing Club and the current holder of the Moffat Le Page Masters Trophy. Andrew remains keen to deliver on the strategic development objectives of the Rowing SA Board.

BOARD PROFILES (CONT.)

GREG MELBOURNE: BOARD MEMBER (Elected Director)

Attended 9 of 11 meetings.

Greg has been involved in rowing for over 40 years, starting as a coxswain back in 1974 and progressing to being a reserve for a SA Kings Cup Crew. Over the years, Greg has actively been involved with the Riverside Rowing Club, at times being their Association delegate, Club Captain, President and is now a Life Member.

For the past 23 years Greg has been a State umpire, including 19 years as an Australian umpire at national regattas, and a FISA umpire for over 12 years at international regattas.

Greg's dedication to the rowing community includes assisting SASI with transporting their athletes to training camps and National regattas interstate.

Outside of rowing, Greg is self-employed and has previously worked in various legal firms in Adelaide for 14 years, and in the cleaning industry for over 12 years.

Greg brings to the Board a vast knowledge of rowing, as well as an unbiased and fair approach to all athletes and all members of the rowing community. Greg is the current chair of the Umpire and Volunteer Subcommittee.



Crews launching for the Head of the Port, 2017

Photo courtesy Rowing SA

BOARD PROFILES (CONT.)

RICHARD O'DEA: BOARD MEMBER (Elected Secretary)

Attended 9 of 11 meetings.

Richard was appointed to the Board in August 2015 and is a member of the Riverside Rowing Club. He was a competing Masters rower for Riverside from 2007 to 2013 and is currently taking a break from competing due to family (primarily children's sport) commitments. He is the parent of a schoolboy rower for Pulteney Grammar School.

Richard is a Principal at the legal practice, Madsen O'Dea, and was previously the Managing Partner of a mid-tier corporate and commercial legal practice in Adelaide. He was a member of the Board of Pulteney Grammar School from 2002 to 2013 and was the Chair of that Board from 2009 to 2013. His experience as Managing Partner of a legal practice, and Chair of the Board of an Independent School, has given him a strict understanding of the delineation between governance and management to focus on each of the following:

- The continuous engagement of stakeholders affected by decisions of the Board
- The rigour of all processes (including nomination processes – and internal governance policies and procedures)
- Opportunity and crisis management
- Financial and governance integrity

Richard's work for the Rowing SA Board this year has included strategic planning, reviewing the suite of documents which regulate the governance of the Association (including the By-laws and the Constitution) and attending upon Judiciary Committee hearings.

STEVE PENNINGTON: BOARD MEMBER (Elected Director)

Attended 7 of 11 meetings.

Steve's involvement in rowing began at school, including in the First VIII, followed by a couple of seasons at Adelaide University Boat Club. He returned to rowing through the Masters at Riverside where he also served on their committee for several years and was boat captain. As well as local and National regattas, he has also completed at a number of FISA World Masters Championships. In addition to competing, he is a level 3 coach and an RA umpire. He has also participated in a number of other sports including rugby at state and junior national level, sailing, hockey and soccer coaching.

Steve has had two terms on the RSA Board, 1998 - 2011, during which the last building extension and the course upgrade to international standard occurred and more recently 2013 to the present, a period of major changes in the management of all sports driven by the Australian Sports Commission. He has also served on a number of school boards. This background in both rowing, the more recent history of the Association from SARA to RSA and management through boards has allowed him to serve both the interests of the rowing community as well as the growth and development of rowing in SA.

BOARD PROFILES (CONT.)

HELENE WIPF-GRANT: BOARD MEMBER (Elected Director)

Attended 7 of 11 meetings.

Helene is a current member of Torrens Rowing Club and has been an active member of the rowing community since 2011. She has been involved as a competitive member, umpire, and coach, since learning to row at West Australian Rowing Club as a master.

Helene's business background includes over 12 years of extensive and specialised consulting in the Resources and Infrastructure industries. She has worked internationally and nationally, and has post-graduate qualifications in Project Management, Business Leadership, and Change Management. She has extensive skills in stakeholder engagement and communication, and experience in risk management and governance frameworks for business. Helene also advises business on integrated management systems, policy development and strategic planning, as well as conflict resolution.

Helene enjoys developing the next generation of professionals and acts as a business and career mentor for participants of The University of WA Career Mentor Link and the Australian Women in Resources Alliance.

As an active volunteer, Helene contributes to causes where her skills and passions intersect and, with a profound love for rowing she is keen to contribute to the growth of the sport through:

- Improving participation of the sport of rowing in SA and representation of our State athletes at all levels
- Increased opportunity and inclusivity for rowers of all ages, abilities and background
- Better coaching frameworks and coaching resources for Clubs
- Enhanced development pathways for athletes and the deployment of national best practice selection for State and National competitions
- Greater transparency and collaboration between Rowing SA, Clubs and School rowing in policy development and governance.

HONORARY & FINANCIAL LIFE MEMBERS (*INDICATES DECEASED)

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

South Australian Rowing Association

1929	Marcus J P *	1960	Bollen J H *	1974	Coldwell G D OAM
	Wallman R H *		Botroff A A *	1978	Mangelsdorf P C
	Sharp J J *	1961	Forwood K B	1979	Blank J H
	Kitson J *	1963	Pennington H G *	1980	Morrison E *
	Clouston J H *	1965	Lodge F N *		Eaton F *
	Gepp C A *	1967	Laughton B C		Davis A C
	Goss J H *	1969	Clarke R D	1981	Draper B S OAM
	Grayson A J *	1970	Southcott A L *	1984	Carter R D *
1938	Grummet L T *	1971	Higgs E		Webb R S
1950	Amiel C *	1973	Boulderstone D *	2001	Russell R J
	Baumann C *				Watts R F *
	Menz H V *			2005	Southcott L
	Butterworth C R *				
1952	Qurban T K				

Rowing South Australia

2012	Ward T J
2013	Eastaughffe M P
2014	Pennington R T (Bob) *
2017	Halliday P

FINANCIAL LIFE MEMBERS

Fitzgerald R	Southcott E K
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FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBERS (*INDICATES DECEASED)

Amiel C W *	Clayton D E	Earl W D *	Hebblewhite M	Lippis N
Anderson J	Clode G D	Eastaughffe M	Henderson D W	Lockwood J D *
Baciarelli V *	Coldwell R K *	Eaton F *	Higgins J M	Lodge F M *
Baumann C *	Coldwell K L	Edmonds F R *	Hislop D	Lohmeyer R A
Beauchamp H J *	Coldwell G D	Edmonds D B	Holland R F	Lohmeyer M J
Bertram K R	Collins N M	Edwards J R	Horlin-Smith B M	Lord P A *
Birks P J	Cooper C	Edwards M J	Howell R E	Lott C W
Black R C	Crompton D O	Elleway S F	Hughes J L	Lowe A
Blank J	Crotti L R	Elleway R F	Humble D S *	Lowen G T
Blank P W	Cudmore P D *	Emery C P	Hussey D J	MacDonald C G
Bodger R A	Cudmore PM *	Evans M J	Ingham J C *	MacKenzie B M
Bollen J H *	Culver R	Farrar G C	Jarvis R F	MacKenzie R W
Bolt J W	Cummins L	Ferris F R	Jeffries P W *	Mackie H K
Bond B T *	Cundell B M	Footer G L	Jeffries P C	Madsen C
Booth R	Cyclone K M	Gardiner L H	Jones A G	Madsen C T *
Borman N W	Dalton B F	Gebhardt P	Keane P J	Madsen K *
Bradley R *	Dankbaar W *	Giacchino P	Keene G	Magarey M
Brice C	Dankbaar R	Gibson R J	Kernot G J	Maguire G
Brooks D E *	Davies D *	Gigney R P	Keynes R J *	Mangelsdorf P
Brown T	Davis A *	Gill R C	Keynes G R	Mangelsdorf J
Burchell G R	Davis L S	Glazbrook D	Keynes R B	Mannum RC
Burfield G D	Delbridge R M	Goldsworthy W R	Krichauf G F *	(President)
Burgess E F	Diben F A	Goodenough L S	Kutcher D B	Mathews R M P *
Burgoine G	Dickson P R	Gregory A J *	Lang R	Mathews C S
Buys K	Dorsch A W	Grummet L T *	Langlois L R *	McCabe D M
Calandro R	Douglas S J	Guterres E *	Langlois S	McCoy J W *
Campbell R M	Draper J W	Hamilton I	Lansen C T *	McCoy W K
Carroll L V	Draper B S	Hannaford B D *	Lawrence R G	McCullough P A
Carter D R *	Draper M A	Harrison S J	Lenihan W *	McIlwain J F
Carter R D *	Draper M G	Harrison J C *	Lickie W J	McLean A K
Cheesman R D	Dring M	Harvey D J *	Lippis L	McLoughlin M A
Cheesman D T	Duncan H J	Haynes F K	Lippis A U	McNiel G
Cheesman W D	Dunn J A	Haynes T	Lippis M P	McQuillan A F
Christensen D	Earl D *	Hebblewhite G K *	Lippis D J	Mead R

FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBERS (CONT.)

Meathrel R R	Osis M	Quigley G C	Smith R	Vahl Meyer E
Melbourne G	Osman R V	Ramsay A T	Smith G B	Wade D *
Menz W O *	PAC (Headmaster)	Ramsay J K	Southcott B P	Walker P T
Menz W J *	PARC (President)	Ramsay A J	Southcott L	Wallman R H
Menz H V *	Parham A J *	Raymond D	Southcott A L *	Ward J
Michell E	Parr A W	Resting Rowers	Steer P G	Ward T J
Milne F K *	Parsons B	Consortium	Sullivan T D	Warne R J
Mitchell P G *	Pearce J L *	Richards R C	Swan D *	Watts R F *
Mobbs B	Pembroke	Richardson R W *	Szuster F S	Watts W *
Moore R L	(Headmaster)	Roberts B	Talbot N	Way K *
Moore B J	Phillipson E	Robertson B W	Thewlis P	Webb R
Morelli P *	Place B	Roosken H A	Thomas E G	Welch J
Morphett H C *	Pike H R	Rose S A *	Thornquest C	West Lakes Ltd
Morrison E M *	Potter R B *	Rowe J A *	Tolley S W	White D J
Morton W L *	Potter R W	Runge C E *	Trickett A *	Whiteford J W
Motteram J P *	Potter M I	Russell I W	Trinne D J	Whiteford A D
Mould R G	Prescott R C	Russell R J	Trowbridge D E	Williams C *
Muecke T R	Prescott C B	Sarah D	Turnbill R K	Williams D
Muscat J J	Price E A	Scroop I M	Turnbull J M	Williams J K
Muscat A C	Prior G	Sellick J G *	Union of Old	Willia Wills W J
Neall D	Puddy A G	Simmons D	Oarsmen	Winter N W *
Nurk A	Quigley J D	Simpson R	(President)	Woodhead Hall et al
Ninnis W K	Quigley F	Skuce F C	Unley High	Wride R H J
O'Brien F G	Quigley P A	Smith J A	(Headmaster)	Young W S



SA Women's Youth 8+, Bronze Medallists, Interstate Regatta, 2018

Photo courtesy Cynthia Judd & Ann Koch

ROWING SA CLUB PREMIERSHIPS

MEN'S PREMIERSHIP (WEST END TROPHY)

Held by- Adelaide University Boat Club

- 1. Adelaide Rowing Club – 68 points**
2. Adelaide University Boat Club – 51 points
3. Saint Peters College – 39 points

MASTERS MEN'S PREMIERSHIP

Held by- Riverside Rowing Club

- 1. Riverside Rowing Club – 52 points**
2. Adelaide University Boat Club – 14 points
3. Port Adelaide Rowing Club – 13 points

COUNTRY MEN'S PREMIERSHIP

Held by- Murray Bridge Rowing Club

- 1. Murray Bridge Rowing Club – 20 points**

SCHOOLBOY'S PREMIERSHIP

Held by- Prince Alfred College

- 1. Prince Alfred College – 244 points**
2. Saint Peters College – 198 points
3. Scotch College – 151 points

WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP (FLORENCE EATON TROPHY)

Held by- Adelaide University Boat Club

- 1. Adelaide Rowing Club – 77 points**
2. Adelaide University Boat Club – 73 points
3. Port Adelaide Rowing Club – 25 points

MASTERS WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

Held by- Port Adelaide Rowing Club

- 1. Port Adelaide Rowing Club – 46 points**
2. Phoenix Rowing Club – 11 points
3. Renmark Rowing Club – 4 points

COUNTRY WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

Held by- Murray Bridge Rowing Club

- 1. Murray Bridge Rowing Club – 24 points**
2. Mannum Rowing Club – 7 points

SCHOOLGIRL'S PREMIERSHIP

Held by- Walford Anglican School

- 1. Walford Anglican School – 247 points**
2. Seymour College – 203 points
3. Scotch College – 176 points



Adelaide Rowing Club OW8+, SA State Championships, 2018

Photo courtesy Cynthia Judd & Ann Koch

ROWING SA AWARDS

MEN'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

1. Kane Grant (ARC)

WOMEN'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

1. Verayna Zilm (ARC)

PARA MEN'S CHAMPION

1. Jed Altschwager (TRC)

SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPION

1. Angus Dawson (SPSC) – 31 points

2. Tom Beresford (SPSC)/James Price (ARC) – 24 points

3. Nicholas Riddell (SPSC) – 23 points

SENIOR WOMEN'S CHAMPION

1. Sophia Nery (ARC) – 33 points

2. Mieka Webb (ARC)/Verayna Zilm (ARC) – 32 points

3. Taleala McCarthy (AUBC) – 29 points

JUNIOR MEN'S CHAMPION

1. Zach Martin-Peddey (PARC) – 15 points

2. Angus Dawson (SPSC) – 12 points

3. Luke Simpson (PARC)/Max Linton (SPSC) – 9 points

JUNIOR WOMEN'S CHAMPION

1. Carys Jones (AUBC)/Georgina Berry (LC) – 10 points

2. Taleala McCarthy (AUBC) – 9 points



Jed Altschwager LTAM1x, SA State Championships, 2018

Photo courtesy Cynthia Judd & Ann Koch

ROWING SA AWARDS (CONT.)

MASTERS MEN'S CHAMPION

- 1. Ben Dunsheath (RRC) – 28 points**
2. Greg Walters (RRC) – 23 points
3. Rob Ellis (PARC)/Michael Sweeney (RRC) – 16 points

MASTERS WOMEN'S CHAMPION

- 1. Symonne Wickman (PARC) – 43 points**
2. Alison Smith (PARC) – 32 points
3. Jeanette Cordwell (PARC) – 26 points

CHAMPION MALE COXSWAIN

- 1. Sam Burton (SPSC) – 18 points**
2. David McGrail (PARC) – 14 points
3. Alistair Sadler (PS) – 8 points

CHAMPION FEMALE COXSWAIN

- 1. Bonnie White (AUBC) – 25 points**
2. Bonnie Hall (ARC) – 18 points
3. Jamie Crossley (RRC) – 17 points

CHAMPION SCHOOLBOY CREW

- 1. Adelaide High School 1st 4+**

CHAMPION SCHOOLGIRL CREW

- 1. Walford Anglican School 1st 8+**

COACH OF THE YEAR

- 1. Catherine McDougall (Scotch College)**

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

- 1. Peter Young/Jeff Erikson**

COMMUNITY CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

- 1. Craig Christian (Murray Bridge RC)**

BOB PENNINGTON MEMORIAL TROPHY – BOAT RACE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

- 1. Barny Cundell**



Adelaide High SB4+, Head of the River, 2018

Photo courtesy Cynthia Judd & Ann Koch

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TEAM ATHLETES 2018

SENIOR TEAM

World Cup 2 & 3

Olympia Aldersey (ARC/SASI/NTC) W4x
Molly Goodman (ARC/SASI/NTC) W4-
Alex Hill (ARC/SASI/NTC) M4-
Jack Kelly (ARC/SASI/NTC) LM4x

World Championships

Olympia Aldersey (ARC/SASI/NTC) W4x
Molly Goodman (ARC/SASI/NTC) W4-
Alex Hill (ARC/SASI/NTC) M4-
Jed Altschwager (TRC/SASI) PR3M2-
Nathan Bowden (SRC/NTC) M8+ (Res.)

U23 TEAM

World Cup 3 & U23 World Championships

Verayna Zilm (ARC/SASI) LW2x
Kane Grant (ARC/SASI) M4+

U21 TEAM

Trans-Tasman Regatta

Celia Cowan (AUBC/SASI) LW2x
Ella Bramwell (ARC/SASI) W2-
Jason Lane (SASI) Head Coach
Christine MacLaren (SASI) Team Manager

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY TEAM

World University Championships

Hugo Langsford (AUBC/SASI) M2x

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INTERSTATE TEAMS 2018

Head Coach

Jason Lane (SASI)

Team Manager

Jacki Grant

KINGS CUP - MEN'S 8+

Hugo Langsford (AUBC)
Drew Clements (ARC)
Kane Grant (ARC)
Tim Santin (ARC)
James McRae (MBRC)
Alex Hill (ARC)
Nathan Bowden (SRC)
Jack Kelly (ARC)
C: Georgia Litt (AUBC)

Reserve

Jack Korcz (ARC)/Matt Stamatias (ARC)

Coaches

Jason Lane (SASI)/Daren Potts (PS)

QUEENS CUP - WOMEN'S 8+

Alex Fry (AUBC)
Tahlia Jones (AUBC)
Anna Collins (ARC)
Symonne Wickman (PARC)
Mieka Webb (ARC)
Olympia Aldersey (ARC)
Phoebe Pado (AUBC)
Peta White (LOS&CRC)
C: Maddie Peisley (LC)

Coaches

Ron Mobbs (ARC)/Tom Doornbos(LC)

PENRITH CUP - LWT MEN'S 4-

Brodie Hand (AUBC)
Cameron Natt (AUBC)
Nick Blackman (PS)
Jack Tomich (AUBC)

Reserve

Lachlan Kirchner (AUBC)

Coaches

Simon Lane (PS)/Peer Richards (UHS)

VICTORIA CUP - LWT WOMEN'S 4x

Celia Cowan (AUBC)
Sophia Nery (ARC)
Lizzie Treloar (SUBC)
Verayna Zilm (ARC)

Reserve

Tahlia Jones (AUBC)

Coach

Brynley Millward (WALF)

PRESIDENT'S CUP - MEN'S 1x

Alex Hill (ARC)

Coach: Jason Lane (SASI)

NELL SLATTER TROPHY - WOMEN'S 1x

Olympia Aldersey (ARC)

Coach: Jason Lane (SASI)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INTERSTATE TEAMS 2018 (CONT.)

PR3 MEN'S 1x

Jed Altschwager (TRC)

Coaches

Jason Lane (SASI)/ Ben Flannagan (SPGC)

NOEL WILKINSON CUP - MEN'S YOUTH 8+

James Price (ARC)
Maxwell Fisher (AUBC)
James Nicholas (AUBC)
Oscar McGuinness (ARC)
Matthew Nielsen (AUBC)
Edward Badger (SPSC)
Angus Dawson (SPSC)
Mitchell Reinhard (UHS)
C: Bonnie Hall (ARC)

Reserve

Will Smith (AUBC)

Coach

James Hammond (PAC)

Ass. Coach

Daniel Ralph (AHS)

BICENTENIAL CUP - WOMEN'S YOUTH 8+

Peta Terrell (AUBC)
Rachel Kameniar (SPGC)
Georgina Berry (LC)
Carys Jones (AUBC)
Georgia Mee (AUBC)
Holly Ashworth (LOS&CRC)
Ella Bramwell (ARC)
Katelyn Nicholson (PARC)
C: Alannah Gilsmore (ARC)

Reserve

Katie Luscombe (ARC)

Coaches

Brenton Terrell (AUBC)/Catherine McDougall (SC)

2018 INTERSTATE REGATTA RESULTS

	M8+	W8+	MY8+	WY8+	LM4-	LW4x	M1x	W1x	PR3M1x	PR3W1x
ACT	-	-	-	-	3	7	4	5	-	2
NSW	1	2	1	4	1	1	3	7	3	1
QLD	5	3	2	2	2	2	6	1	1	5
SA	4	5	5	3	7	4	1	2	2	-
TAS	-	-	6	-	5	3	7	6	5	3
VIC	2	1	3	1	6	5	5	4	4	4
WA	3	4	4	5	4	6	2	3	-	-

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS 2018

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PATHWAY SQUADS

Program Manager

Christine MacLaren (SASI)

Team Manager

Megan Lowe

MEN'S PATHWAY SQUAD

James Andrewartha (SPSC)
Xavier Barnett (ARC)
Nick Blackman (PS)
Sam Button (PG)
Joshua Harris (PAC)
Frank Headley (PS)
Edward Jackson (CBC)
Thomas Johnson (PAC)
Jack Nilson (ST IG)
William Sam (PS)
Alistair Sadler (PS)

Coach

Daniel Ralph (AHS)

WOMEN'S PATHWAY SQUAD

Kayla Burn (AUBC)
Shae Clutton (AHS)
Rebekah Frisby-Smith (AHS)
Laura Purvis (SEY)
Siobhan Roe (AUBC)
Aine Seed (WALF)
Lucy Smith (LC)
Kyanne Townend (AUBC)
Ellie Altschwager (SEY)
Lucy Last (WS)
Noni Macallum (LC)
Lucy Hammond (SC)

Coach

Catherine McDougall (SC)

Ass. Coach

Eleanor Wilson (SEY)



SA Women's Pathway 8+, Sydney International Regatta Centre, 2018

Photo courtesy Christine MacLaren

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS 2018 (CONT.)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MASTERS STATE TEAM CREWS

MASTERS MEN'S 8+

Ben Dunsheath (RRC)
 Nicolas McDonald (MBRC)
 David McCleod (PARC)
 Greg Walters (RRC)
 Brad Jackson (ARC)
 George Jeffrey (ARC)
 Bill Natt (AUBC)
 Rob Young (ARC)
 C: Vicki Knight (PARC)

Coach

Rob Cheesman (RRC)

MASTERS WOMEN'S 4x

Toni Milne (PRC)
 Jeanette Cordwell (PARC)
 Symonne Wickman (PARC)
 Alison Smith (PARC)

Coach

Steve Pennington (PRC)

2018 MASTERS STATE TEAM RESULTS

	M8+	W8+	M4x	W4x
ACT	-	-	-	2
NSW	2	3	2	6
QLD	1	1	4	4
SA	3	-	-	3
TAS	-	5	3	5
VIC	4	2	1	1
WA	-	4	-	-



SA Masters State Team, Bronze Medallists, AMRC, 2018

Photo courtesy David Hutton

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF ROWING SA

It has been another busy 12 months and I thank the Board and the Rowing SA staff for their ongoing support. David Hutton as CEO has continued to deliver to the expectations of the rowing community. Together with a small number of dedicated staff and the support of the Board we have continued to roll out the 2020 Strategic Plan. The Board has created multiple opportunities for feedback and while there's always more to do, we are receiving positive comments on the direction we are taking in the development of the sport of rowing in SA.

The 2017/18 Season has been highly successful:

- Participation has been strong with 1660 registered rowers.
- State representatives continue to be competitive.
- Upgraded support for the state team has been welcomed.
- The demand for increased boat storage signals that the sport is healthy and growing.
- Increased club engagement and coach development.

We remain eager to ensure the infrastructure at West Lakes is well positioned to meet the needs of rowing into the future. We successfully applied for a grant through the Office of Recreation and Sport in 2017 which has been used to conduct a major infrastructure review.

On the back of the facilities review, the Board is working to prove a business case and seek funding options for a development over the coming years that may include:

- the establishment of a new café and function facility on the southern end of the existing structure,
- replacement structures east of the existing boatsheds with four new boatsheds,
- an expanded, multiuser office and meeting space with improved lake viewing
- a new finishing tower
- improved lake access and wash down areas

The change of Government has somewhat delayed advancement, however this was always a longer term project.

The works on the Western deck and relocation of SASI Canoe/Kayak/RSA workshop have been protracted but are nearing completion.

As a Board we are also mindful and supportive of facilities development at other sites. We believe a collective approach to the interests of clubs with a presence on the Torrens is a critical element of our strategic plan. The Murray Bridge facility plans are also very much on the radar and we look forward to working with all schools and clubs to improve what the sport can offer.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF ROWING SA (CONT.)

Last year the Board introduced subcommittees to replace the Commissioner positions and we now have operating committees for:

- Finance, Audit and Risk
- Buildings and Facilities
- Clubs & Schools
- Masters
- Athletes
- Umpires and Volunteers

These committees are up and running and provide an avenue for new people participating in the governance of the sport. Please get involved if you have a desire.

OAR CAFE

I am sure everyone has enjoyed the offerings from OAR Café which was established in October 2017. As anticipated the café has activated the facility in a way that we had not achieved previously. Operators Rik and Alex are delivering wonderful experiences to the rowing and broader community. OAR recently won award recognition at the 2018 Restaurant and Catering Awards for Excellence – best breakfast restaurant in the metro south and west region.



MW2x, Masters, 3rd Grade & Novice State Championships, 2018

Photo courtesy Cynthia Judd & Ann Koch

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers – what can I say? Without them we don't have a sport. Their collective effort has increased, delivering great regattas throughout the season, Winter Series and Time Trial events for all athletes. We need to thank and applaud those who have put their hands up for this task and those who have come up with creative ways of adding to the numbers. We are likely to need more volunteers in the future and our Umpires and Volunteer's sub-committee is looking into this. We may have to become more demanding about the provision of volunteers from clubs and schools to ensure we deliver high quality regattas.

Personally, I have told Greg Melbourne I will train to be a BRO and umpire this year – I hope others help me support the volunteers.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF ROWING SA (CONT.)

ROWING SA CONSTITUTION

We have a Special General Meeting scheduled to follow the 2018 AGM, The agenda is to discuss and approve some “housekeeping” issues to tidy up the functionality of our Constitution. Your Board looks forward to Member support to approve these recommended changes.

The other flagged changes around membership and voting rights will be presented at a later SGM following further consultation with those that do not understand the benefits of moving to a contemporary Constitution.

2018 FINANCIALS

The audited financial statements are available for all members to review. I have summarized the obvious key figures below.

Key metric	2018 actual	2017 actual
Profit	82,315	60,861
Add back: Café loss	16,595	36,156
Profit – Rowing Activities	98,910	97,017
Including Capital Grants	67,000	Nil
Cashflow from Operating Activities	34,652	37,927

The operating result for 2018 has reduced from 2017 levels due to a deliberate investment in service delivery through employing additional resources to deliver member services and upgrade our website and social medial offering. In 2018/19 we should enjoy additional revenue contribution from the newly create boat shed space and the commencement of rent from Oar Café. These revenues were anticipated to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.

Your Association remains financially sound and continues to improve each year in service delivery under the leadership of David Hutton and the Board.

Philip Paterson

Chair – Rowing South Australia Inc.
August 2018

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The 2017/18 rowing season was another busy, successful and challenging season for the rowing community in SA. Again, we were able to celebrate the achievements of our athletes at state, national and international level, introduce some new corporate partners, work on local regatta initiatives, further develop and upgrade our West Lakes facility, and commence work on a number of Club, Coach and Athlete development strategies. Further details are provided in this report.

COMPETITIONS, SPORT DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

In local competitions, we saw another small increase in competitors across the season, culminating in the successful 2-day State Championships (hosted by Prince Alfred College) and the Masters State Championships regattas at the end of the season. The Head of the River Regatta drew large crowds of spectators to watch the 1,068 school aged athletes entered across all events. Wilderness School hosted this regatta, and it was great to see the 'village green' atmosphere being well utilised, including the giant video screen, live-streaming of races and post-race interviews being conducted by former ABC Radio personality Peter Walsh. St Peter's Schoolboys 1st Eight won their 3rd consecutive title, and Walford's Schoolgirls 1st Eight won their event for the second year in a row. Including the Winter Series regattas, Rowing SA hosted 25 regattas, 17 locally at West Lakes, 3 at the River Torrens, 2 at Port Adelaide, and 1 each at Renmark, Murray Bridge and Mannum. Following consultation with our Clubs and Schools, it was decided to conduct the 2nd Grade State Championships as part of the Riverland Regatta at Renmark in December – a positive initiative that will continue next season at Berri.



SG Yr 10A 4x+ A Final, Head of the River, 2018

Photo courtesy Cynthia Judd & Ann Koch

The 2017/18 rowing season again saw some strong performances from our top-level athletes in both interstate and overseas competitions. Rowing SA was extremely proud of our South Australian rowers who represented Australia at the 2017 World Cup in Florida, USA – Alex Hill, Molly Goodman, Olympia Aldersey and Nathan Bowden. Special congratulations to Alex and Molly for their Gold medals in the Men's and Women's Four respectively, and to Oly for her Bronze medal in the Women's Double. These 4 athletes, along with Jack Kelly are now based at Rowing Australia's Men's and Women's National Training Centres in Canberra and Penrith respectively. Jed Altschwager is also making great progress as part of the Australian Para Rowing team, preparing for the 2018 World Championships. A complete list of SA's national team athletes can be found on page 21.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (CONT.)

In the 2018 Interstate Regatta, South Australia was well represented in all boat classes except for the Women's Para Single Scull event, and the State program took another step forward with some good results, and plenty to build on next season. We appreciate the support of Jason Lane and Christine MacLaren at SASI, Team Manager Jacki Grant, as well as the Clubs and Schools who supported the program with boats and equipment. We say "a huge thank you and well done" to our State Team Athletes, Selectors and Coaches for their efforts this year – See the full list of names and results on page 22 & 23.

The SA Pathway Eight program also stepped up another level this year, with competitive male and female crews training together for a number of months before the final squad was selected to participate in a development camp based around the Mannum Regatta. This was held prior to the 4-day interstate program held in Penrith by Rowing Australia. Christine MacLaren from SASI was assisted by Team Manager Megan Lowe and the dedicated coaching team of Daniel Ralph, Catherine McDougall and El Wilson – well done to all involved. Rowing SA also supported SASI's Christine MacLaren with a range of pathway development programs, including the *Row4Gold* talent identification program with Torrens Rowing Club, *Girls4Gold* female athlete and coach development program, and ongoing development of the Para Rowing program.

A strong contingent of SA Masters rowers competed in the Masters Nationals at Tasmania's Lake Barrington, with our State Women's Quad and State Men's Eight winning Bronze medals for the first time in many years – a fantastic result, along with many other medals for SA crews.

A range of Club and Coach education and development sessions were conducted through the 2017/18 year by Peer Richards. Rowing SA will continue to develop these programs under new State Development Officer Sam Jordan to deliver quality education, training and resources to assist our Clubs, Coaches and Athletes.

Rowing SA acknowledges and thanks the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) and Rowing Australia who support our athletes and the State Talent Pathway programs. We have a long-standing partnership with SASI and look forward to continuing our work with Jason Lane and Christine MacLaren in further developing the rowing pathways, in conjunction with our Clubs, Schools and Athletes.



Schoolboy Coxed Quad Sculls, Pulteney West Lakes Regatta, 2018

Photo courtesy Cynthia Judd & Ann Koch

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (CONT.)

FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

Rowing SA continues to manage and make extensive use of our property at West Lakes, and the Alex Ramsay Regatta Course for year-round rowing and other activities. The non-rowing activities include Canoeing, Dragon Boating, Triathlon and Open Water Swimming, as well as 15,000 school students who use the waterway and some course infrastructure each year as participants in the West Lakes Aquatic Centre program (under the State Government's Department of Education & Child Development) – a tenant at Rowing SA's West Lakes facility.

We celebrated our 40th year in operation at West Lakes in 2018, with a small ceremony conducted at a Regatta in December, acknowledging some of the key people involved in establishing the West Lakes facility. It is a wonderful legacy for rowing in SA, and for other users of the facility and course.

A number of facility and infrastructure upgrade projects were undertaken over the past year, they are as follows:

- The Boatshed Café management was outsourced to Rik Fisher and Alex Smith (also owner/operators of '303 By The Sea' at Henley Beach). They renovated the Kitchen and Dining area and commenced full operations of the new OAR Café in October 2017, with a fantastic response from the rowing community and wider community. We look forward to a long and successful partnership with the OAR team!
- The replacement of the timber western deck with a steel and concrete structure and new under-croft storage sheds was completed through the year, with some finishing touches currently underway. Two new Boatshed areas were created and allocated through an Expression of Interest process conducted in late 2017, and the Board will continue to look at ways to create more Boat storage areas in a limited space, based on some design concepts generated through last year's Facility Review process.
- Work is well underway on an Office for Rec & Sport funded project to convert the old Rowing SA storage shed into an Athlete and Coach High Performance area, to be utilised by the SASI Rowing and Canoe programs. The project also involves a refurbishment of the Indoor Rowing room, which will benefit the entire rowing community.
- A range of other small facility maintenance and upgrade tasks have been undertaken and scheduled for completion prior to the commencement of the 2018/19 season.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (CONT.)

PARTNERSHIPS & COMMUNICATIONS

Rowing SA thanks our partners and supporters for their ongoing support over the 2017/18 season. The State Government through the Office of Recreation & Sport (OR&S) and the Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure (DPTI) continue to provide funding and support to maintain our operational services, development programs and management of the Regatta Course at West Lakes. Our strong relationships continue with the City of Charles Sturt and Adelaide City Councils, especially with our events being held at West Lakes and on the River Torrens.

We have welcomed new support this season from the Lakes Hotel and AON Insurance, as well as ongoing support of our State Team from Maughan Thiem Automotive Group, and Adelaide AV Sport continuing the live-streaming of our larger Regattas. Rowing SA has also appreciated the ongoing support from SASI, Cynthia Judd from Hebphotos, and The Regatta Shop – we look forward to building on and growing these partnerships, along with some new partners in the coming season.

The information provided to our community through continues to build through the monthly 'Full Slide' e-newsletter, regular social media communication and some positive media coverage throughout the season. Thanks to Amy Park, Verayna Zilm, Toni Milne, Georgina McGuinness and Bec Lannan for their work, and stay tuned for a brand new website and further developments in this area very soon!



Adelaide Rowing Club Mixed 8+, Rowing SA Night Sprints, 2018

Photo courtesy Cynthia Judd & Ann Koch

GOVERNANCE, BOARD & STAFFING

I would like to again thank the Board for their dedicated service and support throughout the 2017/18 rowing season, in which we reviewed and have recently updated our Strategic Plan. Philip Paterson remains as our Chair, leading the Board into a range of exciting and challenging initiatives for the sport – see his Chair Report for more details.

Thank you to the new sub-committees that have commenced work to support in the following areas: Masters; Athletes; Clubs & Schools; Umpires & Volunteers; Building & Facilities; Finance/Audit/Risk.

Our staff continue to provide dedicated service to the rowing community, and I thank them for their support – Bec Lannan as Regatta Operations Manager, Peer Richards as State Development Manager, Toni Ryan as Finance Officer, Brett Ralph as Regatta Course Manager, and Tim Ward as Facility Manager. Peer Richards headed back to Queensland in May and we thank him for his work over the past 3 years – it is a pleasure to welcome Sam Jordan to the team as Peer's replacement.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (CONT.)

GENERAL SUMMARY

Our Staff and Board value the positive relationships we are building with Clubs and Schools, and we look forward to continuing the regular Club Forums and Development workshops, enhancing the two-way communication between us all. Thank you to all of our Clubs and Schools, and to the Athletes, Coaches, Administrators and Volunteers who devote their time and energy towards this wonderful sport.

Rowing Australia (RA) is also focussing on a more collaborative approach with the State Associations and Clubs throughout the country. We hosted Ian Robson, Matt Treglown and Carmen Wearne from the RA Executive and for a series of forums and meetings in May - this will become an annual event.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge our dedicated group of Volunteers and Boat Race Officials who enable us to conduct safe and enjoyable regattas and maintain the West Lakes facility and course for the benefit of our rowing community. Many of them have also assisted in the ongoing facility maintenance and upgrade work at West Lakes. We have enjoyed conducting some social events to thank this group, and we are currently working on some new initiatives to attract new people to assist, spreading the load and ensuring we have the required resources to continue delivering quality events.

So, another busy season has passed and we have some exciting opportunities to work on next year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in some way throughout 2017/18, and I look forward to working with our Board, Staff and the entire rowing community as we head into the 2018/19 season.

David Hutton

Chief Executive Officer

August 2018

COMPETITIONS AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Rowing SA ran 20 Regattas in the 2017/18 season in addition to the annual Winter Series regattas and regular Time Trials, with steady growth in participation throughout, particularly in the distance events held early on in the season which continue to be popular for crews preparing for Head of the Yarra or training for the summer season.

Significant work was undertaken throughout the off-season focussed on refining the rules and points structure of the Schools Premiership Series (formerly School Super Series). These regattas are some of the largest and most popular regattas on the Rowing SA calendar, for competitors and spectators, due to the significant growth in school rowing and school rowing communities. As such, it is important to ensure the competition has a clear, efficient, and balanced set of rules and processes that recognise and compliment the needs and limitations of school athletes across all programs.

Rowing SA held three separate State Championship Regattas across the season – the 2nd Grade State Championships in early December, the SA State Championships in February, and the Masters, 3rd Grade and Novice State Championships in late April.

This season the 2nd Grade State Championships were conducted in conjunction with the annual Riverland Regatta with some great racing playing out in the finals of the 6 championship events. While we acknowledge the challenges associated with this change we believe it is a valuable initiative that will enhance the profile and potential of the event and the sport in the region, and add another dimension to what is already a popular and enjoyable weekend.

The two-day SA State Championships held in late February at West Lakes was the largest ever held, with a 4% increase in individual participants from last year and a significant increase in entries. We hope to see this event continue to grow and, in time, produce stronger fields across all categories. Thanks to Prince Alfred College who stepped in to host the regatta.

Rowing SA conducted season review surveys for all Clubs and Competitors to provide feedback on the competitions, communication, and challenges within the sport in South Australia. The results of these surveys, and competition and membership data collected throughout the 2017/18 season, were presented at a Club Forum in June and will be used to shape the priorities of the association moving forward. Of significant concern is the lack of growth in our pool of Boat Race Official and Volunteers, in contrast to growth in membership numbers in all other areas. As such, too few individuals are carrying the weight of ensuring demand for competitions is met. Rectifying this will be a significant objective for Rowing SA in the coming season.

The surveys and data also provided further insight into the diversity we have throughout the rowing community, and the continued challenge we face in providing appropriate competition opportunities to athletes at all levels, particularly with demand focussed so heavily on the February/March period and when time pressures continue to present as an obstacle to many members.

Bec Lannan

Regatta Operations Manager
August 2018

COURSE MANAGER'S REPORT

The 2017/18 season has seen approximately 1200 hours of labour to maintain the course to its current international standard.

The new Barge (7m x 3.2m) was commissioned in October last year. While this has been a great vessel to work from, we unfortunately needed to replace the outboard with a heavier duty outboard, as we have now worn through 3 different gear boxes on 3 outboards in 9 years. Thanks to some funds from Department of Planning, Transport, & Infrastructure (DPTI), we now have removable safety fences and a new barge trailer to help with maintenance.

New Galvanised 16mm chain has replaced the existing 20mm solid galvanised mooring wire at the 2000m start Pontoon. The existing fittings were starting to fail, especially in strong Northerly winds.

Lane 4 on the A.M Ramsay Regatta Course (indicated by yellow buoys) continues to serve a dual purpose – on regatta days it easily identifies Lane 4 for both competitors and spectators, while during training it acts as a neutral or safety lane to separate rowing traffic. It is imperative crews do not row in this lane during training and if in doubt regarding this, or any other traffic flow rules, refer to the 'Rowing Training Map' displayed on the finish pontoon. It clearly explains traffic flow and general rowing rules on the course. These rules are in place for the safety of all lake users and it is essential our athletes and coaches follow them diligently.

Rowing SA will continually reinforce DPTI Marine Rules for lighting that must be displayed on your boat during early morning/evening, and all low light conditions. There has been a fantastic response from the rowing public, so keep up the great work. There is now a light sensitive spot light on the top level of the Finish Tower that will indicate when you should have lights on your boat (i.e. If the spot light is ON, you MUST have lights on your boat) and we would remind clubs and athletes to check and replace the batteries in their lights frequently – as fading batteries will lead to lights that are too dim to meet the 1km visibility requirement.

Major Events held on the A.M Ramsay Rowing Course in the 2017/2018 season were:

- 2018 State Dragon Boat Championships
- 2018 State Rowing Championships
- 2018 State Canoe Championships
- 2018 Schools Head of the River
- 2018 SA Swimming Long Distance State Championships
- 2018 Special Olympics Long Distance Swim
- 2018 Asia/Pacific Kayak Championships
- 2018 Marathon Canoe Championships

COURSE MANAGER'S REPORT (CONT.)

Volunteer Helpers

A huge thankyou to all the volunteers for their contributions last season, your help was invaluable. We look forward to your continued efforts and also any new 'recruits' for next season. Special mentions to Jeff Erikson (Scouts SA), Peter Young (Chief Barge Driver), Tim Ward (BRO), John Asenstorfer (BRO) and Barny Cundell (BRO) who have all contributed more than 10 sessions this season. The above named have probably contributed 50% of the total volunteer hours. More than 50 separate volunteers have contributed approx. 600 hours last season! Thank you to all, I'm sure all rowers appreciate your efforts.

Brett Ralph

Course Manager

August 2018



Rowing SA Launch Pontoon & A. M. Ramsay Regatta Course, 2017

Photo courtesy Rowing SA

ROWING SA BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CLUBS AND SCHOOLS

The Clubs and Schools Subcommittee met at key times over the past season providing important feedback to the Board.

Primarily focussed on encouraging athletes to transition from school to clubs, the subcommittee recognises the need for engagement of and pathways for, athletes at all levels. We recognise the need to develop strategies across many key stakeholder groups within the rowing community including supporters, volunteers, boat race officials, coaches and athletes to improve retention across the sport.

I would like to thank Beth Cowan, Jarrad Schar, Christopher Ford and Patrick Ey for their contribution over the past season. We welcome the addition of Rowing SA Director, James Hammond, and Hugo Langsford, replacing Patrick, to the subcommittee.

We acknowledge the consultative approach and positive actions undertaken by Rowing SA employees and look forward to assisting with the whole of sport strategy currently under development.

Andrew Hannon

Clubs and Schools Subcommittee Chair
August 2018

UMPIRES AND VOLUNTEERS

Another long season is over, with most regattas going very well and while some were run in challenging conditions, all were run safely. We did lose one full regatta that was cancelled the day before - 50km plus winds would not have made for a safe event. We were asked to put on another regatta to make up for this, but with a lack of helpers this would never have been possible. With regards to cancelling events in the future, we are reviewing the most effective method of quickly contacting the key people from each Club on the eve, or day of, a regatta. Communication via a combination of text messages and PA Announcements on the day should help everyone know what is happening.

Continued growth in entries at some West Lakes regatta's, particularly from junior crews still working on their boat handling skills, resulted in significant congestion at the launch/retrieval points on regatta days. This created a few safety issues as some crews ended up on or near the course with races approaching, and caused some crews to be late or miss races due to being unable find launch space. In the end it was decided that training during regatta's would be cancelled for the remainder of the season to prioritise the space and safety of competing boats. We will be considering whether this will need to continue in the future over the off season.

The 2nd Grade State Championships were held away from West Lakes (at Renmark) for the first time in many years. It went very well and everyone enjoyed the different racing, with no marked lanes. We look forward to seeing even more crews at Berri next season.

ROWING SA BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (CONT.)

We will have a 5th umpire's catamaran ready for next season - this will relieve the wash problems from the tinnies and make racing even better and fairer. We also have a new umpire's area under the Western ramp providing better storage of our equipment and a meeting area for the umpires and volunteers.

The Board, RSA Office, and this Committee have discussed running two events on the same day - this would help with increasing numbers of rowers especially younger/new rowers, who would be better off starting on the Torrens Lake. This can only be done with more volunteers from all clubs and more trained umpires; a call will be put out in the off-season for interested people to join us and to attend a pre-season seminar to find out what is involved. Without help we will not only struggle to run extra events we may even need to reduce the number or size of regattas. We value our current group of dedicated volunteers and officials, but they are not getting any younger and the demands are only increasing, so we are asking our clubs and schools to help us recruit more people to help share the load and cater for future growth.

Finally, a huge thankyou to all those who give up their time to Rowing SA and all of the clubs and schools to make our sport run safely and make it fun for all involved.

Greg Melbourne

Umpires and Volunteers Subcommittee Chair
August 2018



Boat Park at Riverland Regatta & 2nd Grade State Championships, 2017

Photo courtesy Rowing SA

ROWING SA BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS (CONT.)

MASTERS

The challenge for the Masters Committee this season was to encourage sufficient interest to field a strong Masters State Team to compete at the Australian Masters Championships in Tasmania. We were successful in getting a men's eight and a women's quad to represent the state with both crews being successful at the regatta, winning medals in a number of events and most significantly bronze in the Interstate races. Congratulations to both crews on their success. It was disappointing not to be able to field a full team of both women's and men's eight and quad but after this year's venture, a number have expressed interest in trying out for 2019.

The exercise of chasing up the athletes to participate exposed the need for a much earlier start and better communication with the masters community. The committee has taken this on board and have already started the process for the 2019 Nationals in Perth.

I would like to express gratitude to Adelaide Rowing Club, Riverside Rowing Club and RSA for their support this year with the state team and look forward to working with the wider rowing community in the coming season. I would also like to acknowledge the work done by members of the committee, Vicky Knight, Phil Gebhardt, Stuart Harrison, Greg Melbourne, Mark Mussared (who is also our representative on the RA Masters Committee) and support from David Hutton.

Steve Pennington

Masters Subcommittee Chair

August 2018

SASI REPORT

A successful end to the 2017-18 season with SASI graduate athletes, based at the National Training Centres (NTC), winning two gold medals and one bronze medal in Olympic boat classes at World Cup 2. Again, our SASI graduate athletes based at the NTC continue to represent on the Senior A team, with Jack Kelly training in the lightweight program at the NTC after his return from the US. It is exciting to have Jed Altschwager selected into the Australian World Championship Para Team, having only taken up the sport 12 months ago.

This season the SASI program has successfully supported the below athletes on to the Australian National Team;

SASI REPRESENTATIVES ON AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TEAMS 2018

	SASI Scholarship	Club	World University Games	U21 Team	U23 World Championships	World Championships
ATHLETES						
Alexander Hill	Graduate	ARC				Men's squad
Olympia Aldersey	Graduate	ARC				Women's squad
Molly Goodman	Graduate	ARC				Women's squad
Jack Kelly	Graduate	ARC				Men's lightweight squad
Nathan Bowden	Graduate	SRC				Men's squad
Jed Altschwager	High Performance Para Scholarship	TRC				PR3 M2-
Verayna Zilm	High Performance Scholarship	ARC			LW2x	
Kane Grant	Associate Scholarship	ARC			M4+	
Celia Cowan	Associate Scholarship	AUBC		LW2x		
Ella Bramwell	Associate Scholarship	ARC		W2-		
Hugo Langsford	Training agreement	AUBC	M2x			
COACHES						
Jason Lane		SASI		Head Coach		
SUPPORT STAFF						
Christine MacLaren		SASI		Team Manager		

SASI REPORT (CONT.)

The continuing collaboration between states ensures that athletes are given the best opportunity for combinations for trials. South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland have continued to work together this year to give athletes the best opportunity for underage selection combinations.

All the SASI scholarship athletes, including NTC SASI graduates, and coaches represented SA in the Interstate Regatta.



Olympia Aldersey, ISW1x, Silver Medallist, Interstate Regatta, 2018

Photo Courtesy Cynthia Judd & Ann Koch

The State Pathway Program provides the underpinning programs to the SASI High Performance Program, and works in collaboration with Rowing SA to ensure clear, functioning pathways for talented athletes. These programs encompass the identification and development of new and existing talent.

The **row4gold** talent identification program for the 2017-18 season was awarded to Torrens Rowing Club. The ongoing development of emerging talented athletes was supported by club driven activities, Pathway 8+ Program, Junior Target Squad, and the trial of a composite U19W8+ at the National Championships, which won a silver medal.

Targeted club athletes were given the opportunity to train regularly alongside the SASI squad, to introduce them to the next level of training, to begin to transition them into a High Performance training environment.

Supported by a State Government grant, we began a two year **“Girls4gold” program**, to try to address the lack of girls progressing through to the High Performance programs, both as athletes and coaches. In the first year we have run girls camps, female athlete education sessions, plus supported three female coaches in professional development and coaching opportunities. Already we have seen some athletes step up to become more confident and ready to embrace a High Performance environment.

SASI REPORT (CONT.)

The Junior Target Squad continued work with the SA Rowing Schools and Clubs to identify, coordinate, and support junior aged rowers to trial at the National Junior Selection Trials 2018.

Angus Dawson (Saint Peters College) and Mitchell Reinhard (Unley High School) both successfully balanced their school rowing program and training with SASI, to be highly competitive at the National Championships winning the U19M2x, with Dawson also claiming bronze in the U19M1x and Reinhard winning the SB1x.

These athletes narrowly missed out on Junior selection, along with former Walford rower, Katelyn Nicholson.

The boys school coaches, James McRae and Peer Richards, worked hard to ensure that these school athletes were given the best opportunity to perform at a National level, whilst also ensuring that they were part of their respective school programs.



*Mitchell Reinhard & Angus Dawson, U19M2x, Gold Medallists, Australian National Rowing Championships, 2018
Photo courtesy Rowing Australia*

Coach and Athlete Education sessions were run to educate athletes, coaches and parents to focus on developing talented athletes. Sessions in training plans, communicating with talented athletes, and technique, were focus topics.

The success of the SASI program is dependent on the support of a dedicated team of coaches and volunteers, who have supported the SASI athletes through the season.

Brynley Millward and Peer Richards assisted with the SASI program through the summer, supporting the program. We thank them for all their time and energy that they put into the squad.

Thank you also to all club and school coaches, support staff, and Rowing SA who have worked with the program. Their involvement is crucial to the future success of high performance rowing in South Australia.

Jason Lane

SASI Rowing Head Coach
August 2018

Christine MacLaren

SASI Rowing Talent Pathway Coordinator
August 2018

ROWING SOUTH AUSTRALIA WOULD LIKE TO THANK ITS DEDICATED UMPIRES, OFFICIALS, AND VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR VALUED SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE 2017-18 REGATTA SEASON.



RSA Umpires, Officials & Volunteers, Head of the River, 2018

Photo courtesy Cynthia Judd & Ann Koch

Pictured – Doug Raymond, Mark Mussared, Norm Saunders, Paul Logan, Vikki Knight, Geoff Playford, Toni Milne, Greg Melbourne, Barry Cundell, John Asenstorfer, Paul Knight, David Mahony, Steve Pennington, Greg Starkey, David Lascelles, Dennis Cooper, Peter Young, Brett Ralph.

Not pictured – Dianne DiBellis, Christine Cundell, Emily Melbourne, Josh Bastian, Jeff Erikson, Tim Ward, Phil Mangelsdorf, Cynthia Judd, Ann Koch, Nannette Farrell.



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