

# A Message to the Rowing SA Community

**At the 2021 Annual General Meeting your Board signalled their intention to update the Constitution.**

The changes were focussed on:

- Membership of the Association
- Voting rights
- Upgrading the document to reflect contemporary standards

**Please find attached:**

- [The proposed new Constitution](#)
- [An Explanatory Memorandum setting out the material changes proposed](#)
- [A “Question and Answer” document emerging from the consultation process so far.](#)
- [A model of how the proposed voting structure would look in practice ASSUMING all participants entitled to vote actually vote – including 100% of the Foundation Life Members \(unlikely outcome\).](#)

The consultation process to date has involved:

- Public airing of the intent at the RSA AGM in August 2021
- Specific forum with the 5 largest non-school clubs
- Specific forum with the school-based programmes
- Specific forum with the smaller non-school clubs
- Attendance at the School rowing directors meeting
- Attendance at the Heads of School/Principals meeting
- Attendance as requested at one-on-one meetings

The consultation process is not over:

- We will have a whole community forum before Christmas (likely to be Tuesday 14 December 2021)
- Every RSA associate member, registered rower or interested party is welcome to ring or email me [philip@p16.com.au](mailto:philip@p16.com.au) or 0418 840 634

**Why are we doing this?**

- **To strengthen and enhance rowing in South Australia – rowing is our focus.**

***Philip Paterson***

**On behalf of the**

**Rowing SA Board**

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