

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 87th Annual General Meeting of the Members of Rowing South Australia ("RSA") will be held at OAR Café on the 28th of August.

All registered RSA members are welcome to attend.

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# VISION AND MISSION

#### VISION

To innovatively manage infrastructure to grow an inclusive and thriving rowing community.

#### MISSION

We are the peak body for rowing in SA. We promote, provide and administer rowing to create opportunity for all to enjoy the sport.

#### OBJECTIVES

#### DEVELOPMENT

- Educate and provide support and resources to all
- Generate business models to support clubs
- Develop strategies for coach retention and to increase professional roles within clubs
- Develop athletes to a higher standard

#### **OPERATIONS**

- Investigate alternative regatta formats
- Better alignment between schools, clubs and SASI
- Instil a positive culture for all
- Attract sponsorship
- Maximise communication with all

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

- Develop West Lakes facility
- Continue to improve infrastructure for regattas
- Utilise and promote satellite facilities

#### GOVERNANCE

- Review all policies and update accordingly
- Demonstrate accountability to all
- Facilitate club alignment with RSA policies and other compliance matters

#### FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Develop alternative income streams
- Enhance financial viability of West Lakes facility
- Investigate financial models for programs and regattas

Rowing South Australia would like to thank our affiliated clubs for their support during the 2022-23 season.

ADELAIDE ROWING CLUB

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB

**BERRI ROWING CLUB** 

GOOLWA ROWING CLUB

LIMESTONE COAST ROWING CLUB

MANNUM ROWING CLUB

MAWSON BOAT CLUB

MURRAY BRIDGE ROWING CLUB

PEMBROKE MASTERS 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

TORRENS ROWING CLUB

WAIKERIE ROWING CLUB

Rowing South Australia would like to thank our affiliated schools for their support during the 2022-23 season.

ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE

LORETO COLLEGE

NORWOOD INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

PEMBROKE SCHOOL

PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE

PULTENEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLEGE

SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE

SAINT PETER'S COLLEGE

SCOTCH COLLEGE

SEYMOUR COLLEGE

ST PETER'S GIRLS' SCHOOL

UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL

WALFORD ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

WILDERNESS SCHOOL



### Rowing South Australia Inc.

#### Incorporated 10th March 1936

#### PATRON

Her Excellency the Honorable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia

#### VICE PATRON

Mayor of the City of Charles Sturt, Angela Evans

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Jamie Grant, Greg Keene, Catherine McDougall, Fearnley Szuster, Shannen Graham, Bill Marmion, Richard O'Dea, Anna Tree, Christina Firth, and Kathryn Presser AM

#### PRESIDENT

Phillip Mangelsdorf

#### VICE PRESIDENT

Lou Crotti, Michael Eastaughffe, Rod Elleway, Robert Russell, Penny Halliday, Paul Logan, and Steve Pennington

## GOVERNANCE

Rowing SA follows the governance platform provided by Rowing Australia through the Rowing in Australia Framework and Whole of Sport Policies. As a Member Association, it is our responsibility to be compliant with the Governance Principles and continue to provide the underpinning framework from which rowing in Australian can grow and achieve sustainable success.

Rowing SA adopts the relevant required governance to comply with both the Australian Sports Commission's requirements and good governance principles.

The Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction of Rowing SA and has oversight of its activities. Each member of the Board is elected to serve terms up to 2-years. 3 Elected Directors are subject to re-election annually. Once nominations are received, board members are elected by the Rowing SA membership by way of secret ballot conducted at the AGM each year.

The Staff of Rowing SA, led by the CEO, are responsible for the dayto-day management and operation of Rowing SA in achieving the strategic direction set by the Board.



#### JAMIE GRANT | BOARD CHAIR

Jamie has a strong interest in rowing that has grown over many years, with the involvement of his son and his niece. 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.

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#### GREG KEENE | DEPUTY BOARD CHAIR

Greg's involvement with rowing began at Pulteney Grammar School, where he competed in both the 2nd and 1st eights. He then went on to coach winning junior and senior crews at Pulteney including the undefeated 1st eight of the 1977 season and was a former Chair of the Pulteney Boat Club Rowing Parents Committee. Greg is also a Foundation Life Member of Rowing SA. Outside of rowing, Greg founded Sportsmed, which is now the largest sports medicine/specialist/hospital complex in Australia. He recently retired from his practice as a specialist knee surgeon at Sportsmed. Greg's experience as a board member of SCIG Hospitals, Sportsmed (Dep Chair), Pulteney Grammar School (previous Chair) and multiple committee positions covering Finance, Governance, Marketing, Standards and Building Development are among the key qualities that Greg brings to the Rowing SA Board.



#### CATHERINE MCDOUGALL | ELECTED DIRECTOR

Catherine developed a passion for rowing at Wilderness School as schoolgirl. This passion grew as she became a coach where she found her true love of the sport in inspiring the next generation. As a coach Cath believes in fairness, optimism and teamwork. With these values she has been successful in working and running school programs and has recently stepped down from her role as the Head of Rowing at Seymour College. Cath has been involved in the South Australian rowing community through the Pathway and State Teams from 2014 until 2019. She has also been a member of the Adelaide Rowing Club Committee for the last 2 years. It is through Cath's varied involvement that she is able to provide the link between between the South Australian Directors of Rowing and the Rowing South Australia Board. This helps support our athletes throughout their rowing journey, whether it be at state level, school level or club level.



#### SHANNEN GRAHAM | ELECTED DIRECTOR

Shannen has been working in an Accounting Practice for 9 years and has been CA qualified for 6 years and has learnt skills such as management of workflow, clients and team members, teamwork and communication. It is not just the numbers in accounting that she enjoys, Shannen's passion lies in analysing the reports and assisting clients in understanding what this means to their business, how to budget, and most importantly how to grow their business and meet their goals. While she has not been involved in Rowing personally, Shannen competed at a national level in equestrian (horse riding) for 10 years. This sport taught her to understand the real meaning behind discipline and allows her to appreciate the dedication and hard work involved in a high-level sport such as Rowing. Shannen believes she can contribute not just her financial knowledge, but also the other skills she has learnt along to way to the Board of Rowing SA and looks forward to contributing positively to the growth and development of the sport with her knowledge and skills.

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#### BILL MARMION | ELECTED DIRECTOR

Bill graduated from Murdoch University 1979 with BSc in Veterinary Biology and graduated in 1981 with Bachelor of Veterinary .Medicine and & Surgery. In 1990 completed post-graduate study and examination to become a member of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists. He has also become a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors by examination. Dr Marmion is a founding partner of HorsemedSA, which under his leadership and management, has grown to 14 veterinarians. With over 40 years of extensive business experience and Directorship of many boards Dr. Marmion has founded and developed many companies in addition to his Veterinary business and he is still involved in a Barossa Winery and a Distillery in Brompton. He rowed as a schoolboy culminating in winning the 1976 Head of the River (the last on the Torrens) and has continued rowing over the last 15 years by competing in State, National and World masters Regattas. He is a life member and the current treasurer of Riverside Rowing Club and a life member of the Blackmore Club.



#### RICHARD O'DEA | APPOINTED DIRECTOR

Richard was previously appointed to the Rowing SA Board in August 2015 and a former member of the Riverside Rowing Club. He was a competing Masters rower for Riverside from 2007 to 2013 and took a break from competing due to family commitments. Richard is 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 various key points.



#### FEARNLEY SZUSTER | ELECTED DIRECTOR

Fearnley has been involved in rowing since his school days at Pulteney Grammar School, Continuing his involvement as an athlete at AUBC into the 2000s. Since the early 1980s, he has coached at various South Australian and interstate schools and clubs, as well as coaching both SA and NSW state teams, with many of his rowers gaining National selection and becoming national standard coaches. Fearnley is a Foundation Life Member, and was previously the Treasurer of the SA Rowing Association and more recently, he has been a SA State Team Selector. Professionally, Fearnley is a retired statistician with an honours degree in mathematical statistics, a masters degree in Applied Social Research, national statistical accreditation and a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society. He was employed in the SA and National Governments before working for over 20 years as a health statistician at Adelaide University. In his professional background as a statistician, he has shown that he has an independent mind, combined with a thoughtful and diligent work ethic. In his role as a SA State Team Selector, he has demonstrated that he is able to fulfil the obligations and duties of an elected Director to the Board of Rowing SA. He will provide a well-considered and independent voice to act in the best interests of the SA rowing community.



#### CHRISTINA FIRTH | ELECTED DIRECTOR - RESIGNED AS OF ....

Chris began her involvement in rowing at Scotch College in 1978 where she was part of the winning Head of the River crew in the inaugural year of Girl's Events followed by another win in 1979. She rediscovered the sport in 2009 when her daughter began rowing and is currently an active master's rower with Phoenix Rowing Club, having represented South Australia in the Women's State Team in 2014, 2015, 2019 and 2020. Chris worked for Rowing SA from 2009 to 2012 as Regatta Operations/Finance Manager during which time she helped run the award-winning Australian Rowing Championships in 2011. Chris has over 30 years' experience in Office, Business & Financial Management. She has experience on numerous committees which include Secretary – Adelaide Hills Dressage Club, Secretary – Dressage Club of SA, Vice President – Equestrian SA Dressage Council and currently Secretary/Treasurer of Phoenix Rowing Club. Chris's business and committee experience has resulted in an ability to find practical solutions to complex problems and to steer a middle course between differing and competing opinions and objectives.



#### ANNA TREE | APPOINTED DIRECTOR

Anna has a detailed understanding of the development of the sport of rowing locally, nationally & internationally across almost 30 years of involvement, particularly as it relates to girls & women, school rowing, masters & pararowing. She has medalled at various Junior World Championships as both an athlete and as a coach. Anna currently works for Wellbeing SA, and in the past has worked for the Minister for Health and Wellbeing, the Office of Hon Kelly Vincent MLC, Dignity for Disability, and the Australian Democrat SA Parliament. Her experience working in politics brings very high level policy and strategy development and consultation skills.



#### KATHRYN PRESSER AM | CASUAL APPOINTMENT DIRECTOR

Kathryn has had an extensive background in Executive Roles in several industries including resources, aviation, hospitality, banking, finance and accounting advisory and audit firms. In addition, Kathryn is an active rower at Torrens Rowing Club and former Chair of the Walford Rowing Parents Committee from 2020-2022 after having been actively involved with Walford Rowing for over 10 years. Notably Kathryn had over 20 years' experience in ASX Top 200 listed Oil and Gas Company – Beach Energy as the Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary until 2016, where she directed large financing transactions, major capital raising and a number of mergers and acquisitions. Kathryn has also recently been awarded the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2022 Australia Day Awards for her commitment to Accounting and Community.

# STAFF & OFFICE BEARERS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Andrew Swift

REGATTA OPERATIONS MANAGER Bec Lannan

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER Lili Keene

FINANCE OFFICER Toni Ryan

FACILITIES AND MAINTENENCE Barny Cundell Tim Ward

COURSE MANAGER Brett Ralph **ROWING AUSTRALIA COUNCILLOR** Fearnley Szuster

ROWING SA AUDITOR Bentleys

STATE TEAM SELECTION PANEL Nick Mitchell (Head Coach) Peta White Steven Polyichanin

ATHLETE COMMISSIONER Fearnley Szuster

MASTERS STATE TEAM SELECTION PANEL Richard Sexton Steven Polyichanin



# HONORARY & FINANCIAL LIFE MEMBERS

#### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS (\*DECEASED)

#### South Australian Rowing Association

	Marcus J P *	1952	Qurban T K*	1979	Blank J H	
	Wallman R H *	1960	Bollen J H *		Morrison E *	
	Sharp J J *	1960	Botroff A A *	1980	Eaton F *	6
1929	Kitson J *	1961	Forwood K B*		Davis A C*	
1929	Clouston J H *	1963	Pennington H G *	1981	Draper B S OAM	
	Gepp C A *	1965	Lodge F N *	1984	Carter R D *	
	Goss J H *	1967	Laughton B C*	1904	Webb R S	A Later Co
	Grayson A J *	1969	Clarke R D*	2001	Russell R J	NO.
1938	Grummet L T *	1970	Southcott A L *	2001	Watts R F *	
	Amiel C *	1971	Higgs E*	2005	Southcott L AM	a they
1950	Baumann C *	1973	Baulderstone D *	2019	Lawrence R	
1550	Menz H V *	1974	Coldwell G D OAM*			
	Butterworth C R *	1978	Mangelsdorf P C			

	Rowing Sout	th Austra	lia
2012	Ward T J	2017	Halliday P
2013	Eastaughffe M P	2021	Cundell B M
2014	Pennington R T (Bob) *	2021	Talbot J K

#### FINANCIAL LIFE MEMBERS

Fitzgerald R Southcott E K

# FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBERS

Anderson J Coldwell R K \* Baciarelli V \* Coldwell K L Coldwell G D\* Baumann C \* Beauchamp H J \* Collins N M Bertram K R Cooper C \* Birks P J Crompton D O Black R C Cudmore P D \* Blank J Blank P W Cudmore PM \* Bodger R A Bollen J H \* Cummins I Bolt J W Cundell B M Bond B T \* Cyclone K M Booth R Borman N W Dankbaar W \* Bradley R \* Dankbaar R Brice C Brooks D E \* Brown T Burchell G R Delbridge R M Burfield G D Burgess E F Dickson P R Dorsch A W Burgoine G Buys K Douglas S J Calandro R Draper J W Campbell R M Carroll L V Draper M A Carter D R \* Draper M G Carter R D \* Cheesman R D Duncan H J Cheesman D T Cheesman W D

Amiel C W \*

Clode G D\*

Crotti L R

Culver R

Dalton B F

Davies D \*

Davis A \*

Davis L S

Diben F A

Draper B S

Dring M

Dunn J A

Earl D

Earl W D \*

Eastaughffe M

Eaton F \*

#### (\*DECEASED)

Edmonds F R \* Edmonds D B Edwards J R Edwards M J Elleway S F Elleway R F Emery C P Evans M J Farrar G C Ferris F R Footer G L Gardiner I H Gebhardt P Giacchino P Gibson R J Gigney R P Gill R C Glazbrook D Goldsworthy W R Goodenough L S Gregory A J \* Grummet L T \* Guterres E \* Hamilton I Hannaford B D \* Harrison S J Harrison J C \* Harvey D J \* Haynes F K Haynes T Hebblewhite G K \* Hebblewhite M Henderson D W Higgins J M Hislop D Holland R F

Horlin-Smith B M Howell R E Hughes J L Humble D S \* Hussey D J Ingham J C \* Jarvis R F Jeffries PW\* Jeffries P C Jones A G Keane P J Keene G Kernot G J Keynes R J \* Keynes G R Keynes R B Krichauf G F \* Kutcher D B Lang R Langlois L R \* Langlois S Lansen C T \* Lawrence R G Lenihan W\* Lickie W J Lippis L Lippis A U Lippis M P Lippis D J Lippis N Lockwood J D \* Lodge F M \* Lohmeyer R A Lohmeyer M J Lord P A \* Lott C W

Lowe A Lowen G T MacDonald C G MacKenzie B M MacKenzie R W \* Mackie H K Madsen C Madsen C T \* Madsen K \* Magarey M Maguire G Mangelsdorf P Mangelsdorf J Mannum RC (President) Mathews R M P \* Mathews C S McCabe D M McCoy J W McCoy W K \* McCullough P A McIlwain J F McLean A K McLoughlin M A McNiel G McOuillan A F Mead R Meathrel R R Melbourne G Menz W 0 \* Menz W J \* Menz H V \* Michell E Milne F K \* Mitchell PG\*

Mobbs B

Christensen D

Clayton D E

# FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBERS

#### (\*DECEASED)

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

#### PREMIERSHIPS

MEN'S PREMIERSHIP	Adelaide University Boat Club
WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP	Adelaide University Boat Club
MASTERS MEN'S PREMIERSHIP	Adelaide University Boat Club
MASTERS WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP	Adelaide University Boat Club
COUNTRY MEN'S PREMIERSHIP	N/A
COUNTRY WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP	Murray Bridge Rowing Club
SCHOOLBOY'S PREMIERSHIP	Saint Peter's College
SCHOOLGIRL'S PREMIERSHIP	Seymour College

#### ROWING SA AWARDS

MEN'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS	Alexander Hill OAM (ARC/NTC)
WOMEN'S CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS	Ella Bramwell (ARC/SASI)
PARA MEN'S CHAMPION	Bodhi Hebhardt (AHS)
PARA WOMEN'S CHAMPION	N/A
SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPION	Nick Blackman (AUBC/SASI)
SENIOR WOMEN'S CHAMPION	Emily Laing (Loreto)
JUNIOR MEN'S CHAMPION	Max Garnett (PAC)
JUNIOR WOMEN'S CHAMPION	Felicity Cox (UHS)
MASTERS MEN'S CHAMPION	Rick Armstrong (AUBC)
MASTERS WOMEN'S CHAMPION	Angie Francou (AUBC)
CHAMPION MALE COXSWAIN	Aidan Hughes (AUBC) Philippe Scalzi (SPC)
CHAMPION FEMALE COXSWAIN	Amelia Adams (ARC
CHAMPION SCHOOLBOY'S CREW	Prince Alfred College Year 9A Coxed Quad
CHAMPION SCOOLGIRL'S CREW	Wilderness School First VIII
SCHOOL/CLUB COACH OF THE YEAR	Sam Morton (AUBC)
BOAT RACE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR	Kristin Alford Paul Knight
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR	Dennis Cooper
COMMUNITY CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR	Brian Godfrey (BRC)

# INTERSTATE TEAM REPORT

#### QUEENS CUP - WOMEN'S 8+

Amy Carrodus (Cox) AUBC	Olympia Aldersey
Ella Bramwell	ARC/SASI/NTC     Georgina Taeger
Deanna Macolino —	ARC
AUBC	Jo Malcolm
Jemima Richter	Cleo Wilson
Sophie Tickner	Tom Doornbos
Rebecca Monck — AUBC (Reserve)	(Coach) AUBC



Place: 5th Time: 6:39.45



Place: 3rd Time: 6:28.13

#### PENRITH CUP - LIGHTWEIGHT MEN'S 4-

Oscar McGuinness ARC/SASI	Mitchell Moore
Charlie Maare	AUBC
Charlie Moore — AUBC	_ Kyle Miller
	AUBC
Sam Morton —	
AUBC (Coach)	_ Hugo Wurm
	(Reserve) AUBC
Josh Lasscock — ARC (Reserve)	

# INTERSTATE TEAM REPORT

#### BICENTENNIAL CUP - WOMEN'S YOUTH 8+

Maddison Newland (Cox) ARC	Clare Romaniuk
Grace Seppelt	AUBC Georgina Taeger
Ava Morrow —	ARC
Walford	Emma Neuhaus
Fearne Rosenbauer	PGS
Loreto	Bianca Kollberg
Charlotte Newman	AUBC
Walford	Christine MacLaren
Emily Laing	(Coach) SASI
Loreto (Reserve)	



Place: 6th Time: 7:05.08



Place: 5th Time: 6:08.67

#### YOUTH NOEL WILKINSON CUP -MEN'S YOUTH 8+

Aidan Hughes (Cox) AUBC	Adam Holland
Jeremy Beale AUBC	Josh Felderhof
Nick Burr	AUBC
AUBC Jude Schirmer AUBC	Xavier van Oijen SPC
	Edward Chipperfield
Cooper Hoskin CBC	Nick Mitchell
Heath McLeod AUBC (Reserve)	(Coach) SASI
	Callum Deckers (Reserve) AUBC

# INTERSTATE TEAM REPORT

#### PRESIDENTS CUP - MEN'S SINGLE SCULL

Alexander Hill OAM ARC/SASI/NTC

Nick Mitchell SASI (Coach) Nick Blackman (Reserve) AUBC/SASI



Place: 4th Time: 7:05.72



Place: 3rd Time: 8:08.28 NELL SLATTER TROPHY - WOMEN'S SINGLE SCULL

Molly Goodman

Nick Mitchell SASI (Coach) Olympia Aldersey (Reserve) ARC/SASI/NTC

#### PR3 MEN'S SINGLE SCULL

Jed Altschwager TRC/SASI/NTC

Nick Mitchell SASI (Coach)



Place: 2nd Time: 7:58.65

# PATHWAY STATE TEAM REPORT

#### PATHWAY MENS EIGHT

<b>Heidi Buchtmann (Cox)</b> Adelaide High	Hugo Knight
Jesse Parsons	Prince Alfred College
Jesse Parsons	
Saint Peter's College	Patrick Lea
	Unley High
Sam Stunell —	
Prince Alfred College	Finn Redman
	Adelaide High
Igor Zarubin —	Adeiaide Tilgit
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Norwood International Hig	h Samuel Remeljej
	Prince Alfred College
Cy O'Hanlon -	
Pulteney Grammar	Tim Belcher
	(Coach) Scotch College



Place: 1st (B-Final)



Place: 3rd (B-Final)

#### PATHWAY WOMENS EIGHT

Emma Venus (Cox) Scotch College	Felicity Taylor
Emma Neuhaus	 Walford School
Pulteney Grammar	Isabella Deans
<b>Gaby Manifold</b> Seymour College	 Loreto College
	Grace Cawley
	 Scotch College
Lily Burgess St Ignatius College	Emily Laing
Eliza Hogg Loreto College	 Loreto College
	Matt Walker
	(Coach) Loreto College

# MASTERS STATE TEAM REPORT

#### MASTERS WOMEN'S 8+

Vicky Knight (Cox) PARC	Angie Francou
Susi Ross	AUBC
AUBC	Christina Bursill
Jo Malcolm —	AUBC
AUBC	Emily Elkhoury
Tory Toogood —	IRC
TRC	Symonne Ellis
Alison Smith	TRC
PARC	Daren Potts
Kate Tebneff	(Coach) ARC





Place: 1st Time: 3:20.42



Place: 4th Time: 3:35.61

#### MASTERS WOMEN'S 4x

Belinda Jankowiak TRC	Kerryn Farina
Cine Dell	TRC
Gina Bell TRC	Robyn Grey-Gardner
	TRC
Daren Potts ARC (Coach)	

# MASTERS STATE TEAM REPORT

#### MASTERS MEN'S 8+

Bonnie White (Cox) AUBC	Ross Hamilton AUBC
Alex Silz - ARC	David McLeod
Damien Derlique - AUBC	AUBC Kevin Tankard
Nick McDonald - PRC	TRC Bill Natt
Rob Ellis TRC	Rob Cheesman
John Bentley AUBC (Coach)	(Coach) RRC/AUBC Greg Walters (Reserve) RRC
Anthony Lee	C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C

RRC (Reserve)



Place: 1st Time: 2:58.71



### ROWING SA CHAIR REPORT

It has been a privilege to be able to serve on your board for the past eight years. At the conclusion of the 2023 AGM I reach the maximum tenure as an Elected Director and leave with great admiration of the achievements reached as a community.

Participation at Rowing SA regattas has been steadily growing and membership numbers have increased over recent years; our revenue through ongoing partnerships has grown, we have been frugal on our operational costs, increased the compliance of our sport as well as the Rowing SA facility at West Lakes Shore, and have continued the delivery of the sport across the State through a pandemic and recent Murray River floods. These key achievements are the result of dedicated staff, volunteers and members supporting each other with a common purpose for the sport in South Australia.

It was a pleasure to welcome the Governor Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC and Major Sumner (Uncle Moogy) to our 2023 South Australian Rowing Championships and for their important roles in the event. The State Championships showcased both past and current members and supporters through on-water and land activities, which Rowing SA will expand on over the coming years.

The audited financial statements are available for all members to review. The association remains in a strong position, however with an ageing facility at West Lakes Shore it is critical that the revenue generated by the facility is invested back into the asset. A credit to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee who have worked through updating the standards at the facility which includes the replacement of the balustrade above the Café; and defining the finances of our facility and our operations. This allows our finance to grow in readiness for a redevelopment project to occur sometime in the future.

The facility rejuvenation is an important project due to the age of the facility and our denied insurance claim from 2022 for the major electrical issue due to dated power infrastructure. Since this claim denial, we have moved insurance brokers to Eastern Equity Insurance and have completed a review of our insurance policies and assets to ensure we are covered appropriately.

Due to the major electrical work completed in 2022, Rowing SA made a deficit of (\$67,934), however turned this around in 2023 to a surplus of \$69,859. Due to the cancelation of the Murray River regatta in 2022 due to the floods, a budgeted grant of \$5,000 was not received and so we just fell short of the budgeted 2023 surplus of \$74,474. Depreciation, amortisation and impairment equated to (\$90,896), generating a cash profit of \$160,755 for 2023.

We look forward to welcoming all new board members who are successful in their election at the AGM and I thank any outgoing board members. I acknowledge and thank the board for putting themselves forward to service the diverse needs of our community and to ensure the sport complies with governance standards.

Our aim is to build a strong rowing community in SA and I thank Andrew Swift, Bec Lannan, Lili Keene, Toni Ryan, Brett Ralph, fellow Directors and the many volunteers for your efforts to lead this direction for our rowing community in SA.

Thank you.

Jamie Grant Rowing SA Board Chair

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

As our competitive membership and our participation in regattas has increased by almost 40% over the past 4 years, some of our regattas have reached their capacity. This is a great issue to face, however, comes with the need to change how we have operated for many years. If we continued under the same regatta season schedule and continue experiencing membership growth, the experience of competitors will rapidly decline, but also the ability to attract new people into the sport and grow the sport further will not be possible.

We realise that change can be challenging for some, however the need to do so is vital for the health of our sport and its long-term future.

It is also important that our volunteers are recognised, supported and have the opportunity to grow and develop, which we now need to focus on over the coming season. Volunteers are the backbone of our sport. We have hundreds of people from our sport who volunteer every week, who are on school and club committees, who are school and club athlete supporters, coaches, board members, regatta volunteers, commentators, regatta course maintenance helpers, and our umpires.

Volunteering across Australia has declined by approximately 10% over the last 10-years, and without the support of our volunteers, our sport, like many others will be impacted.

I want to acknowledge Riverside Rowing Club, for hosting an appreciation night at their club for the Rowing SA umpires and key volunteers. It was the first time our umpires who have been around for 10+ years had something like this organised for them by one of the clubs, and they felt overwhelmingly appreciated.

Moving to next season, Rowing SA will be awarding Service Pins to our umpires and regatta volunteers highlighting the loyalty that they continue to provide. We look forward to presenting these next season.

I encourage us all to work together to grow and recognise each of our own volunteer groups.

#### Highlights from last season:

- Welcoming the Governor of South Australia, to our South Australian Rowing Championships and unveiling a new trophy named in her honor for the South Australian Women's Pair Championship.
- Connecting back with our Life Members also at the South Australian Rowing Championships.
- Relocating the Riverland Regatta to the Port River due to the floods, and thank you to the Port Adelaide Rowing Club for embracing the change.

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

#### Highlights from last season cont:

- To the 2023 Australian Rowing Championships, with outstanding results from so many, including:
  - Oscar McGuinness 1st in OLM1x
  - Jeremy Beale 1st and Adam Holland, 3rd in U21 M1x
  - Jeremy and Adam, 1st in U21 M2x
  - Nick Blackman 2nd in U23 Mlx
  - Simon Albury, 1st in PR2 M1x
  - Victoria Binns 3rd in SG1x
  - Wilderness School 2nd in SG4+
  - Saint Peters College 3rd in SB8+
  - Adelaide Uni 3rd in Club W8+
  - Jed Altschwager 2nd in ISM PR3 1x
  - Molly Goodman 3rd in ISW 1x
  - The State Mens Lightweight Four, 3rd in the ISLM 4-
  - Adelaide Uni 1st in OLM4-

There were many standout performances, and we congratulate all athletes and coaches on their achievements at this National regatta.

- Murray Bridge Rowing Club member Ken Wells was recognised in the recent King's Birthday Honours List for his service to the community of Murray Bridge.
- At the International Para Regatta in Italy in June 2023:
  - Jed Altschwager won gold with his partner Nikki Ayers in the PR3 Mixed 2x
  - Simon Albury took Silver in the PR2 Mlx, with SA's own Christine MacLaren as the Australian coach.
- In the World Cup 2 Regatta in June, all SA athletes did an amazing job!
  - Jed and Nikki 1st in the PR3 Mixed 2x, setting the World's Best Time in this event
  - Molly Goodman and Olympia Aldersey in the W8+ which won GOLD
  - Angus Dawson 3rd in M2-
  - Alex Hill OAM 2nd in M4-
- The Junior, U23 and Senior World Championship regattas, and the 2023 Trans-Tasmin regatta will be reported on in the 2024 Annual Report.
- At the 2023 Australian Masters Rowing Championships, we saw a significant number of SA athletes bring home a medal, with three South Australian clubs finishing in the top 20 of the overall medal table, being Adelaide University Boat Club, Torrens Rowing Club, and Riverside Rowing Club.
  - What an incredible feat winning two Gold medals in the Interstate Women's and Men's 8+'s.
  - The SA Men's coxed Eight won their Interstate event for the third year in a row with a remarkable time of 2:54. The Men's Eight had to row through the early leading crew NSW to claim victory by only 0.20 seconds to NSW, and Queensland taking third position. Congratulations to the SA Masters IM8+ Gold medallists: Rob Ellis, Bill Natt, Nick McDonald, Kevin Tankard, Damien Derlique, David McLeod, Alex Silz, Ross Hamilton, Cox: Bonnie White, Coaches: Rob Cheesman and John Bentley.

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The final Interstate race on the program was the Interstate Women's Coxed Eight event, which was full of another strong field. The South Australian Women's Coxed Eight took a commanding advantage in the first half of the race crossing the halfway point 7 seconds in front of the nearest rival crew. The SA crew continued to dominate the remainder of the race to take the win in a fast time of 3:20. 8.74 seconds in front of VIC and then NSW finishing in third position. This was not only a commanding victory for the crew, but it was the first ever win by a South Australian Interstate Women's 8+. Congratulations to the SA Masters IW8+ Gold medallists: Alison Smith, Symonne Ellis, Tory Toogood, Emily Elkhoury, Jo Malcolm, Christina Bursill, Susi Ross, Angie Francou, Cox: Vicky Knight, and Coach: Daren Potts

We had some challenges last season with the Floods in the River Murray communities, which wiped out all our regattas scheduled for the River Murray. It deeply affected the rowing clubs along the Murray, with all having to stop their rowing activities, and most having to move their equipment out of their sheds, move them to higher grounds, and for some like Mannum Rowing Club have yet been able to return to their shed due to the significant impact the floods had on their boat shed.

#### Partnerships and Communications

Rowing SA expanded its partnerships by welcoming Eastern Equity Insurance Brokers, Nelson Teamwear, Perfect Balance Rowing, and Tweak Physio. These partnerships have come about by ensuring an alignment and shared benefits between these businesses and Rowing SA. We are excited to welcome these new partners, as well as acknowledge the support of our current loyal partners; Fulham Funerals, TAPP Electrical, Matrix Solar, Largs Bay & Seaton Swim Centres, Gentle Touch Orthodontics and Hayley Staltari at Harris Real-estate.

Our strong partnership with Surf Life Saving SA continues with the provision of on-water safety at our major regattas. Thank you to the team at Surf Life Saving SA.

Rowing SA also thanks the State Government through the Office of Recreation, Sport & Racing (ORS&R), along with the Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure (DIT) who continue to provide funding and support to maintain our operational services and management of the Regatta Course at West Lakes. Our strong relationship continues with the City of Charles Sturt Council.

Rowing Australia has increased its focus on ensuring a collaborative approach occurs with the State Associations and will be monitoring their own financial situation to provide long-term security for the sport. We thank Rowing Australia for the leadership they have provided through previous CEO Ian Robson, and we look forward to working closely with the new CEO Sarah Cook to ensure South Australia's voice is heard. We look forward to continuing our strong relationship in growing the sport in SA.

#### Andrew Swift

Rowing SA Chief Executive Officer

### COMPETITIONS AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

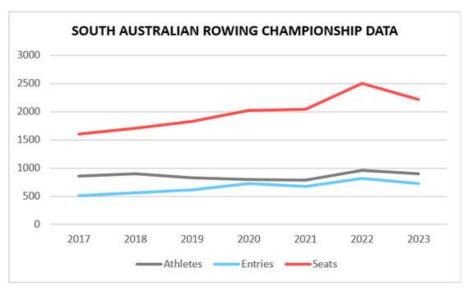
Once again we began the 2022-23 competitive season with a series of Time Trials and Winter Series Regattas. The Time Trials in particular, are proving to be a popular event for many undertaking winter training or training for the distance events held in November.

This 2022-23 season saw the launch of the inaugural SA Indoor Rowing League which kicked off with two events – the 'Fastest 5k' in August and the 'Summer Sprints' in December. The events were well received by athletes both from within the rowing community and those from gyms, crossfit clubs, and other non-traditional rowing settings. We are looking forward to growing the SA Indoor Rowing League into the future.

Back on the water we had some unfortunate disruptions to the season due to inclement weather severely impacting the Round the Island and Junior Regatta, and the November West Lakes Regatta. Flooding along the Murray River also resulted in the relocation of the Murray Bridge Regatta, and the cancellation of the Mannum Regatta. One of the biggest events on the Rowing SA Calendar – the Riverland Regatta and 2nd Grade State Championships scheduled for Berri also required a late relocation. The event was held at the Port Adelaide Rowing Club with 912 athletes embracing the change and competing over the 2-day event. Thanks to the Port Adelaide Rowing Club and the Rowing SA Umpires and Volunteers for their tireless efforts throughout the week to make the event a success. We all look forward to returning to the River based clubs as they continue their flood recovery.

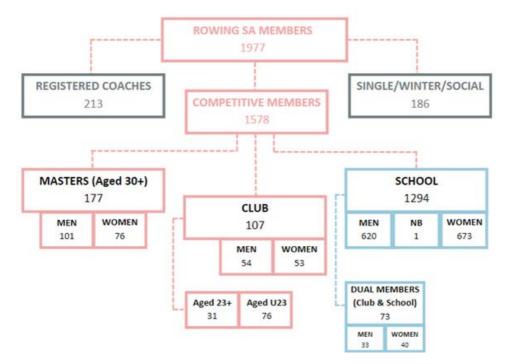
The January Small Boat and Grade Regatta saw the trial of the Small Boat Combine for the second year. The trial, which combined 1x and 2- into a single heat to final progression, provided some exciting racing and looks to be a promising forum for future competition.

The South Australian Rowing Championships continue to go from strength to strength. The 2023 iteration saw the introduction of a seat fee for championship events. This had a small impact on the number of entries, however not on the quality of the competition with one of the fastest state championships in recent times. Whilst off the water a new medal, presentation area, and official event function contributed to make the 2023 version one of the best.



### COMPETITIONS AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Overall membership numbers have been stable with just under 2000 individuals registered with Rowing SA in come capacity, and around 1600 of those engaged in regular competition. Participation in regattas continues to grow.



#### ROWING SA MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN

Moving forward we anticipate challenges will continue to arise balancing the increasing competition needs of our members against the reasonable time constraints of our already overworked officials and volunteers. As we explore solutions we will need to be mindful that it is equally important to provide high quality performance opportunities to our elite and developing athletes, and enjoyable entry level competitions for our social, participation, and next generation athletes. Satisfying these often opposing concepts will require creativity, flexibility, and goodwill from the entire SA rowing community.

Bec Lannan Regatta Operations

### PATHWAY AND COACHING REPORT

The 2022/23 season was a reminder of what our regattas were like pre COVID, providing an opportunity for some normality for our clubs and schools with both training and racing. However, due to the Murray River flooding, our Riverland Regatta was relocated to the Port River through a commendable effort from those involved. The adaptability that our schools and clubs had developed through COVID was once again on display as the flooding rendered the river unusable for mid-season camps.

Rowing Australia once again facilitated the Australian Indoor Rowing Championships in late 2022. Several South Australian schools competed, with various successes. We look forward to seeing the growth of the South Australia Indoor Rowing League in seasons to come.

The end of April saw our Men's and Women's Pathway Eights competing at the pathway regatta in Penrith. This coincided with the Rowing Australia Junior Trials Regatta where South Australia has over 20 athletes competing who were supported by their dedicated coaches and team managers.

Our relationship with Rowing WA and WAIS continues to strengthen as some of our prospective SASI junior athletes travelled to Perth in July for the Junior Performance Camp. This trip aimed to provide experience training with athlete's interstate and travelling as an athlete. It was a tremendous success and we look forward to welcoming athletes from WA later this year when they travel to SA for a similar camp.

In October 2022, Rowing SA held a Level 2 NCAS Practical Course with 7 attendees, we look forward to assisting their coaching development.

Finally, Rowing SA's Annual Awards Breakfast was held in June, celebrating the accomplishments of various members of our community over the 2022/2023 season. With just over 120 attendees, it was wonderful to acknowledge those who go above and beyond for our sport and those who excel. Congratulations to all award recipients, and those who competed throughout the season.



Lili Keene Administration Officer

### COURSE MANAGER REPORT

The 2022/23 season has seen approximately 1200 hours of labour to maintain the course to its current international standard. Rowing SA has been entrusted to maintain this facility, and valuable time from volunteers help keep the course user costs to an absolute minimum for all users.

This past years main purchases have been:

- \$6,000: 500 new soft pliable buoys have been purchased, and are slowly being introduced into service as old buoys fail, or are lost. It is planned that another 500 buoys will be purchased in the next 12 months
- \$8,000: 1000m Start pontoon mooring lines have been replaced with 13mm Galv chain. These lines, originally installed in 2010, have reached their serviceable life. Both the 500m and 200m mooring lines will be replaced over the next 24 months
- \$16,000: New Barge motor and Hydraulic steering

Please note that Lane 4 (indicated by yellow buoys), has a dual purpose. On Regatta days it easily identifies Lane 4 for both competitors and spectators. While in training, it will act as the neutral or safety lane that will separate rowing traffic. Please DO NOT row in this lane during training. Always refer to the 'Rowing Training Map' displayed on the finish pontoon. It clearly explains traffic flow and general rowing rules on the course. These are here for everybody's safety, so please follow diligently.

Rowing SA will continually reinforce DIT Marine Rules for lighting that must be displayed on your boat during early morning /evening, and poor light conditions. There has been a fantastic response from the rowing public, so keep up the great work. There is a light sensitive Red light on the top level of the Finish Tower that will indicate when you should have lights on your boat (IE. If the Red light is ON, you MUST have lights on your boat. (Don't forget to replace your batteries when they start to dim, remembering that these lights need to be seen from 1km away).

Major Events held on the AM Ramsay Rowing Course in the 2022/2023 season were:

- 2023 South Australian Rowing Championships
- 2023 State Canoe Championships
- 2023 SA Schools Head of the River
- 2022 SA Swimming Long Distance State Championships
- 2023 SA Dragonboat Championships
- 2023 Paddle Australia National Championships

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, Peter Young, Dennis Cooper, Tim Ward, John Asenstorfer (BRO), Barny Cundell (BRO), and Ross Moffet (BRO), who have all contributed more than 10 sessions this season. More than 50 separate volunteers have contributed approx. 450 hours last season! Thank you to all, I'm sure all rowers appreciate your efforts.

Brett Ralph Course Manager

### UMPIRES AND VOLUNTEERS REPORT

I wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our small team of Boat Race Officials and skilled volunteers. These people make themselves available week after week, regardless of sunshine, wind, storm or rain and are essential to the safe and fair conduct of the regattas, head races and time trials that our rowing community enjoy so much. Their contribution can be easily overlooked so I again acknowledge and thank our Boat Race Officials and Volunteers.

I wish to thank the RowingSA Board and Staff for their ongoing and steadfast support of the Boat Race Officials throughout this season.

I'll also specifically flag the contributions of Steve Pennington who has taken on the often challenging "President of the Jury" role at many of our regattas and Championship events this season. Steve also shares his skills and experience as an integral member of the BRO Advisory Group.

Season 2022/23 was back into the pre-Covid racing schedule with winter racing in August, followed by time trials, head races, the mix of club, school & masters regattas, our Second Grade Championships (relocated to Port Adelaide), two day State Championships, HoR and the Masters & Third Grade State Championships. Officiating over all of this kept the BRO team very busy. We also had officials selected by Rowing Australia for the Nationals in Perth in March, the Masters Nationals at Penrith in June, several National Team selection trials and the Coastal & Beach Sprints Nationals in Mooloolaba in July.

Vicky Knight officiated at the Maadi Cup at Lake Karapiro as part of an RA umpire exchange program with RowNZ. Our FISA race officials had additional commitments to attend as well.

This season the BRO Advisory Group initiated a "BRO Exchange" program as a development opportunity for our Level Two officials. This saw Kristin Alford officiate over three days of racing at Lake Nagambie at the RowVic State Championships, and in turn, we hosted a Level Two official from Victoria at our Rowing SA State Championships. Kristin was also at the Nationals at Perth as a Technical Officer as part of her development and in preparation for a future NOAS Level Three assessment.

All of this was achieved by our relatively small team of race officials. This season we had a pool of sixteen BRO's to draw on to try to cover all regattas, with a further three or four occasionally available. We had five BROs (incl. three Level Threes) retire or take a sabbatical from officiating. Some regattas were a challenge from a manning perspective. For context, a typical club/school/masters regatta at West Lakes requires a dozen BRO's to fill all roles. More are required if we are to provide beach marshals, athlete weighing, held starts etc. In addition there are the dedicated half dozen skilled volunteers who routinely attend and are critical to the successful operations of a regatta; ie, regatta control, timing & camera operation, boat launching & recovery, barge driving, marshalling, catering and logistics.

So clearly the challenge for season 2023/24 is the recruitment and retention of Boat Race Officials – your sport needs you !

#### Paul Knight

Boat Race Official & BRO Advisory Group

### ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

As the RSA director chairing the Corporate Governance of your association you will notice that the subcommittee is now called the Environmental, Social and Governance Subcommittee which reflects the responsibilities the board recognises in our role to members and the community. The ESG subcommittee has reviewed the structures and guidelines of the association and over the next year we intend to address areas where improvements should be made. As part of the subcommittees review it was apparent that changes to the associations Constitution need to be made to make the Association more compliant with current legislation and the expectations of its members. The subcommittee have completed this review and with the input from members the revised Constitution is presented to you for acceptance at the SGM this year. In our modern society there are many new issues that the RSA board and the ESG committee are reviewing and I look forward to ensuring that the RSA board achieves a high level of compliance in all areas.

I thank the other ESG Subcommittee members being Richard O'Dea, Greg Melbourne and Kate Holland for their advice and support. I particularly thank Richard for his tireless personal and legal help in reviewing and updating the proposed new constitution. I also thank Andrew Swift and Bec Lannan for their help and diligence during the year.

I welcome all members to provide feedback to me or the Board at any time.

Bill Marmion Director



### FINANCE, AUDITAND RISK REPORT

During the 2023 financial year, the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee met on multiple occasions to discuss the following items:

- Track and analyse the budget vs. actuals to ensure we were keeping to our target of recognising a profit in the year.
- Commence financial planning on how we can plan for strategic long-term spending.
- Discussions and planning around how operations vs. facility both can run at a profit and stand alone.
- Risk assessment of the West Lakes Facility to ensure safety and functionality of the site.

#### Risk Assessment - Balustrade

The Committee approached the Board with the need to replace the balustrade around the tower/office area, as there was concern over the safety to the community and wanted to ensure it was fixed in the most cost effective manner. Multiple quotes were sourced and once the preferred quote was accepted, work began on the balustrade, and has now been completed. The balustrade is now ensuring safety for all members.

#### Profitability

We had set out with a budget of achieving an operating profit of \$74,474 during the 2023 financial year. We finished the year recognising an operating profit of \$69,859, which fell just short of the budgeted figure due to not receiving a \$5,000 grant due to a cancelled regatta. This is an improvement to the loss made in 2022. RSA made a cash profit of \$160,755 once you remove depreciation, which opens up a lot of opportunity for planning strategically for the future. In May 2023 the board had a strategic planning day whereby we decided to invest \$90,000 into the west lakes fund as a way of planning for the strategic future of the facility. This will be reflected in the 2024 financial year when the term deposit rolls over.

#### Insurance

In 2023 the Committee along with the board had discussions around the new insurance policies. As notified in early June we advised that RSA had signed with a new insurance broker for period 31 May 2023 to 31 May 2024, being Eastern Equity Broker. This relationship with Eastern Equity Brokers to date has been a great one, with them providing a high level of customer service and engagement. The policies taken up under this engagement provide us with excellent coverage and are better value for money than what we previously had.

#### **Financial Statement Presentation**

Early into the financial year the committee and the board agreed to switch out internal monthly reporting from a complicated accruals to a more simplified approach. This meant we had better visibility over when debtors were paying cash payments, when registrations were being paid and for which period. It allowed for easier analysis of our budget vs. our actuals and helped with planning income and expenses and therefore spend.

#### Shannen Graham

Chair – Finance, Audit & Risk Committee

### MASTERS REPORT

This last season we have strengthened the committee considerably with 2 new members who bring youth and experience to our committee and importantly gender equality and representation. These new members being Jane Dawson and Kate Tebneff, who join existing members Greg Melbourne and Greg Keene, who thank Jane and Kate for their work and ideas.

Just recently we have again sent a reminder of this line of communication to Clubs with a request for their input. The RSAMC will meet again soon to consider any suggestions arising from this and we already have replies from 2 clubs and we thank those Clubs for their feedback.

In addition, we receive input from Andrew Swift and Bec Lannan and we also thank them. We have also had verbal and written communication with a number of experienced Masters rowers. We welcome suggestions from all Masters rowers about how we can improve Masters rowing

This year saw approximately 180 Masters rowers competing in our regattas and most of these athletes are regular competitors. Our Masters regatta entries were 1029 for 160 races in the last season, so our Masters competition remains strong and growing.

On behalf of all Masters rowers, we thank our hard-working volunteer Boat Race officials and ask all of our Masters rowers to continue to show them respect and thanks. Without them – no rowing!

We wish to thank the Masters State Team Selectors Richard Sexton and Steven Polyichanin who obviously did a great job, given our results! We also thank the Masters State Team Coaches, Daren Potts (Women's 8+ and 4x) and Rob Cheesman and John Bentley (Men's 8+).

Overall, we had some incredible results at the Masters National Championships, with congratulations to both our Men's and Women's State Eights who both came first, and our Women's quad who came fourth. What a fantastic effort! Congratulations to everyone who rowed at the AMRC and we look forward to an equally successful 2024.

#### Jane Dawson, Kate Tebneff, Greg Melbourne and Greg Keene RSA Masters Committee



### SASI REPORT

The SASI program welcomed Nick Mitchell into the role of SASI Rowing Head Coach. Nick comes to the role with a wealth of experience in school, club and high-performance leadership, and is best known in South Australia for coaching the U23 M4+ with South Australian Angus Dawson to a gold medal in 2019.

#### Australian Senior Team 2023

Eight South Australian athletes are named in the Australian rowing senior squad heading to the World Championships and Olympic/Paralympic qualifying regatta in September. We await final crew selection, but wish all crews the best for racing in the pursuit of qualifying their boat for 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Alexander Hill	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI Graduate
Oscar McGuinness	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI Graduate
Molly Goodman	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI Graduate
Olympia Aldersey	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI Graduate
Angus Dawson	Adelaide Rowing Club/SASI
Jed Altschwager	Torrens Rowing Club/SASI
Nikki Ayers	Capital Lakes RC/SASI
Simon Albury	Torrens Rowing Club/SASI * Gavirate para regatta

#### Australian underage teams

U23 selection events were run this year alongside senior team selection. This has given the crews a longer preparation time in the lead up to the U23 World Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, and exposed the underage athletes to senior selection.

U21 selection remained based off National Championships results, and a camp-based program followed to allow crews to train prior to their trip to Karapiro, New Zealand.

Seven SASI based junior athletes attended junior trials this year, allowing them to experience the selection process, and expose them to the high level of performance required for junior team selection.

#### U23 Australian Team

Nick Blackman	Adelaide University Boat Club	M4x
U21 Australian Team		
Jeremy Beale	Adelaide University BC/SASI	M4x
Adam Holland	Adelaide Rowing Club	M4x
Nick Mitchell	SASI	Coach

SASI coaches completed significant travel, and trailer driving duties, to support our athletes attending selection events, NSW regattas, Nationals (Perth) and national camps in Canberra and Penrith.

### SASI REPORT

The talent pathway programs continue to be led by SASI and works closely with schools and first 8+ coaches to transition school athletes into the SASI training agreement/performance squads.

The winter training agreement (WTA) squad targets and transitions identified year 12 students into the high-performance program, via a modified program. A Year 10/11 performance squad is selected over two blocks to give young rowers and their coaches the opportunity to train alongside the senior and year 12 group.

The continuing relationship with the Western Australia Institute of Sport, gave the opportunity for the WTA squad to attend the annual "Nullarbor Cup" camp held in Perth during the July holidays, with a second SASI/WAIS camp being held in Adelaide in December.

Mitchell Reinhard former SASI and Australian team rower, took on the role of talent search coach this season, sharing his knowledge and love for the sport by running a great program for the newly identified athletes to rowing. We moved away from the traditional model of placing the athletes in a nominated club but thanks to Ronald Mobbs and Ella Bramwell, the athletes landed at Adelaide Rowing Club (ARC) for this season. Many thanks to ARC for their work in this space and accommodating these new athletes to our sport.

Our para TID program continues to grow, assisted by Tim Belcher who moves agilely between the Torrens recreational program and the TID program to assist with all things para. It is exciting to see a further five new para-athletes start their journey towards high performance.

We continue to use the Murray Bridge facility regularly, both for training and for camps.

Thanks as always to the dedicated team at SASI for their work with the rowing program this year providing world class support to our athletes and to the continuing support from Rowing SA, Clubs and schools.

#### Nick Mitchell SASI Head Rowing Coach

Christine MacLaren SASI Rowing Talent Pathway Coordinator





### OUR SUPPORTERS

The Office of Recreation, Sport & Racing (ORS&R) is a government agency that helps develop, support, and invest in sport at all levels. Rowing South Australia works closely with ORS&R to develop rowing from community participation 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, Sport & Racing, for the continued support provided to rowing in our state.



Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing

Rowing South Australia would also like to thank the following valued Partners, Supporters and Stakeholders for the continued support they provide during the year to rowing in South Australia.

#### OFFICIAL PARTNERS



#### KEY CORPORATE PARTNERS





Rowing SA acknowledges the support of our many clubs and schools and parents who have hosted regattas, volunteered or supported the Association through the provision of facilities and equipment this season.



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