

2024/25 ANNUAL REPORT



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Notice is hereby given that the 89th Annual General Meeting of the Members of Rowing South Australia Incorporated ("RSA") will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday 18 August 2025 at OAR Café, Rowing SA, 100 Military Rd, West Lakes Shore.

All RSA registered members are welcome to attend.





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VISION AND MISSION

OUR VISION

Connect, Drive, Thrive

OUR MISSION

To grow, lead and develop a safe, inclusive, and sustainable rowing community in South Australia.

OUR VALUES

Respect: Value all contributions and treat each other with kindness.

Integrity: Be accountable, fair, honest, ethical and inspire community confidence.

Diversity: Celebrate the diversity of our people and programs, and value inclusion for all.

Excellence: Support achievement at all levels.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Infrastructure

Improve and maintain facilities and infrastructure to ensure accessibility and sustainability for the future.

- Secure funding to improve the West Lakes facility.
- Work in collaboration with key stakeholders to ensure satellite facilities are fit for purpose.
- Identify, purchase, and maintain equipment.
- Leverage technology to support the operations of Rowing SA.

Governance

Implement good governance principles to ensure compliance and sustainable best practice.

- Identify and optimise revenue sources to ensure financial sustainability and affordability.
- Implement ASC's Good Governance Principles.
- Enhance Board effectiveness through best practice.
- To support clubs in understanding and meeting compliance requirements and best practice governance.

Participation & Performance

Increase participation and revenue streams by offering enjoyable, high-quality, and sustainable programs that enhance retention and support participants in reaching their desired skill levels.

- Create, manage and support programs that are safe, organised and cater for different ability levels and interests.
- Foster pathways for members to progress to high-performance levels and improve connections from schools to clubs.
- Support rowers, coaches, and officials to achieve success in high performance programs.
- Actively connect with both internal and external stakeholders through relevant content, platforms, and timely updates.

People & Culture

Communicate and collaborate with key stakeholders to develop our clubs and people to foster a positive and thriving club culture.

- Support clubs to grow and develop.
- Support the development of our rowers to embrace rowing as a lifelong pursuit.
- Invest in the recruitment, training, retention, and recognition of workforce.
- Develop and maintain strategic partnerships to increase revenue opportunities, enhance programs and drive growth.





Rowing South Australia would like to thank our affiliated clubs for their support during the 2024-25 season.



ADELAIDE ROWING CLUB



PHOENIX ROWING CLUB



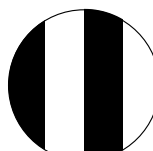
ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB



PORT ADELAIDE ROWING CLUB



BERRI ROWING CLUB



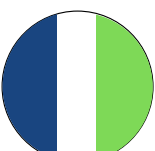
PORT PIRIE ROWING CLUB



GOOLWA ROWING CLUB



REMARK ROWING CLUB



LIMESTONE COAST ROWING CLUB



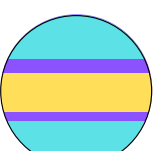
RIVERSIDE ROWING CLUB



MANNUM ROWING CLUB



SCOTCH OLD COLLEGIANS & COMMUNITY ROWING CLUB



MAWSON BOAT CLUB



TAILEM BEND ROWING CLUB



MURRAY BRIDGE ROWING CLUB



TORRENS ROWING CLUB



PEMBROKE MASTERS ROWING CLUB



WAIKERIE ROWING CLUB

AFFILIATED CLUBS AND SCHOOLS



Rowing South Australia would like to thank our affiliated Schools for their support during the 2024-25 season.



ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE



LORETO COLLEGE



NORWOOD INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



PEMBROKE SCHOOL



PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE



PULTENEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL



SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE



SCOTCH COLLEGE



SEYMOUR COLLEGE



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLEGE



ST PETER'S 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

PRESIDENT

Phillip Mangelsdorf

VICE PRESIDENTS

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr Greg Keene, Kathryn Presser AM, Catherine McDougall, Fearnley Szuster, Anna Tree, Jo Malcolm, Greg Walters, Richard Sawers AM



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 Australia 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. At least 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 day-to-day management and operation of Rowing SA in achieving the strategic direction set by the Board.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



GREG KEENE | BOARD CHAIR & ELECTED DIRECTOR

Attended 9 of 10 Board meetings

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 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.



KATHRYN PRESSER AM | BOARD DEPUTY CHAIR & ELECTED DIRECTOR

Attended 6 of 8 Board meetings (retired 22 May 2025)

Kathryn has 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 was awarded the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2022 Australia Day Awards for her commitment to Accounting and Community.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



FEARNLEY SZUSTER | ELECTED DIRECTOR

Attended 10 of 10 Board meetings

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.

GREG WALTERS | BOARD DEPUTY CHAIR (from 3 June) & ELECTED DIRECTOR

Attended 9 of 10 Board meetings



Greg is a passionate and active supporter of rowing in South Australia. He began rowing at PAC in the late 1970s and at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, returning to the sport in 2012 with Riverside Rowing Club, where he has been President since 2014. He is a regular competitor at local and national regattas, a member of SA's gold medal-winning 2024 Interstate Masters eight, and has supported the formation of the PAC Old Collegians Rowing Club. He is also a familiar voice as a race commentator at SA regattas.

Professionally, he is a retired Lieutenant Colonel and experienced Non-Executive Director with over 38 years of leadership experience. He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has held senior governance roles with Engineers Australia and EngInsure. His executive roles include CEO of Peninsula Ports and Country Manager – India for Sinclair Knight Merz, with strengths in governance, media, risk, and stakeholder engagement. He brings strong corporate expertise and a deep commitment to growing rowing in South Australia.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



CATHERINE MCDUGALL | ELECTED DIRECTOR

Attended 9 of 10 Board meetings

Catherine has a long-standing involvement in the South Australian rowing community, beginning as a schoolgirl at Wilderness School and later as a coach, where she discovered her passion for developing the next generation of rowers. She has held leadership roles within the sport, including Head of Rowing at Seymour College, and served on the Adelaide Rowing Club Committee for three years. Catherine was also involved with the Pathway and State Teams from 2014 to 2023.

In addition to her rowing commitments, Catherine is the Co-Founder and Managing Director of Support Plus, a national tech start-up designed to support caregivers and improve continuity of care - a company she built for her dad, who was also actively involved in the rowing community. The company has been recognised through state and national grants for its innovation and community benefit and is preparing for international expansion.

Based in Adelaide and working between South Australia and Victoria, Catherine brings strong governance experience and a passion for fostering inclusive rowing environments. A committed advocate for inclusivity and gender equality, she believes that connection and culture are the foundation of the sport's future.

DR RICHARD SAWERS AM | ELECTED DIRECTOR

Attended 9 of 10 Board meetings

Richard has been a committed member of the South Australian rowing community for many years, beginning as a rowing parent and supporter. Since 2018, he has served as a Boat Race Official (BRO) for Rowing SA, recently recognised as the 2024 BRO of the Year for his fairness, professionalism, and strong rapport with athletes and officials.

Richard brings a wealth of experience from outside the sport, with a background in health and education governance. A retired dental surgeon, he has held leadership roles on a number of national and international boards, including the International College of Dentists and the Council of Governors at St Peter's College. He is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has advised the South Australian Government on health sector matters.

Richard is passionate about upholding the integrity and smooth running of rowing events and is respected for his thoughtful, unbiased approach in all officiating duties.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



JOANNE MALCOLM | ELECTED DIRECTOR

Attended 9 of 10 Board meetings

Jo has been an engaged member of the South Australian rowing community over the past 20 years. Beginning at Pulteney Grammar School in the 2000s, she has represented school, club (Adelaide University Boat Club and Phoenix Rowing Club) and State as a rower at both state and national competitions.

Jo is an active athlete and coach in South Australia, and has connections with the club, school and masters communities. She has also worked at an administration level at both Rowing SA and Rowing Australia from 2018-2022 within communications and development.

Employed as the Rowing Coordinator at Adelaide High School and a qualified Secondary School Teacher, Jo has a vested interest in young people in the community and providing a strong environment that supports the transition of athletes from school to club rowing. She has a passion for athlete retention and inclusion in all programs, with pathways for athletes at a social, club and elite level.



ANNA TREE | APPOINTED DIRECTOR

Attended 9 of 10 Board meetings

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 & para-rowing. She has medalled at various Junior World Championships as both an athlete and as a coach.

Anna currently works for SA Health, 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.

STAFF AND OFFICE BEARERS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ANDREW SWIFT

OPERATIONS MANAGER
CHRISTINE NEWBERRY

REGATTA OPERATIONS MANAGER
BEC LANNAN

FINANCE OFFICER
TONI RYAN

COMMUNITY AND PROGRAMS OFFICER
CELIA COWAN

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE
BARNY CUNDELL
TIM WARD

COURSE MANAGER
BRETT RALPH

ROWING AUSTRALIA COUNCILLOR - SA
FEARNLEY SZUSTER

ROWING SA AUDITOR
BENTLEYS

STATE TEAM SELECTION PANEL
BRYNLEY MILLWARD
EMMA HALL-CRAGGS
MICHAEL MCNAMARA

ATHLETE COMMISSIONERS
FEARNLEY SZUSTER

**MASTERS STATE TEAM
SELECTION PANEL**
DAREN POTTS
ROB ELLIS
PHILLIP MANGELSDORF

HONORARY & FINANCIAL LIFE MEMBERS

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

ROWING SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2012	Ward T J	2021	Cundell B M
			Talbot J K
2013	Eastaughffe M P	2022	Clayton D E
			Cheesman R D AM
2014	Pennington R T (Bob) *		Elleway R F
2017	Halliday P	2024	Logan P S





FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBERS

(*DECEASED)

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

FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBERS

(*DECEASED)

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



PREMIRESHIPS

MEN'S PREMIERSHIP (WEST END TROPHY)	ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB
WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP (FLORENCE EATON TROPHY)	ADELAIDE ROWING CLUB
MASTERS MEN'S PREMIERSHIP	TORRENS ROWING CLUB
MASTERS WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP	TORRENS ROWING CLUB
COUNTRY MEN'S PREMIERSHIP	MURRAY BRIDGE ROWING CLUB
COUNTRY WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP	MURRAY BRIDGE ROWING CLUB
SCHOOLBOY'S PREMIERSHIP	PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE
SCHOOLGIRL'S PREMIERSHIP	SEYMOUR COLLEGE

ROWING SA AWARDS

MEN'S SA ROWER OF THE YEAR	OSCAR MCGUINNESS (ARC/SASI) & NICK BLACKMAN (AUBC/SASI)
WOMEN'S ROWER OF THE YEAR	ELLA BRAMWELL (ARC/NTC)
PARA MEN'S CHAMPION	SAM STUNELL (ARC/SASI)
PARA WOMEN'S CHAMPION	NOT AWARDED 2025
SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPION	JONATHAN MCKAY (ARC)
SENIOR WOMEN'S CHAMPION	ANJA FELDERHOF (AUBC)
JUNIOR MEN'S CHAMPION	ALEX LEE (PPEMBROKE SCHOOL)
JUNIOR WOMEN'S CHAMPION	GIA RINALDI & IMOGEN HAWKER (WILDERNESS SCHOOL)
MASTERS MEN'S CHAMPION	ROB ELLIS (TRC)
MASTERS WOMEN'S CHAMPION	SYMONNE ELLIS (TRC)
CHAMPION MALE COXSWAIN	ALEX HAMOOD (PAC)
CHAMPION FEMALE COXSWAIN	NICOLE TESCH ORNELAS (AUBC)
CHAMPION SCHOOLBOY CREW	UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 9/10 4X+ A & PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE YEAR 8/9 4X+ A
CHAMPION SCHOOLGIRL CREW	UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL YR9/10 4X+ A
COACH OF THE YEAR	STEPHANIE TURNBULL (ST FRANCIS & RENMARK RC) & DANIEL RALPH (UNLEY HIGH)
BOAT RACE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR	STEVE PENNINGTON
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR	DIANNE DEBELLIS
COMMUNITY CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR	SIMON BURR (GOOLWA RC)



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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INTERSTATE TEAM

QUEENS CUP - WOMEN'S 8+

Emma Venus (Cox) ARC	Grace Barrera ARC / SASI
Tamara Bates ARC/SASI	Caroline McNally AUBC/SASI
Ella Bramwell ARC / SASI / NTC	Victoria Seidel ARC
Daisy Holland AUBC/SASI	Sophie Barr Sydney RC/SASI
Georgina Taeger ARC	Christine MacLaren (Coach) SASI
Anna Collins ARC (Reserve)	Nicki Plucinski (Assistant Coach) Wilderness School



Place: 4th
Time: 6:36.85



Place: 5th
Time: 5:47.98

KINGS CUP - MEN'S 8+

Sophia Tayeb (Cox) AUBC	Mitchell Reinhard ARC / SASI
Nick Blackman AUBC / SASI	Jasper Boyce AUBC/SASI
Adam Holland ARC / SASI	Henry Belcher AUBC/SASI
Hamish Allan AUBC/SASI	Oscar McGuinness ARC / SASI
Hugo Wurm AUBC	Nick Mitchell (Coach) SASI

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INTERSTATE TEAM

BICENTENNIAL CUP - WOMEN'S YOUTH 8+

Emma Venus

(Cox) ARC

Emily Laing

AUBC/SASI

Grace Barrera

ARC/SASI

Imogen Hawker

Wilderness School

Daisy Holland

AUBC / SASI

Felicity Cox

Unley High School

Tamara Bates

ARC/SASI

Caroline McNally

AUBC / SASI

Anja Felderhof

AUBC

Christine MacLaren

(Coach) SASI

Hannah Cloughton

ARC (Reserve)

Daniel Ralph

(Assistant Coach)

Gia Rinaldi

Wilderness School

(Reserve)

Unley High School



Place: 3rd

Time: 6:32.57



Place: 5th

Time: 5:56.50

YOUTH NOEL WILKINSON CUP - MEN'S YOUTH 8+

Nicole Tesch Ornelas

(Cox) AUBC

Oliver Evans-Wood

AUBC/SASI

George Griffith

AUBC

Finn Redmond

Adelaide High School

Henry Belcher

AUBC / SASI

Jasper Boyce

AUBC / SASI

Max Henry

AUBC

James Williams

AUBC

Igor Zarubin

AUBC

Stefano Balosso

(Coach) Loreto College

Sebastian Atterton

SUBC (Reserve)

Tom O'Mahony

Pembroke School

(Reserve)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INTERSTATE TEAM

PENRITH CUP - MEN'S LW4-

Hugo Wurm

AUBC

Kyle Miller

AUBC

Oscar Wurm

St Peter's College

Jonathan McKay

ARC

Daniel Wiersema

AUBC (Reserve)

Brenton Terrell

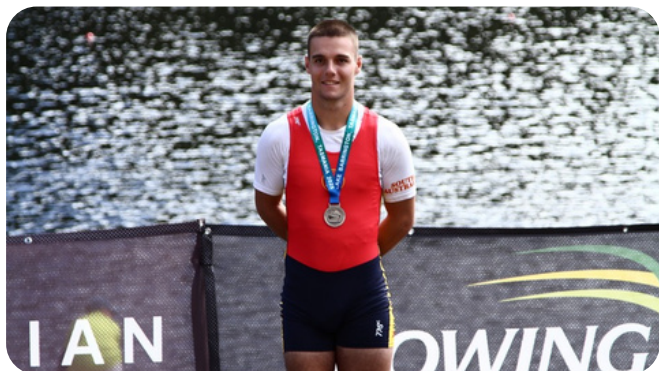
(Coach) Norwood
International High
School/RSA-A

Beacher Ross

AUBC (Reserve)



Place: 5th
Time: 6:26.43



PR3 MEN'S 1x

Place: 2nd
Time: 8:00.91

Sam Stunell

ARC/SASI

Christine MacLaren

(Coach) SASI

Place: 1st
Time: 7:16.29

Oscar McGuiness

ARC/SASI/NTC

Nick Mitchell

(Coach) SASI



Place: 7th
Time: 7:15.94



VICTORIA CUP - WOMEN'S LW4x

Celia Cowan

ARC

Victoria Binns

Sydney RC

Lulu Colgrave

ARC

Olivia Masters

Walford

Mitch Parker

AUBC (Coach)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PATHWAY STATE TEAM



Pathway Women's Eight

Athletes

Imogen Griffith (Walford Anglican School for Girls)

Scarlett Brammy (Walford Anglican School for Girls)

Sasha Humble (Seymour College)

Imogen Johnson (Seymour College)

Olivia Masters (Walford Anglican School for Girls)

Olivia Pisaniello (Seymour College)

Adelaide Salu (Seymour College)

Abigail Young (Pembroke School)

Cox: **Susannah Hall** (Walford Anglican School for Girls)

Coach

Matthew Walker (Riverside Rowing Club)

Pathway Men's Eight

Athletes

Laurence Anderson (St Peter's College)

Nicholas Christensen (Prince Alfred College)

Emerson Cooper (St Peter's College)

Angus Freemantle (Prince Alfred College)

Will Harvey (Pembroke School)

Alex Lee (Pembroke School)

Tom O'Mahony (Pembroke School)

Jeremy Yu (Prince Alfred College)

Cox: **Alex Hamood** (Prince Alfred College)

Coach

Katrina Werry (Wilderness School)



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PATHWAY STATE TEAM

Pathway Women's Coxless Quad

Athletes

Caitlin Anderson (St Ignatius College)

Evelyn Barras (Pembroke School)

Aida Dedic (Adelaide High School)

Rachael Luscombe (Unley High School)

Coach

Annalise Size (Unley High School)



Pathway Men's Coxless Quad

Athletes

Alexander Evans (Christian Brothers College)

Hugh Hall-Craggs (St Peter's College)

Tom Redman (Adelaide High School)

Sebastian Willis-Hell (Pembroke School)

Coach

Wade Hall-Craggs (St Peter's College)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MASTERS STATE TEAM

MASTERS WOMENS EIGHT

Symonne Ellis
Kate Tebneff
Tory Toogood
Emily Elkhoury
Christina Bursill
Belinda Jankowiak
Susi Ross
Angie Francou
Cox: Mitch Parker

Coach: Daren Potts

Reserve: Kelly Lewis



Place: 1st
Time: 3:23.18



Place: 6th
Time: 3:43.12

MASTERS WOMENS QUAD

Gina Bell
Kate Holland
Robyn Grey-Gardner
Jo Malcolm

Coach: Daren Potts



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MASTERS STATE TEAM

MASTERS MENS EIGHT

Bill Natt
Uwe Dombrowski
Tom Sullivan
Kevin Tankard
Greg Walters
David McLeod
Tom Liubinas
Alistair Walsh
Cox: Bonnie White

Coaches: Rob Cheesman and John Bentley

Reserves: Anthony Lee, Andrew Tidemann



Place: 1st
Time: 2:59.70



Place: 1st
Time: 3:08.19

MASTERS MENS QUAD

Rob Ellis
Matt Russell
Chris Morgan
Damien Derlique

Coaches: Rob Cheesman and John Bentley

Reserves: Anthony Lee, Andrew Tidemann



REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF ROWING SA

The past year has been one of outstanding achievement and strategic progress for Rowing South Australia. On the world stage, South Australian athletes shone brightly. We also celebrated history at the Paralympics: local stars Jed Altschwager and Nikki Ayers won Australia's first-ever Paralympic rowing gold medal in the PR3 mixed double. At home, our crews continued to excel, including a clean sweep of both the Men's and Women's Eights at the 2025 Australian Masters Championships – the men's eight claimed its fifth consecutive title and the women's eight a third consecutive title. The Masters Men's quad also won their event for the first time for SA.

South Australia's presence was strongly felt at the 2025 Australian Rowing Championships. Our senior state team representatives did us proud – most notably, Oscar McGuinness made history by becoming the first rower ever to win medals in all four of the able-bodied Interstate events. Our Women's Youth Eight clinched a bronze medal in the Interstate Youth Eight.

These successes underscore the strength of our rowing program and the depth of talent in South Australia.

Strategically, the Board has been focused on laying foundations to ensure this success is sustainable. We launched our 2024–2027 Strategic Plan, which aims to sustain our community's strengths while embracing new opportunities, keeping our sport future-focused. A key priority emerging from our strategic review has been the athlete development pathway model – strengthening the connections from school and club rowing through to elite levels. We are committed to fostering clear pathways for our members to progress to high performance, improving the links between schools, clubs, our new Academy program, SASI and Rowing Australia.

The commencement of the Rowing SA Academy Program this year was a significant step in this direction, providing a structured pathway for U19 and U21 athletes to transition into high-performance pathways. This Academy was made possible with support from the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing's Performance Pathways Funding, and although the program encountered some initial challenges, the Board is pleased that it is poised to grow stronger next year. We will continue to refine and align our pathway programs as we build toward future Olympic and Paralympic success.

Another strategic focus has been on our infrastructure and facilities. The West Lakes rowing facility – approaching 50 years old – is in need of redevelopment to serve our community into the future. This year the Board established a Facility Redevelopment Committee which has been actively planning for an upgraded aquatics and education centre at West Lakes. This major project will be vital for the next generation of rowers in SA. We are also working closely with government and stakeholders to secure support for this initiative, and we thank the City of Charles Sturt for their ongoing partnership in maintaining the surrounds of our venue.

Our relationships with key partners remain strong. We continue to work in close collaboration with Rowing Australia, ensuring South Australia's voice is heard in national strategy discussions and embracing our role in developing new disciplines like coastal and indoor rowing. We also acknowledge the important support of the State Government through the Office for Recreation, Sport & Racing, which provides funding and assistance for our operations and the West Lakes regatta course. This government support – along with that of the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) and our many partners – is critical to our success in both participation and high performance.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF ROWING SA

On behalf of the Board, I want to express our sincere gratitude to our sponsors and partners. Our Platinum Partner Perfect Balance Rowing has been instrumental in supporting key programs. Our valued Corporate Partners include Eastern Equity Insurance Brokers, Nelson Teamwear, Statewide Plumbing & Maintenance, and our Official Partners and Event Partners – such as Fulham Funerals, Gentle Touch Orthodontics, Mosaic Hotel, Phoenix Lending, Tapp Electrical and Concept2 have all contributed enormously. We thank all these organisations for their ongoing commitment to rowing in South Australia. Their support, alongside that of our partner organisations like Office for Recreation, Sport & Racing and Rowing Australia, helps us provide opportunities for our community.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the people at the heart of our sport – our volunteers, staff, coaches, officials, club committees, and the entire rowing community. The Board sincerely thanks our dedicated army of volunteers and boat race officials, without whom our clubs and regattas simply could not function. This year we celebrated extraordinary milestones, with two of our stalwart volunteers Phillip Mangelsdorf and Barney Cundell receiving 50-year service pins for a lifetime of contribution to rowing. We also applaud our hardworking Rowing SA staff lead by CEO Andrew Swift, who all work very hard behind the scenes; notably, several reached long-service milestones this year including Tim Ward reaching 20-years and Bec Lannan and Brett Ralph achieving 10-year anniversaries – a testament to their passion and loyalty.

As Chair, I am incredibly proud of what Rowing SA has achieved this year on and off the water. The Board remains united in our vision to make rowing in South Australia safe, inclusive, and thriving for all, true to our values of respect, integrity, diversity, and excellence. We invite our members to continue engaging with us – your feedback and ideas are always welcome as we strive to continually improve. Thank you for your support and passion for rowing.

Dr. Greg Keene

Chair, Rowing South Australia (on behalf of the Board)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to report that the 2024–25 period has been one of remarkable growth, innovation, and success for Rowing South Australia. The past 12 months have seen our athletes excel from the local boatsheds to the global stage, and our programs evolve to support rowers of all ages and abilities. This report highlights some key achievements and operational developments over the year, as we continue to build a vibrant and high-performing rowing community in South Australia.

South Australian athletes delivered outstanding results across multiple levels of competition. Some of the year's highlights include:

- **International triumphs:** 16 SA athletes selected onto National Teams. All of these athletes are listed within the SASI report.
- **Historic Paralympic Gold:** In an unforgettable moment at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, SA's own Jed Altschwager and Nikki Ayers secured gold in the PR3 Mixed Double Sculls – the first-ever Paralympic gold medal for Australia in rowing. Their coach, Christine McLaren, also deserves recognition for guiding this crew to a place in history. This achievement has inspired our entire community and highlighted the strength of our para-rowing pathway.
- **National Championships & Interstate Regatta:** South Australia's presence was strongly felt at the 2025 Australian Rowing Championships. Our senior state team representatives did us proud – most notably, Oscar McGuinness made history by becoming the first rower ever to win medals in all four of the able-bodied Interstate events. Our Women's Youth Eight clinched a bronze medal in the Interstate Youth Eight race, and many SA athletes featured in A-Finals or stood on the podium throughout the championships. In our junior ranks, South Australia also impressed at the National Pathway Regatta in April – our crews showed great speed, earning silver in both the Men's 8+ and Men's Quad, while all crews gained invaluable racing experience against the nation's best up-and-coming rowers. These results bode well for the future, proving that our pathway programs are developing talent capable of matching it with the best in the country.
- **Masters rowing dominance:** Our masters athletes continued to set the benchmark nationally. At the 2025 Australian Masters Rowing Championships, Team SA emerged as the standout state, claiming victory in three of the six Interstate masters events. Congratulations to all our masters competitors, their coaches and clubs – these results are a testament to the depth of experience and enduring competitive spirit in our rowing community.

South Australia hosted the inaugural Oceania Under-22 Teams Championships at West Lakes in July 2025. This new event brought together emerging athletes from across Australia and New Zealand to compete at a high level. Hosting this regatta is both an honour and an opportunity for Rowing SA – it allows us to showcase our venue and organisational capabilities, and to give our young athletes and coaches a stepping stone toward international competition without leaving home. We see this as another way to put South Australia on the rowing map and inspire the next generation.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Equally as important as podium finishes, we have seen continued growth and diversification in our rowing community. Over the past five years, participation across all forms of rowing in South Australia has been on the rise, and this year was no exception. In fact, our regattas have grown so popular that some were nearing full capacity – a good problem to have, and one that we are managing by adapting our event schedules and formats.

At the same time, Rowing SA has embraced new disciplines and opportunities to engage people in our sport. Five years ago, few in our community had heard of coastal rowing – now, with coastal beach sprints officially added to the Olympic program for 2028, South Australia is determined to be a leader in this arena. This year we introduced Coastal Rowing collaborating with Surf Life Saving SA to share knowledge in surf and ocean conditions. Come-and-try coastal sessions have commenced, and an emerging coastal rowing community is steadily growing under Rowing SA's guidance. Likewise, indoor rowing has surged in popularity. We launched a new Row Club program at West Lakes focused on indoor rowing, which drew over 30 participants to its first session. Initiatives like these – indoor, coastal, and other non-traditional formats – demonstrate that Rowing SA is not just about chasing medals; we are about getting more people active and involved in whatever form of rowing suits them. This inclusive approach broadens our base and strengthens the sport as a whole.

Our community spirit has been a standout feature of the year. A highlight was the annual "Wharf to Woolshed" Long Row hosted by Renmark Rowing Club, which I had the pleasure of attending. This 36-kilometre marathon row has evolved into one of South Australia's most special rowing events – a day where clubs from across the country come together not as competitors, but as one community, sharing boats, oars, coxswains, and camaraderie. Seeing rowers from different clubs bonding over a shared challenge, and even mixing into composite crews with meaningful boat names and stories, was a reminder of what makes rowing so exceptional. Events like this Long Row embody the unity in our rowing family and will continue to be supported and celebrated by Rowing SA.

One of our major operational focuses this year has been improving our athlete development pathways, in line with our strategic priorities. In collaboration with the Board, we implemented several initiatives to better support rowers aspiring to higher levels. Central to this was the launch of the Rowing SA Academy Program – a new high-performance development squad for talented U19 and U21 athletes including para-athletes, aiming to transition into the elite ranks. We were fortunate to receive funding for this Academy through the State Government's Performance Pathways Program, which enabled us to get the program up and running. Admittedly, the first year of the Academy was not without its hiccups, however, I am pleased to report that we have worked through these issues and put robust plans in place to ensure the Academy's smooth operation. The lessons learned in this initial year will help us improve the program, and we are excited to build on it next year.

Beyond the Academy, we have strengthened alignment across all our pathway programs. Our Pathway model is now well established, providing a clear route for school-age athletes to compete in the National Pathway Regatta and progress towards Youth representation. This structure, alongside our Interstate and Masters state teams, means athletes at every age and stage have aspirational goals and support. We have also worked closely with the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) and Rowing Australia to ensure that our state programs merge into the national pathway. I congratulate Nick Mitchell (SASI Head Coach) and Christine MacLaren (SASI Lead Coach) on their recent appointment to Rowing Australia and we look forward to continuing the momentum Nick and Christine created with the new SASI coaches.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The successes of the past year are a direct result of the hard work and dedication of many people. First and foremost, thank you to our volunteers and officials. Hundreds of South Australians give their time as boat race officials, coaches, club committee members, event organisers and more – without them, our rowing season simply could not happen. To every volunteer and supporter in our community, please know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed – we deeply appreciate all that you do.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the staff of Rowing SA. Our small team in the office and on the ground works tirelessly to keep the association running smoothly and to deliver services to our members. Thank you, Christine Newberry, Bec Lannan, Toni Ryan, Celia Cowan, Brett Ralph, Alexis Dorogi and Tim Ward. I also acknowledge and thank the Rowing SA Board, led by our Chair Greg Keene, for their guidance and support throughout the year. The collaborative relationship between the Board and staff has been integral to achieving our objectives.

Our sponsors and partners deserve special thanks as well. Rowing South Australia is extremely grateful for the continued backing of our sponsors. Their contributions help us stage events, upgrade equipment, and expand programs for the rowing community. I echo the Chair's appreciation of all our sponsors and encourage our members to support these businesses in return whenever possible.

We are also proud of our partnership with Surf Life Saving SA, which has enhanced on-water safety at major regattas. Additionally, we acknowledge the essential support of the Government of South Australia, especially through the Office for Recreation, Sport & Racing, who assist in funding our activities and maintaining the West Lakes rowing course. The City of Charles Sturt continues to be a valued ally, collaborating with us on the upkeep of surrounding reserves and event logistics. And of course, our ongoing collaboration with Rowing Australia has been important as we take on new responsibilities such as developing coastal and indoor rowing. We look forward to continuing to work closely with RA CEO Sarah Cook and her team to grow our sport across the country.

I feel immensely proud of what has been accomplished this year across all facets of rowing in South Australia. From record-breaking performances and new programs launched, to a thriving community spirit, 2024–25 has been a year to remember. It has also been a year of laying groundwork, whether through strategic planning, pathway development, or facility vision that will benefit our sport for many years to come. I thank every athlete, parent, coach, volunteer, staff member, sponsor, and supporter for being part of this journey and contributing to our collective success.

Together, as one rowing community, we will drive forward and thrive – ensuring that rowing remains strong and accessible in South Australia, and that our rowers are given every opportunity to reach their potential. I am excited for what lies ahead and confident that with the ongoing support of our community, we will achieve our ambitious goals.

Andrew Swift

Chief Executive Officer, Rowing South Australia

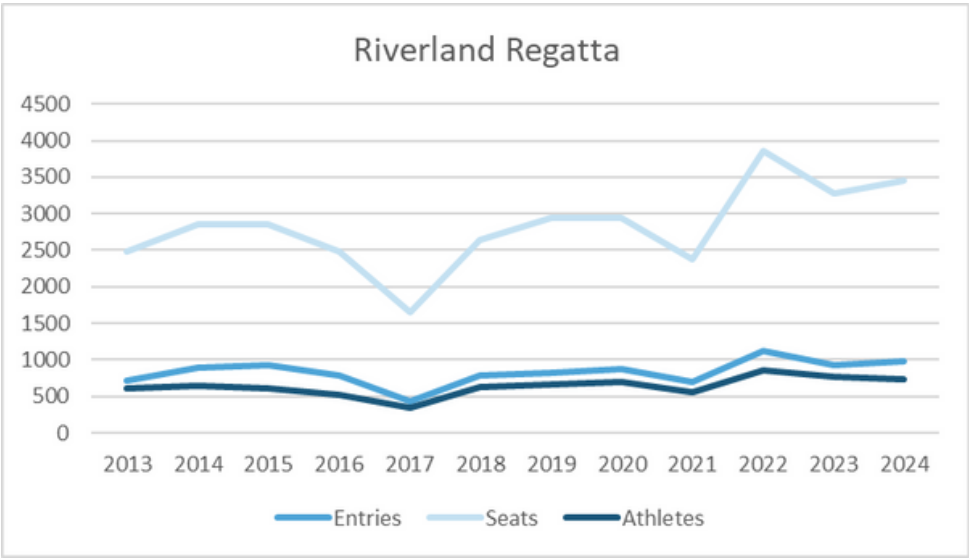


COMPETITIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Once again we began the competitive season with a series of Time Trials and small Grade 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.

One of our newest events – The Waikerie Omnium – grew by around 50%. The event, which sees crews compete across three different distances for a share in a total prize pool of \$4,000 still has plenty of room to grow and the regatta format is optimised for more entries. It appears two new interstate events scheduled for late 2025 will utilise the Omnium format – the National Club Omnium and the Golden Oar – it is hoped this will help popularise and increase understanding and interest in the format in SA.

The Riverland Regatta & 2nd Grade State Championships was held in Renmark this year and was a highlight of the season. This year a small contingent of athletes from WA also made the trip over to compete. While total athlete attendance numbers at the Riverland Regatta have been stable for the past few years, the number of entries and seats for the regatta has continued to grow (see table below) – this indicates both more small boats being entered, and more athletes competing in more races across the weekend. These are both elements that will require consideration moving forward as the regatta, in terms of total number of races, is already at capacity.



Back at West Lakes, the Small Boat Combine in its 2nd year as the primary forum for performance club racing in small boats continues to deliver high quality and hotly contested racing. We have appreciated the support and patience of the clubs and athletes while we have moved to this format of racing, and while we continue to fine tune the model.



COMPETITIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

This season also saw a slight change to the format of racing in the school senior divisions at School Premiership Regattas – with all senior crews being placed into a single event to compete for places in the A Final. The change certainly saw some close racing across heats and finals through the Schoolboys and Schoolgirls divisions, and seems to have been well received across all schools. The challenge will be finding ways to recognise the efforts of 2nd 8+s that have outperformed their direct competition.

The South Australian Rowing Championships continue to go from strength to strength. This year saw the introduction of a Friday session of racing for some small boat categories. As it becomes a regular fixture of the state championships schedule it is expected that the Friday session will grow – giving the relatively small athlete pool the opportunity to compete across additional events over the Saturday and Sunday, and providing events which draw a large number of entries with the capacity to run a more complete progression system. This year's SA Rowing Championships also saw an increase in the number of athletes competing from interstate with athletes from Victoria, ACT, and NSW all taking part, including a sizeable contingent from Melbourne Girls' Grammar School.

The season concluded with the Masters & Sprint State Championships which also saw athletes from interstate travel over for the event. Total athletes entered in the event grew compared to last year, however more work is required to promote the Sprint State Championships component of the regatta and ensure a beneficial symbiotic relationship between the two streams of events.

While the 2024-25 season was certainly successful and while we feel the offering of events for all has improved – we can also acknowledge it has been a long season. We're grateful for all the work of our clubs and schools, and of course the essential support of our volunteers and Boat Race Officials.

Bec Lannan

Regatta Operations Manager



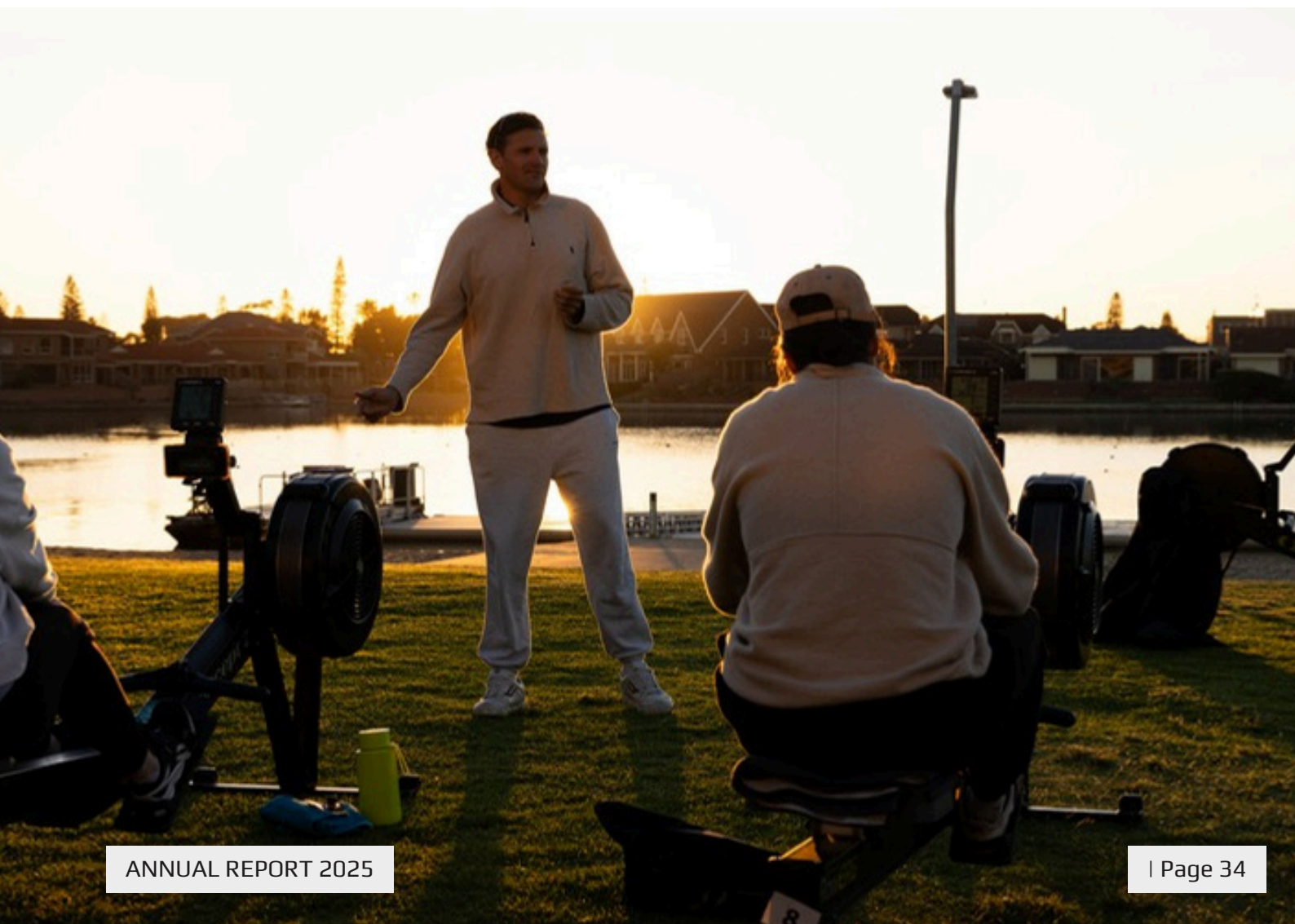
INDOOR ROWING REPORT

The 2025 marked an exciting chapter for indoor rowing in South Australia, with important progress made toward building participation and structure in this growing discipline.

A key development was the launch of the West Lakes Row Club, a new initiative based out of the Rowing SA Indoor Rowing Room at West Lakes. This club delivers regular coached sessions on rowing machines, focusing on fitness, technique, and community connection. Open to all ages and experience levels, West Lakes Row Club has already established a strong foundation, providing a welcoming pathway into the sport and strengthening year-round engagement with rowing.

This season also saw the beginning of planning for the South Australian Indoor Rowing League (SAIRL), set to relaunch in the 2025/2026 season. SAIRL will provide a structured, accessible competition series for individuals and teams, with a focus on fun, inclusion, and broad participation across clubs, schools, and gyms. It aims to revitalise indoor rowing events in the state and connect participants of all abilities through shared goals and friendly rivalry.

Since the opening of West Lakes Row Club in early 2025, 48 participants have registered to take part in sessions, reflecting strong early interest. The club's launch day was a huge success, with all three introductory classes fully booked and excellent feedback received.



COASTAL ROWING REPORT

2024/25 has been a landmark year for Coastal Rowing in South Australia, with exciting developments both at home and abroad.

A standout highlight came in April 2025 when Norwood International High School travelled to Malta to compete at the Commemorative Malta Rowing Regatta, a costa regatta to commemorate Malta's vital support of ANZAC forces during World War I. The students embraced the challenge of international racing, gaining invaluable experience and showcasing the rising interest in school-based coastal rowing programs across the state.

Back on home shores, Rowing SA partnered with Rowing Australia to deliver a Coastal Rowing Come and Try and Talent Identification Day at West Lakes, as part of the Bound into Beach initiative, proudly supported by Commonwealth Games Australia. Nearly 30 participants engaged in a full day of activities including ergometer testing, sprint drills, a beach sprint time trial, and a mini regatta.

The day was led by Laryssa Biesenthal, Rowing Australia's Beach Sprint Lead Coach, with support from Olympic gold medallist Spencer Turrin and experienced coastal rower Elizabeth Newell. Their presence and coaching provided valuable insights and inspiration for all participants.

With Beach Sprint Rowing set to make its Olympic debut in 2028, Rowing SA is proud to play a role in the development of this fast-paced discipline and to support the pathway for future South Australian beach sprint athletes.



COACHING AND VOLUNTEERS REPORT

The 2024–25 season has seen Rowing South Australia continue to invest in, support, and grow our community of coaches and officials – the backbone of our sport’s success at every level.

Coaching

Our coaches remain at the heart of athlete development, from grassroots to high performance. This year, over 150 Level 1 accredited coaches, 28 Level 2 and 15 Level 3 coaches actively supporting rowers across clubs, schools, pathway, and state teams. Notably, 18 coaches contributed directly to our State and Pathway Teams, guiding our athletes to outstanding results including multiple gold medal performances at the Interstate Regatta and National Championships.

We have strengthened our coaching framework to ensure all coaches meet national accreditation standards. This season, 12 new coaches gained their initial accreditations, supported through mentoring, online learning, and practical workshops.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise Christine MacLaren, former SASI Rowing Talent Pathway Coordinator. Christine achieved groundbreaking success at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games as one of Australia’s most accomplished para-rowing coaches. As coach for the PR3 Mixed Double Scull, MacLaren guided Nikki Ayers and Jed Altschwager to secure Australia’s first-ever Paralympic gold medal in rowing, an historic milestone for the sport in the country. During the heats, Ayers and Altschwager shattered their previous world-leading time, setting a new world record as they cruised into the final. Christine’s leadership and athlete-cantered coaching style earned her widespread recognition: she was honoured as Coach of the Year at the 2024 SASI Awards—becoming the first woman to coach a Games-gold medal crew in Australian rowing history. Additionally, she was shortlisted as Coach of the Year finalist at the national AIS Sport Performance Awards, highlighting her pivotal role in a performance nominated for Performance of the Year and Team of the Year.

Her achievements reflect not only elite technical expertise but also her ability to foster resilience, collaboration, and excellence at the highest level—solidifying her legacy as a transformational figure in Australian para-rowing. Her dedication and passion are a credit to South Australian rowing, and we congratulate her on her new role as Para-Lead Coach for Rowing Australia.



COACHING AND VOLUNTEERS REPORT

Officials

Our community of Boat Race Officials (BROs) and volunteers continue to demonstrate exceptional commitment to the safe, fair, and successful running of our sport. This season, our panel of 16 active BROs, supported by over 50 regular event volunteers, officiated at 32 regattas and events across the year, delivering racing opportunities for more than 900 registered competitors.

The BRO Advisory Group continued the BRO Exchange program, providing opportunities for Level 2 officials to gain valuable interstate experience. Congratulations to 2 BROs who gained higher national-level accreditations this season.

Recognising the need to build capacity, Rowing SA has set a clear Officials Pathway Plan for 2025–28, which includes:

- Targeted recruitment of new Level 1 BROs through club presentations and information sessions.
- A mentoring program pairing experienced officials with newcomers to build confidence and develop skills.
- Support for Level 2 and Level 3 national accreditation through travel bursaries and exchange opportunities.
- Clear progression steps to roles such as President of the Jury, ensuring sustainability at all levels.

Despite the ongoing challenges of volunteer capacity, the dedication of our BROs ensures every race is conducted to the highest standard, regardless of weather or conditions.

Volunteers

Our volunteers are the backbone of our rowing community. Their willingness to give your time, skills, and energy to support our athletes, coaches, and events is outstanding. Our volunteers undertake multiple roles, ranging from equipment maintenance equipment, organising logistics, staffing regatta control, or sharing their expertise – their contributions make sure our regattas run smoothly. Volunteers ensure our athletes have the chance to compete, excel in competition and rowing and build friendships and memories that last well beyond the finish line.

Rowing SA continues to provide Service Pins for our volunteers and umpires, which are awarded to those who have completed at least two full years of service. After receiving their two-year pin, recipients will be upgraded after five years of service, and then every five years thereafter. We are extremely proud to announce that we have two members who have reached 50 years of service, which is an incredible achievement as a volunteer



COACHING AND VOLUNTEERS REPORT

Phillip (Mangs) Mangelsdorf – 50 years of service

Mangs's career and contribution to rowing is extensive. Born in 1945, began his rowing career as a schoolboy at Mannum Area School in 1958 and continued racing for Mannum Rowing Club until 1970, resuming again in 1979. As a student, he claimed the two available underage South Australian state titles and was later awarded a scholarship to King's College (now Pembroke), where he contributed to their first ever Head of the River First Eight title win in 1963. He went on to become a successful single sculler while studying at Western Teachers College, winning the South Australian Senior Single Scull Championship in 1967, and placing in the top three multiple times throughout his career. Mangs competed across Australia and internationally, including in Hong Kong, the UK, New Zealand, and Asia, winning numerous titles and medals.

Beyond his own competitive success, Mangelsdorf was a driving force in developing rowing in South Australia and beyond. He founded the "Mangs Sculling School" in 1985. He helped establish multiple rowing clubs across the state. He competed in Masters rowing internationally, winning medals at World Masters Games and Australian Masters events, and was heavily involved in coaching, mentoring, and administration. Notably, he served as the South Australian State Team Manager (1992–1995), Assistant Coach for the Australian Universities team in 1987, and coached across seven of the eight Interstate "State of Origin" boat classes, all as a volunteer. Whilst Mangs retired from serious rowing at the end of 1984, he has slipped on the zootie racing to row in a double and quad.

In addition to coaching, Mangelsdorf made a significant impact as a journalist, regatta commentator, and rowing media contributor. He covered rowing at multiple Olympics and major international events, often at his own expense, and was instrumental in founding and running the Australian Rowing Magazine. A lifelong volunteer, he contributed to regatta organisation, club maintenance, and state rowing governance, holding numerous committee roles for Rowing SA as well as a commentator where he provides live, real-time descriptions, insights, an analysis of the events and he helps the audience understand and engage the races and the action on the water. His extensive service to the sport continued while working full-time as a teacher, particularly at Adelaide High School, where he fulfilled a wide range of rowing-related roles.

50 years is an incredible achievement. This commitment to sport and the community of rowing cannot be defined or measured. We are in awe of your contribution - 50 years is like a fine wine, not only does it get better with age, but it also leaves a legacy that we celebrate and admire.



COACHING AND VOLUNTEERS REPORT

Barny Cundell – 50 years of service

Barny's journey began in 1970 as a 15-year-old rowing in a tub four for Adelaide Boys High School, where he went on to win a State Championship. After finishing school, Barny joined Torrens Rowing Club in 1975, later serving as President from 1988 to 1990 and becoming a Foundation Member in 2007. He also became a Foundation Life Member at West Lakes in 1976, solidifying his lifelong commitment to the sport and its community.

Barny's contributions extend well beyond competing. In 1987, he became a South Australian Boat Race Official and took on leadership roles within the Regatta Committee, serving as both a Committee Member and President. A particularly special year was 1985, when he coached the Adelaide High School crew to a State Championship and married Christine at St Peter's Cathedral, exiting through a ceremonial arch of oars held by the very crew he coached. He played a key role in organising the 1986 National and King's Cup Regatta. Barny has officiated at more than 30 national regattas. In 2000, he was Chief Marshall in the lead-up to the Sydney Olympics, and in 2018 he was named RSA Boat Race Official of the Year.

Barny continues to give back tirelessly. He officiates at regattas, maintains the equipment used by Boat Race Officials, and is a familiar and dependable presence at West Lakes, where he performs essential maintenance work for Rowing SA. His dedication over five decades has left a legacy and is an inspiring example of lifelong volunteer service to the rowing community.

50 years is a remarkable achievement and with the same sentiment, we honour Barny in honour of his commitment, dedication, and achievements.

On behalf of Rowing South Australia, we extend our sincere gratitude to every coach, official and volunteer for your time, skill, and commitment to our sport. You make rowing safe, fair, and inclusive for all.

Christine Newberry

Operations Manager

Name	Years of Service
Kristin Alford	6
Grace Blake	3
Caroline Clutterbuck	2
Carol-Anne Cooper	13
Dennis Cooper	21
Barny Cundell	50
Christine Cundell	43
Dianne DeBellis	27
Jason DeDear	2
Jeffrey Erickson	28
Stuart Harrison	2
Joe Jackson	8
Annsley Kerr	3
Paul Knight	14
Vicky Kinght	11
David Mahony	8

Name	Years of Service
Phillip Mangelsdorf	50
Graham Markham	11
Cameron Miller	6
Toni Milne	11
Ross Moffatt	9
Christina Morner	4
Steve Pennington	26
Geoffrey Playford	11
Brett Ralph	24
Kati Ritchie	2
Caroline Rowe	2
Norman Saunders	25
Rick Sawers	8
Gregory Starkey	12
Tim Ward	46
Peter Young	15

COURSE MANAGER REPORT

The 2024/25 season has seen approximately 2,000 hours of labour to maintain the course to its current international standard. Rowing SA has been entrusted to run and maintain this facility, with aim to keep costs to an absolute minimum for all users, thanks to the valuable time from volunteers.

Annual Participation: The Course saw an estimated 167,000 total participant uses in 2024-25, including:

- 22,000 rower uses for events
- 130,000 rower uses for training
- 15,000 uses from WLAC students
- Additional uses by paddle, dragon boating, and other sports.

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.

Please follow DPTI Marine Rules for boat lighting (at least 1 light visible for 360deg), They must be displayed on your boat during early morning /evening, and poor light conditions. There is a light sensitive Red light on the top level of the Finish Tower balcony, and also above the digital clock, 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 2024/2025 season were:

- 2024 Paddle Australia GP2
- 2025 State Rowing Championships
- 2025 State Canoe Championships
- 2025 Senor Schools Head of the River
- 2024 SA Swimming Long Distance State Championships
- 2025 SA Dragonboat Championships

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, Peter Young (BRO), Barny Cundell (BRO), Dennis Cooper (BRO), Ross Moffatt (BRO), John Asenstorfer (BRO) who have all contributed more than 10 sessions this season.

A big shout out to the AUBC Masters for all their support in Helping with Start pontoon shifts during the season More than 50 separate volunteers have contributed approx. 1,400 hours last season! Thank you to all, I'm sure all rowers appreciate your efforts.

Brett Ralph

Course Manager

FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

The past twelve months have seen significant progress in advancing the vision for a modernised and expanded Rowing SA headquarters at West Lakes, with the aim of delivering a state-of-the-art Aquatics and Education Centre to serve the rowing and broader aquatics community for decades to come.

A key milestone during the year was the completion of a draft Business Case, which sets out the compelling need for redevelopment and outlines a proposal to transform our ageing infrastructure into a world-class, inclusive, and sustainable facility. The draft Business Case was submitted to the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing for feedback, where it was well-received as a strong and timely proposal, aligning with government priorities and election cycles. Importantly, feedback from state government representatives confirmed that the scale of the proposal is appropriate and commended the quality of work undertaken to date.

The proposed redevelopment seeks to modernise the existing West Lakes facility to meet the needs of today and tomorrow. The vision is to deliver a multi-functional venue encompassing rowing (classic, coastal, and indoor), paddle sports, aquatics education, high-performance training and administration spaces, and modern amenities that prioritise accessibility and universal design. The proposal acknowledges the growth of our membership and user base, the increasing demand for inclusive facilities, and the strategic opportunity to position Adelaide as a premier host of national and international aquatic events—supporting South Australia’s economy and creating a legacy in the lead-up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

A number of significant meetings and consultations with key stakeholders have taken place throughout the year, supported by Rowing Australia and led by the Rowing SA Facility Redevelopment Committee. The Committee, chaired by Greg Walters, has been highly active, engaging with senior representatives of state and federal government, local council, and other partners to build understanding, support, and momentum for the project. Discussions have been positive, with stakeholders recognising both the need and opportunity presented by this redevelopment.

We acknowledge there remain some concerns to be addressed—particularly around boat storage capacity—and these will continue to be carefully considered as designs are refined. Further consultation with our member clubs, community, and stakeholders is planned as the next phase of engagement, ensuring the final proposal reflects the needs and aspirations of the broader community we serve.

On behalf of Rowing SA, we extend our sincere thanks to the members of the Facility Redevelopment Committee for their outstanding contribution and expertise: Greg Walters (Chair), Greg Keene, Anna Tree, Rick Sawers AM, Kathryn Presser AM, Andrew Swift and Rob Cheesman. We also recognise the strong support and advice provided by Rowing Australia throughout this process.

We look forward to continuing our work with government, our community, and all stakeholders to bring this exciting vision to life.

Greg Walters

Chair, Rowing SA Facilities & Infrastructure Committee

FINANCE, AUDIT, RISK AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

The year has been a busy one for the committee with the major project being the development of a Rowing SA Risk Register and Risk Management Framework. This involved considerable work by the committee and especially from Kath Presser, who undertook the role with gusto.

The result is an active document identifying the risks associated with Rowing SA and the associated documentation and management of those risks. This has been a large body of work and we are indebted to Kath Presser for her massive effort, Andrew Swift for his considerable input and to the expertise and knowledge of Paul Knight.

The financial management of Rowing SA continues to be carefully overseen. The budget for 2024-2025 is constantly reviewed and challenged by the Board. The management team are stringent in their role as carers for the Rowing SA funds. The annual result is as expected and the Committee congratulates Andrew and his team for their careful expenditures. The 2025-2026 budget has been developed and the Committee is looking at funding methods for the future redevelopment of the Rowing SA "headquarters" in the near future.

Governance within Rowing SA is under active review and directors have been undertaking updates in their skill sets to better govern the organisation. There is an existing skills matrix which is also reviewed to ensure the organisation has a sufficient diversity of experienced directors to ensure the best possible governance for Rowing SA.

Dr Rick Sawers AM

Chair, Rowing SA Finance, Audit, Risk & Governance Committee



PEOPLE AND CULTURE

Over the past 12 months, the subcommittee formerly known as Inclusion, Diversity, and Wellbeing has evolved into the People and Culture Subcommittee. This change reflects a broader, more holistic focus on the individuals who make up our rowing community and the culture we create and uphold together.

The people and culture of rowing in South Australia is something truly special. From the riverbanks of the Murray to regattas at West Lakes, there is a shared sense of commitment, pride, and camaraderie that defines our sport. Whether you're a lifelong rower or a parent cooking bacon and egg rolls on a Saturday morning, every person contributes to the heartbeat of rowing in this state. The culture is inclusive, resilient, and built on generations of passion and community spirit.

Our Focus: The People of Rowing

This year, our work has centred around the three key groups that form the foundation of our community:

Athletes: From learn to rows to masters, our athletes represent the determination and dedication that define rowing. They are the lifeblood of our sport and a reflection of what we aspire to support and grow.

Coaches: The individuals who guide, mentor, and develop our athletes. We've placed a particular focus on strengthening pathways for these critical leaders in our community.

Volunteers: The often-unsung heroes of our sport. From event organisers and boat drivers to committee members and equipment maintainers, volunteers hold the community together and make everything possible.

Coaching Pathways and Athlete Retention: A Major Priority

One of the subcommittee's key areas of focus has been the retention and development of club coaches, particularly our talented and committed younger coaches. Retention continues to be a major pain point across clubs, with limited opportunities and support often leading to burnout or disengagement.

In response to this, the Board approved a Pilot Program Grant to support a targeted coaching pathway initiative. Early-stage planning has commenced as we work alongside clubs to better understand their needs and learn from their experiences. A key part of this work also includes addressing the ongoing challenge of retaining athletes as they transition from school rowing into club environments, a critical gap we must bridge to ensure the long-term health of our sport.

If successful, this pilot model can be scaled and opened to the broader rowing community. The program aims to create clear development opportunities for coaches, recognise and retain coaching talent, and strengthen the overall sustainability of both our coaching and athlete development pathways within South Australian rowing.

PEOPLE AND CULTURE

Club Support: Practical Tools for Best Practice

There was already a foundation in place, and we've worked closely with the Rowing SA Office, particularly Christine Newberry, to further develop and expand these practical, usable toolkits for club committees. We hope these resources will support clubs in embedding best practice policies and processes across inclusion, safety, culture, and leadership.

The goal is to ensure every club, no matter its size, has access to meaningful tools that help them foster healthy and inclusive environments. We hope to have these toolkits finalised and ready to roll out ahead of the 2025/26 rowing season.

Volunteers: Capturing and Safeguarding What Matters Most

Our volunteers are the glue that holds rowing together in South Australia. They operate behind the scenes, often without recognition, doing everything from launching boats, handing out bow numbers, and managing safety protocols.

A key focus moving forward is to capture, document, and safeguard the important operational and cultural knowledge held by these individuals. This is not only vital from a safety and consistency point of view, it also ensures the legacy and expertise of our volunteers is preserved, recognised, and passed on to future generations.

While the name of the subcommittee has evolved, the core purpose remains unchanged: to support and uplift the people who make rowing in South Australia what it is. This year has been about laying strong foundations, listening to our community, and building practical initiatives that reflect the needs of athletes, coaches, and volunteers alike. With momentum now underway, the People and Culture subcommittee is well positioned to continue driving meaningful, long-term impact across our sport.

Catherine McDougall

Chair, People & Culture Committee



SCHOOLS COMMITTEE REPORT

Rowing SA implemented an important restructure of its stakeholder engagement framework, replacing the former "Clubs and Schools Committee" and "Masters Committee" with two new groups: the Schools Committee and the Clubs and Masters Committee. This strategic change was introduced to enhance representation and ensure focused, tailored engagement with distinct parts of our community.

The formation of the Schools Committee followed a consultation process launched in October 2024 in response to feedback from several school rowing coordinators seeking greater collaboration with Rowing SA. This process included small-group consultations in November and a professionally facilitated workshop in December, resulting in the development of the current Terms of Reference, formally endorsed by the Rowing SA Board in March 2025.

We are pleased to have attracted a diverse and experienced group of individuals to the inaugural Schools Committee. The Committee is chaired by Fearnley Szuster, and includes members Alex Meates, Brynley Millward, Daniel Ralph, Wade Hall-Craggs, and Bec Lannan; all of whom bring valuable expertise in school rowing, athlete development, and event coordination. Their collective knowledge provides a strong foundation for robust discussion, policy input, and strategic decision-making.

The Committee has been tasked with addressing several key issues this year, including:

- Reviewing and refining the School Waiver and Affiliation Process, to ensure compliance, appropriate coverage, and streamlined onboarding for participating schools;
- Developing a clear annual workflow calendar, identifying critical issues for review and decision at key points across the season;
- Clarifying roles, responsibilities and reporting lines within the school rowing system;
- Proposing adjustments to the Rules of Racing, and the structure of the School Premiership Series;

The Committee is also committed to ensuring its work supports a balanced and inclusive approach to school rowing.

While this group does not oversee the Head of the River (which remains outside Rowing SA's remit), it plays a crucial role in shaping all other school events and related governance matters under Rowing SA's purview.

With a dedicated and skilled committee in place, the Schools Committee is well positioned to foster stronger partnerships across our school community and ensure the continued growth and sustainability of school rowing in South Australia.

Fearnley Szuster

Chair, Rowing SA Schools Committee

CLUBS AND MASTERS COMMITTEE REPORT

Following the strategic restructure of Rowing SA's framework this season, the Clubs and Masters Committee was established to ensure a stronger, more targeted engagement with club-based and masters rowing communities across South Australia. This restructure, which also saw the creation of a separate Schools Committee, aims to better reflect the diverse needs and priorities of our sport's stakeholders.

Although the Clubs and Masters Committee has not yet formally convened, foundational work is already underway to support its future direction. The Committee is in the process of developing a detailed survey that will be distributed to clubs. This survey will seek valuable feedback from across the community to help guide future priorities, address challenges, and support the long-term growth of the sport—both at a competitive and participation level.

We recognise the unique characteristics and needs of different clubs across South Australia, including the varied dynamics between metropolitan and regional environments. The forthcoming survey will provide a platform for these diverse perspectives to be heard, and will be essential in shaping the Committee's workplan for the 2025/26 season and beyond.

We acknowledge and thank the Rowing SA Office and the People and Culture Committee for leading a number of key initiatives that directly support clubs. Most notably, we commend the development of the Pilot Coaching Pathway Program. This six-month pilot initiative is designed to strengthen the overall club system by:

- Increasing athlete retention, particularly during the winter period and into the full rowing season,
- Enhancing coaching environments and athlete support within clubs,
- Supporting smoother transitions for school-aged athletes into club rowing,
- Providing development opportunities for emerging talent—both athletes and coaches,
- Promoting increased female participation in coaching.

This initiative represents a meaningful investment in the future of South Australian rowing and aligns closely with the long-term goals of the Clubs and Masters Committee. We look forward to evaluating its success and building on this model in future years.

In addition, the Rowing SA Office is actively developing a suite of governance and operational toolkits for clubs. These resources will assist in improving internal systems, compliance, and administrative efficiency, and are expected to be released during the 2025/26 season.

As we continue to build out this committee's structure and engagement channels, we thank our club and masters communities for their ongoing passion and commitment to rowing. We are committed to ensuring your voice is heard and that the future of our sport remains community-driven, inclusive, and sustainable.

Greg Keene

Chair, Rowing SA Clubs & Masters Committee

BOAT RACE OFFICIALS REPORT

Once again we 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 we again acknowledge and thank our Boat Race Officials and Volunteers.

The Rowing SA Board and Staff have continued their ongoing and steadfast support of the Boat Race Officials throughout this season, a contribution to us which is greatly appreciated.

The duties of President of The Jury were shared throughout the season between Paul Knight and Steve Pennington. We are looking to developing other BROs towards the President of The Jury role through the oncoming season.

Season 2024/2025 was again a full racing schedule with winter racing in August, followed by time trials, head Races, the mix of club, school & masters regattas, our Second Grade Champs and State Champs over 2 days, HoR and the Masters & Third Grade State Champs. Officiating over all of this kept the BRO team very busy. We also had officials selected by Rowing Australia for the Nationals, the Masters Nationals and several National Team selection trials and Beach Sprints National Team selection in preparation for its first appearance at the 2028 Olympics. Our FISA race officials had additional commitments to attend as well.



BOAT RACE OFFICIALS REPORT

This season the BRO Advisory Group continued the “BRO Exchange” program as a development opportunity for our Level Two officials. This saw Ric Sawers officiate over three days of racing at the RowVic State Champs, and in turn, we hosted a Level Two official, Geoff Rix from Victoria at our RowSA State Champs.

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. 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 2025/2026 is the continued recruitment and retention of Boat Race Officials – your sport needs you!

Paul Knight, Steve Pennington,
Boat Race Official, BRO Advisory Group



SASI REPORT



With the focus in 2024 on the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, five athletes represented South Australia on the world stage and at the highest level. Another 5 athletes from SA competed at World Rowing Championship regattas.

2024 Australian Olympic and Paralympic team

Molly Goodman	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI Graduate	W4-
Olympia Aldersey	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI Graduate	W4-
Alexander Hill OAM	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI Graduate	M4-
Angus Dawson	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI Graduate	M8+
Jed Altschwager OAM	Torrens Rowing Club/SASI	PR3 Mixed 2x
Nikki Ayers	Capital Lakes Rowing Club/SASI	PR3 Mixed 2x
Christine MacLaren	SASI - Coach	Coach

Australian Senior Team 2025

Oscar McGuinness	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI	M2x
Ella Bramwell	Adelaide Rowing Club /NTC	Women's Sweep Squad
Mitchell Reinhard	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI	M2x
Nick Blackman	Adelaide University Boat Club/SASI	M4x
Angus Dawson	Adelaide Rowing Club//California Rowing	M8+
Alexander Hill OAM	Adelaide Rowing Club//NTC	M4-
Sam Stunnel	Adelaide Rowing Club/SASI	PR3 Mix2x
Christine MacLaren	SASI - Coach	Coach
Nick Mitchell	SASI - Coach	Coach

U23 Australian Team

Sophie Barr	Sydney Rowing Club	W2-
Jeremy Beale	Adelaide University Boat Club/SASI	M8+
Adam Holland	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI	M4x
Sam Stunnel	Adelaide Rowing Club/SASI	PR3 M1x
Christine MacLaren	SASI - Coach	Coach

U19 Australian Team

Tamara Bates	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI	W8+
Grace Barrera	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI	W8+
Max Garnett	Prince Alfred College	M4-



SASI REPORT

The 2024–2025 period marked another year of growth, resilience, and performance for the SASI Rowing Program. Our athletes and staff continued to build on the momentum of previous years, with strong representation in national teams, ongoing refinement of development pathways, and significant investment in athlete performance.

A major milestone was the move into our new purpose-built training facility at Mile End. This state-of-the-art center includes dedicated ergometer, recovery, laboratory, weights, and video analysis spaces. We also invested in expanding and renewing the SASI fleet with the purchase of new Filippi single sculls, alongside upgrades to our biomechanical analysis systems.

In addition to infrastructure, SASI continues to invest in people and expertise that enable athletes to reach their full potential. Beyond the work of coaches Nick Mitchell and Christine MacLaren, our scholars benefit from the support of a world-class integrated performance team spanning physiology, nutrition, strength & conditioning, biomechanics, psychology, physiotherapy, and wellbeing & engagement.

The success of the SASI Rowing Program is underpinned by the strength of South Australia's club and school rowing communities. Ongoing collaboration with these programs is raising the standard of training and competition across the state. This was evident in strong performances at U19 events during the National Championships, highlighted by South Australia achieving a bronze medal in the Interstate Women's Youth Eight and silver in both the Pathway Men's Eight and Men's Quad.

Rowing South Australia has played a key role in expanding development opportunities for emerging athletes, including the formation of the Rowing South Australia Academy. This initiative will culminate in 2025/2026 with South Australia hosting the inaugural Oceania Regatta.

While success on the water remains a primary driver, we are equally proud that all SASI scholars and Training Agreement athletes were engaged in education, vocational training, or employment throughout the 2024/2025 period. Looking ahead, change is on the horizon with the appointment of a new Head Coach and a new Lead Coach for the 2025/2026 season. However, our focus remains clear: consolidating Olympic cycle outcomes and nurturing the next generation of podium contenders. Key priorities for the coming year include expanding the Talent Search Learn to Row program, strengthening partnerships with schools, clubs, Rowing South Australia and Rowing Australia, and continuing to foster a high-performance culture that empowers both athletes and staff.

Our mission remains constant: to identify and develop world-class rowing talent in South Australia, underpinned by a culture of excellence, collaboration, and athlete-centred coaching.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Department of Recreation, Sport and Racing, Rowing Australia, Rowing South Australia, SASI leadership, athlete families, partner clubs, schools, and the broader South Australian rowing community. The achievements of the past year reflect a collective commitment to excellence.

Good luck for the year ahead — Go SA!

Nick Mitchell
SAS Head Coach

Christine MacLaren
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.



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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.

