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NATIONAL TALENT ID AND DEVELOPMENT

our vision and mission

"Rowing is the ultimate team sport founded on precision, passion and participation by people of all ages"

OUR VISION:

To be the pre-eminent water sport in South Australia through the development of clubs, enhancing key facilities and actively showcasing the sport.

OUR MISSION:

With sound governance and administration, Rowing SA aims to facilitate the growth and development of Rowing in concert with clubs and the wider community.

CORE VALUES:

What guides our day to day actions -

Team Work -

Rowers pull together towards a common goal.

Educational -

Rowers learn self-discipline and motivation together with commitment and a spirit of fair play.

Focus -

Rowers require total concentration on the ultimate objective in order to harness power and precision in this demanding endurance sport.

Traditional -

Rowers transmit time-honoured values and shared experiences to future generations.

Environmental -

Rowers respect and safeguard the water and its surroundings.

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organisational structure

Patron	His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, AO, CSC, RANR, Governor of South Australia
Vice Patrons	Lord-Mayor of the City of Adelaide, The Right Honourable Michael Harbison Mayor of the City of Charles Sturt, Harold Anderson AM JP
President	Bob Pennington

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chairman	Bob Pennington
Secretary	Michael Eastaughffe
Elected Members	Greg Melbourne / Paul Logan / Rod Elleway (resigned 08) / Penny Halliday John Oliver / Steve Pennington

COMMISSIONERS

Finance	Trevor Hirth
Building	Rod Elleway (resigned 08)
West Lakes Social	Lou Crotti
Umpires	Paul Logan
Masters	Doug Raymond
Volunteers	Penny Halliday
Heritage	Barbara Fenner (resigned 08)
Regatta	Steve Pennington
Rowing Australia	Michael Eastaughffe

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ROWING SA PERSONNEL

Rowing SA General Manager	Mark Howells (resigned 11/08) / Deb White commenced (01/ 09)
Elite Development	Christine MacLaren (resigned 04/09)
State Dev. Officer	Lucy Vadasz (07/09)
Admin/Operations	Mike Giffen
Clubroom Facilities	Colin Swanson (deceased)
State Team Manager	Christine MacLaren (resigned 4/09) / Meridee McClean
State Team Selectors	Adrian David (resigned 08) / Jason Lane / Ian Wilson / James Seppelt / Christine MacLaren
Rowing SA Photographers	Hebfotos (Guy Hebblewhite & Cynthia Judd) / Mike Giffen
Rowing SA Auditor	Wakefield Chartered Accountants

SASI ROWING

Head Coach	Adrian David (08)
U23 Development Coach	Zoltan Shepherd
U19 Dev Coach	Andrew Butler (08) Jason Lane (09)
SASI Scholarship Coach	Anna Tree

foundation and honorary life members

FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBERS

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

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

HONORARY & FINANCIAL LIFE MEMBERS

*Denotes deceased

award winners

Schoolboy Award	Prince Alfred College Yr 8/9C quad scull Runner up: Pembroke Yr8/9C quad scull
Schoolgirl Award	Annesley Year Yr 8/9A quad scull Runner up: Pembroke Yr8/9C quad scull
Junior Male Award	Daniel Ralph (TRC/AHS) Runner up: Dylan Porte (MBRC)
Junior Female Award	Olympia Aldersley (TRC) Runner up: Jessica Molsher-Jones (TRC)
Coxswain Female	Katie Chapman (Annesley) Runner up: Siobhan Misan (Seymour)
Coxswain Male	Aleco Mitropoulos (ARC) Runner up: Todd Schultz (MBRC)
Senior Male	Jarrad Schar (ARC) Runner up: Tom Hodgkinson (ARC)
Senior Female	Olympia Aldersley (TRC) Runner up: Peta White (TRC)
Masters Male	John Banks (Mannum RC) Runner up: Wayne Severin (PARC)
Masters Female	Gordana Kalanj (Riverside) Runner up: Caroline Mussared (Riverside)
Coaches Award	David Eichler (Seymour)
Volunteer Award	Trevor Hirth (Finance Commissioner)
Champion of Champions (Male)	James McRae (MBRC) Runner up: Chris Morgan (AUBC)
Champion of Champions (Female)	Olympia Aldersley (TRC) Runner up: Jessica Molsher-Jones (TRC)

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club premiership winners

Country Male	Winner - Murray Bridge Rowing Club Runner up Mannum Rowing Club
Country Female	Winner – Murray Bridge Rowing Club Runner up Goolwa Rowing Club
Masters Female	Winner - Riverside Rowing Club Runner up Murray Bridge Rowing Club
Masters Male	Winner – Port Adelaide Rowing Club Runner up Mannum Rowing Club
Schoolgirl	Winner – Seymour College Runner up Pembroke School
Schoolboy	Winner - Prince Alfred College Runner up Pembroke School

Senior Female

Winner - Torrens Rowing Club

Runner up Murray Bridge Rowing Club

Senior Male

Winner - Adelaide Rowing Club

Runner up Murray Bridge Rowing Club



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ATHLETES IN 2008/2009 NATIONAL TEAMS

BEIJING OLYMPICS AND SENIOR A CREWS

James McRae (MBRC) M4x

Chris Morgan (AUBC) M4x

Amber Halliday (AUBC) WL2x

Marguerite Houston (AUBC) WL2x

Adrian David (Coach) WL2x

UNDER 23 TEAM BRANDENBURG GERMANY

Bryn Coudraye (ARC) M4-

Ned Kinnear (AUBC) M4-

Matt Bolt (AUBC) M4x

Laura Osti (AUBC) W4x BRONZE MEDALLIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN YOUTH OLYMPIC TEAM 2009

MY8+

Tom Sullivan (RRC)

Liam Gotley (ARC)

Will McNamara (ARC)

Blake Pilz (MBRC)

Mihailo Spasojevic (PAC)

Travis Cordingly (PAC)

Nathan Taverner (TRC)

Imre Zambo (CBC)

Cox: Abbey Le Blanc (ARC)

Reserve : Daniel Ralph (AHS)

Coaches : Ron Mobbs (MBRC) & Daren Potts (PAC)

WY8+

Peta White (TRC)

Olympia Aldersey (TRC)

Mieka Webb (ARC)

Mary Connelly (TRC)

Abbie Trengove (AUBC)

Edwina Munns-Cook (AUBC)

Emma Basher (Annesley)

Jessica Molsher-Jones (TRC)

Cox : Coco Hall (ARC)

Reserve: Kirrily Martin (ARC)

Coaches: Anna Tree (TRC) & Andrew Butler

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INTERSTATE TEAMS

M8+

Nick Andrew (AUBC)

Matt Bolt (AUBC)

Bryn Coudraye (ARC)

Tim Hennessy (ARC)

Chris Morgan (AUBC)

Ned Kinnear (AUBC)

James McRae (MBRC)

Tom Shelton (ARC)

Cox: Lucy Hyde (AUBC)

Coach : Zoltan Shepherd (SASI)

MY8+

Tom Sullivan (RRC)

Liam Gotley (ARC)

Angus Thornton (AUBC)

Jack Miaorona (TRC)

Daniel Ralph (AHS)

Max Tonkin (ARC)

Owen Girardi (ARC)

Imre Zambo (ARC)

Cox: Abbey Le Blanc (ARC)

Coach : Ron Mobbs (CBC/MBRC)

WY8+

Peta White (TRC)
 Olympia Aldersey (TRC)
 Jessica McRae (MBRC)
 Mary Connelly (TRC)
 Abbie Trengove (AUBC)
 Edwina Munns-Cook (AUBC)
 Emma Basher (Annesley)
 Jessica Molsher-Jones (TRC)
 Cox : Ashleigh Peplow-Ball (Walford)
 Coach: Anna Tree (TRC)

LW4x

Maja Fiddler (TRC)
 Anna Collins (TRC)
 Christine Shanahan (AUBC)
 Mieka Webb (ARC)
 Coach : Vicky Spencer (ARC)

W1x

Anna McRae (MBRC)

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CUP TEAM 2008**MY8+**

Owen Girardi (ARC)
 Max Tonkin (ARC)
 Tom Sullivan (RRC)
 Liam Gotley (ARC)
 Turon White (ARC)
 Sam Gallard (RRC)
 John Jackson (ARC)
 Sam Martin (MBRC)
 Cox: Aleco Mitropolous (ARC)
 Reserve: Will McNamara (ARC)
 Coaches: Zoltan Shepherd (SASI), Ron Mobbs (MBRC)

WY8+

Peta White (TRC)
 Olympia Aldersley (TRC)
 Mieka Webb (ARC)
 Mary Connelly (TRC)
 Christie Shanahan (AUBC)
 Kirrily Martin (ARC)
 Chelsea Hill (ARC)
 Abbie Trengrove (AUBC)
 Cox: Abbey Le Blanc (ARC)
 Reserve : Joscelin Spurr (MBRC)
 Coaches: Andrew Butler (SASI),
 Victoria Spencer (ARC), Anna Tree (TRC)

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CUP TEAM 2009**MY8+**

Owen Girardi (ARC)
 Tom Sullivan (ARC)
 Max Tonkin (ARC)
 Nathan Taverner (ARC)
 Imre Zambo (ARC)
 Dylan Porte (MBRC)
 Daniel Ralph (AHS)
 Andrew Miegel (MBRC)
 Cox: Aleco Mitropolous (ARC)
 Reserve: Will McNamara (ARC)
 Coaches: Ben Porte (MBRC), Ron Mobbs (MBRC)

WY8+

Renee Chatterton (TRC)
 Olympia Aldersley (TRC)
 Emma Basher (Annesley)
 Abbey Trengove (AUBC)
 Ali Evans (Pembroke)
 Christine Shanahan (AUBC)
 Meika Webb (ARC)
 Mary Connelly (TRC)
 Cox : Catherine Macks (Scotch)
 Reserve : Hannah Wertheim (TRC)
 Coaches: Jarrad Schar (ARC), Anna Tree (pre regatta)

2009 NATIONALS

Lake Barrington, Tasmania 02 - 08 MARCH SASI athletes Final Results

	NAME	CATEG	CLUB	BOAT CLASS						
				1x	2x	4x	2-	4-	8+	Interstate RE-GATTA
1	McRae, Anna	OW	MBRC	3rd =Bronze	2nd = Silver	DNS				4th
3	Morgan,Chris	O M	AUBC			2nd = Silver				4th
4	Hennesy, Tim	O M	ARC			2nd = Silver	5th	2nd = Silver		4th
5	Fiddler, Maja	OLW	TRC	4th	3rd = Bronze	1st = Gold				5th
6	McRae, James	U23M	MBRC	1st = Gold	1st = Gold	1st = Gold				4th
7	Gotley, Liam	U23M	TRC	10th	5th				7th	7th
8	Tonkin, Max	U23M	TRC		rep				7th	7th
9	Sullivan, Tom	U23M	Renmark RC	12th	5th				7th	7th
10	Gallard, Sam	U19 M	Renmark RC	6th	3rd in semi	rep				
11	Aldersey, Olympia	U19 W	TRC	semi				1st = Gold		3rd =Bronze
12	White, Peta	U19 W	TRC					1st = Gold		3rd =Bronze
13	Molsher-Jones Jess	U19 W	TRC				2nd = Silver	1st = Gold		3rd =Bronze
14	Basher, Emma	U19 W	Annesley				2nd = Silver	1st = Gold		3rd =Bronze
15	Jackson, John	U23 LM	ARC	semi	2nd = Silver					
16	Martin, Sam	U23 LM	MBRC	semi	2nd = Silver			5th		7th
17	Shelton, Tom	U23 M	ARC	semi	6th	1st = Gold				4th
18	Bolt, Matt	U23 M	AUBC	5th	1st = Gold	1st = Gold				4th
19	Giardi, Owen	U23 M	ARC	rep	rep				7th	7th
20	Kinnear, Ned	U23 M	AUBC			1st = Gold	5th	2nd = Silver		4th
21	Shanahan, Christie	U23LW	AUBC	rep	DNS	4th				5th
22	Webb, Mleka	U23LW	ARC	rep	semi	4th				5th
23	Connelly, May	U23 W	TRC				4th	3rd =Bronze	3rd =Bronze	3rd =Bronze
24	Trengove, Abbie	U23 W	AUBC				4th	3rd =Bronze	3rd =Bronze	3rd =Bronze
	NOTE	RED LETTERS FOR GOLD / BLUE SILVER / BROWN BRONZE								

sasi national
final results 2009

chairman's report

bob pennington



As you are probably aware, I was required to relinquish all executive involvement with the State Association when I was elected to the board of Rowing Australia nearly three years ago. I was honoured during this period

to be elected as President of the Association, a non-executive role. However, when my term on the board of Rowing Australia was completed, I was asked to return to the Association Executive to complete the balance of Michael Eastaughffe's term as Chairman. Michael's involvement in rowing at State, National and indeed International level had begun to impact on his employment which was increasing in its demands and so something had to give.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Michael. He and I have worked together at State and National level for many years and I can attest to the tremendous input and influence he has had, particularly as Rowing Australia's Competition Manager, in creating world class National events. In addition, in his role as South Australian delegate to the Council of Rowing Australia, he not only scrupulously represents our interests, but is widely regarded as a true statesman.

It has only been since February that I have been Chairman, but what an amazing six months.

We have seen the appointment of Deb White as our new General Manager and what an inspired choice that was. Deb has brought to the position, not only great skill, enthusiasm and foresight, but also the ability to infuse others with her passion. This has resulted in the creation of a closely knit team of both paid staff and volunteers who are working enthusiastically on our behalf.

The last six months have also seen the fulfilment of a dream; the installation of our new rowing course, which is now virtually completed. This has been by no means an easy undertaking for us. Although the contract was between the South Australian Government as owner of the infrastructure and the principal contractor, Rowing SA had a significant role to play. As the main user of the facility, we were called on to represent the other users, including Canoeing and Dragon Boats, and to assume the role of Managers under an agreement with the Government. This involvement has required many, many hours of consultation, discussion and debate involving Deb White, Michael Eastaughffe, Tim Ward and myself. This has not been an easy time but, thankfully, the worst is over and hopefully the outcome is worth it.

I would like to thank all the members of the Executive Board in particular and all the other Volunteers for the time and effort they so willingly give. They are and will remain the backbone of our sport.

With our new Staff, our new Course and our many enthusiastic Volunteers, I look forward to being able to provide greater support to our Clubs and the whole rowing community: after all, that is why this Association exists.

the staff of rowing south australia inc



DEB WHITE – General Manager

Deb has been with Rowing SA since mid January 2009 and has been busy restructuring and establishing systems within Rowing SA. She has run her own successful business

for many years and has been involved in establishing several other businesses. Deb brings to the position enthusiasm and a deep passion for the ongoing successful development of rowing in SA. She has considerable business, administrative and management background along with being an active competitive rower and school rowing coach.



MIKE GIFFEN – Operations Manager

Mike's love of, and interest in the sport of rowing is due to his daughter who commenced rowing at Walford some 15 years ago.

Since that time, Mike's involvement has been varied including Rowing Club President, Director of Rowing, masters rower, coach, and employee of and volunteer for Rowing SA. His current position is Operations Manager. "The work is both interesting and offers a great deal of variety, plus it is always a great thrill to see the growth and development, both on and off the water, that the sport provides to young people".



CHRISTINE MACLAREN – Elite Development Officer

(until April 2009)

Christine was the Elite Development Coordinator at Rowing SA until April 2009. Over

the past eight years, she has been involved in many facets of development and was very successful in all of her endeavours. Most recently, she was involved in the Talent Catch program; while managing the program, she also played an integral part in developing,

coaching, and guiding the new and existing athletes. We wish Christine all the best in the future.



LUCY VADASZ – State Development Officer (July 2009)

Lucy has been the State Development Coordinator since July 2009. She has recently returned to Adelaide from Brisbane where

she studied a Bachelor of Communications, majoring in Mass Communications and Public Relations, at the University of Queensland. Lucy comes from a working background in public relations, sport development, and event management and is excited about combining these skills for the overall development position. Lucy is a former rower from Scotch College and Emmanuel College (UQ).



CHERYL RADLOFF – Administration & Finance Officer

Cheryl is the newest member of the team as the Administration & Finance Officer. Cheryl has

moved to Adelaide from Renmark where she was a successful rower and coach representing the Riverland. She has a wealth of experience including an Associate Diploma of Accounting, Certificate 4 in Rural Business Management and experience in website development and maintenance. Cheryl has 20 years experience as business owner of a 7day IGA supermarket, post office and newsagency.



**TIM WARD – Facilities,
Maintenance & Course
Manager**

Tim is a long serving member of Rowing SA and has recently taken on the role as the Facilities

Maintenance and Course Manager. This role is constantly changing and varied, and Tim takes it all in his stride. One side of his role at West Lakes is to undertake maintenance of the facilities and infrastructure, while the other part of his role has formed due to his large involvement and interest in the building of the new regatta course. Tim is also overseeing a recently formed 'core group' of volunteers.



**VICKY KNIGHT – Education
Officer**

Vicky has joined Rowing SA as the new Education Coordinator as of May 2009. With her Diploma of Teaching, Certificate

in Ed Gym and Certificate 3 in Fitness Leading she is implementing the new R.A. syllabus, updating coaching accreditations, and creating new learning opportunities for SA's rowing community. Vicky has rowed and coxed in Vic/SA for 20 years and is currently a senior coxswain at Port Adelaide RC. She has competed at a National level, coxing as a SA representative.



**PAUL KNIGHT – Adaptive
Coordinator**

Paul is passionate about the sport of rowing and has recently volunteered as the Adaptive Rowing Coordinator in a quest

to open a pathway of rowing for those who are currently excluded by a physical condition within Rowing SA. He brings many years of corporate experience in professional and managerial positions and has technical qualifications in applied science and tertiary qualifications in OH&S. Paul races regularly in grade and masters events at local Rowing SA regattas and has competed successfully interstate at Masters National Rowing Championships regattas.

general manager's report

deb white

It is with great pleasure that I present my first Annual General Report for Rowing South Australia. 2008-2009 has certainly been a very challenging year in many aspects with the resignation of Mark Howell in November 2008, but we are now leading on to exciting times ahead. I must thank Barb Fenner for passing on all her wealth of knowledge about the history of the Association over the short period we had together before she headed overseas to New Zealand. The success of the Association can be largely attributed to Barb's passion and dedication to South Australian Rowing which was outstanding. We also said goodbye to another passionate and dedicated member of staff being Christine MacLaren, although I am sure Christine will remain on the rowing scene in other capacities. Christine was the driving force of our development and education over the last 8 years and we wish her the very best for her future and I am sure other rowing activities/ventures will benefit greatly from her passion. Special thanks must go to Mike Giffen for his support and willingness to pass on his knowledge over the past six months of which I am very grateful.

Rowing South Australia is undergoing an organisational restructure that has allowed the staff to more effectively meet the needs of the membership with renewed emphasis on regatta operations, finance and development. Our growing team which comprises both voluntary and paid members (who also give many voluntary hours over and above their paid hours) are enthusiastic and excited to be in their new roles. We welcome Lucy Vadasz on our team as the new State Development Coordinator who has already, after such a very short time had a positive impact on the Association. Lucy will be working closely with Jason Lane (Head Coach of SASI) and also planning and coordinating programs for development in the Clubs and Schools, in particular promoting the 'Keep Rowing – School to Club' Program. We also welcome Cheryl Radloff who with her accounting

expertise will be managing the finance area along with other administrative duties. Mike Giffen is the Operations Manager coordinating and managing all regatta and facilities operations. We also welcome Vicky Knight, our new Education Officer, who has worked industriously for many months updating our Coach database and developing new education programs in line with Rowing Australia's new coaching syllabus. Paul Knight is our new Adaptive Coordinator who will be coordinating and developing programs to accommodate people with disabilities. Last but not least we have Tim Ward on the team who is looking after the maintenance of the new regatta course and West Lakes facilities. Rowing SA now has a very enthusiastic and motivated team who will be specialising in their various roles to serve the rowing community more effectively.

With the restructuring of all the areas within Rowing SA it is anticipated that this will create a platform for the coming years, to build and develop our programs and initiatives in line with our 2008-12 Strategic Plan. The systems and strategies which are presently being put in place will allow the Association to grow in a methodical and strategic way. I am sure the Association will reap the rewards and success from this planning, in the future.

I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the many members of the rowing community who have supported me in a variety of ways since my commencement with Rowing SA. There have been so many willing volunteers who have offered their help and time to assist me in building our new platform. The greatest strength in most sporting organisations is the volunteer members and it is encouraging to see Rowing SA's volunteer team growing from strength to strength. Their dedication and loyalty will certainly have a major impact on the success of the Association. Thank you to all the people who have helped me on our way and in particular to Caroline Mussared and

Peter Erskine who have both given countless hours of their time to the Association. A particular thank you to Margaret and Bob Roberts who kindly stepped in to look after the Clubroom and Bar after the sad loss of Colin Swanson. Their help was very much appreciated.

There are exciting times ahead with the installation of the new international rowing course now completed and the upcoming Australian National Championships in 2011.

There will be many new challenges ahead including major facilities maintenance, renovating the Clubrooms, completing the northern wash down area and solving our storage problems. We will need to review our Development and Strategic Plans to enable Rowing SA to accommodate the many new schools who wish to participate in rowing.

I would like to also acknowledge the SA Govt Office of Recreation and Sport, SA Institute of Sport, Sport SA, Adelaide City Council and Charles Sturt Council and Rowing Australia for their continued and invaluable support. To Guy and Cynthia from Hebphotos – thank you.

I am confident Rowing SA can look forward to continued growth and success over the coming seasons with the new team now onboard and the support of the rowing community.



Rod Elleway proudly stands on the new 'Starting Pontoon'. Rod has been with the Association since 1965 in various capacities. As the Building Commissioner (1997-2008), Rod co-ordinated the building and development projects and it was his dream and vision to see the International Regatta Course here at West Lakes. A big thank you to Rod for all his work and the continued knowledge and support he provides.

operations report

mike giffen

The 2008/2009 year will be remembered as a difficult year from an operational point of view, but also one which also saw some very positive changes and initiatives in the second half of the period. This has resulted in the administration of Rowing SA rapidly moving to an open, efficient organisation with sufficient resources to provide a consistently high level of service.

We are indeed fortunate to have Deb White as our new General Manager and she has taken on the enormous task undertaking a detailed review of every area of our operations and has introduced many positive 'best practice' changes which are already proving successful. She has also been extremely successful in attracting a substantial pool of volunteers who willingly give of their time to assist in both operational and other areas.

The majority of the massive catch-up work has now been completed, we have completely overhauled our computer network which will greatly improve efficiently, the restructure of the office has just been completed as this is written and there is no doubt that we can look forward to the coming year with a great deal of optimism.

The successful running of a domestic regatta program is Rowing SA's core business and, in conjunction with the Regatta Commissioner, the majority of this work is done in the office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Pennington for his commitment as Regatta Commissioner during the season. This is an important, thankless task and Steve devoted many hours of his own time to ensure the regattas were put together in a way that would meet the often varying needs of the various rowing sectors and the BRO's

The method of achieving this is the utilisation of the ROMS and RP7 systems. ROMS has undergone many changes over the period and there is no doubt that all of us utilising ROMS during the season were on

a very steep learning curve. I am confident that with that knowledge now much more widely shared, the registration and entry process will be much smoother this coming season. ROMS links with the RP7 system to produce the race program, record the results, adjust rower scores, provide invoice information for race fees and provide some award/premiership data. This is all done in the office and by a small group of hardy volunteers on regatta days.

The statistics involved in regattas conducted are really quite impressive, as the chart on the following page demonstrates. It also demonstrates very significant growth in all areas, despite the need to cancel three regattas owing to the weather. Another important statistic is the number of State Membership registration for the season. Clubs and Schools lodged 1685 registration requests in ROMS for the season. Each of these had to be individually checked and approved by the office and it was pleasing to see that the very large error rate early in the season improved significantly as it progressed. Please note that we are ready and willing to provide any training needed in the use of ROMS

It is pleasing to be able to confidently state that we have put a very difficult year behind us and are confident that 2009/2010 will be a much more productive and enjoyable year – both inside the organisation and for 'our customers' - the South Australian rowing community.



2008/2009 REGATTAS AND COMPARISON

Date	Regatta	Venue	Crew Entries 2008	Crew Entries 2009	Seats 2008	Seats 2009	Athletes 2008	Athletes 2009
25-Oct-08	Henley on Torrens	Torrens	205	229	884	968	667	709
1-Nov-08	Scotch	West Lakes	298	316	1207	1175	709	661
8-Nov-08	School/Masters on Torrens #1	Torrens		210		839		513
15-Nov-08	Round the Island	West Lakes	93	98	472	524	533	612
22-Nov-08	Mannum	Mannum		Cancelled				
24-Nov-07	Year 8/9 on Torrens	Torrens	50		200		233	
29-Nov-08	Schools/Masters on Torrens #2	Torrens		181		685		412
1-Dec-07	Murray Bridge	M/Bridge	420		1389		708	
6-Dec-08	Berri/Renmark Day 1	Berri	226	317	690	1095	309	475
7-Dec-08	Berri Renmark Day 2	Berri	222	306	684	1068	312	464
13-Dec-08	Twilight on Torrens	Torrens	74	92	321	384	283	311
31-Jan-09	Riverside Regatta	West Lakes		Cancelled				
2-Feb-07	State Selection regatta	West Lakes	171		606		277	
7-Feb-09	Mannum	Mannum		Cancelled				
6-Feb-07	Port Adelaide Regatta	West Lakes	250		899		479	
14-Feb-09	Murray Bridge	M/Bridge		488		1669		876
21-Feb-09	1st Grade State Ch	West Lakes	474	519	1561	1736	877	920
23-Feb-08	Mannum	Mannum	263		901		466	
28-Feb-09	Port Adelaide Regatta	West Lakes		436		1604		882
1-Mar-09	NMHS	West Lakes	300		1207		686	
8-Mar-09	Riverside Regatta	West Lakes	239		848		497	
14-Mar-09	Schools State Ch	West Lakes	236	267	819	896	764	830
21-Mar-09	2nd Grade State Ch	West Lakes		463		1674		927
28-Mar-09	HOR Qual Regatta	West Lakes	333	290	1177	1057	1006	970
Totals			3854	4212	13865	15374	8806	9562

elite development report

christine maclaren (until april 2009)

The SA Rowing Development program saw many changes again this year, with funding focused on Elite Development, the grass roots development struggled to continue, with Barbara Fenner moving on, we saw an abrupt end to the SARA coordinated GO Rowing program, the Non Rowing School Program and that important drive to facilitate community participation.

The Senior Clubs were fantastic at pulling together, and with the re instigation of the "Senior Club Forum" (chaired by Christine MacLaren) we were able to salvage and start to implement these programs within the Clubs- albeit as "volunteer" run programs, depending on the goodwill and enthusiasm of Club members.

These activities were linked whenever possible into any Elite Development activities/programs that would provide Club members and links between non rowing schools and Clubs.

Amanda Tidswell also moved on from her role as the Development Project Officer. With her years of rowing experience and enthusiasm, it was sad to see her leave her role in the Indoor Rowing Program, which supported both Club and Elite Programs. Again funding was not available to keep her role on going, a "pay" system for schools was introduced, but quickly deemed not sustainable.

We wish both Barbara and Amanda well in their future rowing ventures.

No Coaching Education & Boat Race Official Education was run in 2008-09.

Christine MacLaren continued as the "Elite Development Coordinator" until April 2009.

This position continued to be funded by Rowing Australia to ensure that Elite development athletes were being tracked and fast tracked up the Elite development pathway.

These programs continued to identify, track and manage identified athletes and to link Clubs, Schools and Talent ID programs into one pathway for rowers with potential, and make younger rowers aware of the programs on offer for those who potentially could "make it to the top" of rowing.

The Talent Catch Program continued to run as a successful underpinning program to fast track athletes into the SASI High Performance Programs, targeting 14-18y/o athletes who are at non rowing schools, and linking them into Clubs to form a partnership training base for them.

The Program's mission statement is:

The Talent Catch group aims to take young talented athletes identified by the SASI Talent Search Program, and give them the grounding and skills to progress up the High Performance ladder.

This program also saw a reduction in funding and resources as the funding for the coach position was withdrawn, (much thanks must go to Phil Blesing for his work in that position), and the shed allocated to schools, forced the program to depend on volunteer coaches and ensuring that Club/SASI equipment was available for these athletes.

Special thanks must go to Denis Perry and Steve Pennington who helped coach the Talent Catch athletes to the Nationals- without them, these athletes would not have got the experience needed to set them on their rowing pathways.

Target Squads continued this year- "**Junior Target Squad**" and the "**U23 Target Squads**". Club based, with SASI support, these athletes had clear criteria and a structured performance assessment. Andrew Butler (now working in Queensland and much missed in SA!), supported by Vicky Spencer and Anna Tree, was a driving force behind these targeted groups, ensuring that identified potential was looked after and

nurtured both within SASI development programs, and in Targeted Club Programs. Development Camps were coordinated for the targeted athletes (self funded by athletes) and linked into State Camps and Squad training.

The Riverland2London program also saw an end to it's funding, resulting in the withdrawal of a paid coach in the area. The two emerging athletes Sam Gallard and Tom Sullivan, made the move to Adelaide when offered a SASI HP scholarship.

With all these financial and staffing issues imposing on the programs, the sound structure and commitment from SASI, the Clubs and the volunteer coaches ensured that the Elite Development continued.

It is important to mention and recognise a few of the outstanding athlete performances through the Elite Development Programs in 2008-09, remembering that success does not eventuate overnight, and that years of work come together when we see results!!

Athlete	Club	Results 2009	Coach	Program	Year Identified
Peta White	TRC	Nationals GOLD WJ4- AUS WJ4-	Andrew Butler /Anna Tree	Talent Catch/ Junior Target/ SASI HP	2007
Jessica Molsher Jones	TRC	National GOLD WJ4- AUS WJ4-	Andrew Butler/ Anna Tree	Talent Catch/ Junior Target/ SASI HP	2007
Olympia Aldersey	TRC	National GOLD WJ4-	Andrew Butler/ Anna Tree	Talent Catch/ Junior Target/ SASI HP	2008
Emma Basher	Annesley	National GOLD WJ4-	Andrew Butler/ Anna Tree	Talent Catch/ Junior Target/ SASI HP	2005
John Jackson	ARC	Nationals SILVER U23 ML2x	Zoltan Shepherd	Talent Catch/U23 Target/SASI HP	2006
Daniel Ralph	AHS	Nationals SILVER U17 M2x BRONZE U17 M1x	Ron Mobbs	Junior Target Squad	2008
Tom Sullivan	RRC	Nationals SILVER	Zoltan Shepherd	Riverland2 London/SASI HP	

With State Teams squads comprising of athletes monitored closely through the Elite Development Program, the success continues to grow of SA on a National field. Please refer to the State Team Report for full results of the AYOF, Interstate Regatta and Youth Cup.



ADAPTIVE ROWING

The **"Gateway"** adaptive talent Search program, saw the continuing program with 2 athletes aiming for a high performance rowing career. Supported by the APOC (Australian Paralympic Organising Committee), coached by Nick Dawes (AUBC) it was fantastic to see Mel Leckie win 2 x GOLD MEDALS at her first National Championships in the WA1x division. Sam Redding continues to be ranked high in the LTA division also coming home two medals from Barrington.

Development in SA Rowing would like to thank the main stakeholders who continue to support development in SA.....the Office for Sport Recreation and Racing, Rowing Australia, South Australian Sports Institute, Australian Sports Commission and most importantly the SA Clubs, Schools and members and last but not least the many, many coaches who get the athletes on the water, and the rowing happening!!!

A BIG ROWING THANK YOU to you all!!!



Mel Leckie won 2 Gold Medals at her first National Championships in the WA1x division.

state development coordinator report *lucy vadasz*

General Development - Outlook

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I present my first Development Report for the 2009 Annual General Report. Along with the changes happening throughout Rowing SA, I envisage some significant changes coming from the development area with the ultimate goal of developing and improving the high level of rowing already undertaken in South Australia.

In compiling this development report, I have reviewed the Rowing SA Strategic Plan 2008-2012, see chart.

It appears that many of the initiatives are still in the early stages. We plan to reassess this strategic plan, focusing on how we can utilise our resources more efficiently to produce greater results for Schools, Clubs, and our Association.

Rowing SA Strategic Plan 2008 -2012, Vision:

"To be the pre-eminent water sport in South Australia through the development of clubs, enhancing key facilities and actively showcasing the sport."

2008 Strategic Plan: Development Program Review

Club Development			
Initiative	Outcome	State of Play	Next Steps in 2009-2010
Strengthen the pathway between schools and senior clubs.	Convene school/club event regattas.	✓	- Strengthen the School to Club program, thus retaining many highly skilled school rowers. - Implement a more targeted and straightforward pathway for rowers to move from schools and clubs to elite standards, in turn improving Rowing SA's contingent on a national and international stage.
Enhance retention of younger rowers.	Continue to run the 'Keep Rowing'.	➡	Develop a more extensive 'Keep Rowing' program specifically highlighting the transition from year 11 to year 12.
Enhance the breadth and skill of coaches.	- Employ an Education Officer, Vicky Knight, to structure and implement NCAS courses. - Sort and categorise expired and current coaching accreditation statuses.	✓	- Implement a continual calendar of NCAS coaching, official, and coxswain courses. - Explore the feasibility of a coach mentoring framework, using existing senior network coaches. - Offer general rowing-based education courses.
Support development of clubs in all regions.	- Need to consider how we can more specifically assist regional clubs. - Continue to operate the Indoor Rowing program at non-rowing schools.	➡	- Provide evaluation and professional development opportunities for coaches. - Ongoing development of the country clubs-seeking any grants applicable. - Invitations to open NTID testing days. - Provide regional coaching education sessions. - Explore the feasibility of online coaching sessions.

Enhance Performance			
Initiative	Outcome	State of Play	Next Steps in 2009-2010
Provide assistance to increase performance of representative state teams. Increase number of participants eligible for state selection.	• 7 SA athletes represented Australia in Junior, U23 and Senior teams. • Employment of new head coach, Jason Lane. • Employment of State Development Coordinator, Lucy Vadasz, to manage the NTID and NEDP program.	✓	• More structured NTID to NEDP development program. • Using the NTID Test Kit we will conduct a standardised battery of tests to identify long term potential rowing talent. • We will utilise the test benchmarks set by Rowing Australia and NRCE. • Host more frequent state team development camps.
Provide assistance to coaches.	• Employ an Education Officer to assist Rowing Australia in running the NCAS courses.	➡	• Seek any grants for coach development. • Create initiatives to encourage coaches to move to the next level of accreditation. • Develop objective coach and athlete satisfaction system.
Provide assistance to volunteers Provide adequate rewarding recognition for volunteers.	• Rowing SA volunteer Education Officer, Vicky Knight awarded the 2008 Wendy Ey scholarship and 2009 Coaching Scholarship.	➡	• Offer education programs for volunteers. • Ensure that we are both retaining volunteers and recruiting volunteers to maintain the growth of the sport. • Ensure that there is rowing volunteer representation at 'Thanks Coach, Thanks Official' scholarships and functions.

Effective Marketing and Promotion			
Initiative	Outcome	State of Play	Next Steps in 2009-2010
Enhance the promotion of the sport.	• Secured 2011 Australia National Championships. • Focus on key events such as HOR and championships.	➡	• Increase the market positioning of rowing, initially through media and sponsorship. • Increase the coverage of rowing competitions, elite rowers and rowing programs in the media. • Update the website regularly to maintain it as the main information channel for members of the public. • Development of media relations campaign. • Explore media sponsorship of the association.
Increase corporate sponsorship.	• Explore possible naming rights of buildings and boats. Explore corporate rowing.	➡	• Develop a sponsorship campaign for buildings, boats, NTID testing trailer, etc. • Approach elite rowers to become more visible role models.

• Policies and procedures

Rowing SA's policies and procedures have recently been reviewed and updated to align with current legislation and Rowing Australia standards. Rowing SA's Heat Policy has been modified to conform to Sports Medicine Australia (SMA) South Australia's guidelines, based on the latest research in heat and sun protection. This policy will be adhered to at all 2009-2010 regattas. Rowing SA's Member Protection Policy and Anti-Doping policy will now align with Rowing Australia's policies.

• Keep Rowing

The 'Keep Rowing' program has been highlighted as an area that requires restructure and improvement. The development pathways have been too vague and informal and Rowing SA seeks to retain a larger amount of active rowers. This 'Keep Rowing' program will continue to reflect the importance of School to Club rowing, as well as the move to elite performance. However, this program will be broadened to encompass the transition from year 11 to year 12. Many schools have reported a high dropout rate into the senior years; this program will emphasis fitness, teamwork, discipline, respect, and time management.

• Go Rowing/Try Rowing in Clubs

The Go Rowing/Try Rowing programs have been kindly adopted by the Schools and Clubs. We plan to work alongside the Schools and Clubs to develop and implement a targeted campaign to bring in new non-rowing schools, thus attracting new rowers. Most recently, we would like to acknowledge Riverside Rowing Club for adopting the Try Rowing program; for the past few weeks I have happily watched a group of highly eager Henley High School students learn to row under the guidance of the Riverside Vietnam Veterans.

• Development News

A development newsletter has been created and will be disseminated monthly to all stakeholders of Rowing SA's development program. This newsletter aims to keep all members of our rowing community up-to-date with what's happening behind the scenes in keeping South Australia's rowing population growing in quality and quantity.

• NTID and NEDP

We will also be continuing the National Talent Identification (NTID) Program and National Elite Development Program (NEDP) implemented by Rowing Australia and carried out by Rowing SA. These programs have received a major structure overhaul by Rowing Australia, with more specific KPI's and more detailed criterion; these changes aim to help us more effectively reach our National vision: 'To be the most successful international program in world rowing', in other words, to win Olympic Gold medals!

Rowing Australia and the Australian Sports Commission are assisting the State's National Talent Identification and Development Program with the contribution of a new NTID Testing Kit. This testing kit will be used to conduct a standardised battery of TID tests to identify athletes whom have long term potential rowing talent. Rowing SA will develop a modularised NTID and NEPD framework for clubs, schools, Rowing SA, and SASI to follow to achieve our joint targets of developing a strong South Australia rowing program, thus a strong contingent of South Australian rowers. This program will be piloted later this year, with the goal of having a new-talent and existing-talent program in place for the new school year. The NTID and NEDP programs will be managed by Jason Lane (SASI Head Coach), Russell D'Costa (SASI Program Manager), Deb White (General Manager), and Lucy Vadasz (State Development Manager).

• Adaptive Rowing Program

The Adaptive Rowing Program has been taken on by Paul Knight. Paul plans to work closely with Rowing Australia, to create pathways for people with disabilities to move into community-based rowing programs, as well as high performance programs. Rowing Australia has produced a Disability Action Plan that State Rowing Associations can follow, with mechanisms to target specific areas for development within their own programs: facility audit, coach development, and high performance. Paul has some great ideas and strategies regarding how we can include people with a disability in the sport of rowing. Initially, Paul will identify sources of funding sufficient to initiate and sustain Adaptive Rowing Programs. Paul will pilot the Adaptive Rowing Program on a specific disability group, and then establish 'Come N Try Days' and include a wider range of disability groups. This program aims to develop the quality and quantity of adaptive rowing, initially through training; however, due to Paul's passion for racing, our target is to have at least one regatta in the 2009/2010 season.



Education Officer Report

The process of developing the Rowing SA Education Program has begun in earnest in the past few months. Ultimately, Rowing SA aims to develop an ongoing calendar of effective and relevant education programs for the rowing community, specifically coaches, officials, and coxswains.

The first priority has been to sort, catalogue, and categorise the extremely large number of coaches, determining current or expired status. Although time consuming, this process has provided a positive reflection of the high calibre of coaches we have in South Australia.

The previously titled Level 1 and Level 2 courses, has been renamed "Learn to Row" Coach and "Club/ School" Coach, respectively. These changes have been made by Rowing Australia to ensure that all States are offering updated and uniform courses that are professional, measurable, and accountable.

Due to the large number of coaches with expired status, as well as a high demand, the first "Learn to Row" coaching course will be offered before the season starts in October. We are also aiming to provide a coxswain educative course in the near future. The first "Club/ School" coaching course will be offered early in the New Year. Furthermore, Rowing SA will be offering a number of education workshops and seminars for those who don't necessarily wish to become coaches but are looking for some rowing related personal development.

Adaptive Rowing in Murray Bridge

The Murray Bridge Adaptive Rowing Program has included around 8 students from the local high school since the end of first term until the end of the year. With the help of Sam Redding, Kym Patachicky, Gary Patachicky and myself, they have been improving each week and we now have a crew rowing in a quad. Both Sam and Gary have had to give it away due to work commitments, we thank them for all the help that they have given. A notable mention goes to Sam who has been the single scull Adaptive Champion for the last six years. Adaptive rowing in South Australia has lost a big supporter with the death of Brenton Redding in December last year. We need to get more people supporting Adaptive rowing or it will not grow. I only hope that Adaptive Rowing will continue with more encouragement and further progression in the sport.

Jayne Redding

Murray Bridge Adaptive Rowing Coordinator

I am looking forward to continuing to develop and implement these exciting new areas in education, as part of the new team at Rowing South Australia.

Vicky Knight

Education Officer

I wish all our State team rowers success in the future and am sure with continued focus on development we will achieve this at the Interstate Regatta at Nagambie in March 2010.

Meridee McClean

State Team Manager

Youth Cup 2009

The 2009 Youth Cup was held at Sydney International Rowing Course, Penrith from 10th – 12th July with South Australia finishing 5th overall. We sent one of our strongest all round squads for several years and all but two crews made the "A" finals, with our ML2X easily taking out the "B" final.

It proved to be the girl's year with Gold medals in the 'A' & 'B' pairs and the eight, Silver in the four, and Bronzes in the 'B'scull, quad & lightweight sculls. Ron Mobbs was particularly impressed with the performances of Alli Evans and Renee Chatterton who both showed maturity and composure for their relative inexperience. Although the boys did not medal, they showed considerable potential for the future. Given the short amount of training time together and lack of race experience their results were promising. It was a great trip thoroughly enjoyed by all and our rowers were a credit as representatives of their State.

A vote of appreciation must go to the selection panel Jason Lane, Christine MacLaren & Ian Wilson for their time and dedication in selecting the crews. Many thanks must to the coaches Ron Mobbs, Ben Porte, Jarrad Scharr & Anna Tree (pre-regatta) for the huge number of volunteer hours in preparation for the regatta and for their outstanding support to the rowers and myself at the regatta. Also a big thank you to Brett Ralph for taking the boat trailer to & from Sydney and Julie Ralph for her assistance with looking after the team, and to the Clubs for their support with equipment and the support of our National crews who were also at the regatta.



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regattas commission report steve pennington



The 2008-2009 season provided the rowing community with a range of new challenges.

The most significant of these was the weather. The past season saw three regattas cancelled outright due to either excessive heat

or extreme conditions. A further two regattas were shortened due to strong winds building up during the day. These posed major problems for the hosting clubs who missed opportunity to have access to some fund raising and also meant that the association was out of pocket over the missed events as well.

An attempt was made during the season to provide racing for as many crews as possible. The unfortunate outcome of this on occasions was that we ended up with some extra long regattas which did test the resolve of our officials and other volunteers, but rarely did we need to cancel races.

Although the number of regattas was down, we saw more events and seats than the previous season, which was a very pleasing result.

The season was finished and the next started with a very well supported regatta planning day. The plans outlined by Mark Mussared were well received and will form the base on which next season's programs will be developed. I would like to thank Mark and his team from the UMR for their hard work on the programming.

In closing, I would also like to express my gratitude to Mike Giffen for his excellent support through the season. His help saw the weekly programs published on the web site and copied off for regattas.

Thanks also to the club officials who worked with us to ensure all had a chance for good racing.

volunteers commission report penny halliday



As volunteers Commissioner I submit my report for the regatta year 2008 – 2009. After serving on the Rowing SA Board for a number of years I have made the decision to not re-nominate for the Rowing SA Board, but will

continue as Volunteers Commissioner for the next regatta year.

We have welcomed Deb White to the position of General Manager taking over from Mark Howells. Deb has coped extremely well with the new environment she has been thrust into, with many hours of work to get “up to speed” in the role. We wish Deb all the best for the future and know that we are in very capable hands as Rowing SA moves forward. As in previous years Rowing SA continues to run very good regattas, at all venues with a “great band of merry workers”.

Our sincere thanks must go to the dedicated Officials at regattas and to Rowing SA and the general rowing community, who all help out in a number of roles.

Steve Pennington has performed the task of Regatta Commissioner. A very difficult position and we thank him for pleasing most of the people, most of the time. We also need to thank our volunteer regatta personnel who continue to turn up each week, Paul Logan and his referees, Jan Logan, Di DeBellis and Mike Giffen in particular. Many people within Rowing SA also perform many other duties. Some of these people are Board members and also regatta officials who attend a huge number of regattas during the season and I thank them for their valuable time. These people include, Bob Pennington, Michael Eastaughffe (also on Rowing Australia Council) Greg Melbourne and previously mentioned Paul Logan and Steve Pennington.

Thank you to the clubs that have held up their hands to host regattas. Hopefully the clubs can promote their regattas and make them financially successful for their club.

Thanks should always go to the large numbers of volunteers in every club who give their time freely to help with the smooth operation and running of their own club. I appreciate the help that the parents, siblings and rowers put into regatta days. I try to teach the new volunteers a little about the regatta and hope that they come away from my “training” with a little more knowledge about the sport. Most say that they have enjoyed the experience.

Every regatta needs people in the tower, bow numbers, compares and general hands. Thanks to those spectators on the beach that I sometimes have to “con” at the last minute to help. I appreciate you not running away from me! I thank all of you for helping make the regattas in South Australia envied by our interstate counterparts.

As always, if anyone knows of someone that may be interested in helping the association in any way, please do not hesitate to call me.

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umpires commission report paul logan



I present this Report on behalf of the volunteer Boat Race Officials (BRO's).

We had BRO's at all the scheduled regattas held over the past twelve months (May 2008 to April 2009) and although the main Summer

Season is from October to April, there are a number of regattas held during those 'lead-in' months through winter (the 'off-season'). Those regattas are usually held for the Masters (and a few other keen starters). An Officiating Seminar was held in October for all the BRO's, Trainees and Boat Drivers as a 'refresher' prior to the start of the main local regatta season. There were also National Events which included the Australian Masters Regatta (May), the Australian Youth Cup (Sept), the Youth Olympics (January), the Nationals & Kings Cup (March) and the Australian Selection Regatta & Trials (April). SA was also proud to have two of its own selected for International (FISA) umpiring duties. Michael Eastaughffe was invited to officiate at the Paralympic Games and Greg Melbourne attended a World Cup Regatta. As a consequence, some of our BRO's do not get much rest or spare time away from rowing. Unfortunately this season we had to cancel a number of city and country regattas (3 due to extreme weather). However we still officiated at 2 country regattas and 14 city regattas which included 4 Championship Events and the Head of the River.

Due to the workload on our existing officials (few in number), I am continually requesting more trainees to come forward and help ease the onus for those we call upon week after week. All the regattas that we manage require a large number of volunteers (15 to 20), including the BRO's, to organise and run successfully. A suggestion to have continuous regattas, finishing earlier in the afternoon, or concurrent

regattas at two locations would require us to at least double the BRO numbers and volunteers to 40+.

So considering an increase is required anyway for succession, back-up and to reduce the 'burn out' factor, it is obvious that more people need to become involved.

I thank the committed group of volunteers and officials we do have for their untiring contribution every week and in particular Mr Jeff Erickson, who with the support of the Glanville Sea Scouts Group, makes sure that the gates are manned and our Umpires' Boats are fuelled, launched, washed and stored after each regatta.

The National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS), similar in principle to the coaches NCAS, is being 'rolled out' around Australia to enable 'standardised' BRO licensing levels to be adopted, thus assisting the athletes with a consistent umpiring approach. However, I am conscious that many of our new coaches and Club Coordinators / Captains are perhaps not familiar with the current "Racing Code" and its requirements, so the Umpires Commission is working closely with those that need some help and direction. I am available to speak to your Club coaches, crews and coxswains if you require. I reiterate this point each year, but there has to be some serious improvement in basic boat control and handling skills before entering new crews in a regatta. I would suggest it is not only demoralising for a novice crew not able to turn, back or 'touch up' to the start line, but very frustrating for the BRO in charge of those crews on the course. Ongoing, random weighing of coxswains has again been necessary this past season as a number of Clubs continue to ignore or abuse the rules. Crews that do not listen to instruction from the BRO's (at the Start, during the race and at the Finish) have been and will continue to be removed from their race results. To make our regattas an ongoing, enjoyable experience,

I welcome any feedback (and criticism) that you might have that could help in this process. Training for Boat Race Officials and Boat Drivers will again continue this coming season and more will be advertised on this exercise over the next weeks.

I thank the Board, for their ongoing support of my role, as Umpires Commissioner and the Rowing SA staff and volunteers in the Regatta Control Office, for their patience, assistance and support for all the BRO's throughout the year. It has been my pleasant task to present this Report for 2008/2009 and I look forward to seeing everyone on and off the water again in the forthcoming season.

CURRENT LICENSED BRO's			
DR. JOHN ASENSTORFER	[AHS]	MR. GREG MELBOURNE	[Riv RC]
MR. BARNY CUNDELL	[TRC]	MR. ROSS MOFFAT	[Wilderness]
MR. MICHAEL EASTAUGHFFE	[TRC]	DR. ORSO OSTI	[AUBC]
MR. PETER ERSKINE	[Riv RC]	MR. BOB PENNINGTON	[ARC]
MR JOHN HALLIDAY	[TRC]	MR. STEVE PENNINGTON	[Riv RC]
MR. JOE JACKSON	[ARC]	MR. BRETT RALPH	[AHS]
MR. MAX LINDSAY	[MRC]	MR. NORM SAUNDERS	[Nor-Mor HS]
MR. PAUL LOGAN	[TRC]	MR. TIM WARD	[PARC]

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In reference to the above chart we would like to thank the small group of 'Boat Race Officials', however, we would like to see more Clubs contributing to the sport/ BRO group.



master's commission report **doug raymond**



The 2008/2009 season saw all Masters clubs represented well at regattas. The Union of Masters Rowers held three time trials at West Lakes over 4.5kms before HOY in October/November and had quite a few entrants.

On the 18th April the State Masters Championships were held at West Lakes and once again were well represented by all clubs.

Riverside won the majority of the races and weather conditions made for a great day of competition.

At season's end, Port Adelaide won the Masters Male Premiership with 18 points and Riverside won the Female Premiership with 33 points.

At the end of May, masters from Riverside, Port Adelaide and Torrens made the long journey to Rockhampton, Queensland for the Australian Masters Rowing Championships.

This was a magnificent event with representatives coming together from all over Australia. Toowong Rowing Club stole the show, winning 19 gold, 22 silver and 17 bronze medals.

South Australia's record –

- Riverside won 1 gold, 3 silver.
- Port Adelaide won 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze.
- Torrens won 1 silver and 3 bronze

The next championships will be held at the Champion Lakes Regatta Centre, Perth, Western Australia from 3 June - 6 June 2010.

Over the last year the UMR has been moving towards integration with Rowing SA. The background to this integration was two entities which sometimes worked against one another. A new UMR committee in 2007 set about building bridges and providing a more harmonious and effective administrative system for rowing at large and masters rowing particularly.

It should be noted that whilst the UMR has been the figure head for these negotiations, they have and continue to act in the interests of all masters rowers. I would add that at every stage in these negotiations, the idea of this integration have always been encouraged and supported by the board and executives of Rowing SA.

Over the last year, UMR and Rowing SA have had several discussions on the nature of the amalgamation, Rowing SA is fully supportive of the proposal for us to provide a united front in rowing and Bob Pennington will provide an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in support of the amalgamation, it to be a guiding document for future direction.

UMR presented at the Program Regatta Day, which had good attendance in May 2009.

The stated objectives were:

1. The production of a regatta schedule and a basis for race allocations and race intervals that meets the needs of masters rowers within the framework of Rowing SA management, Clubs and Schools.
2. The processes that UMR, Clubs and masters rowers individually will undertake to support Rowing SA to ensure their needs are met.

There has subsequently been a sub group (Working group) of the workshop looking at Regatta Planning and how to develop the resources we need for these regattas.

The working group has reported this is progressing well. The Masters are also liaising with the Umpires Commissioner to consider how they can help in increasing the number of qualified umpires to assist in the running of regattas.

The UMR will assume the broader role of the Masters Commission once the formalizing of the Memorandum of understanding has occurred. The Commission will be responsible for the support to masters rowing and masters regattas.

Special thanks must to to the great work of Mark Mussared and David Eichler for the work of presenting the new draft regatta calendar for the upcoming season.



facilities, maintenance & course manager report

tim ward

It gives me much pleasure to present my first report on the infrastructure improvements and building activities at the West Lakes Regatta Centre over the last twelve to eighteen months.

As most of you are probably aware, the new course facilities are nearing completion. On Monday, May 26, 2007 the Hon Michael Wright announced a 2.4 million dollar upgrade for the A.M.Ramsay Regatta Course at West Lakes. The funding has been managed for the SA Government through the Office for Recreation and Sport.

The improvements will reinstate the course to an International (FISA) rowing standard and when completed, will allow hosting of State, National and International events for Rowing, Canoeing and Dragon Boat regattas. It is a true multi-purpose venue and bookings have been placed for the 2010 Dragon Boat Nationals (in April) and the 2011 Australian Rowing Championships & Interstate Regatta (in March).

During the past eighteen months and after many long and involved meetings with the Government and various construction and design experts, the decision was made on what the best materials would be to use and it was agreed to acquire starting pontoons and adjustable 'fingers' from a company called Candock in Canada. The decking system is made up of interlocking plastic blocks which are very light and durable. This pontoon will stay in the water at the 2000m start line for the majority of time and be shifted down the course to the various start points for the different sports (e.g. Masters Rowing, Canoeing) as needed for their major events. A new start tower with its own pontoon is also part of the course upgrade and this, along with the finishing pontoon, was manufactured by a company in Perth called EWS.

Kevlar rope was chosen for the longitudinal lines (9 lanes) and cross lines which are at 250m intervals. Marine grade stainless steel shackles and fittings join

these lines to each other and the anchorage points. Wood pylons have been driven into the lake bed as anchorage points, with ten at the start and ten at the finish and then every 250m on each side along the length of the course. The completed buoy line system is 1.5m under water and completely independent of any attachment, at any location, to the adjacent banks and concrete steps.

As part of the upgrade, a finishing pontoon has also been constructed, parallel to the beach, with ramps from the concrete pathway and this will allow wheelchair access for disabled rowers and boat launching. During major events it will also serve as a presentation dais. This pontoon is 45m long and can therefore quite easily accommodate three eights.

People may not be aware, but the course will be available for hire. The money received will go towards the maintenance costs and the long term replacement. A core group of volunteers is being formed to undertake regular and major maintenance tasks (e.g. 'pulling in' the course, cleaning the buoys and lines etc). This initial task will occur in September and then in March 2010, the course will be set up for the Head of the River and the Dragon Boat Nationals. After these events the course will once again be brought in for maintenance and stored away. The storage requirements and facilities for the course equipment are causing a slight problem and they are currently being addressed together with the requirement for additional SARA equipment storage. An area under consideration is below the boat shed decking on the western side of the main building. This will have to be 'waterproofed' and made secure.

Part of my role at West Lakes is to also undertake maintenance of the facilities and infrastructure which include the building structures, boat sheds, office, club rooms, decking / balconies and the umpire's boats.

This is ongoing and we are currently upgrading one of the catamarans to fit aluminium hulls instead of the current fibreglass pontoons, ensuring that they be maintenance free and if successful, we will replace those on the other three boats.

I thank Deb White, Bob Pennington and Michael Eastaughffe for their help and guidance during this 'testing' time with the management of the new course and also Penny Halliday for her help organising volunteers to assist me. A special 'thank you' goes to Brett Ralph for his ideas and assistance with the numerous tasks.



sasi report

JASON LANE – HEAD COACH

ZOLTAN SHEPHERD – U23 DEVELOPMENT COACH

ANNA TREE – SCHOLARSHIP COACH

2009 Australian Rowing Team

Eight (8) SASI Athletes and three (3) SASI

Coaches were selected to represent Australia in 2009.

This is represented by:

2009 Australian Senior A Team – two (2) athletes in the team and two (2) reserves.

Australian U23 Team – three (3) athletes and two (2) coaches

Australian Junior Team – two (2) athletes and one (1) coach

Australian Senior A Team:

Poznan - Poland

Men's Eight (8+)

Bryn Coudraye (ARC- SASI/AIS)

Training in Canberra

Women's Four (4-)

Laura Osti (AUBC-SASI/AIS)

Training in Canberra

Reserve:

Maja Fiddler (LW2x)

Matt Bolt (M4x)

Australian U23 Team:

Racice – Czech Republic

Men's Quad (4x) Bronze Medal

Matt Bolt (AUBC-SASI)

James McRae (MBRC-SASI)

Alexander Belonogoff (NSW)

David Wright (ACT)

Coach: Zoltan Shepherd (SASI)

Trained in Adelaide

Women's Light-Weight Quad (4x) Bronze Medal

Gabrielle Kukla (QLD)

Alison Scobbie (QLD)

Lauren Burraston (ACT)

Ella Flecker (Tas)

Coach: Jason Lane (SASI)

Trained in Adelaide

Men's Eight (8+) Fourth

Ned Kinnear (AUBC – SASI)

Coach: Rhett Ayliffe (AIS)

Trained in Canberra

Australian Junior Team:

Brive- la Gaillarde – France

Women's Four (4-) Gold

Peta White (TRC – SASI)

Jessica Molsher-Jones (TRC – SASI)

Anna Kaszycki (NSW)

Hannah Vermeersch (WA)

Coach: Anna Tree (SASI)

Camps based training and Adelaide



The SASI Rowing Program hosted the preparation of the;

- Men's U23 4x
- Women's Lightweight U23 4x and
- Junior Women's 4-

The crews trained at both West Lakes and on the Murray River.

In 2008- 2009 SASI Rowing Scholarships were awarded to 24 athletes with one athlete, James McRae being awarded a Centre of Excellence Scholarship.

The 2009 National Championships were a National Selection event for Senior A and U23 athletes. The Championships saw the continuing strong presence of South Australian heavyweight men scullers Chris Morgan, Bryn Coudraye, Ned Kinnear and Tim Hennessy who continued to medal and showed their strength in Senior A Men's event, and then formed the engine room for the Interstate Men's 8+.

Anna McRae and Maja Fiddler raced in the women's single, double and quad scull, and won Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

James McRae won gold in the U23 Sculling events 1x, 2x, 4x. In the Double Scull he teamed up with Matt Bolt and in the Quad Scull Ned Kinnear and Tom Shelton helped him to win. The junior girls Four Jessica Molsher-Jones, Olympia Aldersey, Emma Basher and Peta White also won gold.

Please refer to page 10 for full results of the 2009 National Championships

Development

Andrew Butler (Junior Development Coach) and Zoltan Shepherd (U23 Development coach) continued to work closely with the SASI-SARA Elite development programs which was managed by Christine MacLaren (SARA Elite Development Coordinator)- Talent Catch, Target Squads and State Team to ensure that smooth transition and opportunities occur for targeted elite development athletes.

The Talent ID have provided many new potential Olympic athletes to the SASI Rowing program, bringing athletes from both school, Club and Talent ID programs into the elite development programs.

SASI is looking forward to continuing to nurture these programs over the next year and to streamline our elite development pathway.

Anna Tree is continuing her Female Scholarship Coach Position and showed excellent improvement on her coaching skills. She had a perfect opportunity to implement her skills in the high performance area with the Australian Junior Team in France where she won GOLD with the Women's Coxless four. Network coaches, Ron Mobbs and Victoria Spencer continue to work alongside the SASI program, creating opportunities for athletes to experience elite pathway through the Rowing SA/SASI squads.

In the middle of the year Adrian David (Head Coach) and Andrew Butler (Junior Development Coach) both resigned their positions with the SASI Rowing program. Both coaches had a vast experience and a strong input in to SASI Rowing program.

In early May Jason Lane commenced as the new Head Coach and started working on a new direction with the SASI Rowing program.

SASI coaches continue to be involved with coach education, assessment and mentoring of coaches in our State.

In 2008-09 SASI has a focus on our senior A athletes heading towards the 2012 London Olympic Games. We look forward to seeing the continuing success of SA Talented athletes from SASI on the National and State Teams.

As a National Training Centre (NTC), SASI will continue to work in partnership with the Rowing Australia High Performance program (NRCE) and Rowing SA to ensure the best opportunities are given to our South Australian rowers.

The SASI Rowing Program thanks the strong support team efforts of SASI's Sports Science experts who have a

long history with rowing to assist the program develop world class rowers for London 2012 and beyond.

The SASI coaches continue to run monthly time trials and ergo testing which is open to the rowing community. The offer of lab testing for School 8+ continues and enlightens school coaches to the physiological attributes of their athletes, with the support from SASI staff.

The SASI rowing program continues to work with the South Australian coaches, rowers and community to assist in ensuring all athletes reach their full potential.

The SASI Rowing Program would like to thank for the SA Rowing Community for they full support in the 2008-09 rowing season.



WOMEN'S 4 – GOLD MEDAL

Peta White (TRC-SASI)/ Jessica Molsher-Jones (TRC–SASI)/Anna Kaszychi(NSW)/Hannah Vermeersch (WA)