



ROWING SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Connect, Drive, Thrive

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AFFILIATED CLUBS

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SCHOOLS

90th

YEAR OF THE AGM

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Acknowledgement of Country

Rowing SA acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waterways on which we live, work and row across South Australia. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We are proud of the role sport plays in building respect and walking together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



CHAPTER ONE · 01 / 06

Our Organisation

Vision, governance and the community we serve

Vision and Values



“Connect, Drive, Thrive”

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

R

Respect

Value all contributions and treat each other with kindness.

I

Integrity

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

D

Diversity

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

E

Excellence

Support achievement at all levels.

OUR OBJECTIVES

1. 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.

Vision and Values

2. 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.
- Support clubs in understanding and meeting compliance requirements and best practice governance.

3. Participation and 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.

4. People and 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.

OUR COMMUNITY

Affiliated Clubs and Schools

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AFFILIATED CLUBS ACROSS SA

CLUBS

	Adelaide Rowing Club
	Adelaide University Boat Club
	Berri Rowing Club
	Goolwa Rowing Club
	Limestone Coast Rowing Club
	Mannum Rowing Club
	Mawson Boat Club
	Murray Bridge Rowing Club
	Pembroke Masters Rowing Club
	Phoenix Rowing Club
	Port Adelaide Rowing Club
	Port Pirie Rowing Club
	Renmark Rowing Club
	Riverside Rowing Club
	Scotch Old Collegians and Community Rowing Club
	Taillem Bend Rowing Club
	Torrens Rowing Club
	Waikerie Rowing Club

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AFFILIATED SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS

	Adelaide High School
	Christian Brothers College
	Loreto College
	Norwood International High School
	Pembroke School
	Prince Alfred College
	Pulteney Grammar School
	St 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

Governance and Leadership

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 of up to two years. At least three 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.

Governance and Leadership

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It is an experience that teaches individuals to work together in pursuit of a common goal, and to persevere with quiet determination.



HER EXCELLENCY, THE HONOURABLE
FRANCES ADAMSON AC
GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND
PATRON OF ROWING SA

PATRON, VICE PATRON AND PRESIDENT

Patron: Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia

Vice Patron: Mayor of the City of Charles Sturt, Angela Evans

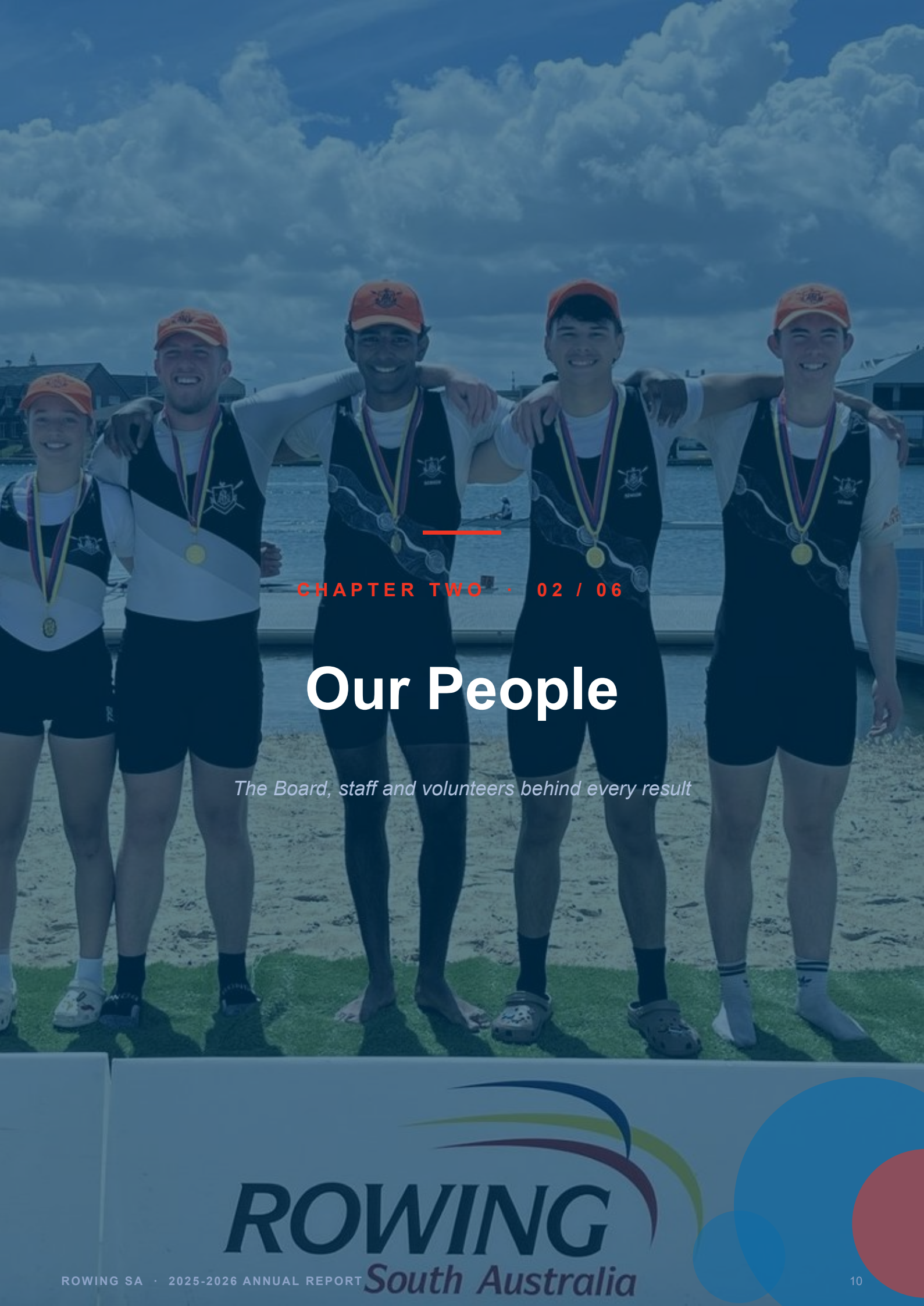
President: Phillip Mangelsdorf

Vice Presidents: Lou Crotti, Michael Eastaughffe, Rod Elleway, Robert Russell, Penny Halliday, Paul Logan, Steve Pennington*

**Deceased*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Greg Walters (Chair), Dr Richard Sawers AM (Deputy Chair), Dr Greg Keene, Catherine McDougall, Fearnley Szuster, Tom Merrigan, Liza McNally, Anna Tree (Appointed Director), Julie Cox (Appointed Director).



CHAPTER TWO · 02 / 06

Our People

The Board, staff and volunteers behind every result

Director Profiles

Attendance for all nine Directors is taken from the September 2025 - September 2026 board minutes.



Greg Walters

*Board Chair and Elected Director ·
Attended 12 of 12 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.



Dr Richard Sawers AM

*Board Deputy Chair and Elected Director ·
Attended 10 of 12 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.

Director Profiles



Dr Greg Keene

Elected Director · Attended 8 of 12 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 (Deputy Chair), Pulteney Grammar School (previous Chair) and multiple committee positions covering Finance, Governance, Marketing, Standards and Building Development are among the key qualities that Greg brings to the Rowing SA Board.



Catherine McDougall

Elected Director · Attended 11 of 12 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. 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.

Director Profiles



Fearnley Szuster

*Elected Director · Attended 12 of 12
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, a SA State Team Selector.

Professionally, Fearnley is a retired statistician with an honours degree in mathematical statistics, a master's 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.



Tom Merrigan

*Elected Director · Attended 12 of 12
Board meetings*

Tom Merrigan brings a strong business development background to the Rowing SA Board, with extensive experience in corporate financial analysis, capital asset procurement, business-to-business marketing and management reporting. He has owned and run a number of successful South Australian businesses and built strong business networks nationally and internationally. Tom holds an MBA from the University of South Australia, specialising in business analysis and strategic planning.

A former South Australian state athlete and now an experienced rowing coach - Level 2 accredited with Rowing Australia and working towards Level 3 - Tom currently coaches at Wilderness School and has previously coached at Scotch College, Pembroke and Prince Alfred College, guiding crews to state championship wins and national representation.

Tom's background in construction project management and capital asset planning, along with his network of commercial building contacts, is a valuable asset to Rowing SA as it progresses the redevelopment of its West Lakes headquarters.

Director Profiles



Liza McNally

*Elected Director · Attended 12 of 12
Board meetings*

Liza McNally is Director of Marketing and Community Engagement at Prince Alfred College, bringing extensive senior marketing and brand leadership experience across Australia and New Zealand. Her career includes roles as Chief Marketing Officer at SkyCity Entertainment Group and New Zealand Media and Entertainment, and Marketing and Newspaper Sales Director at Nationwide News (News Corp).

Liza brings significant governance experience, having served as an Appointed Director of AFL New Zealand (2018-2025, Deputy Chair 2022-2025), and on the boards of the Auckland Santa Parade Trust and Restauranthub.co.nz.

Her experience spans strategic brand leadership, digital transformation, stakeholder engagement and crisis communications, along with direct experience contributing through major construction refit and new-build projects.



Anna Tree

*Appointed Director · Attended 12 of 12
Board meetings*

Anna has a detailed understanding of the development of the sport of rowing locally, nationally and internationally across almost 30 years of involvement, particularly as it relates to girls and women, school rowing, masters and 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 the Honourable Kelly Vincent MLC, Dignity for Disability, and the Australian Democrat SA Parliament.

Director Profiles



Julie Cox

Appointed Director · Attended 7 of 7 Board meetings since her appointment in February 2026

Julie brings over 20 years' experience as a commercial lawyer, having worked across Australia and the United Kingdom with global law firm Baker McKenzie. She is now a senior lawyer at Adelaide University supporting the University's research and commercialisation activities. Her background includes extensive work in risk management, complex contracting, stakeholder engagement and regulatory compliance.

Through her service on national and local boards, Julie has developed a strong understanding of contemporary for-purpose governance. She is an enthusiastic rowing parent and supporter of children's sport, and understands first-hand that it takes a village to build inclusive, well-run environments that enable young athletes to thrive.



Staff and Office Bearers

CEO	Andrew Swift
OPERATIONS MANAGER	Christine Newberry
REGATTA OPERATIONS MANAGER	Bec Lannan
STATE PATHWAY COACH	Katie Healy
FINANCE OFFICER	Toni Ryan
COMMUNITY AND PROGRAMS OFFICER	Celia Cowan / Liam Rippon
FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE	Barney Cundell, Tim Ward
COURSE MANAGER	Brett Ralph
RA COUNCILLOR (SA)	Fearnley Szuster
AUDITOR	Bentleys
STATE TEAM SELECTION PANEL	Brynley Millward, Emma Hall-Craggs, Matt Russell
OMBUDSPERSON	Fearnley Szuster, Amber Halliday
MASTERS STATE TEAM SELECTION PANEL	Catherine McDougall, Emily Elkhoury, Daren Potts, Bernard Le Riche, Rob Cheesman, John Bentley



RECOGNITION

Honour Roll

Honorary, Financial and Foundation Life Members

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION (1929-2005)

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

ROWING SOUTH AUSTRALIA (2012-2024)

2012 TJ Ward

2013 MP Eastaughffe

2014 RT (Bob) Pennington*

2017 P Halliday

2019 R (Slim) Lawrence*

2021 BM Cundell

2021 JK Talbot

2022 DE Clayton

2022 RD Cheesman AM

2022 RF Elleway R F

2024 P Logan

Honour Roll

FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBERS

Amiel C W *, Anderson J, Baciarelli V *, Baumann C *, Beauchamp H J *, Bertram K R, Birks P J, Black R C, Blank J, Blank P W, Bodger R A, Bollen J H *, Bolt J W, Bond B T *, Booth R, Borman N W, Bradley R *, Brice C, Brooks D E *, Brown T, Burchell G R, Burfield G D, Burgess E F, Burgoine G, Buys K, Calandro R, Campbell R M, Carroll L V, Carter D R *, Carter R D *, Cheesman R D, Cheesman D T, Cheesman W D, Christensen D, Clayton D E, Clode G D *, Coldwell R K *, Coldwell K L *, Coldwell G D *, Collins N M, Cooper C *, Crompton D O, Crotti L R, Cudmore P D *, Cudmore P M *, Culver R, Cummins L, Cundell B M, Cyclone K M, Dalton B F, Dankbaar W *, Dankbaar R, Davies D *, Davis A *, Davis L S, Delbridge R M, Diben F A, Dickson P R, Dorsch A W, Douglas S J, Draper J W, Draper B S, Draper M A, Draper M G, Dring M, Duncan H J, Dunn J A, Earl D, Earl W D *, Eastaughffe M, Eaton F *, Edmonds F R *, Edmonds D B, Edwards J R, Edwards M J, Elleway S F, Elleway R F, Emery C P, Evans M J *, Farrar G C, Ferris F R, Fitzgerald R, Footer G L, Gardiner L H, Gebhardt P, Giacchino P, Gibson R J, Gigney R P, Gill R C, Glazbrook D, Goldsworthy W R, Goodenough L S, Gregory A J *, Grummet L T *, Guterres E *, Hamilton I, Hannaford B D *, Harrison S J, Harrison J C *, Harvey D J *, Haynes F K, Haynes T, Hebblewhite G K *, Hebblewhite M, Henderson D W, Higgins J M, Hislop D, Holland R F, Horlin-Smith B M, Howell R E, Hughes J L, Humble D S *, Hussey D J, Ingham J C *, Jarvis R F, Jeffries P W *, Jeffries P C, Jones A G, Keane P J, Keene G, Kernot G J, Keynes R J *, Keynes G R, Keynes R B, Krichauf G F *, Kutcher D B, Lang R, Langlois L R *, Langlois S, Lansen C T *, Lawrence R G, Lenihan W *, Lickie W J, Lippis L, Lippis A U, Lippis M P, Lippis D J, Lippis N, Lockwood J D *, Lodge F N *, Lohmeyer R A *, Lohmeyer M J, Lord P A *, Lott C W, Lowe A, Lowen G T, MacDonald C G, Mackenzie B M *, MacKenzie R W *, Mackie H K, Madsen C, Madsen C T *, Madsen K *, Magarey M, Maguire G, Mangelsdorf P, Mangelsdorf J, Mannum RC (President), Mathews R M P *, Mathews C S, McCabe D M, McCoy J W, McCoy W K *, McCullough P A, McIlwain J F, McLean A K, McLoughlin M A, McNiel G, McQuillan A F, Mead R, Meathrel R R, Melbourne G, Menz W O *, Menz W J *, Menz H V *, Michell E, Milne F K *, Mitchell P G *, Mobbs B, Moore R L *, Moore B J, Morelli P *, Morphet H C *, Morrison E M *, Morton W L *, Motteram J P *, Mould R G, Muecke T R, Muscat J J, Muscat A C, Neall D, Ninnis W K, Nurk A *, O'Brien F G, Osis M, Osman R V, PAC (Headmaster), PARC (President), Parham A J *, Parr A W, Parsons B, Pearce J L *, Pembroke (Headmaster), Phillipson E, Place B, Pike H R, Potter R B *, Potter R W *, Potter M I, Prescott R C, Prescott C B, Price E A, Prior G, Puddy A G, Quigley J D, Quigley F, Quigley P A, Quigley G C, Ramsay A T, Ramsay J K, Ramsay A J, Raymond D, Resting Rowers Consortium, Richards R C, Richardson R W *, Roberts B, Robertson B W, Roosken H A, Rose S A *, Rowe J A *, Runge C E *, Russell I W, Russell R J, Sarah D, Scoop I M, Sellick J G *, Simmons D, Simpson R, Skuce F C, Smith J A, Smith R, Smith G B, Southcott B P, Southcott L AM *, Southcott A L *, Southcott E K, Steer P G, Sullivan T D, Swan D *, Szuster F S, Talbot N, Thewlis P, Thomas E G, Thornquest C, Tolley S W, Trickett A *, Trinne D J, Trowbridge D E, Turnbull R K, Turnbull J M, Union of Old Oarsmen (President), Unley High (Headmaster), Vahl Meyer E, Wade D *, Walker P T, Wallman R H *, Ward J *, Ward T J, Warne R J, Watts R F *, Watts W *, Way K *, Webb R *, Welch J *, West Lakes Ltd, White D J, Whiteford J W, Whiteford A D, Williams C *, Williams D, Williams J K, Wills W J, Winter N W *, Woodhead Hall et al, Wride R H J, Young W S.



Award Recipients · Premierships



Premiership	Winner
Men's Premiership	Adelaide University Boat Club
Women's Premiership	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
Schoolboys' Premiership – The Graham Coldwell OAM Memorial Trophy	St Peter's College
Schoolgirls' Premiership – The Amber Halliday Trophy	Seymour College

Award Recipients - Rowing SA Awards



Award	Recipient
Alex Hill OAM SA Male Rower of the Year	Sam Stunell
Kate Slatter OAM SA Female Rower of the Year	Tamara Bates
Champion Para Male – The Jed Altschwager OAM Trophy	Sam Stunell
Champion Para Female	Candice Burton
Champion Senior Male	Daniel Wiersema
Champion Senior Female	Celia Cowan
Champion Junior Male	Aidan Foran
Champion Junior Female	Caitlin Anderson
Champion Masters Male	Rob Ellis
Champion Masters Female	Symonne Ellis
Champion Male Coxswain	Tom Nolan
Champion Female Coxswain	Ella Edwardson
Champion Schoolboy Crew	Unley Year 7/8 A Crew
Champion Schoolgirl Crew	Walford Anglican School for Girls 2nd VIII
Club/School Coach of the Year – Christine MacLaren Perpetual Trophy	Alex Meates
Boat Race Official of the Year – The Bob Pennington Award	Brett Ralph
Volunteer of the Year	Kati Ritchie
Community Club Person of the Year	Tony Townsend & Heather McNaughton (Renmark RC)

CHAPTER THREE · 03 / 06

Leadership Reports

From the Chair, the President, the CEO, and our key committees



LEADERSHIP

Report from the Chair

Greg Walters, Chair, Rowing South Australia



A Board that governs well today must also be building for tomorrow.

The 2025-2026 season has been one of building strong foundations for Rowing SA. While our community continued to achieve outstanding results on the water, much of the Board's attention this year, along with improved communication with our clubs and members, has rightly been on the less visible work of governance - the structures, processes and plans that let this organisation keep growing sustainably for the long term. I am pleased with the progress made this year, and I want to start by acknowledging the hard work of our Board, staff, coaches, officials, volunteers and the broader rowing community who have made us a stronger and better organisation.

We have sought to listen to and engage more with our membership through activities like our quarterly clubs forum, revitalised website and newsletter. We have actively supported our clubs to develop their activities and provide a program of events to best engage and grow their membership.

In seeking to improve the organisation, the Board must also be accountable itself. A significant piece of work this year was the Board's participation in a formal Board Evaluation conducted through the Australian Sports Commission. This independent process gave every Director the opportunity to reflect honestly on how the Board operates, what is working well, and where we can improve. I'm pleased to say the results were strongly positive, with Directors consistently pointing to our diversity of skills and experience, strong sport knowledge, and constructive, respectful debate as real strengths.

The evaluation also identified areas to improve, particularly around board renewal and internal review processes, and the clarity of roles between the Board and the operational team, and we have folded these recommendations into a single, consolidated Governance Action Plan that the Board will track and report on going forward.

Report from the Chair

Succession planning has been a natural focus following this evaluation. A Board that governs well today must also be building for tomorrow, and this year we welcomed new Directors to the table while continuing to plan deliberately for the skills and experience our Board will need in the years ahead. We have also progressed a thorough review of our Rules and By-Laws in consultation with our members, ensuring the framework underpinning our governance remains current, practical and fit for the organisation we are today.

None of this governance work is an end in itself, it exists to serve our Strategic Plan and the community it's designed to serve. Facility infrastructure remains one of our most important long-term priorities, and the Board has continued to back the vision for a redeveloped West Lakes precinct, engaging with government and stakeholders to build the case for a facility that will serve our membership and the community in this State for decades. On the high performance front we sought a closer collaborative relationship with SASI and undertook a review of our State Team programs this year, to make sure the pathway from club and school rowing through to representative honours is as strong and well-supported as it can be.

Finally, I want to sincerely thank our Executive Team, Boat Race Officials and volunteers, without whom none of our regattas, championships or programs could run, and thank the entire Rowing SA community, clubs, schools, coaches, athletes and members, for your continued passion and support. On behalf of the Board, thank you for everything you have contributed to another strong year for rowing in South Australia.

Greg Walters

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



Report from the President

Phillip Mangelsdorf, President, Rowing South Australia

During my term as President, I am proud of the continued representation and success by our Elite SA rowers who, each year raced for Australia at the highest level and age World Rowing and Olympic regattas. My regret is we see so little of them racing in SA because the National training camps keep them away from home regattas. Recent WC results have not proven the National training centres significantly better than the comfort of home club and State Institute results of the past.

SA School rowing is booming in numbers in every way, but I doubt the need of serious competition for the youngest aged groups created with the addition of the year 7 enrolment. At a recent speech at a St Peters RC lunch James Tomkins, one of Australia's most successful athletes, stated he observed "some school crews now train more than he did for Olympics." All too true and one of the reasons why they do not keep rowing after leaving school? It would be great if we could get more parents who support their children at regattas to be recruited to volunteer to help conduct the racing days as well as helping the unpaid BRO's who work tirelessly from hours before and hours after racing finishes, surely this is an aim future we need to invent and talent to harness?

Club regatta racing is the saddest form of our RSA competition, a similar situation in most other States I hear, partly due to modern social values changing and the multitude of other sports, social media and AI entertainment available for those not wanting to aim for elite representation.

Most SA Country clubs suffer from this threat and the loss and demise of country regattas just during the last few years has been disappointing. There are ideas which have been ignored, to help them survive like: give them the dates they know would work best for them, have 2-day regattas at any country venue with full programme Saturday and a smaller offering Sunday with club, masters and age specific events as on the National regatta programme, but no school races.

SA Masters state teams have dominated the competition for the last 5 years with our smaller population numbers of events contested. At the 2026 World Masters 2 of our SA athletes not only won their over 60 years M2x they were also the fastest in the world. BUT master's constantly complain to me that they are not looked after at SA regattas with regard to time spacing of races and boat class choice of events scheduling.

I would love to see a regatta race programme which catered for master's to race and be able to help run the regatta as volunteers when not racing because our supply of volunteers who are experienced rowers has diminished with the popularity of them keeping racing. I am in total awe of our RSA volunteer BRO's and all that they do, not only at regattas but with RSA course, facility, and equipment maintenance hours of service. The time surely must come when a financial reward should be forthcoming for those who do the most work and sacrifice of their own lifetime. Our sport is getting more expensive just like everything in the world. Where are the next generation of volunteers coming from? This will be a problem for RSA just as it is in all sports and our nation, lifestyle changes are decreasing not just rowing volunteers.

West Lakes regatta course is nearly ready to put out the full up sign for usage. It's time to plan for future scheduling of controlled, shared training times for safety and local residence comfort. Traffic rules on the water and cycle paths must be enforced and conformed so do we need a security or paid, trained regulators? At what cost? I have seen this in operation in Europe on similar small and purpose-built venues where clubs, athletes and residents are bound to work, train and live with strict controls. Plan for it now.

Thanks to all at Rowing SA who have worked with me for the last few years, both the volunteers and the paid staff, RSA needs more of all of you but I fear the growing amount of law making, rules, Rowing Australia regulations, SA government and local council restrictions will hamper progress and continue to take away the enjoyment we had when rowing in the boat was simple and we could enjoy letting the boat run on calm water and enjoy the serenity.

Phillip Mangelsdorf (Mangs)

Retiring President

A group of five rowers in blue uniforms and white caps are in a boat on a body of water. The background is a blurred shoreline with trees.

LEADERSHIP

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Andrew Swift, Chief Executive Officer

From governance reform and infrastructure advocacy to participation growth and strategic partnerships, Rowing SA has continued to build a stronger and more sustainable organisation for the benefit of our entire community.

The 2025-2026 season has been one of governance progress and opportunity for rowing in South Australia.

While our athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers continued to achieve outstanding success on the water, this season has also been defined by the significant work undertaken behind the scenes to strengthen the future of our sport. From governance reform and infrastructure advocacy to participation growth and strategic partnerships, Rowing SA has continued to build a stronger and more sustainable organisation for the benefit of our entire community.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our clubs, schools, volunteers, Boat Race Officials, coaches, athletes, Board Directors, staff and partners. Every regatta delivered, every athlete developed and every initiative progressed is the result of countless people contributing their time, expertise and passion for rowing. On behalf of Rowing SA, thank you for everything you do.



Chief Executive Officer's Report

This season we farewelled a great friend of our sport, Steve Pennington, who sadly passed away earlier in the year. Steve served Rowing SA as a Vice President and as a Boat Race Official for many years, and was recognised as our 2025 Boat Race Official of the Year for his fairness, professionalism and strong rapport with athletes and officials. His passion and dedication leave a lasting legacy, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Across our schools and clubs we continue to see outstanding performances, healthy competition and strong participation. Equally encouraging has been the continued strength of our pathway programs, with increasing numbers of South Australians progressing into our Academy program, SASI and Australian representative programs and Teams.

This season saw the continued development of the Rowing SA Academy through funding provided by the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing. Under the leadership of State Pathway Coach Katie Healy, the Academy has provided enhanced coaching, strength and conditioning and athlete support, helping bridge the gap between school and club rowing and future national representation.



GROWING PARTICIPATION

During the year we commenced a number of new indoor rowing initiatives with schools that have not traditionally participated in rowing. These programs provide an accessible introduction to the sport and create new pathways into clubs while supporting our South Australian Indoor Rowing Championships and Virtual Indoor Rowing Series.

Indoor rowing has enormous potential to expand participation beyond traditional waterways and introduce rowing into communities that may never previously have considered our sport. It is an exciting opportunity that will continue to develop over coming years.

Our continued work in coastal rowing, regional development and school engagement also provides exciting opportunities to broaden participation and ensure rowing remains a lifelong sport for South Australians.

GOVERNANCE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This season has seen significant progress in strengthening Rowing SA's governance and organisational capability.

A comprehensive review of our By-Laws and governance framework ensured our policies remain contemporary, compliant and aligned with national governance principles. We have also continued to strengthen our risk management framework, committee structures and operational planning to position the organisation for long-term sustainability.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ADVOCACY

One of the most significant areas of work this season has been advocating for the future of rowing infrastructure.

Our long-term vision for the redevelopment of the West Lakes rowing precinct continues to gain momentum. Throughout the year we have met with State Government Ministers, Members of Parliament, local government representatives and key stakeholders to present the vision for a modern South Australian Aquatics and Education Centre that will support participation, education, high performance and major events for decades to come.

The redevelopment represents far more than a rowing facility. It is an opportunity to create a community asset that supports schools, recreational users, elite athletes and aquatic organisations while strengthening West Lakes as one of South Australia's premier sporting precincts.

We have also continued working collaboratively with government agencies regarding regatta course maintenance, environmental management, sand accumulation, infrastructure planning and the long-term sustainability of the AM Ramsay Rowing Course.

While significant work remains ahead, the level of engagement and support received during the past twelve months provides confidence that this vision continues to gain traction.

PARTNERSHIPS

Strong partnerships continue to underpin everything Rowing SA achieves.

We thank the South Australian Government, Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing, South Australian Sports Institute, Rowing Australia, the City of Charles Sturt, our commercial partners and funding organisations for their ongoing support.

LOOKING AHEAD

We will continue progressing our strategic priorities by growing participation, strengthening governance, developing volunteers and officials, expanding indoor and coastal rowing, enhancing athlete pathways and continuing advocacy for improved facilities and infrastructure.

Like many sporting organisations, we continue to face increasing financial pressures and growing expectations. However, the commitment shown throughout our rowing community gives me confidence in the future of our sport.

Rowing SA is in a strong position because of its people. The willingness of our community to volunteer, collaborate and continually strive for improvement remains our greatest strength.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed throughout the 2025-2026 season.

Andrew Swift

Chief Executive Officer

Facilities and Infrastructure



The redevelopment of our West Lakes headquarters remains one of Rowing SA's most important long-term priorities, and this year the Committee has continued to build momentum through direct engagement with all three levels of government.

In June, Rowing SA - represented by Greg Walters, Andrew Swift and Rowing Australia's External Relations Manager John Lamont - met at Parliament House with the Minister for Sport, the Honourable Rhiannon Pearce MP, the Minister for Education, the Honourable Lucy Hood MP, and Local Member David Wilkins MP, to continue progressing discussions on the redevelopment. While a firm funding pathway and timeline were not secured at that meeting, it reinforced the importance of Rowing SA broadening its advocacy and funding strategy across all levels of government, which shaped the engagement with Federal and Local Government described below.

In August, our CEO Andrew Swift met with a senior staffer in the office of Mark Butler MP, to brief the Federal Government on the history of our West Lakes facility and regatta course and on the redevelopment proposal developed over the past year. This meeting marks the beginning of a deliberate effort to engage the Federal Government in our infrastructure plans, alongside our continued work with the State Government and the City of Charles Sturt.

Also in August, Andrew and Greg met with Matt Romaine, General Manager of City Futures at the City of Charles Sturt, for a briefing and site tour of the West Lakes facility. The meeting was very positive, and Council indicated it may be able to lead the development of a master plan for the Council land surrounding our site, which would incorporate our proposed redevelopment and help manage community input into the project going forward. Following this meeting, Rowing SA has been invited to present our redevelopment proposal to a meeting of the Charles Sturt Council in September 2026.

Facilities and Infrastructure

We are grateful for the constructive engagement shown by all levels of government this year, and to Local Member David Wilkins MP for his continued support of the project. The Committee will keep working to build the partnerships and funding case needed to bring this vision to life.

We thank the members of the Facility Redevelopment Committee for their continued contribution and expertise: Greg Walters (Chair), Dr Richard Sawers AM, Dr Greg Keene, Anna Tree and Rob Cheesman. We also recognise the ongoing support of Andrew Swift in progressing this work.

Greg Walters

Chair, Rowing SA Facilities and Infrastructure Committee



Concept render of the redeveloped West Lakes facility

Finance, Audit, Risk and Governance

Dr Richard Sawers AM (Chair), Kathryn Presser AM, Julie Cox, Andrew Swift, Christine Newberry, Toni Ryan



\$(130)k

2025-2026 ACCOUNTING RESULT
(VS \$(14)K 2024-2025)

\$110k

2025-2026 OPERATING CASH
SURPLUS

\$349,335

2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP
REVENUE (-2.4%)

Once again, this committee has been very busy within all areas of its responsibilities.

- The Committee's Terms of Reference were reviewed and updated to reflect the breadth and scope of work to be undertaken by this committee.
- Risk has been closely addressed and the Board has now approved a Risk Framework/Risk Management Policy, a Risk Register and a Risk Dashboard. The committee spent considerable time developing these documents and believes them to be appropriate, workable policies. They remain “open” documents, subject to review and change as needed.
- By-Laws have been carefully reviewed and drafts distributed to the Rowing SA community. Positive feedback has been received about both the consultation process and the content of the By-Laws. These were approved by the Board at its July meeting.
- Disciplinary, Complaints and Dispute Resolution Policies have also been developed. The Board has adopted these.
- The Delegations Policy was reviewed.
- The Asset Replacement and Maintenance Register has been reviewed, allowing the proposed asset purchase budget to be developed.
- Finance has been closely monitored, with the draft 2025-2026 result showing a shift from a modest accounting deficit of \$14k in 2024-2025 to a deficit of \$130k in 2025-2026. Despite this, Rowing SA continues to generate positive operating cash flows, with a cash surplus of \$110k. This movement is attributable to the one-off hosting and management of the 2025 Oceania U22 Rowing Championships, which added approximately \$135k to income and \$145k to expenditure, together with deliberate investment in coaching capability and participation programs, including a new/expanded full-time Academy Coach role (+\$51k), broader Academy Program costs (+\$41k), and a Community and Programs Officer covering Indoor and Coastal Rowing (+\$24k).

Finance, Audit, Risk and Governance

- Insurance costs for the West Lakes facility also increased materially (+\$21k), including a double payment the previous year as the organisation transitioned to align with all other insurance cycles. Membership income softened slightly (-\$8.6k) - a decline examined in detail elsewhere in this report and not considered a material concern, with numbers holding steady or growing in almost every category. Sponsorship targets were below budget expectations for the year. The 2026-2027 budget has been formulated on the basis of static membership numbers, expected growth in sponsorship, and salary and wage increases budgeted using the Fair Work Commission's Annual Wage Review index, and anticipates an improved financial outcome next year while continuing to maintain a more positive cash position.
- The Committee is currently reviewing the Privacy Policy, Cyber Security and Data Protection Policy, and Cyber Incident Response Plan.
- The Financial Audit has been completed, with Bentleys issuing an unmodified Audit Report and no material matters raised in their audit opinion. The financial report has been prepared.

I am extremely grateful to all of the members of this committee for their hard work and broad knowledge, which allowed such a volume of work to be undertaken. They have been enthusiastic contributors to discussions and have met more frequently than expected due to the sheer volume of work we have undertaken. Thank you all for your efforts.

Dr Rick Sawers AM

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

COMMUNITY

People and Culture

Catherine McDougall, Chair, People and Culture Committee

Every season a group of rowers finish their last school regatta. A young coach takes on a squad at nineteen for the love of it. A volunteer runs the same event for a decade while their own child races. Some people stay for a season and some for fifty years, and every one of them leaves a mark on the sport. A crew that got faster. A club that ran better. A kid who was made to feel like they belonged. Those marks, layered up over generations, are what the people and culture of rowing in South Australia actually is.

The work of this Committee is to make it easier for people to keep going. We are good at bringing people into rowing. We are less good at holding onto them once school finishes, once a coach's first hard season ends, once a volunteer's own child stops racing. Retention has been the thread running through everything we have done this year. The other half of that work is making sure what people know does not walk out the door with them, because so much of how rowing runs in this state lives in someone's head and goes with them unless we write it down.



CLUB PATHWAY COACHES

Last year we reported that the Board had approved a pilot grant to test a coaching pathway model. That pilot has now run, and it worked. Renmark Rowing Club and St Francis of Assisi College took it on together, sharing the cost of a club-based pathway coach with Rowing SA, and Lucy Kittle stepped into the role. It gave us a coach with a reason to stay, a club with more structure around its coaching, and athletes with someone whose job it was to look after them through the school to club transition. That transition is where we have historically lost people, and it does not fix itself.

The pilot concluded in August 2026 with discussions continuing around an extended program, with Renmark Rowing Club and Rowing SA each putting in matched funding. Lucy is still

People and Culture

coaching, and the club is planning its next season around having a coach rather than hoping for one.

Fund a coach properly, back them, and give them a reason to stay, and more of them stay.

What started as one club's idea is now a program, and discussions are underway with a second club. There are further pilot grants available in the seasons ahead and we would like clubs to use them. If you have a way of keeping your athletes or your coaches in the sport and you need some support to test it, come and talk to us. That is what this funding is for.



VOLUNTEERS: PROTECTING WHAT PEOPLE KNOW

The people who set up the course, start the races, run the finish tower and know which trailer takes which boat have been doing it for years, and most of what they know has never been written down anywhere.

In July 2026 the Board approved the Volunteer Role Documentation and Succession Planning Initiative. From September, every active event and race day volunteer, official, umpire, race recorder and finish tower volunteer will be asked to complete a short form recording what they do, how they do it, who to call when something goes wrong, and the things that are not written down anywhere but really should be.

A form can look like bureaucracy, so it is worth saying what it is for. This is not about checking up on anyone. It is about making sure a volunteer can take a break, have a bad year or step back for good without the regatta falling over and without feeling guilty for leaving. It also says something about the knowledge itself: that it is a real skill, it took years to build, and the sport intends to keep it.

Whether someone gives this sport one season or fifty, what they bring leaves a mark on the people around them. Our job is to make it easier for them to stay, and to make sure that what they built stays with us either way.

Catherine McDougall

Chair, People and Culture Committee

Schools Committee



Chair: Liza McNally

Members: Fearnley Szuster, Wade Hall-Craggs, Brynley Millward, Daniel Ralph, Alex Meates and Bec Lannan

The Schools Committee continues to provide an important connection point between Rowing South Australia and school rowing programs across the state. Through regular engagement with schools, coaches and Rowing SA, the Committee plays a valuable role in ensuring that school rowing perspectives are considered in the development of policies, events and strategic priorities that support the ongoing growth and success of the sport.

The Committee's remit encompasses all school rowing events conducted under the purview of Rowing SA, while recognising that the Head of the River remains outside Rowing SA and the Committee's scope of responsibility. Within this framework, the Committee seeks to provide advice, feedback and recommendations that support both participation and performance pathways for school rowers.

During the 2025-2026 season, the Committee considered a number of significant matters affecting school rowing in South Australia, including:

- Schools Committee Terms of Reference review and update

- Providing input into the SPS Rules Review
- Introducing composite crew racing opportunities at SPS regattas
- Input and discussion regarding the format of the Riverland Regatta for 2026

These matters generated constructive discussion, reflecting the Committee's commitment to ensuring that competition structures and regulations continue to meet the needs of schools while supporting the broader objectives of the sport.

The Committee also maintained its focus on its inclusive role in engaging school rowing with the strategic priorities of Rowing SA. By bringing together representatives from a range of school programs, the Committee provides an important forum for collaboration, communication and the sharing of perspectives, helping to align school rowing with the long-term development of rowing in South Australia.

Schools Committee

During the course of the season, the Committee farewelled Alex Meates and Daniel Ralph, both of whom departed from school rowing in South Australia. The Committee thanks Alex and Daniel for their contributions and service. At the time of writing, the recruitment of two new Committee members is underway to ensure continued representation and engagement across the school rowing community.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank all members for their commitment and thoughtful contributions throughout the year. Their dedication to supporting school rowing and strengthening the connection between schools and Rowing SA is greatly appreciated.

Liza McNally

Chair, Rowing SA Schools Committee



Clubs and Masters Committee

Committee: Tom Merrigan (Chair), Greg Keene



Clubs and Masters Report

Rowing SA held four Club and School Forums across the 2025-2026 season, in addition to four dedicated development workshops, giving clubs and schools regular opportunities to hear directly from the office and raise matters of their own. We're grateful for the consistent attendance and engagement of clubs and schools at these sessions. The calibre of discussion and the willingness of members to put questions on the table made this a genuinely productive year for two-way dialogue.

Quarterly Clubs and Schools Forum held:

- 17 November 2025
- 16 February 2026
- 18 May 2026
- 10 August 2026

Development sessions delivered included:

- **Raise Respectful Club Environments Workshop (October 2025)** - covering respectful club culture and gender equity. Raise followed up with a Respectful Club Environments Policy and a Domestic and Family Violence Policy (developed with the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing, the Office for Women and Women's Safety Services SA), and clubs were encouraged to take up the Gender Equity Assessment and Planning Program.
- **Rowing the Australia Way (November 2025)**
- **Rowing Australia Pathways Head Coach Jason Lane** spoke on "What it Takes to Win," followed by an outline of the Rowing SA athlete pathway across State Teams, the RSA Academy and SASI.

- **Supporting Your Child's Rowing Journey (January 2026)** - featured Eira Parry, founder of High Performance Parenting, a former British Rowing selector and Talent ID coach with extensive national and international coaching experience. Eira drew on her professional background and her own experience as a parent of an elite athlete to help parents support their children through a high-performance rowing pathway while keeping the experience enjoyable.
- **Coach Conference (September 2026)** - held as part of Rowing SA's coaching conference (which runs every second year) arrangement, this session brought together a strong line-up of presenters including Ross Pinder (AIS), Jason Lane (Rowing Australia), Andrew Darcey (SASI physiotherapist), Scott Rowe (Mercantile), Professor Adrian Elliot (Adelaide University), and Olympians Lucy Stephan OAM OLY and James McRae OLY. Attendees came away with practical insights they can implement directly into their own coaching programs for the benefit of their athletes and clubs.

Key topics raised and discussed:

A clubs-only survey was distributed by Rowing SA in January 2025 to help guide priorities for clubs and Masters rowing. Response numbers were low (two clubs), but the feedback received on membership decline, recruitment and retention, and volunteer and coach development was constructive and has informed subsequent discussion at forums.

Clubs and Masters Committee

Committee: Tom Merrigan (Chair), Greg Keene

The most consistently discussed item across the year, Rowing Manager and Revolutionise Sport. Clubs weighed in on the comparison, raising concerns about transaction fees, duplicate registrations between club and state systems, and the risk of over-engineering a system that overburdens small clubs. Regatta entry through Rowing Manager remains unchanged, and the decision to remain with Rowing Manager as its membership platform was made by year end, with Rowing SA committed to a cautious, consultative approach.

Extensive consultation on how to recover the Rowing Australia National Affiliation Fee from members, including four proposed models (flat fee, tiered junior discount, percentage-based, and retaining the current method). The three-year fee cycle was subsequently confirmed by Rowing Australia.

The Board completed a mid-strategy review workshop in January 2026, confirming priorities and reaffirming commitment to coastal and indoor rowing. The By-Laws review, informed by club consultation through the year, was completed and approved following legal review. The AGM date was moved to 19 October 2026 to allow more time for financial audit completion. Rowing SA also attended Rowing Australia's National Strategic Forum, engaging on proposed RA Constitution changes to align with Australian Sports Commission governance and gender-equity standards.

Rollout of updated Sport Integrity Australia training requirements, with MPIO training sessions offered to clubs, and a clear course-by-course guide developed for different athlete and volunteer cohorts.

Ongoing advocacy for the West Lakes redevelopment, including positive meetings with the new Minister for Sport, plus national event attraction and government/council grants.

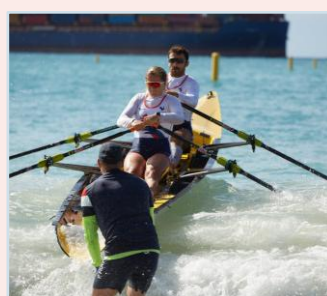
Regatta course marine growth (barnacle) remediation was reported through the year, alongside a resolved arrangement with the City of Charles Sturt for trailer parking access at the Northern Reserve. The algal bloom at West Lakes continued to be monitored, with regular updates issued and an additional SLISA first aid officer added to regattas as a precaution. The Rowing in Australia Advisory Group National Athlete Survey (482 athletes nationally, with South Australia recording the third-highest response rate) was shared with clubs in August 2026, prompting discussion on the school-to-club transition, stable crew models, and meaningful competition design as retention levers for clubs to consider in their own planning.

We thank the clubs and schools for their engagement throughout the year, and we look forward to continuing to develop alongside you and supporting your programs as best we can.

PARTICIPATION

Competitions and Membership

MEMBERSHIP



\$349,335

2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP
REVENUE

\$357,923

2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP
REVENUE

-2.4%

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE

Membership overall remained broadly stable this season. Total membership revenue was \$349,335, compared to \$357,923 last year, a modest decline of 2.4%. Encouragingly, almost every membership category held steady or grew, with our Junior programs continuing to grow strongly across Full Season, January-June, July-December and Coxswain categories.

The overall decline was concentrated in a single category, Senior - Full Season, which fell from 270 to 169 members. A closer look at the data shows a meaningful part of this movement is a data correction rather than a real loss of members. In 2024-2025, 78 of the 270 Senior - Full Season members (29%) were aged 13-17 and had been miscoded under the adult category; by 2025-2026 that coding was corrected, with most of those athletes now properly recorded under Junior - Full Season.

Once this correction is accounted for, the genuine reduction in adult Senior - Full Season membership is closer to 57 people, with some of those individuals taking up alternate memberships.

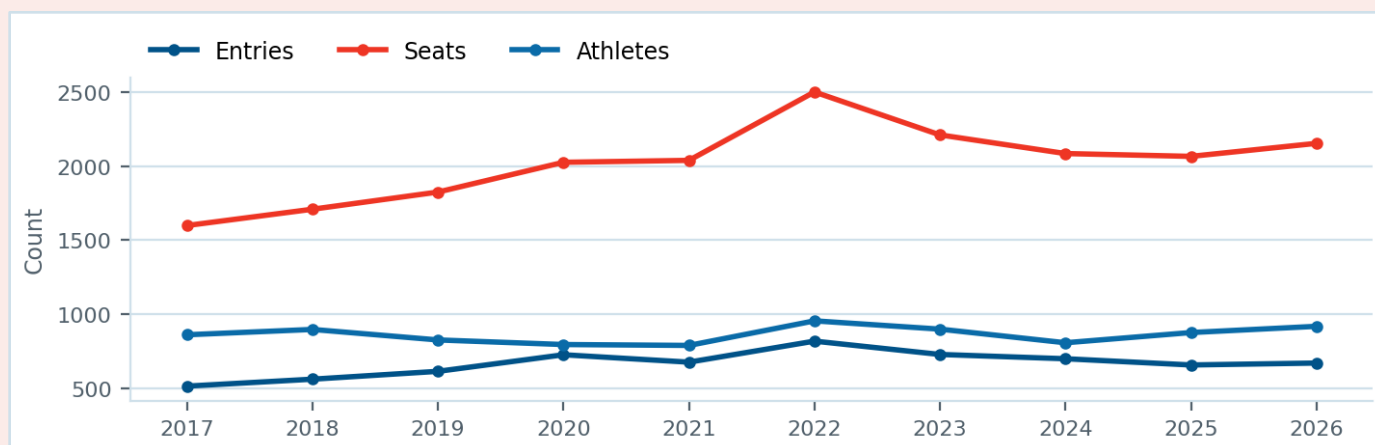
Competitions and Membership

COMPETITIONS



This season marks 10 years since the amalgamation of the School State Championship Events and the 1st Grade State Championship Events to make the SA Rowing Championships. The event is now stronger than ever and is a highly anticipated favourite on the regatta calendar that brings together the entire SA rowing community, and a few interstate visitors, for a weekend of highly competitive racing. Broadly speaking total Athlete, Entry and Seat numbers have recorded a steady increase once fluctuations around the Covid period (2021 & 2022) and the introduction of seat fees (2023) are considered.

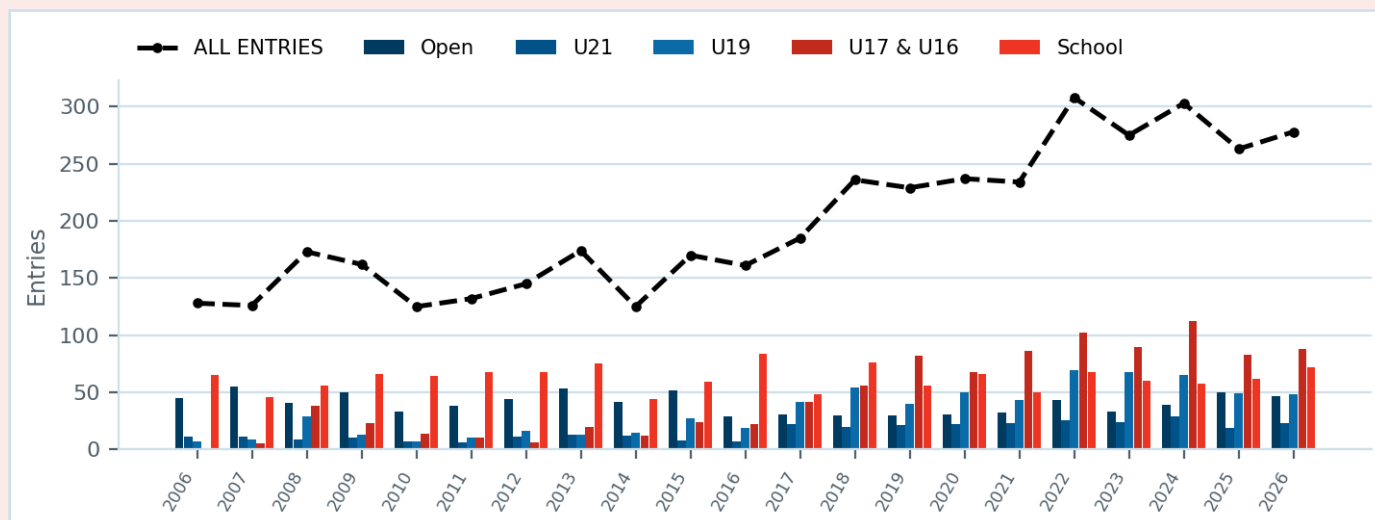
SA ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS – GENERAL ENTRY DATA (10 YEARS)



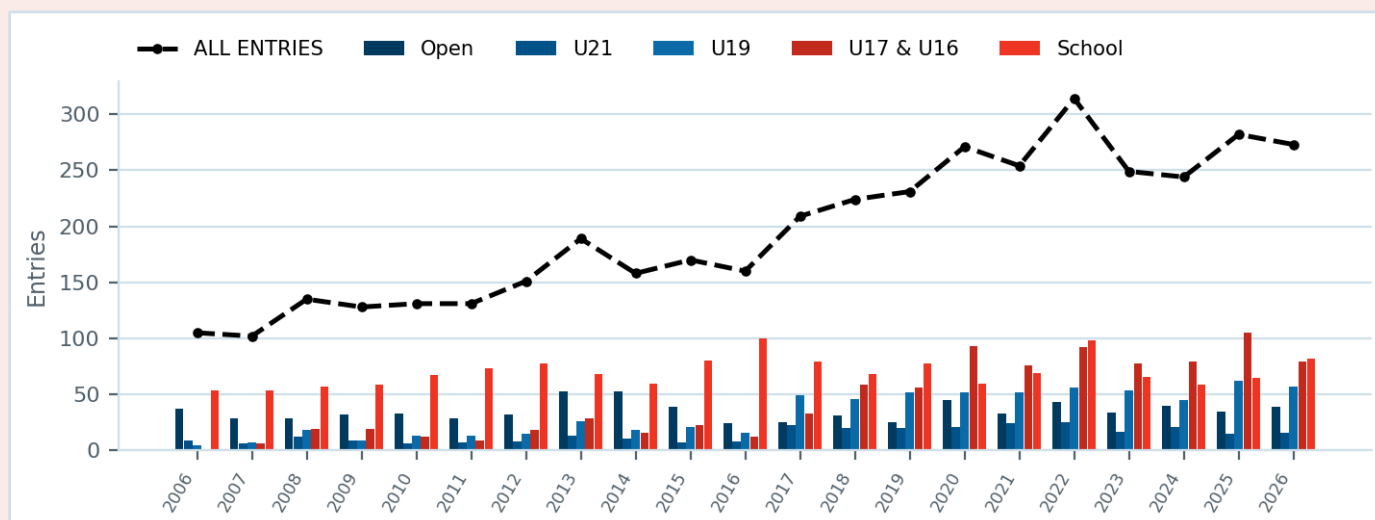
A look back at 20 years of entry data in this regatta provides a more detailed insight into the recent trends and difficulties within club rowing in growing athlete numbers and transitioning school athletes to club rowing, and the positive impact the amalgamation has had on the exposure of young athletes to underage rowing without necessarily a significant increase in school specific entries.

Competitions and Membership

ENTRIES IN MEN'S EVENTS (20 YEARS)



ENTRIES IN WOMEN'S EVENTS (20 YEARS)



Elsewhere across the season competition participation has been strong - Time Trials continue to prove a popular way to begin the season and lead into the peak distance events such as the Round the Island Regatta (although severely hampered by weather in 2025) and the Head of the Yarra. We continue to refine the Small Boat Combine which has proved a very popular addition to the West Lakes Regatta - providing some of the tightest racing across the season as the state's best athletes battle it out in single sculls and pairs for finals places and line honours. The School Premiership Series has also undergone some significant changes in the 2025-2026 season with the second round of racing (for all events with less than 8 entries) now being run as a combined race where crews are seeded by time to promote close, exciting, fun racing for student athletes.

Competitions and Membership

Naturally, weather occasionally plays a more significant part in the season than we would like - this was definitely the case for 2025-2026 with severe weather impacting the Round the Island, Junior Regatta, Beach Sprints Come & Try and Regatta, School Premiership Series #4, and the Masters & Sprint State Championships.



A new way of allocating regatta volunteer duties meant we welcomed a much wider group of volunteers to our Regatta's - a huge thanks to all those who gave up their time to assist at a regatta. Thanks also must go to our Boat Race Officials & Skilled Volunteers for their tireless work across the season bringing competition opportunities to all participants.

We now look forward to the 2026-2027 racing season and some exciting changes ahead for some of our major events.

Bec Lannan

Regatta Operations Manager



Indoor Rowing

351

STUDENTS COMPETED

277,200m

COMBINED METRES ROWED

3

SCHOOLS ON THE
LEADERBOARD PODIUM

Schools Indoor Rowing V-Regatta

This season Rowing SA continued to build on the strong foundation established by the West Lakes Row Club, which launched in early 2025 as a base for regular coached indoor rowing sessions, and turned its focus to a new initiative: a Schools Indoor Rowing Virtual Series delivered through Rowing Australia's Row Nation platform.

The inaugural Rowing SA Schools Indoor Rowing V-Regatta ran from 24-30 August 2026, giving schools a free, accessible way to compete through Row Nation across 100m, 500m, 1000m and 2000m events. The event attracted 351 students. A Total School Metres leaderboard encouraged schools to involve as many students as possible rather than relying solely on their strongest rowers, and proved to be the standout success of the event - schools shared their totals on social media, and it engaged students well beyond the usual competitive base. Christian Brothers College recorded the most metres overall with 116,200m, followed by Norwood International High School with 99,600m and Pulteney Grammar School with 37,300m, contributing to a combined total of 277,200m rowed across the event.

The V-Regatta served as an important first test of the format, and feedback is now being sought from both participating schools and current rowing schools that were unable to take part, to identify improvements and barriers to participation ahead of future events.

Building on this success, Rowing SA is planning a pathway of Schools → Clubs/Open → SA State Championships → Nationals, with a second Schools Indoor Rowing event and a new Clubs/Open Indoor Rowing event (opened up to businesses and gyms) to follow, leading into the SA Indoor Rowing State Championships and on to the Australian Indoor Rowing Championships.

The competition format was shaped through direct engagement with schools and Heads of Rowing, and was delivered in partnership with Rowing Australia's Digital Engagement and Indoor Rowing Manager, Tufi Sele, whose team supported event setup, registration and results through Row Nation. School Sport SA also assisted with promotion through its newsletter and social media channels.

Indoor Rowing

Beyond schools, Rowing SA has been extending indoor rowing into regional and community settings. In the Riverland, we partnered with Mannum Area School and Adelaide University Occupational Therapy students ahead of the Mannum Gala Day in September, introducing indoor rowing to students as a starting point for ongoing school-hours activations in Term 4 - a strong example of how indoor rowing can build participation in regional communities beyond a one-off event.

We have also begun exploring opportunities to take indoor rowing beyond traditional school and club settings. An emerging partnership with Invictus Australia's Buddy Up program could introduce indoor rowing and virtual competition to a new and inclusive community, and is still in early development. Separately, Rowing SA has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Gotcha4Life Foundation, and will now work through how indoor rowing can support that movement's focus on community connection, participation and wellbeing. We are also in early discussions with regional councils, including Berri Barmera, about simple, club-independent community indoor rowing programs - come-and-try sessions, regular classes, youth activities and virtual competitions - using existing facilities to reach people who may not otherwise engage with rowing.

Together, these initiatives point to indoor rowing's growing role as something that sits outside the traditional rowing club model - another way for Rowing SA to engage schools, communities, regional areas and new participant groups in the years ahead.

Liam Rippon

Community Programs Officer





PARTICIPATION

Coastal Rowing

Coastal Rowing continues to grow as an important part of Rowing SA's program, though the season was not without its challenges. In January, Rowing SA planned to deliver a Coastal Rowing competition, but the event was cancelled the day beforehand after the forecast exceeded our safety policy's allowable heat threshold. While disappointing, the decision reflected Rowing SA's commitment to the safety of our athletes, coaches and volunteers ahead of all other considerations.

On a brighter note, South Australian coastal rowing celebrated a standout individual achievement this year. Coby Keen (Adelaide University Boat Club / Adelaide High School) was invited to attend Rowing Australia's "Bound into Beach" camp from 28-30 August 2026, in preparation to trial for the Youth Olympic Games, following his strong performance at the Beach Sprint Nationals last year. Rowing SA's own Katie Healy was also invited to attend the camp as a coach. Coby's Youth Olympic Games trial takes place during this year's Nationals - we look forward to sharing the result and wish him every success.



A photograph of two men in a small motorboat on a body of water. The man on the left is wearing a white hat, sunglasses, and a purple jacket. The man on the right is wearing a white hat, sunglasses, and a yellow jacket. They are both looking towards the right. The background is a blurred crowd of people.

OUR PEOPLE

Coaches, Officials and Volunteers Report

COACHING

Rowing SA's coaching workforce continues to underpin every level of the sport, from grassroots clubs and schools through to our State and Pathway Teams. As at the end of the 2025-2026 season, Rowing SA has 177 active accredited coaches: 134 at Level 1, 34 at Level 2, and 9 at Level 3. We thank every one of these coaches for the time, expertise and commitment they bring to developing our athletes.

ROWING SA COACHES BY TEAM - 2025-2026

Interstate Team Coaches

Crew / Event	Coach	Affiliation
King's Cup - Men's Eight	Wade Hall-Craggs	St Peter's College
King's Cup - Men's Eight	Alex Meates	Christian Brothers College
Penrith Cup - Men's Lightweight Coxless Four	Patrick Ey	Pembroke School
Penrith Cup - Men's Lightweight Coxless Four	Alexander Worthington	Adelaide University Boat Club
President's Cup - Men's Single Scull	Beth Bryan	SASI
Noel Wilkinson Trophy - Men's Youth Eight	Katie Healy	Rowing SA Academy
Noel Wilkinson Trophy - Men's Youth Eight (Asst. Coach)	Tom Merrigan	Pembroke School / Adelaide Rowing Club
Nell Slatter Trophy - Women's Single Scull	Beth Bryan	SASI
Nell Slatter Trophy - Women's Single Scull	Ronald Mobbs	Scotch College / Murray Bridge Rowing Club
Bicentennial Cup - Women's Youth Eight	Stefano Balosso	Loreto College
Bicentennial Cup - Women's Youth Eight	Katrina Werry	SASI
Victoria Cup - Women's Lightweight Coxless Quad	Mitch Parker	Unley High School
Victoria Cup - Women's Lightweight Coxless Quad	Dario Sportelli	Loreto College

Coaches, Officials and Volunteers Report

Pathway Team Coaches

Crew / Event	Coach	Affiliation
Pathway Men's Eight	Nicki Plucinski	Adelaide University Boat Club
Pathway Men's Coxless Quad	Annalise Size	Unley High School
Pathway Women's Eight	Alex Meates	Christian Brothers College
Pathway Women's Coxless Quad	Mitch Parker	Unley High School

Masters Team Coaches

Squad	Coach	Affiliation
Masters State Team - Men's Squad	Rob Cheesman	Adelaide University Boat Club
Masters State Team - Men's Squad	John Bentley	Adelaide University Boat Club
Masters State Team - Women's Squad	Daren Potts	Pulteney Grammer
Masters State Team - Women's Squad	Bernard Le Riche	Christian Brother College



Coaches, Officials and Volunteers Report

OFFICIALS

Rowing SA's Boat Race Officials continue to be essential to the safe and fair running of every regatta, head race and time trial across the season. This year the Board has been giving particular attention to officiating capacity. Rowing SA has six Level 3 BROs, which limits the pool of officials able to perform the role of President of the Jury at a regatta. Options being progressed include supporting others to upgrade to Level 3 qualification, and bringing forward further BRO training to lift existing officials to a higher level of qualification.

To help build officiating capacity, Rowing SA introduced a new pathway this year for volunteers wishing to become a Boat Race Official, resulting in six new registrations - an encouraging start that will help grow our pool of qualified officials over coming seasons. Special mention to Toni Milne, who achieved her Level 3 BRO qualification this year - a fantastic result and a welcome addition to our most senior officiating group.

We also take this opportunity to recognise an extraordinary milestone: Barny Cundell has now served Rowing SA as a Boat Race Official for 51 years. This remarkable length of service reflects a lifetime of dedication to the sport, and the Board and staff extend their sincere thanks and congratulations to Barny for this outstanding contribution.

This season marks the retirement of Paul Logan as a Boat Race Official, after more than three decades of voluntary service since 1988 - including as a Level 3 / Rowing Australia accredited official since 1996, SARA/RSA Umpires Commissioner and Board member from 1997 to 2012, and Vice President of Rowing SA since 2009, among many other contributions to the sport in South Australia. In recognition of this outstanding record of service, Paul is Life Member of Rowing SA. The Board and staff thank Paul for his exceptional and sustained commitment and wish him well in his retirement from officiating.



Rowing SA's Boat Race Officials

Coaches, Officials and Volunteers Report

364

COMBINED YEARS OF SERVICE ACROSS THE BRO
PANEL

2,184

ESTIMATED HOURS OFFICIATING REGATTAS THIS
SEASON

Name	Level	Years	Regattas	Est. Hours*
Kristin Alford	Level 3	7	12	84
Barry Cundell	Level 3	51	18	126
Paul Knight	Level 3	15	3	21
Vicky Knight	Level 3	12	3	21
Paul Logan	Level 3	39	5	35
Toni Milne	Level 3	12	8	56
Brett Ralph	Level 4 #	25	24	168
Stuart Harrison	Level 2	3	9	63
David Lascelles	Level 2	25	8	56
David Mahony	Level 2	9	12	84
Cameron Miller	Level 2	7	9	63
Ross Moffatt	Level 2	10	4	28
Christina Morner	Level 2	5	8	56
Geoff Playford	Level 2	12	15	105
Kati Ritchie	Level 2	3	26	182
Rick Sawers	Level 2	9	23	161
Gregory Starkey	Level 2	13	16	112
Peter Young	Level 2	16	14	98
Jason De Dear	Level 1	2	0	0
Susan Evans-Wood	Level 1	1	18	126
Malcolm Freak	Level 1	2	6	42
Alexander Neill	Level 1	New 2026	9	63
Hilary Bowman-Smart	Trainee L1	1	1	7

Coaches, Officials and Volunteers Report

Name	Level	Years	Regattas	Est. Hours*
Emma Campbell	Trainee L1	New 2026	3	21
Carolyn Clutterbuck	Trainee L1	2	0	0
Dennis Cooper	Trainee L1	22	0	0
Dianne Debellis	Trainee L1	28	21	147
Jeffrey Erickson	Trainee L1	29	19	133
Danielle Ford	Trainee L1	New 2026	0	0
Benjamin Grayling	Trainee L1	1	6	42
Caroline Rowe	Trainee L1	3	12	84
Peter Shea	Trainee L1	New 2026	0	0

*Estimated at 7 hours per regatta attended - this is a guide only, not a recorded

#World Rowing accreditation- formally the "FISA Official" designation, awarded to officials with at least three years' experience at Level 3, that authorises someone to officiate at World Rowing-sanctioned international regattas.

VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers holding boats at the start line



BROs crewing the marshalling boat

Coaches, Officials and Volunteers Report

Beyond our accredited Boat Race Officials, every regatta run by Rowing SA depends on the generosity of volunteers put forward by our host clubs and schools. These volunteers fill essential roles including set-up and pack-up crews, bow number distribution, boat drivers, boat holders, commentary, finish tower timers, scrutineers, regatta control and more - the roles that quietly keep every regatta running safely and on schedule. Combined with the efforts of our Boat Race Officials, we estimate the South Australian rowing community contributed in the order of 5,500 - 6,000 volunteer hours to the sport this season.

We also gratefully acknowledge the Victorian officials who travelled to South Australia to support our regattas this season: Rod Florence, Rene Klupacs, Isobel McLeod, Brooke Parsons, Geoff Rix, Deborah Spring and Stephen Spring. Their willingness to give up their time and travel interstate to help ensure our events ran smoothly is greatly appreciated. Rowing SA extends its sincere thanks to every club, school, and individual volunteer who gave their time to make this season possible.

Christine Newberry

Operations Manager



Course Manager Report



The AM Ramsay Rowing Course, West Lakes



Preparing boats before a training session

1,600

VOLUNTEER LABOUR HOURS TO
MAINTAIN THE COURSE

179,000

TOTAL PARTICIPANT USES IN
2025-2026

1,200+

VOLUNTEER HOURS ON
PONTON SHIFTS (AUBC
MASTERS)

The 2025-2026 season has seen approximately 1,600 hours of labour to maintain the course to its current international standard. Rowing SA has been entrusted to run and maintain this facility, with the 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 179,000 total participant uses in 2025-2026, including:

- 21,000 rower uses for events
- 140,000 rower uses for training
- 18,000 uses from WLAC students
- Additional users with paddle, dragon boating, and other sports.



Training on the course



Racing at a West Lakes regatta

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 acts as the neutral or safety lane that separates rowing traffic. Please do not row in this lane during training - always refer to the Rowing Training Map displayed on the finish pontoon, which explains traffic flow and general rowing rules on the course. These are here for everybody's safety, so please follow them diligently.

Course Manager Report

Please follow DPTI Marine Rules for boat lighting (at least one light visible from any direction). These 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 above the digital clock that will indicate when you should have lights on your boat - 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 2025-2026 season were:

- 2026 SA Rowing Championships
- 2026 State Canoe Championships
- 2026 Senior Schools Head of the River
- 2026 SA Dragonboat Championships

Unfortunately, some major events were cancelled due to the algal bloom in the water from November 2025 to March 2026. We should see these return next season.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS

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

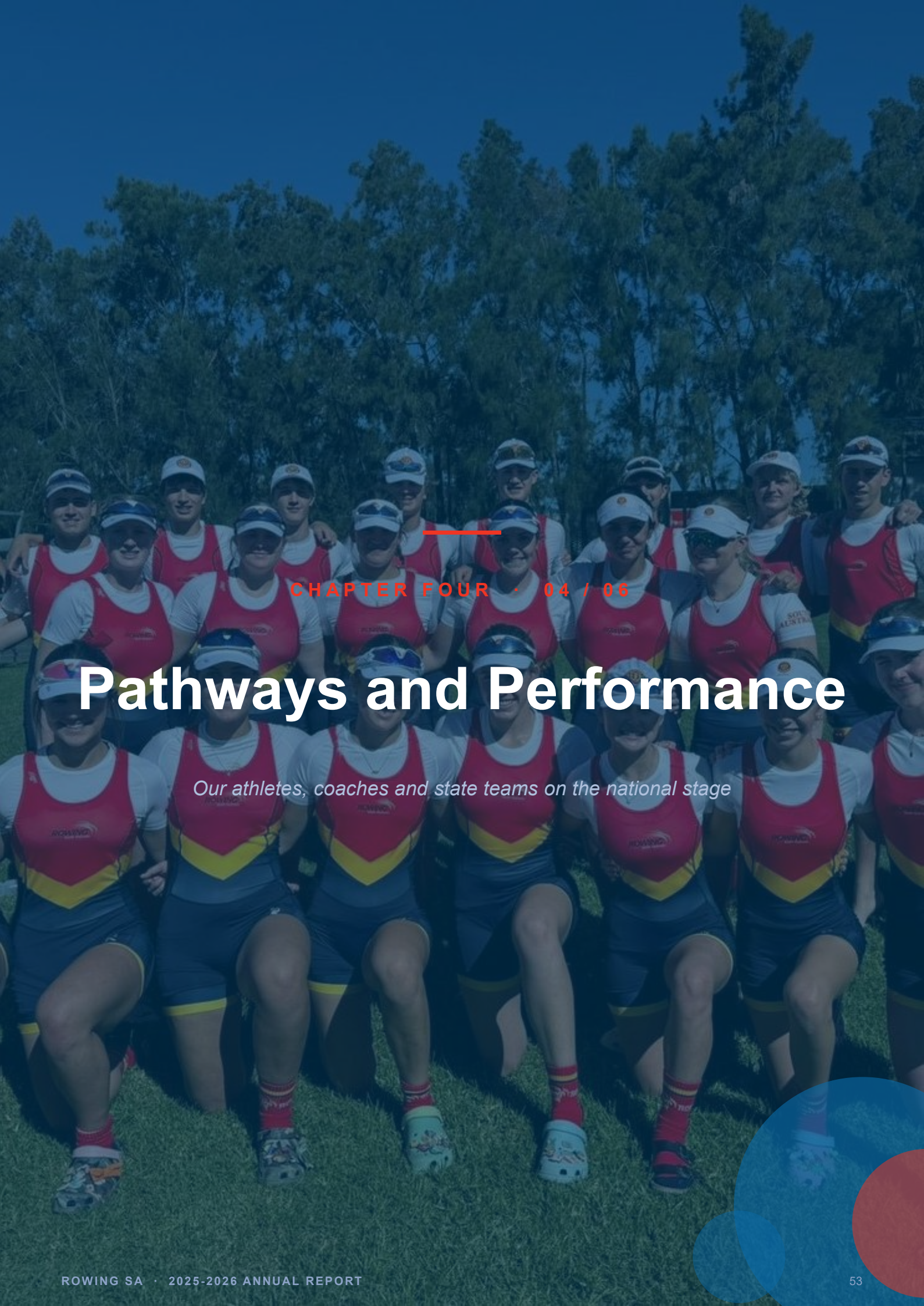
A big shout out to the AUBC Masters for all their support in helping with start pontoon shifts during the season. More than 50 separate volunteers have contributed approximately 1,200 hours last season! Thank you to all - I'm sure all rowers appreciate your efforts.

Work has finished to eradicate the sharp periwinkles on buoys that initially took hold back in March 2026.

Another highlight this year has been the purchase of a 4WD tractor. This has enabled easier launching and retrieving of umpire boats and removed the burden on volunteers and the course manager of using their private vehicles.

Brett Ralph

Course Manager



CHAPTER FOUR · 04 / 06

Pathways and Performance

Our athletes, coaches and state teams on the national stage



PATHWAYS **Academy Program**

The last 12 months have been a time of significant growth, learning and success for the Rowing SA Academy. The 2025-2026 cohort was made up of school leavers from Pembroke, St Peters, Wilderness, Seymour, Unley and Scotch College as well as U21 athletes from Adelaide Rowing Club and Adelaide University Boat Club. It has been pleasing to see more young South Australian athletes continue rowing beyond Year 12 compared to previous years.

The squad had a busy season, travelling to Renmark and Murray Bridge for training camps and competing in Sydney for NSW State Champs, Tasmania for Nationals and QLD for the Oceania Regatta. The athletes represented the Academy, their clubs and SA with pride and success at each major regatta, with notable results including:

NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1st U21 Single Scull - Igor Zarubin
- 1st U21 Quad Scull - Felicity Cox and Sasha Humble
- 2nd U21 Quad Scull - Igor Zarubin, Alex Lee, Tom O'Mahony and Patrick Keenan

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1st U21 Single Scull - Igor Zarubin
- 2nd U21 Double Scull - Felicity Cox
- 3rd U19 Pair - Gia Rinaldi
- 3rd U21 Quad Scull - Sasha Humble, Felicity Cox, Alaitz Kelly and Gia Rinaldi

OCEANIA REGATTA

- 1st Women's Coxed Four - Gia Rinaldi and Sasha Humble
- 2nd Women's Double Scull - Gia Rinaldi and Sasha Humble
- 2nd Women's Eight - Gia Rinaldi and Sasha Humble
- 3rd Men's Single Scull - Igor Zarubin

The Academy could not exist without the support of the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing, clubs and schools, the SASI Rowing Program and our sponsors Perfect Balance Rowing and City Mazda. In particular I would like to thank Beth Bryan, Katrina Werry and the staff at Rowing SA for their ongoing support for myself, the athletes and the Academy Program.

Academy Program

COACHING

We are proud to have launched the Regional Coach Development Pilot Program in 2026. Rowing SA is supporting coach Lucy Kittle to build a Junior Development Squad at Renmark Rowing Club, with the long-term goal of establishing a sustainable pathway to high-performance rowing for athletes from the Riverland. This support includes financial contributions (matched by Renmark RC), mentoring from State Pathway Coach Katie Healy and backing from SASI to establish a Rowing Talent ID hub.

TALENT IDENTIFICATION

Rowing SA continues to run Learn-to-Row and Development programs for athletes from non-traditional rowing backgrounds identified through the SASI Talent Search. One success story from 2026 is that of Alaitz Kelly, coached initially by Tim Belcher in Winter 2025 and then by Katie Healy. With less than one year of rowing experience, Alaitz was selected for the South Australia Women's Youth Eight and won a bronze medal in the Under-21 Quad Scull at the 2026 National Championships.

INTERNATIONAL ROWING CHALLENGE

South Australia sent an Under-19 Development Team to the 2026 International Rowing Challenge held in Michigan, USA in July. Seven young SA athletes competed against national teams from the US, Canada, New Zealand, Mexico and the Australia 'Junior B' Team.

Luca Sparapani (Christian Brothers College), Emerson Cooper (St Peters College), Ella Davidson (Seymour College), Georgia Guthrie (Seymour College), Clementine Michell (Seymour College), Eugenie Anderson (Loreto College), Imogen Griffith (Walford Anglican School for Girls).

The athletes raced across small, medium and big boats in time trial and side-by-side racing formats, learning what it takes to compete on the international stage and in foreign environments. In a particularly impressive effort, our Mixed Eight posted the 5th fastest overall time in the final race of the regatta.

The team was coached by Katie Healy and Alex Meates. Thank you to Alex for generously giving up his time to ensure these athletes had the best experience possible. We are confident this campaign and the experience of racing internationally will serve these athletes well in their future rowing endeavours.

Katie Healy

State Pathway Coach



SASI Report

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.

The 2025-2026 season was a year of transition, growth, and continued success for the SASI Rowing Program. Building on the strong foundations established over previous years, our athletes continued to perform at national and international level, while the program welcomed new coaching leadership and continued to strengthen its development pathways and high-performance environment.

A significant change this season was the departure of Head Coach Nick Mitchell and Lead Coach Christine MacLaren, who were farewelled by the SASI Rowing Program as they relocated to Canberra to join the National Training Centre. We sincerely thank Nick and Christine for their significant contribution to the development of South Australian rowers and the SASI program, and wish them every success in their new roles.

The transition provided an exciting opportunity to welcome Beth Bryan as Head Coach and Katrina Werry as Lead Coach. Both Beth and Katrina bring valuable experience from their own athlete careers, along with a strong understanding of high-performance rowing and athlete development.

We would also like to wish Katrina Werry all the very best as she takes maternity leave to welcome her baby boy into the world. We thank Katrina for her contribution to the program during the season and look forward to welcoming her back in the future.

The SASI Rowing Program has continued to benefit from the strong support of SASI leadership and the broader integrated service team. The combination of coaching, strength and conditioning, physiology, nutrition, biomechanics, psychology, physiotherapy, and wellbeing and engagement services continues to provide our athletes with a comprehensive performance environment designed to support both sporting and personal development.

SASI Report

The success of the SASI Rowing Program is underpinned by the strength of South Australia's club and school rowing communities. This was evident through strong performances at both the Pathway Regatta and the Oceania Regatta, providing valuable racing and development opportunities for emerging South Australian athletes.

Rowing South Australia has continued to play an important role in expanding development opportunities for emerging athletes through the ongoing support of the Rowing SA Academy, with increased use of SASI facilities supporting Academy athletes throughout the season, including regular access to the SASI ergometer room and three gym sessions each week delivered with the support of a SASI strength and conditioning coach.

SASI is also actively supporting Rowing SA in the establishment of a new Riverland Talent Identification and Development (TID) rowing program, commencing in September 2026 through the SASI Talent Search program, extending the reach of high-performance pathways into regional South Australia.

The 2025-2026 season was also a successful one for SASI athletes, with strong representation across Australian Senior, U23 and World University teams. A particular highlight was Sam Stunell's gold medal in the PR3 Men's Single at the 2026 World Rowing U23 Championships. At the domestic level, South Australia also achieved a bronze medal in the King's Cup at the Interstate 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 2025-2026 period.

Looking ahead, our focus remains clear: consolidating Olympic cycle outcomes and nurturing the next generation of podium contenders, expanding the Talent Search Learn to Row program, strengthening partnerships with schools, clubs, Rowing South Australia and Rowing Australia, and continuing to develop opportunities through the Rowing SA Academy and events such as the Oceania Regatta.

2025-2026 PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS – AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATION

2026 Australian World University Team

Tamara Bates - Women's Pair (W2-); Grace Barrera - Women's Pair (W2-); Caroline McNally - Women's Double (W2x); Alex Williams - Men's Double (M2x); Jude Schirmer - Men's Double (M2x).

2026 Australian U23 Team

Henry Belcher - Men's Eight (M8+) - 4th; Jasper Boyce - Men's Quad (M4x) - 7th; Oliver Evans-Wood - Men's Quad (M4x) - 7th; Sam Stunell - PR3 Men's Single (PR3 M1x) - Gold; Zara Hoadley - (Women's Sweep Pair).
Coaches: Beth Bryan and Christine MacLaren.

SASI Report

2026 Australian Senior Team

Ella Bramwell - Women's Eight (W8+); Nick Blackman - Men's Double (M2x); Angus Dawson - Men's Pair (M2-); Alex Hill - Men's Pair (M2-); Oscar McGuinness - Men's Double (M2x); Sam Stunell - PR3 Mixed Double (PR3 Mix2x); Hamish Allan - Australia A (World Cup III). Coaches: Christine MacLaren, Nick Mitchell.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Department of Recreation, Sport and Racing, Rowing Australia, Rowing South Australia, SASI leadership and service team, athlete families, partner clubs, schools, and the broader South Australian rowing community.

Good luck for the year ahead - Go SA!

Beth Bryan

Head Coach, SASI Rowing Program



Interstate Team



Please note this year's Interstate entries do not include a Queens Cup (Women's Eight) or a PR3 Men's 1x, both of which appeared last year, and include two events not fielded last year - President's Cup and Nell Slatter Trophy.

King's Cup – Men's Eight

3RD · 6:21.83

Henry Belcher (AUBC/SASI), Jasper Boyce (AUBC/SASI), Nick Blackman (AUBC/RBNTC), Angus Dawson (Adelaide RC/RBNTC), Oliver Evans-Wood (AUBC/SASI), Alexander Hill (Adelaide RC/RBNTC), Adam Holland (Sydney University Boat Club), Mitchell Reinhard (Adelaide RC/RBNTC). Reserve: Hamish Allan (AUBC/SASI), Joshua Felderhof (Mercantile Rowing Club). Cox: Nicole Tesch Ornelas (AUBC). Coaches: Wade Hall-Craggs (St Peter's College), Alex Meates (Christian Brothers College).

Penrith Cup – Men's Lightweight Coxless Four

3RD · 6:55.69

Kyle Miller, Mitchell Moore, Izac Nilsen, Daniel Wiersema (all AUBC). Reserve: James Ritossa (AUBC). Coaches: Patrick Ey (Pembroke School), Alexander Worthington (AUBC).

President's Cup – Men's Single Scull

2ND · 7:15.76

Alexander Hill (Adelaide RC/RBNTC). Coach: Beth Bryan (SASI).

Noel Wilkinson Trophy – Men's Youth Eight

5TH · 7:01.13

Laurence Anderson (Adelaide RC/RSA Academy), Nicholas Christensen (Prince Alfred College), Max Garnett (Sydney University Boat Club), Alex Lee (Adelaide RC/RSA Academy), Tom O'Mahony (Adelaide RC/RSA Academy), Finn Redman (Torrens Rowing Club), Sam Stunell (Adelaide RC/RBNTC), Igor Zarubin (Adelaide RC/RSA Academy). Reserve: Hugh Hall-Craggs (St Peter's College), Patrick Keenan (AUBC/RSA Academy). Cox: Alex Hamood (AUBC). Coach: Katie Healy (Rowing SA Academy). Asst. Coach: Tom Merrigan (Pembroke School / Adelaide Rowing Club).

Nell Slatter Trophy – Women's Single Scull

DNR

Ella Bramwell (Adelaide RC/HPNTC). Reserve - Caroline McNally. Coaches: Beth Bryan (SASI), Ronald Mobbs (Scotch College / Murray Bridge Rowing Club).

Interstate Team

Bicentennial Cup – Women's Youth Eight

5TH · 7:59.52

Grace Barrera (Adelaide RC/SASI), Evelyn Barras (Pembroke School), Tamara Bates (Adelaide RC/SASI), Mia Chapman (Pembroke School), Felicity Cox (AUBC/RSA Academy), Alexandra Humble (Adelaide RC/RSA Academy), Alaitz Kelly (AUBC/RSA Academy), Gia Rinaldi (AUBC/RSA Academy). Reserve: Caitlin Anderson (St Ignatius College / Torrens Rowing Club). Cox: Sophia Tayeb (SUBC). Coaches: Stefano Balosso (Loreto College), Katrina Werry (SASI).

Victoria Cup – Women's Lightweight Coxless Quad

6TH · 8:39.74

Victoria Binns (AUBC), Lulu Colgrave (AUBC), Ella McKay (Adelaide RC), Alice Shanahan (Loreto College). Coaches: Mitch Parker (Unley High School), Dario Sportelli (Loreto College).



Oceania State Team



Racing at the Oceania Regatta

MEN'S SQUAD

Ren Anderson, Patrick Keenan, Alex Lee, Tom O'Mahony, Finn Redman, Igor Zarubin, Sam Williams, Emerson Cooper. Cox: James Appleby.

WOMEN'S SQUAD

Grace Barrera, Tamara Bates, Alexandra Humble, Emily Laing, Gia Rinaldi. Cox: Matilda Milsom.

RESULTS

Women's Pair 1st

Tamara Bates, Grace Barrera

Women's Coxed Four 1st

Gia Rinaldi, Grace Barrera, Tamara Bates, Sasha Humble, Matilda Milson

Women's Double (1) 2nd

Gia Rinaldi, Sasha Humble

Women's Eight 2nd

Gia Rinaldi, Grace Barrera, Tamara Bates, Sasha Humble, Lily Cristaudo, Danielle Watt, Cianna Becker, Emily Laing

Women's Quad 5th

Lily Cristaudo, Danielle Watt, Cianna Becker, Emily Laing

Women's Double (2) 6th

Danielle Watt, Emily Laing

Women's Single - not raced

RESULTS

Men's Single (1) 3rd

Igor Zarubin

Men's Single (2) 9th

Sam Williams

Men's Pair (1) 7th

Patrick Keenan, Finn Redman

Men's Pair (2) 10th

Ren Anderson, Emerson Cooper

Men's Double 8th

Alex Lee, Tom O'Mahony

Men's Coxed Four 6th

Patrick Keenan, Ren Anderson, Emerson Cooper, Sam Williams, James Appleby

Men's Quad 5th

Tom O'Mahony, Finn Redman, Igor Zarubin, Alex Lee

Men's Eight 6th

Patrick Keenan, Finn Redman, Ren Anderson, Alex Lee, Tom O'Mahony, Emerson Cooper, Igor Zarubin, Sam Williams

Pathway State Team



Pathway State Team

Head Coach: Katrina Werry (SASI) · Team Manager: Katie Healy (Rowing SA)

PATHWAY MEN'S EIGHT

Ethan Carlson (Adelaide High School), Alexander Evans (Christian Brothers College), Aidan Foran (Adelaide High School), Jasper Eaton (Adelaide High School), Tom Redman (Adelaide High School), Luca Sparapani (Christian Brothers College), Rohan Vanderberg (Norwood International High School), Joel Velt (Unley High School). Cox: Emma Calder (Scotch College). Coach: Nicki Plucinski (Adelaide University Boat Club).

PATHWAY MEN'S COXLESS QUAD

Jack Amber (Prince Alfred College), Apostolos Gaganis (Prince Alfred College), Lachie Logan (Prince Alfred College), Majd Sliet (St Peter's College). Coach: Annalise Size (Unley High School).

PATHWAY WOMEN'S EIGHT

Caitlin Anderson (St Ignatius College), Evelyn Barras (Pembroke School), Mia Chapman (Pembroke School), Amara Davis (Walford Anglican School for Girls), Georgia Guthrie (Seymour College), Clementine Michell (Seymour College), Emily Turner (Walford Anglican School for Girls), Abigail Young (Pembroke School). Cox: Ella Edwardson (Seymour College). Coach: Alex Meates (Christian Brothers College).

PATHWAY WOMEN'S COXLESS QUAD

Eugenie Anderson (Loreto College), Aida Dedic (Adelaide High School), Ruby Kernahan (Loreto College), Rachael Luscombe (Unley High School). Coach: Mitch Parker (Unley High School).

PATHWAY RESULTS

Women's Eight 3rd

Caitlin Anderson, Abigail Young, Mia Chapman, Evie Barras, Amara Davis, Emily Turner, Georgia Guthrie, Clementine Michell, Ella Edwardson
Coach Alex Meates

Men's Eight 7th

Alex Evans, Jasper Eaton, Tom Redman, Luca Sparapani, Aidan Foran, Rohan Vanderberg, Joel Velt, Ethan Carlson, Emma Calder
Coach Nicki Plucinski

Women's Quad 4th

Rachel Luscombe, Ruby Kernahan, Aida Dedic, Eugenie Anderson
Coach Mitch Parker

Men's Quad 6th

Lachie Logan, Paul Gaganis, Jack Amber, Majd Sliet
Coach Annalise Size

Masters State Team



Masters State Team

Crews are shown as recommended by the Selectors; coaches are confirmed.

Masters Women's Eight

1ST · 3:22.77

Angie Francou, Belinda Jankowiak, Christina Bursill, Kate Tebneff, Mieka Webb, Natasha Vassos, Susi Ross, Symonne Ellis.
Cox: Jess Lobban. Reserve: Kelly Lewis. Coaches: Daren Potts, Bernard Le Riche.

Masters Women's Coxless Quad Scull

Not fielded this year.

Masters Men's Eight

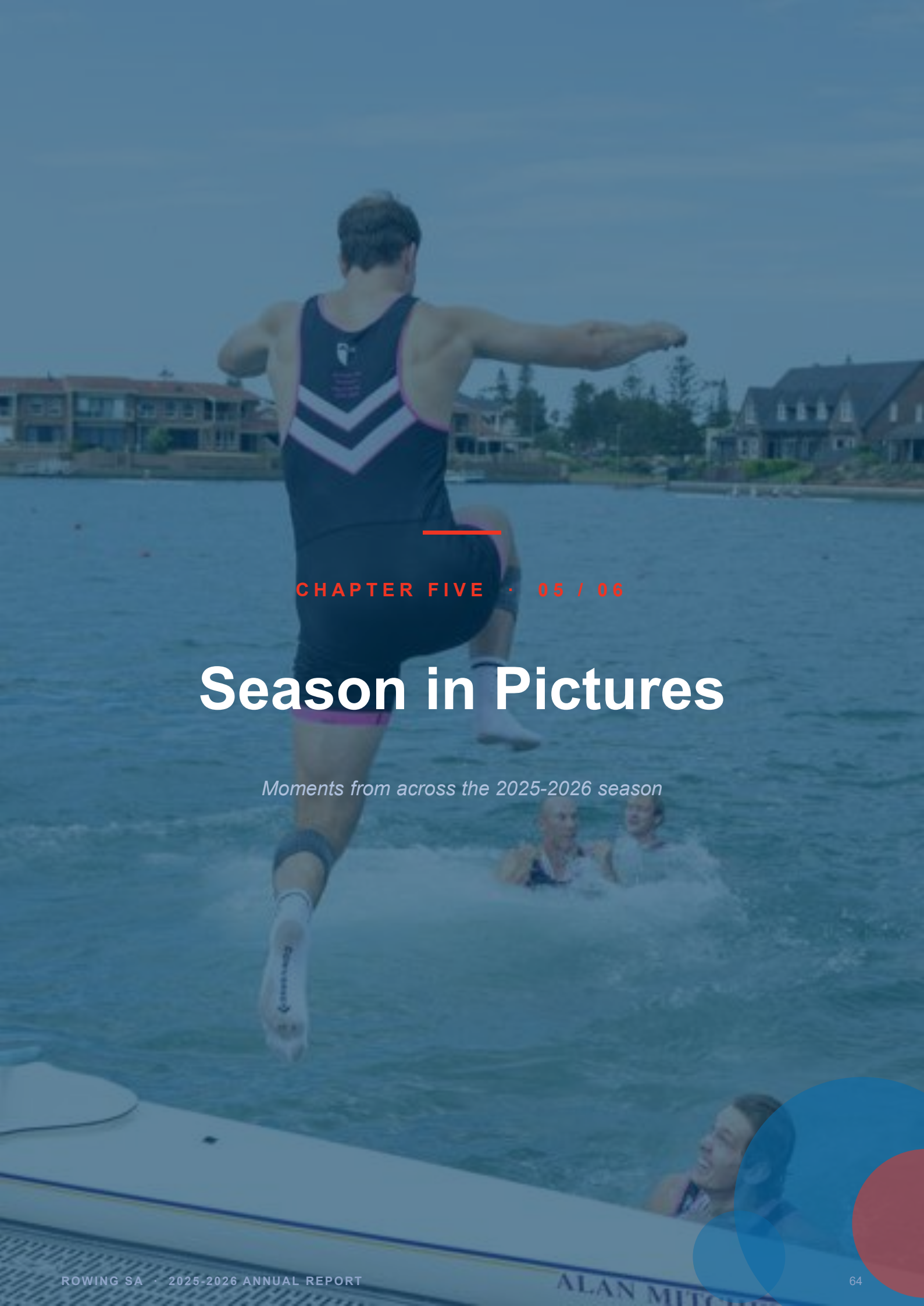
2ND · 3:00.98

Bill Natt, Uwe Dombowski, Greg Walters, Anthony Lee, Tom Sullivan, David McLeod, Tom Liubinas, Alistair Walsh. Cox: Bonnie White. Reserve: Andrew Tidemann. Coaches: Rob Cheesman, John Bentley.

Masters Men's Coxless Quad Scull

1ST · 3:07.88

Rob Ellis, Kevin Tankard, Chris Morgan, Damien Derlique. Reserve: Graham Hunt. Coaches: Rob Cheesman, John Bentley.



CHAPTER FIVE · 05 / 06

Season in Pictures

Moments from across the 2025-2026 season

Season in Pictures



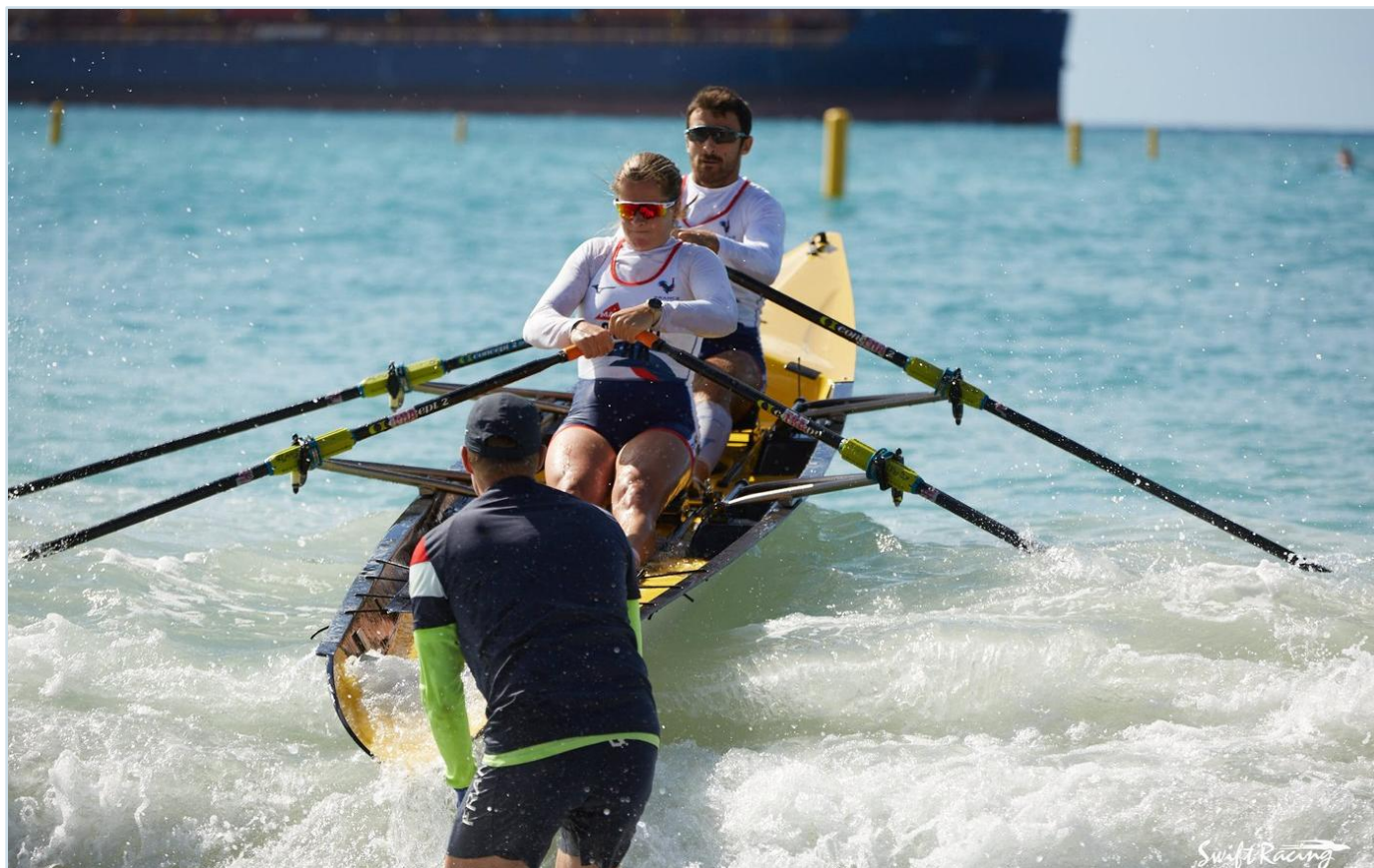
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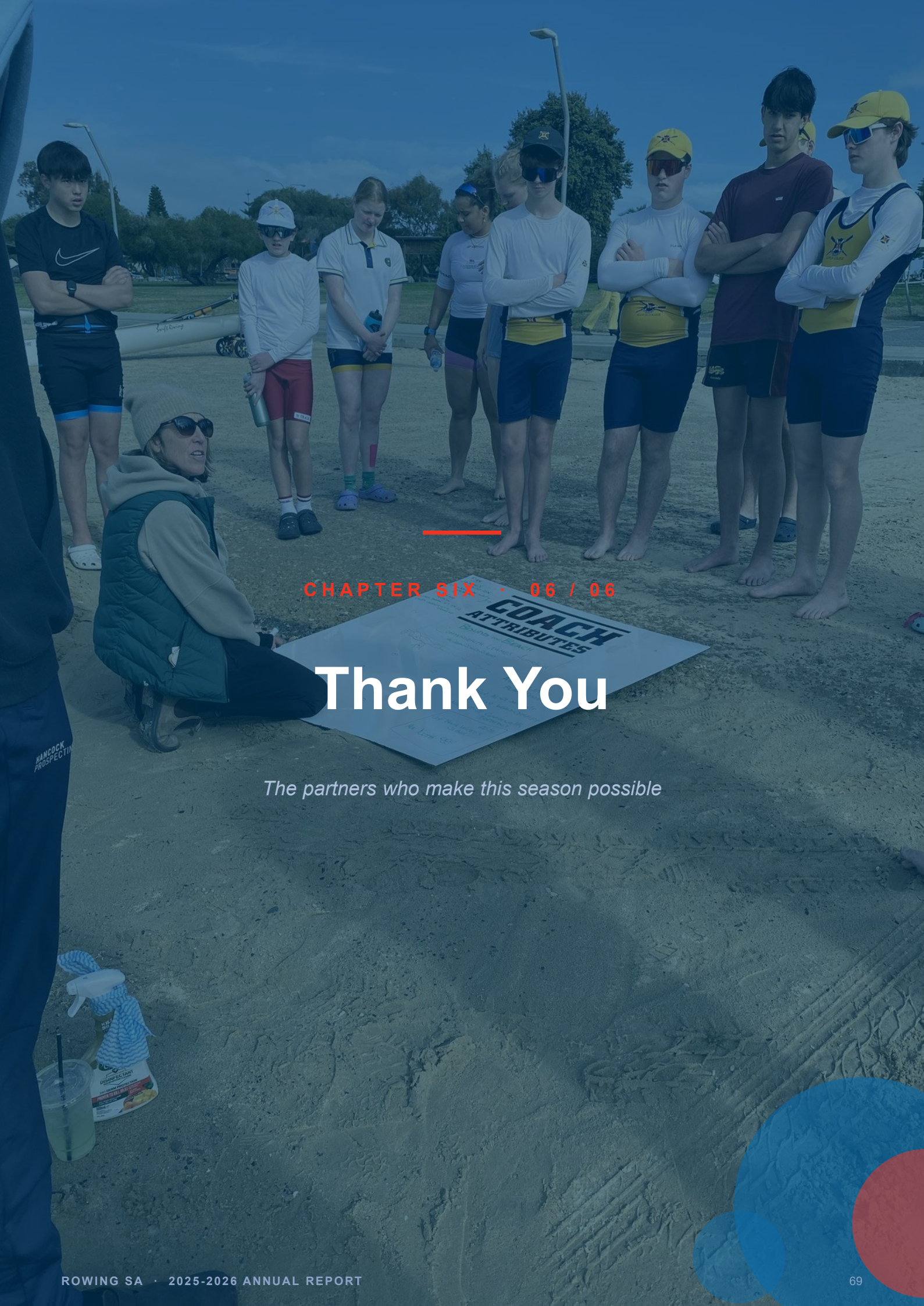


Season in Pictures



Season in Pictures





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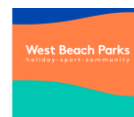
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