

N.S.W. Union of Rowers Inc. 74th Annual Report

Ladies & Gentlemen,

On behalf of the President and Executive Committee of the Union we are pleased to report on rowing activities at National, Interstate and State level and report on the activities of your Union for the 2004-05 year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The executive of the Union continued its support of rowing in general throughout the 2004-2005 season. The Union's support included the awarding of six scholarship awards to a very high standard youth rowing programme. In addition many of our members worked tirelessly as volunteers at the State and National Championships.

Dr. Phillip Sharp a Vice-President of the Union, was elected as the team doctor for the Australian Senior A Team for this year's European Tour - well done Phil.

Due to changes to the Constitution at the November 2004 A.G.M. the Executive had a shorter year. Some major functions are coming after the August A.G.M. In particular the Annual Dinner promises to be a good night with special Guest Speaker Brian Richardson.

As outgoing President I would like to thank the Executive and all who supported rowing throughout the year. A special thank you to our Secretary, Terry Maher who does a tremendous amount of work, our Treasurer, Robert McColm and the Archives Committee for their valuable ongoing collection of historic rowing memorabilia.

Deputy President David Sollom is nominee for President for the 2005-2006 year.

I wish the incoming Executive continued success for the ever developing Union of Rowers.

Peter Stroud, President 2004-2005

2005 AUSTRALIAN ROWING TEAM

The Aust. Rowing Teams have successfully commenced their campaign at the preliminary regattas in Europe.

We provide the following dates for you to follow their progress in the newspapers or online (www.fisa.org or www.rowingaustralia.com.au). We wish all crews every success in their racing:-

SENIOR A TEAM – GIFU Japan 28th August to 4th September

Men's Pair Coach: Chris O'Brien; Karsten Forsterling VIC, Christian Ryan VIC.

Men's Four Coach: Tim McLaren; James Chapman NSW, Matt Ryan NSW, Jeremy Stevenson WA, James Gatti WA.

Men's Coxed Pair Coach: TBC; Sam Conrad QLD Hardy Cubasch QLD, Marc Douez VIC.

Men's Single Coach: Chris O'Brien; David Crawshay VIC.

Men's Quad Coach: Brian Richardson; Craig Jones ACT, Chris Morgan SA, Trent Collins SA, Jason Day NSW.

Lightweight Men's Double Scull Coach: John Driessen; Cameron Wurf TAS, Sam Beltz TAS.

Lightweight Men's Four Coach: John Driessen; Tom Gibson TAS, Todd Skipworth WA, Michael McBryde QLD, Tim Smith VIC.

Lightweight Men's Pair Coach Jason Lane; Ross Brown WA, TBC.

Lightweight Sweep Squad George Roberts TAS, Joshua Fahy VIC, cox TBC

Men's Heavyweight Reserve Nick Baxter NSW.

Adaptive Single Scull Dominic Money Penny TAS.

Women's Sweep Squad Coaches Lyall McCarthy, Bill Tait; Natalie Bale WA, Sarah Outhwaite WA, Emily Martin VIC, Sarah Heard VIC Kate Hornsey TAS, Pauline Frasca VIC, Robyn Selby Smith VIC, Sonia Mills ACT, Lizzie Patrick VIC

Women's Double Scull Coach: Lyall McCarthy; Amber Bradley WA, Sally Kehoe QLD.

Women's Single Scull Coach: Darren Balmforth (Domestic); Kerry Hore TAS.

Women's Lightweight Double Scull Coach TBA; Marguerite Houston SA, Kirsty Fleming TAS.

Women's Reserve: Fleur Chew VIC

Support Staff: HPD Noel Donaldson (Europe / Gifu) Manager Dean Oakman (Europe / Gifu); Ray Ebert (Gifu) Doctors Phil Sharp (Europe); Ian Beltz (Gifu) Physio Judy Sternfeldt (Europe); Henry Wajswelner (Gifu), Susan Everitt (Gifu) Massage TBC; Physiologist Tony Rice (Gifu) Boatman Urs Graf (Gifu)

2005 JUNIOR TEAM - BRANDENBERG Germany 3rd to 6th August

Junior Men's Pair Coach Andrew Service; Harrison Law QLD, Michael Smith QLD

Junior Men's Double Scull Coach Ron Mobbs; James McRae, Matthew Bolt SA

Junior Men's Four Coach: Damian Mitchelmore; Andrew Heffer NSW, Mitch Estens NSW, Andrew Connally NSW, Cameron Girdlestone NSW

Junior Women's Single Scull Coach Paul Newbon; Charlotte Walters TAS

Junior Women's Double Scull Coach Brenton Terrell; Sarah Hawe VIC, Rachel Thomas VIC.

UNDER 23 TEAM - AMSTERDAM Netherlands 21st to 24th July

U23 Men's Eight Coach Andrew Randell; Ian Allsop NSW, Fergus Pragnell NSW, Sebastian Harper QLD, Graham Kolb QLD, Brenton Jenke WA, Steve Fletcher WA, Chris Riddell VIC, David Nelson QLD, Tim Deveson VIC.

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U23 Men's Quad Coach Jason Lane; David Kelly WA, Andrew Wilson NSW, Anthony Males TAS, Sam Renton QLD.

U23 Lightweight Men's Quad Coach Phil Bourguignon; Howard Sharp VIC, Chris Ritchie ACT, Cade Zulsdorf WA, Hugh McLeod NSW.

U23 Lightweight Men's Four Coach Andrew McKenzie; Alistair Carter VIC, Josh Fahy VIC, Mack Wilcox ACT, James Crouch ACT.

U23 Women's Double Scull Coach Lincoln Handley; Tara Kelly QLD, Anna McRae SA.

U23 Women's Quad Scull Coach Ned Draydon ; Susanne Brown QLD, Liz Brown QLD, Kim Brown QLD, Lisa Szatsnadjer VIC.

U23 Women's Four Coach Gordon Marcks; Katelyn Gray NSW, Sarah Cook ACT, Tara Huntly ACT, Annika Naughton WA.

U23 Women's Pair Coach John Acton; Alice King VIC, Sassi McCarthy VIC.

U23 Lightweight Women's Double Scull Coach Tim Dolphin; Jess Huston WA, Alice McNamara VIC

SUPPORT STAFF:

Manager: Dafydd Gwyn-Jones; Doctor: George Bulyga;

Physio: Fiona Milne; Boatman: Urs Graf

2005 DHL NATIONAL & KINGS CUP REGATTA

The weather gods were most kind to the Organising Committee and the 2005 DHL National & Kings Cup Regatta ran very smoothly.

Rowing Australia was widely criticised from many quarters for insisting that only a 6 lane competition and elimination system be used which resulted in some repechage days being tedious and a poor spectacle.

Results of the Interstate Regatta and major events held on Sunday 13th March were:-

Kings Cup (IM8+) WA 1st 5.35.31; Vic 2nd 3.30; Qld 3rd 2.91; NSW 4th 3.20; Tas 5th 2.40; SA 6th 5.10; ACT 7th 3.60.

The Queen Elizabeth II Trophy (IW8+) Vic 1st 6.12.93; NSW 2nd 10.78; WA 3rd 1.06; Tas 4th 4.74; ACT 5th 1.07; Qld 6th 19.38.

The Wilkinson Cup (IMY8+) SA 1st 5.44.22; WA 2nd 0.70; NSW 3rd 3.20; Tas 4th 1.80; Qld 5th 0.10; Vic 6th 1.40; ACT 7th 30.22.

The Bi-Centenary Cup (IWY8+) Vic 1st 6.26.48; Qld 2nd 3.00; NSW 3rd 0.50; SA 4th 8.40; WA 5th 3.50; Tas 6th 13.29; ACT 7th 20.86.

The Penrith Cup (IMLwt4-) Tas 1st 6.09.72; ACT 2nd 5.64; Vic 3rd 3.86; Qld 4th 1.26; NSW 5th 7.24; SA 6th 0.66; WA 7th 5.39.

The Victoria Cup (IWLwt4x) Vic 1st 6.45.70; Tas 2nd 1.39; NSW 3rd 5.62; Qld 4th 1.29; WA 5th 17.44.

The Presidents Cup (IM1x) Tas Scott Brennan 1st 7.01.04; SA Chris Morgan 2nd 3.74; Vic Alistair Taylor 3rd 2.04; ACT Craig Jones 4th 3.83; NSW Daniel Noonan 5th 5.17; Qld David Houston 6th 8.08.

The Nell Slatter Trophy (IW1x) Qld Sally Kehoe 1st 7.36.42; Tas Dana Faletic 2nd 1.89; ACT Sonia Mills 3rd 2.11; WA Amber Bradley 4th 2.37; NSW 5th 3.79; Vic 6th Robyn Selby-Smith 7.76; SA Amy Charlick 7th 1.63.

The Barrington Cup (Schoolboy 8+) St Josephs 1st 5.58.04; Kings 2nd 1.03; Scotch College Vic 3rd 1.21; Shore 4th 2.77; St Peters College 5th 5.38; Sydney Boys' High 6th 0.36.

Schoolgirl 8+ Pymble Ladies College 1st 6.45.77; Methodist Ladies 1 2nd 2.58; Loreto Kirribilli 3rd 8.01; Methodist Ladies 2 4th 4.45; Melbourne Girls Grammar 5th 2.56; St Catherines 6th 2.30.

CONGRATULATIONS to the NSW Rowing Association on staging another first class regatta and to all successful competitors and their coaches.

HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA WIN

Congratulations to Sydney Rowing Club on their win at Henley Royal Regatta in the Fawley Challenge Cup for Men's U19 Quad Sculls the clubs previous win at Henley being in 1912.

The crew Thomas Ing, David Neuhaus, Rye Kehlet, Luke Woods, reserve Phil Matthews and coach John Bowes won by 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths (approximately 15 metres) at the completion of the 2112 metre course from Maidenhead & Newark Rowing Clubs.

SUPPORT OF THE NSWRA

The Union supported the NSWRA in the staging of the DHL 2005 Australian Rowing Championships which took place at Sydney International Regatta Centre from Monday, 7th to Sunday 13th March 2005.

At the Union Meeting on the 11th April, David Sollom reported that Union members comprised 27% of the volunteer workforce. The involvement of Union members during the week days was particularly helpful and the involvement of two Life Members; George Neilson and Don Croot was an inspiration to other volunteers.

Union members also volunteered to assist in the staging of the NSWRA State Championships in February.

WELL DONE ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED!

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2005 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

We are pleased to advise that again this year twenty nine applications of a very high standard (13 girls and 16 boys) were lodged for Youth Development Scholarships.

A review of Youth Scholarships over the past year to gauge whether we are getting value from the Scholarship recipients was instigated. A list of past Scholarship recipients was referred to Margaret Mackenzie for her review as Honorary Recorder of the NSWRA.

The President, Secretary, D. Sollom, M. Daffy and B. Moynahan formed the Evaluation and Review Sub-Committee met on 20th June and a new application form was adopted for the 2006 applicants.

After lengthy deliberation six scholarships of \$500 each will be presented this year (3 boys & 3 girls). We only wish that we were in a position to award more. The recipients in alphabetical order are:

Luke Freeman of Mosman Rowing Club & Davidson High School

Brenton Ford of Grafton Rowing Club

Tess Gerrand of Leichhardt Rowing Club & Pymble Ladies College

Jacky Peile of St George Rowing Club & Woolooware High School

Ashleigh Peppernell of South Grafton R.C. & South Grafton High School

Kurt Spencer of Sydney Rowing Club & Newington College.

The awards will be presented at the Union's Annual Dinner.

CONGRATULATIONS to the successful athletes and thank you and best wishes for the future to all the applicants.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Executive Committee had a short year spanning from the conclusion of the Annual Meeting in November to the last meeting in July, the change in timing being necessitated by the new Constitution.

Executive Meetings were held in January, April, May and July. Members attendances were:

Kenneth Bell 0, John Campbell 3, Eric Carter 0, Phil Cayzer OAM 1, Donald Croot AM 3, Michael Daffy 2, Richard Hunt 0, Gregory James 1, David Longhurst 3, Iain MacDonald 0, Terry Maher 4, Robert Main 1, Robert McColm 4, Geoffrey McIntyre AM 2, Barry Moynahan 4, George Neilson 0, Christopher Noel 0, Phillip Sharp 2, David Sollom 4, Peter Stroud 4, Timothy Wainman 3, David Ward 0.

The Union's Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 7th November at Leichhardt Rowing Club with 38 members and guests in attendance.

The meeting adopted the new Constitution and as a result will be henceforth known as the New South Wales Union of Rowers Incorporated. The previous Constitution dated back to 1931 and did not conform with many of the statutory requirements.

Members endorsed efforts to increase the membership by striving to become an "all inclusive" Union encouraging rowers and supporters of all ages to join.

We welcome some ladies who have already joined and look forward to many new younger members.

The Annual Report was received and adopted. The work of the 2003-04 Executive Committee, under the Presidency of Barry Moynahan, was recognised for staging a successful Annual Dinner; publishing the 'Come Forward' newsletter; reviewing the Constitution, initiating the Union's website www.nswrowers.com and forming the Archives Committee.

Following the Annual Meeting the Public Officer, Treasurer and Secretary lodged the necessary change of name and registration with the Department of Fair Trading, bank and investment companies.

Archives Committee

Late last year the Executive formed the Archives Committee as a vehicle to help the NSWRA and the State Library to collect and archive the history of the sport.

We are concerned that valuable collections have been lost when people pass away and the relatives are not aware of the significance of such collections and often discard them.

Meetings have been held with the State Library as to how best conserve such material and make it accessible to all. Technology allows us to scan documents and photos and store them digitally on CD or hard drive without deterioration.

Three Union members, Bob Towns, Col Cogle & Barry Moynahan have forwarded some excellent historical material to the Sub-Committee.

Additionally Andrew Guerin has given the Union permission to add the Australian Rowing History website (www.rowinghistory-aus.info) to the links section of our website which provides access to a wealth of information.

The Archives Committee members are Dr. Phil Sharp (Chair), Ernie Chapman OAM (NSWRA Archivist & Historian), Barry Moynahan, Mark Campbell and Terry Maher. The Committee last met on 16th May.

Do you have a collection or know of a collection which we can have preserve and made accessible through the web etc.?

Retirements and Appointments

P.J. Davies was no longer available to act as Honorary Auditor and Simon Croot was invited to once again become Honorary Auditor of the Union.

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Membership Drive

The membership drive has seen a 19% increase in membership over the last 12 months.

The challenge before the incoming Committees is to change the age mix to a younger group. Currently approximately 33% of our members are under 60 years of age. Ideally 66% of our members should be under 60.

Come Forward Newsletter

Four 'Come Forward' newsletters were published this year in February, May, July and August.

To help reduce the cost and effort in publishing and mailing out the newsletter etc. members on the internet were asked if they would be happy accepting the material by emailing. Approximately 90 emails currently go out each mailing which is a great saving.

Website

A special thanks to Stephen Croot for his hard work and expert assistance in maintaining our site.

FUNCTIONS & EXCURSIONS

Big Ships Excursion

The Union's end of season excursion was both very nautical and historical. The **Big Ships Excursion** on Saturday 28th Ma, included tours of the sailing ships James Craig and HM Bark Endeavour replica; the Destroyer HMAS Vampire; the submarine HMAS Onslow and the Australian National Maritime Museum.

Everyone enjoyed the very interesting and informative tour on a warm and sunny afternoon.

Union Annual Dinner



The 2005 Annual Dinner has a special guest speaker, Brian Richardson Olympian, renowned International Rowing Coach and member of the winning Americas Cup Yacht Crew. Brian is currently Senior Coach of the AIS Men's Rowing Program and National Men's Technical Coordinator.

Other guests will include 1968 Olympians and 1984 State Team members.

Please note the following in your diary :-

DATE: Wednesday, 28th September at 7.00pm

VENUE: Sydney Rowing Club - end of Great North Road, Five Dock.

COST: \$ 35-00 a head with dinner & some wine included.

RSVP: by Friday, 23rd September to Peter Stroud 9878 4535 or 0417 275210; Barry Moynahan 9686 4290 or Terry Maher 0417 290449.

Non Union members are welcome however everyone must advise their attendance as **bookings are essential!**

OBITUARY

Wally Craw,

We wish to extend our condolences to the family and friends of the late Wally Cray former Vice Captain of Sydney Rowing Club.

Jenny Freeman

We wish to extend our condolences to Lindsay and the family and friends of the late Jenny Freeman.

May Jenny and Wally rest in peace.

To their family and friends and those of anyone we may have inadvertently omitted in this year's listing we extend our condolences.

APPRECIATION

The Executive and Committee appreciate the work undertaken by all members in the organization of social functions, the running of the traditional raffles and families luncheons.

Thanks also to the NSW Rowing Association for its assistance in our membership drive and the Chief Executive Officer, David Evans for his cooperation.

We are indeed very grateful to those very senior members and our elder statesmen who continue to honour us with their presence at all our functions.

Peter Stroud
President 2004-05

Terry Maher
Honorary Secretary. 4/8/05

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st July 2004 to 30th June 2005

1.	Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Five Dock Branch. Cheque Account # 00801 400 (bearing interest) Balance as at 30/6/2005	\$ 6,912.73
2.	Grenfell Securities Ltd; Grenfell First Mortgage Fund Ref # 969 133 906.23116 Interest rate 7.00% p.a. for a term of 2 years issued 11/8/2004 maturing 10/9/2006. Interest payable annually, first payment 10 th September 2005 and thereafter on the 10 th day September each year and on maturity,	\$ 27,355.64
		<u>\$ 34,268.37</u>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2005

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Cr. Bank Balance B/Fwd	8,422.14	Affiliation Fees	50.00
Subscriptions (inc Permanent)	4,917.50	Youth Development Awards	2,500.00
Presentation Night	5,690.00	P.O. Box 208	56.00
Bank Interest	26.58	Fort Denison/Museum Excursions	982.00
Fort Denison/Museum excursions	794.00	Presentation Night & Functions	5,564.94
		Trophies	461.65
		Printing Postage & Stationery	1,205.90
		Office of Fair Trading	117.00
		Grenfell Securities – Investment	2000.00
		Cr. Balance C/Fwd	6,912.73
	<u>\$ 19,850.02</u>		<u>\$ 19,850.02</u>

Robert McColm
Honorary Treasurer.

Simon Croot
Honorary Auditor.