

NSW Union of Rowers Inc 86th Annual Report

Presidents Message

I have often heard a particular commentator at SIRC say, “When NSW is strong Rowing Australia is strong” so it is very pleasing to be a part of the successful sporting community that is Rowing in NSW. With wins in the Kings Cup and Men’s Youth Eight as well as gold medals in the single for Kathleen Murdoch and Cam Girdlestone at the Interstate regatta, NSW was truly in fine form this year. Behind these results there is a whole season of training and racing across the state with a huge amount of work put in behind the scenes by Boat Race Officials, coaches and committee members from each club and school and the Union of Rowers is again proud of the role its members play in this community and the support the Union can give to young rowers in NSW.

One of the Unions core roles is to support the development of junior rowers and this is primarily done through our Youth Development Awards. This year we were very pleased to be able to make 7 awards of \$1000 each to promising young athletes. The recipients were: Lauren Lyon (Marist Sisters College/Sydney), Alex Nichol (Newington College/ Sydney), Grace Reid (UTS), Daniel Samus (St Augustines College/Mosman), Adelaide Scott (UTS), Bjarne Ungemach (St Augustines College/Mosman), and Lara Wainwright (UTS). The awards were presented at the Rowing NSW awards night held at UTS rowing club and I thank Rowing NSW for their support of the Union this year.

The Union of Rowers has been presenting these awards since 1992 and to date has supported 139 young athletes through this program. Many of these athletes have gone on to see great success in the sport and this year it was very pleasing to see Union Award recipients again well represented in the Australian Team. This years team features Awardees in each age group starting with Danial Samus and Harry Crouch who were selected into the Junior Quad to race in Trackai in August. The Under 21 team which competes against NZ for the Rusty Robertson Trophy features this year’s recipients Lara Wainwright and Grace Reid alongside Romola Davenport who received an award in 2013. Robert Black was again selected into the U23 team and was in this year’s gold medal winning Men’s Four and the U23 Women’s Quad which won the silver featured Genevieve Horton and Harriet Hudson. Genevieve has also been selected into the Senior Women’s Quad alongside past awardee Leah Saunders and finally Hamish Playfair who received a Union Scholarship in 2009 is due to compete in the Men’s Eight. Congratulations to each of these athletes and I would like to wish them and the whole Australian Rowing Team the best of success.

The Union of Rowers funds their Development Awards through our major fundraiser the Scholarship Club. Our activities were again amazingly supported by the Rowing community in NSW and I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who buy tickets in our fundraiser each year and make it possible for the Union to support and encourage young rowers at this early stage in their careers. Our activities were very successful this year and I am sure that given the great outcomes the program is achieving the community will continue to support the Unions fundraising. Alongside the Scholarship Club our merchandise sales are a crucial source of revenue to support the Development Awards and I would like to thank both our loyal customers and Terry Maher for his continuing work to source and sell merchandise in support of this good cause.

The Union of Rowers other core program is to be a custodian for rowing archives in NSW and under the guidance of a very keen subcommittee the Unions collection of memorabilia is in good hands. I would like to thank Louis Petrin for kindly making available space alongside his own extensive rowing memorabilia for the storage and cataloguing of the many items in our collection and I would strongly

encourage anyone who has an interest in rowing history to get in touch with the Union and Louis to learn more about the collection. The Union of Rowers is eager to accept donations of material including old programs, minute books, film and results and is committed to making our collection available to the community.

On behalf of the membership and myself I would like to thank the Union Executive Committee for their hard work through the year. Each member of the committee is already hugely involved in the sport in other capacities and their ongoing generosity in donating their time and expertise to the Union of Rowers is very much appreciated. Finally, I would like to thank the Board and staff of Rowing NSW in particular CEO Tony Blower for their ongoing support of the Union of Rowers and leadership in the sport. I would also like to thank on behalf of the Union all the volunteers and officials from every club that have helped make this a successful year for the sport in NSW.

Paul Coates

Treasurer's Report

The financial report for the Year Ended 30 June 2017 shows a slight fall in revenue and increase in payments for the year resulting in a reduction in the cash balance at year end.

A significant increase in membership renewals occurred during the year (2017 - 23 renewal/new; 2016 – 3 renewal). 20 of those renewal/new membership payments were 5 year or permanent memberships.

Three significant purchases of merchandise in the last three months of the year (shoes in June \$1000, lights in June \$700 and ties April \$1250) are reflected in the higher stock on hand balance at year end.

The sale of the Scholarship Club tickets throughout the year and at the Reindeer Regatta was again very good, enabling seven scholarships to be awarded this year. Note: the 2016 figure for Scholarship ticket sales includes a donation of \$1250 to that fund.

A sincere thank you goes to Eric Carter who donated \$500 to the Union during the year.

The accounts have been audited, with no issues being raised. I thank our honorary auditor, Simon Croot, for again completing the audit.

Anne Craig

Merchandise Report

Firstly, I would like to thank all our customers who have supported our merchandise programme and contributed to the Youth Scholarship.

Sales for the year totalled \$ 3,936 the main items involved were:

Mariner shoes	\$2,240
Navigation lights	\$1,512
Neck Ties	\$ 174

A new delivery of neck ties greatly increased the value of our stock to \$ 3,666 which primarily comprises:

63 pairs of shoes

44 navigation lights

47 Neck ties.

Your committee will need to consider the future direction of the merchandising as I will need to retire from the task in the foreseeable future.

Terry Maher.

Archives Report

Although there have not been any meetings held this year by members of the Archival Committee, the good news is that work is being done in the background.

Dr Phillip Sharp has helped transfer a collection of rowing documents and videos that he had been caring for to a more extensive and central collection at Gladesville.

Some of these documents are currently being used to write a history of the old Haberfield Rowing Club.

The videos are currently being digitised by Phil Titterton.

Terry Maher and Barry Moynahan have generously provided material for inclusion in a digitised catalogue.

The documents are being indexed by Louis Petrin with the intention to digitise them so that they can be accessed by members and others using a website. Louis has been in discussion with Toshiba to provide a document management system that will allow material that has been scanned to be dragged and dropped into a computer filing system. Toshiba will also help with having this material accessible from a website and, in the case of hard to read material, have a companion document alongside with text so it can be easily read.

Louis is also slowly photographing items of memorabilia such as cups and other material to be included in the digitised catalogue. These items will also have descriptive information alongside them.

The intention is to have historical records and items accessible to as many people as possible so as to promote the history of rowing in NSW and Australia. Next will be a document outlining how clubs and rowers can share any historical items they may have.

Louis Petrin

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

The young athletes mentioned below were awarded Union of Rowers Scholarships in 2017. The Scholarships of \$1000.00 each were presented at the NSW Presentation Night held on 13th June at the UTS-Haberfield Rowing Club.

MOSMAN ROWING CLUB

Daniel Samus: 18 years old. Attends St Augustine's at Brookvale. and coached by Mathias Ungemach and Jason Baker. At Nationals won Gold in U/19 Men's Quad, and at State; Gold in the open U/19 Coxed Four and Schoolboy coxed Four. At Club Regattas; Gold in coxed Four and Double Scull and proved to be a gold medallist at Independent School Championships, as well as winning Gold in the 8/oar event. The Australian selectors have included Daniel in the Australian Quad to compete in Lithuania in early August with Lachlan Stevenson, Jackson Kench and Harry Crouch.

Bjarne Ungemach: 18 years old: Also attends St Augustine's and a member of Mosman Rowing Club is; keen to get his own stroke coach and sculling oars; Was been called up for the Junior Men's Pathway Eight – won Gold at the Nationals in the U/19 Quad and Silver in the Schoolboy Four. At State, Gold again in the U/19 Quad and Gold in Schoolboy Coxed Four. Made gold performances earlier at the 2016 Reindeer Regatta in Fours, Doubles and Singles, and again gold at the A.C.T. Championships in the big boats.

SYDNEY ROWING CLUB

Alex Nichol: 18 years old: attends Newington College, and is a member of Sydney Rowing Club, coached by Australian Representative James Chapman. Was a Gold Medallist at Nationals in U/19 Double and U/19 Quad, as well as the Schoolboy Coxed Squad. At the NSW Sprint Championships gained Gold in the coxless Pair, Coxed Four and Coxless Quad. Gold Medallist in 16 events at Club and School Regattas, and will represent Sydney this year at the Henley Royal.

Lauren Lyon: 18 years old: attends Marist Sisters, Woolwich. Inherited a great work rowing ethic from her grandmother Doreen Addison former Australian Champion from 1950's. Recently transferred from Leichhardt to Sydney Rowing Club. Most successful as a sculler, but making finals at Nationals in Coxless U/19 Four, the Quad, the Double Scull and the Single under Sydney Coach Lachlan Carter. Lauren represented NSW in the 2017 Women's Youth Eight and took part in the Junior Pathways Eight as part of the National Team Trials last April. In almost 30 Club and School events, in all classes of boats a winner of 11 Gold medals. At the 2015 World Dragon Boat Champions in Canada – 4 Gold medals preceded her current passion for our sport.

UTS ROWING CLUB

Adelaide Scott: Aged 18, living at Balmain. David Gely is her coach. At Nationals, won gold in the eight oar sprint, silver in both U/19 Women's Quad and Double and Bronze in the U/19 Sculls. Similar results preceded in the State Championships and open categories in the NSW Sprint Championships. Adelaide represented in the NSW Youth Eight and trialled for the Australian 2017 Junior Team. Over 19 Club events at local regattas, in the 2016/17 season, was awarded 6 Gold, 10 silvers, 3 Bronze in all classes of sculling and sweep oar.

Grace Reid: Aged 20, living at Galston and representing UTS Haberfield; undertaking a Bachelor of Global Studies, majoring in Management. At National Championships competed in both the 2016 and 2017 Youth Eight, and has been selected to row for Australia this year in the U/21 Team in New Zealand. David Gely is her coach and no doubt the Canadian Henley representing UTS will be in mind. At the recent National Championships Grace won Gold in the U/21 Coxless pairs and 8 oar Sprint with Silver in these classes at the earlier State Championship level. Her commitment to competition has led to National U/21 team selection.

Lara Wainwright: Aged 20 from Pymble, attending UTS and undertaking courses in Communication and International Studies. Lara's success mirrors that of club mate, Grace Reid, Gold at Nationals in the U/21 Pair and 8 oar sprint and representation in the Interstate Women's Youth Eight. Gold in open events at the NSW Sprint Championships in both U/21 Coxless pair and Quad and Silver in the U/21 Eight and Coxless Pair at State, reflects a commitment and passion following her continuing representation in the 2015, 2016 and 2017 NSW Interstate Youth Eight. Lara has been selected for Australia in the forthcoming U/21 Trans Tasman Series, along with Grace Reid and Romy Davenport.

Executive Committee Report

The Committee comprised : President Paul Coates (5), Deputy President & Hon. Secretary Phillip Titterton (5), Elite Vice President Terry Maher (4), Vice President Eric Carter (0), Hon. Treasurer Anne Craig (2), Hon. Auditor Simon Croot, Committee Members: Keith Jameson OAM (4), Brian Guthrie (2), Barry Moynahan OAM (3), Barbara Ramjan (2), Dr Phil Sharp (2), Krystin Munro (1 from 4), Tim Wainman (2), Louis Petrin (4) with Meeting attendance in brackets.

Tim Wainman has not re-nominated for the Committee as he is now living on the South Coast; he has been a valued member of the Executive for over 12 years, serving as President in 2008

The 2015 Youth Development Fundraiser was won by Kim Rudder, with the draw of the 2017 scheduled for the NSW Reindeer Regatta in December.

Auditors Statement



**N.S.W. UNION OF ROWERS INC
FINANCIAL REPORT
1 JULY 2016 TO 30 JUNE 2017**

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

I have reviewed the books and records of N.S.W. Union of Rowers Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2017. In my opinion the attached Financial Report represents a true and correct statement of the activities and financial position of the association for the year ended 30 June 2017.

Simon Croot
Honorary Auditor
Date: 19 July 2017

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	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$
Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Five Dock Branch Cheque Account # 00801 400 (interest bearing) Balance as at 30 June 2017	<u>6943</u>	<u>4175</u>
Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Rozelle Branch Term Deposit No. 50093190 Interest rate 2.1%p.a. matures on 24/8/17 Interest paid to cheque account at maturity	<u>38000</u>	<u>38000</u>
Stock on Hand	<u>1346</u>	<u>3667</u>
Cash receivable	<u>0</u>	<u>312</u>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Cr Bank Balance B/fwd	5844	6943			
Interest Term Deposit	1026	553	Affiliation Fees	138	165
Merchandise	4562	3733	Merchandise	1511	4286
Newletter Advertising	80	0	Office of Fair Trading	54	54
Donations	0	500	P.O. Box	120	124
Membership	120	1460	Printing & Stationery	0	160
Social/Fundraising	333	0	Presentation Event/AGM	450	205
Scholarship club	5251	3980	Scholarship Club	0	1000
Transfer from Term Deposit	0	0	Youth Development Award	7000	7000
	<u>11372</u>	<u>10226</u>	Donation to Tamar Rowing Club	1000	0
				<u>10273</u>	<u>12994</u>
			Cr Balance c/FWD	<u>6943</u>	<u>4175</u>
	<u>17216</u>	<u>17169</u>		<u>17216</u>	<u>17169</u>

