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COME FORWARD - April 2019

I want to start this News Letter with a big plug for the Rowing NSW Web Site

<http://www.rowingsw.asn.au/home/>

It is an amazing place to find information that is hard to find elsewhere.

(If for any reason the links in this News Letter do not work, copy and paste the link into your browser.)

For example, in the main menu under “ABOUT” you will find a lot of information such as a brief history of the Kings and Queens Cup including a comprehensive list of past place-getters going right back to the start of competition, and a photograph of the Centenary Plaque for which the Union of Rowers funded 50%. At the recent Sydney International Rowing Regatta, on the last day, the plaque was surrounded by an Australian flag, highlighting its significance on the day.

On the HOME page under “LATEST NEWS”, on the 18th March is a report on the Australian Team for the World Cup Regattas: WC#2 21-23 June in Poznan Poland and WC#3 12-14 July in Rotterdam Netherlands. I will summarise this from a NSW Athlete perspective later, but I could not find this information on the Rowing Australia Web Site. Perhaps it is there somewhere, but not easy to find.

Under “REGATTAS” there is a wealth of information starting with the Regatta Calendar. Scroll down to the end of March and the 2019 Sydney International Rowing Regatta and click on “Results”. There is just about every bit of information you could want here, and investigation will reveal your favourite approach to finding results. However, if you click on the red “Live Stream” icon you will find video of most of the regatta.

You might find the video of the last day of particular interest, and the video coverage of the Men’s and Women’s Youth Eight and the Kings and Queens Cup races towards the end is spectacular. Also at Race 507, you can watch Genevieve Horton win the Nell Slatter trophy, blasting out at the start and increasing her lead through the 500m, 1000m and 1500m marks and able to control the race to the end.

NSW Rowers in the Australian Team for World Cup 2 and 3.

Men’s Quad Scull

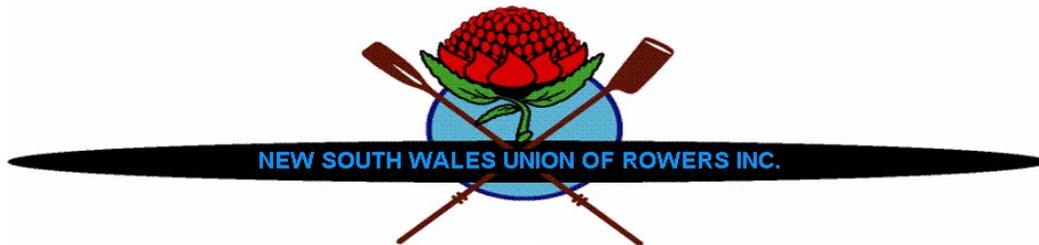
Cameron Girdlestone	Sydney University Boat Club
Alexander Purnell	Sydney University Boat Club
David Watts	Sydney Rowing Club

Men’s Double Scull

Campbell Watts	Sydney University Boat Club
Hamish Playfair	UTS Rowing Club

Men’s Sculling Reserve

David Bartholot	Sydney University Boat Club
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Men's Sweep Squad

NSW has 10 of the 16 rowers:

Robert Black	Mosman Rowing Club
Sam Hardy	Sydney Rowing Club
Jack Hargreaves	Sydney University Boat Club
Joshua Hicks	Sydney Rowing Club
Timothy Masters	UTS Rowing Club
James Medway	UTS Rowing Club
Angus Moore	Sydney Rowing Club
Jack O'Brien	Sydney University Boat Club
Nicholas Purnell	Sydney University Boat Club
Spencer Turrin	Sydney Rowing Club

Cox: Kendall Brodie Sydney Rowing Club

PR1 Men's Single Scull (World Cup 2 only):

Erik Horrie Sydney Rowing Club

Women's Double Scull

Genevieve Horton Sydney University Boat Club

Women's Quad Scull

Fiona Ewing	Sydney University Boat Club
Rowena Meredith	Sydney University Boat Club

Women's Lightweight Double Scull

Sarah Pound UTS Rowing Club

Women's Sweep Squad

Emma Fessy	UTS Rowing Club
Georgina Rowe	UTS Rowing Club
Leah Saunders	Sydney Rowing Club

Interstate Racing at SIRR

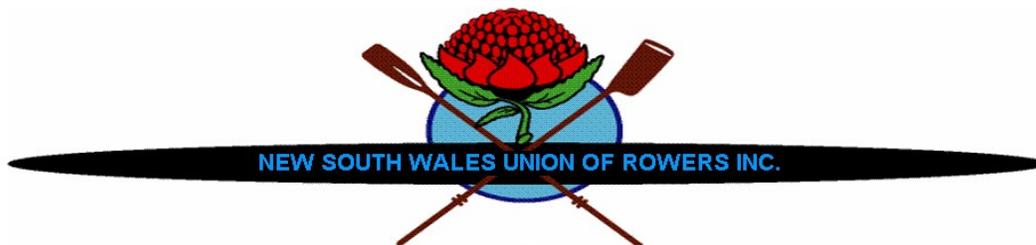
NSW crews were very successful, winning all four Eights and the Women's Single as below

Women's Single Scull (Nell Slatter Trophy)

Genevieve Horton Sydney University Boat Club

Women's Youth Eight (Bicentennial Cup)

Raquel Cuevas	Sydney University Boat Club
Isabelle Furrer	Sydney Rowing Club
Lauren Graham	Sydney Rowing Club
Nikki Martincic	UTS Rowing Club



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Crystal Piper	Sydney Rowing Club
Tara Rigney	Sydney University Boat Club
Adelaide Scott	UTS Rowing Club
India Thomson	Sydney Rowing Club
Coxswain: Hannah Cowap	Sydney Rowing Club

Men's Youth Eight (Noel F Wilkinson Cup)

Harry Crouch	Sydney Rowing Club
Jordan Duff	Sydney University Boat Club
Jackson Kench	Sydney Rowing Club
Alex Nichol	Sydney Rowing Club
Ashley Nicholls	Sydney Rowing Club
Torun Olsson	Sydney Rowing Club
William O'Shannessy	Sydney University Boat Club
Alex Potter	Sydney Rowing Club
Coxswain Harry Keenan	Sydney Rowing Club

Women's Interstate Eight (Queen's Cup)

Fiona Ewing	Sydney University Boat Club
Emma Fessey	UTS Rowing Club
Georgina Gotch	Sydney University Boat Club
Genevieve Horton	Sydney University Boat Club
Harriet Hudson	Sydney Rowing Club
Rowena Meredith	Sydney University Boat Club
Georgie Rowe	UTS Rowing Club
Leah Saunders	Sydney Rowing Club
Coxswain Talia Barnet-Hepples	Sydney University Boat Club

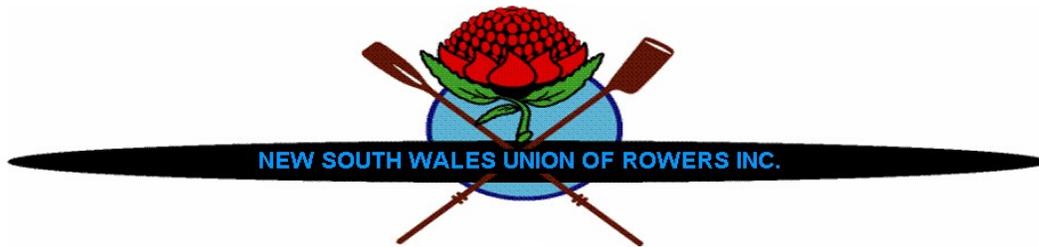
Men's Interstate Eight (Kings Cup)

Robert Black	Mosman Rowing Club
Jack Hargreaves	Sydney University Boat Club
Angus Moore	Sydney Rowing Club
Jack O'Brien	Sydney University Boat Club
Hamish Playfair	UTS Rowing Club
Alexander Purnell	Sydney University Boat Club
Nicholas Purnell	Sydney University Boat Club
Spencer Turrin	Sydney Rowing Club
coxswain Kendall Brodie	Sydney Rowing Club

NSW also came out top of the Point Score for the Regatta.

Speaking of Point Score... The RNSW Club Point Score as at April 10th is available at <https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/piano.revolutionise.com.au/site/rqsa9rbtueoucfw6.pdf> and currently Sydney (828.09) leads from UTS (779.39) and Sydney University (718.42).

School Rowing



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At the AAGPS Head of the River, Shore were again the dominant force winning the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Eights, the 3rd and 4th Fours and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year 10 eights. St Ignatius College won the 1st and 2nd Fours and St Josephs College won the 3rd and 4th Year 10 Eights. For all the results:
<https://regattas.rowingnsw.asn.au/?regatta;file=12179>

Shore also won the season Senior Point score from St Ignatius College and St Josephs College and Shore also won the Junior Point Score from Newington and St Josephs.

Newington dominated the NSW Schoolboy's Head of the River with 109 points with Shore second with 50 points and Radford College and Redlands tying for third with 27.

Here is a snapshot of the results from the NSW Schoolgirl's Head of the River. For all the results:
<https://regattas.rowingnsw.asn.au/regattas/4560>

1st Eight: Queenwood, Pymble, Loreto Normanhurst
2nd Eight: Queenwood, Pymble, Loreto Kirribilli
Yr10 Eight: Loreto Kirribilli, Radford, Queenwood

Senior Coxed Four: Roseville, Kinros Wolaroi, PLC Sydney
Yr10 Coxed Four: St Catherines, Loreto Kirribilli, PLC Sydney

Senior Quad Scull: Kinros Wolaroi, Radford, St Catherines
Yr10 1st Quad: Pymble, Redlands, Canberra Girls Grammar
Yr9 1st Quad: Loreto Kirribilli, Pymble, Queenwood
Yr8 1st Quad: Pymble, Loreto Kirribilli, Queenwood

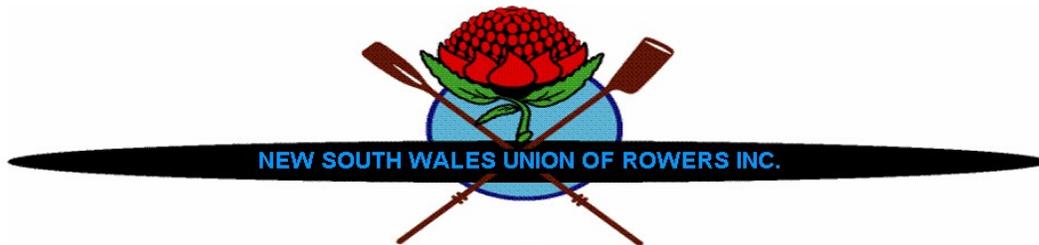
Pymble won the Junior Point score from Loreto Kirribilli and Queenwood
Kinross Wolaroi won the Senior Point Score from Queenwood and Canberra Girls Grammar
The overall Point Score went to Pymble (676) from Canberra Girls Grammar (502) and Queenwood (496)

Masters Rowing

Masters rowing continues to “burble along”, and whenever a regatta has Masters events on the program, masters rowers come out in force. Frequently, grade regattas find the D grade races with lots of masters crews trying to match the strength and skills of rowers who could be their children or, frequently, their grand children. Sometimes the skill, experience and endurance of the Masters wins out, but more often strength, agility, enthusiasm and not a small amount of avoidance of the embarrassment of being beaten by the “oldies” see the youngsters prevail.

As we approach the pointy end of the Masters season with the NSW Masters Championships on the 4th and 5th of May and the Australian Masters Championships in Perth from May 22nd to 25th, crews are ramping up their training.

The current RNSW point score shows a tight battle at the top with North Shore 138.72, Mosman 130.89 and Sydney Womens MLC 123.62 the top three.



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At the Australian Masters Championships in Perth, interstate competition is held between representative crews in Men's and Womens D Category (age 50+) Eights and Quads. The Interstate races are the last four scheduled races on Friday May 24th.

The NSW Interstate Representative Masters Crews are as follows

Women's Quad

Jane Tribe	Mosman Rowing Club
Linda Mudronia	Mosman Rowing Club
Tiffany Hutcheson	Mosman Rowing Club
Rebekah Hourigan	Mosman Rowing Club
Coach: Steve Gordon	Mosman Rowing Club

Women's Eight

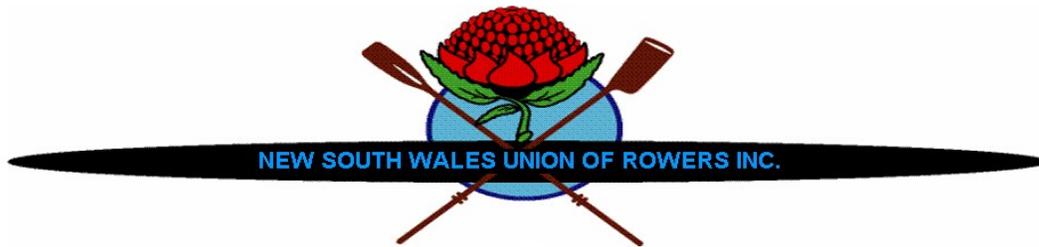
Daniela Borgert	Leichhardt Rowing Club
Jennifer Zonger	Leichhardt Rowing Club
Selina Pyle	North Shore Rowing Club
Annalisa Armitage	Leichhardt Rowing Club
Peggy McBride	North Shore Rowing Club
Nicki Blackwell	North Shore Rowing Club
Renai Venables	North Shore Rowing Club
Sarah Hill	Mosman Rowing Club
Coxswain: Laura Terrible	Leichhardt Rowing Club
Coach: Kim Rudder	North Shore Rowing Club
Coach: Steve Sherry	Drummoyne Rowing Club

Men's Quad

Sean Donza	Endeavour Rowing Club
Gary Foster	Drummoyne Rowing Club
Sean Ryan	Brisbane Water Rowing Club
Rhett Pattison	Manning River Rowing Club
Coach: Jason Waddell	Nepean Rowing Club

Men's Eight

Paul Bartels	Mosman Rowing Club
Stuart Cowap	Sydney Rowing Club
Steve Harrison	St George Rowing Club
Andrew Hourigan	Mosman Rowing Club
Ken Major	Glebe Rowing Club
Darren O'Sullivan	Glebe Rowing Club
Alan Robertson	St George Rowing Club
Mike Wenzel	Glebe Rowing Club
Coxswain: Wendy Miller	Mosman Rowing Club
Coach: Will Liley	Mosman Rowing Club
Reserve: Mark Tietjen	Glebe Rowing Club



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Manning River Rowing Club

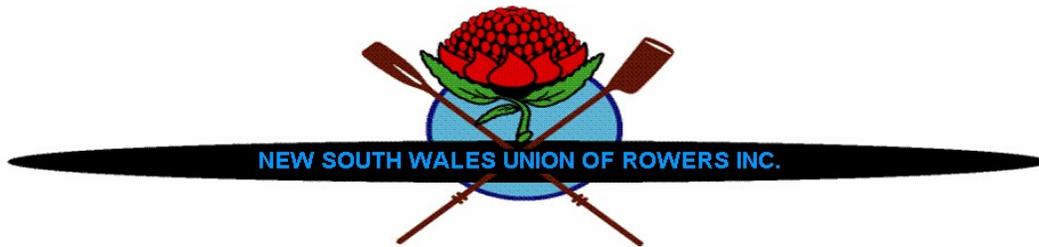
On Saturday 9th March during the Central Districts Rowing Association's Championships regatta, a freak weather event occurred which took the roof off the club house. The NSW Union of Rowers are in contact with the Club regarding assistance with getting the Club back up and running, but the Club is waiting on insurance assessments to see if they require further assistance.

North Shore's Sue Wannan (report) and Glen Fraser (video) were in the club house when the roof blew off. Here (with Sue's and Glen's permission) is Sue's report with Glen's video. It is quite clear when the roof "let go". Sue's report was written for the North Shore audience, but all rowers will be able to relate to the atmosphere that is generated in Sue's writing, so there has been very little editing.

Taree, 2.30 pm Saturday afternoon: It's been hot and sultry all day on this first day of the 2019 CDRA Championships, with warnings of possible thunderstorms in the afternoon or evening. Now the storm is obviously approaching from the west, a low, dense black cloud. Threatening as it looks, it also looks like it will pass quickly with clear weather behind it. The nine NSRC competitors are sweaty but optimistic. We've already had 5 races, with 3 wins and 3 seconds. The four men are rigged and ready to move onto the water for their 3:10pm doubles race, but are hesitant to go – the storm looks bad and they don't want to be stuck out on the water if it comes our way. At 2:40 they can't wait any longer and start making their way to the water when there's an urgent announcement over the loudspeakers. "No boats are to go onto the water. All boats currently on the water should get off immediately. Storm approaching." Most of NSRC boats are already on the trailer and tied down for the night. *Ritchie* and *Vetius* are rigged for the race. We put the rigged *Ritchie* on the trailer and tie it down, but there's no space for *Vetius*, so we tie it to its slings. We discuss the tent. Sue says it'll be okay lowered and tied down. Chris demurs. We take it down and leave it, unbagged, near the trailer. It starts to rain and we all head for the Manning River rowing shed.

And rain it does. It pours. And the wind comes up, gale force, causing huge white-capped waves and throwing around everything not tied down - and a few things that are. From the safety of the upstairs club house we watch people rushing around taking tents down and some little sailing boats on the river trying to head home into the teeth of the gale. One sailing boat beaches itself on the opposite bank, probably deciding that's the safest option.

Some kids jump into a tinnie and throttle it out into the river, presumably to help the sailors, at least one of whom is now over in the water. The kids have no life jackets on. They look to be having the time of their lives.



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Visibility closes down to perhaps 30 metres. We can no longer see our trailer parked at the eastern end of the park. Then the hail starts. Everyone's getting a bit tense now. The wind is so strong that things are flying madly outside and it's obviously dangerous to be out there.

Glen is at the far end of the clubhouse filming with his phone. Chris, Eric, Nic, Mab and Jannet are with him, trying to work out if the NSRC trailer is still okay. Sally, Sue and Mary are near the sliding doors to the verandah.

Things get worse. There are now rowing boats in the air as the enormous wind picks up even boats lying on the ground. The huge metal lamp post in front of Glen starts to bend and sway. Each time we think the storm has peaked it moves up a notch instead. Then there is no visibility – we can't see anything through the driving rain, the building is shaking and the windows start bulging inwards.

Suddenly there's a huge WHOOMP! and a sucking noise and much of the roof and ceiling of the rowing club lifts off and disappears. Bits of ceiling rain down on us as Sally pulls Sue onto the floor. Glen, with his camera still filming, throws his hands over his head, making for a very interesting video later.

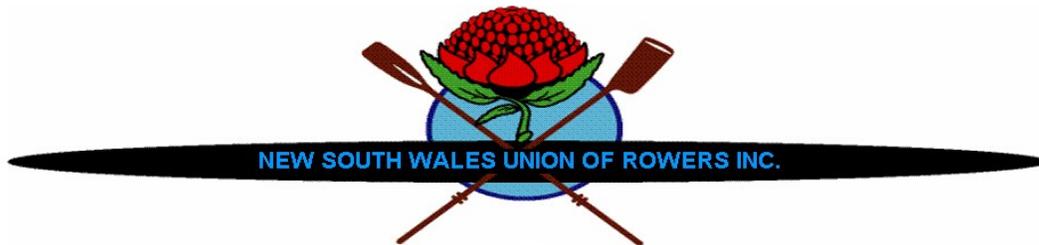
Here is Glen's video: <https://vimeo.com/329945608>

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There's a brief moment while it looks as though the rest of the roof is going to hold and Sally, Sue and Mary scramble up, grab their bags and run down to the others. We all, along with everyone else the club, cram into the north east corner. Glen counts the NSRC people. We're all here.

Carefully, with anxious glances at the non-existent roof, we all pick our way over to the stairs and tread down, over a small mountain of ceiling, glass and other detritus. It's still pouring rain and we are soaked, but downstairs among the boats with brick walls around us feels safer. The power is out and it's very dark and crowded. The roller shutter doors of the shed are bulging inward with every gust and it looks like they might not hold. Glen does another North Shore head count. Still all there. Someone outside yells for a first aid kit.

The wind is dropping and the rain is easing slightly. It's probably only a few minutes after that we all venture outside. We can see the roof of the clubhouse wrapped around the power lines on the road behind the clubhouse. The power pole is leaning and the lines are down. However, out of the protection of the brick



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building it's still gale force and we edge back inside. (*Two pictures below from NSW SES Taree City Unit*)

Boats and rubbish are strewn at all angles. A single is wedged into a tree. Another is in a three bits. Metal tent frames are mangled and twisted as though hit by a Mac truck. Everywhere there are broken and holed boats. And why do we all have bright pink stains all over our clothing? (We never work out the answer to that - bits of pink insulation batts?).

Excited groups are everywhere. Two ambulances arrive (we later hear two people have been taken to hospital, although not seriously injured). Cars parked across the road are badly damaged, panels dented and windows smashed. No safe haven there!

Everyone has a story. We hear that some U19 1x girls were upriver at the 2km start when the storm hit and no one seems to know how they fared. We assume that as there were boat race officials with them they are okay (as it turns out they were). A bloke tells us his watch was blown off his wrist (it was there - then it wasn't. He didn't see it go). Some schoolgirls are working themselves into mild hysteria. A large sheet of roof metal is wrapped around a roadside pole like a piece of wet spaghetti.

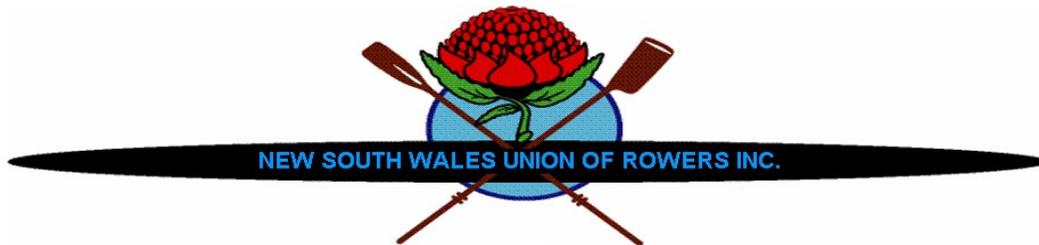
We wade down to the North Shore trailer. It has been blown about two metres forwards, and three metres sideways, into a low wooden fence. Fortunately, because on the other side of the fence is a row of parked cars. The thick metal clasp that lifts the tow ball grip is bent at 90 degrees where it hit the fence.

We are amazed. Nothing appears to be seriously damaged, despite having had someone's metal tent frame blown onto the trailer. *Vetius* has survived, but has lost not only the lane number, but the bow number holder has disappeared too, surprisingly leaving the boat unmarked.

Jabiru, tied down on the top rack, has been blown off its V, and is now angled across the trailer. It looks okay (but on unloading it at the club next day we find a hole punched through the hull - we think from the flying tent frame).

Janette's single and the *Norma Perry*, although tied down, have been blown across their racks. Janette's boat is stopped by the lip on the rack, but the *Perry* is hanging slightly over the edge.

We right things and collect what we can see of our stuff, although K2 and K4 bow numbers that were on the doubles are nowhere to be seen (Next morning someone tells us they've found K2. K4 may still be missing, probably at Port



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Macquarie.) There seems to be nothing more useful to be done, so we waded out to the street, which is awash with rubbish and broken branches. Chris hears from someone that tomorrow's regatta is cancelled.

Sue, Mab and Janette are at a house in Boyce St about 300 metres from the rowing club. Our rubbish bin is blown over and the electricity is out but otherwise there's no sign of storm. We shower in the dark (it's still only just after 4pm) and head for the Old Bar house where the others are staying, for beer and pizzas and disaster stories.

Thank goodness, we say, that Chris had had a long slow journey with the trailer the previous night and hadn't brought the trailer to the boat park until this morning, when the only place left was at the far eastern end. If we'd parked where we normally do we'd have been in the thick of the flying boats and damage area

In the chaos, Sue has lost her phone and a credit card that's in the phone pocket. She's also left her chair upstairs in the club house. It didn't seem important when the roof was lifting off. The police have now cordoned off the area and we can't get within a hundred metres. She rings husband Geoff, tells him all about it and asks him to organise a block on the credit card.

Halfway through beer and pizzas, Geoff rings Janette's phone. Jon Dennes from Manning River RC has found the phone (he'd picked his way upstairs as soon as he could with a bucket and picked up phones, keys, wallets and anything he could see). He's spent the intervening hours tracing the various owners and arranging return of items. He tracks down Sue via the name on the credit card then getting onto Facebook and sending messages to all the Wannans he can see .

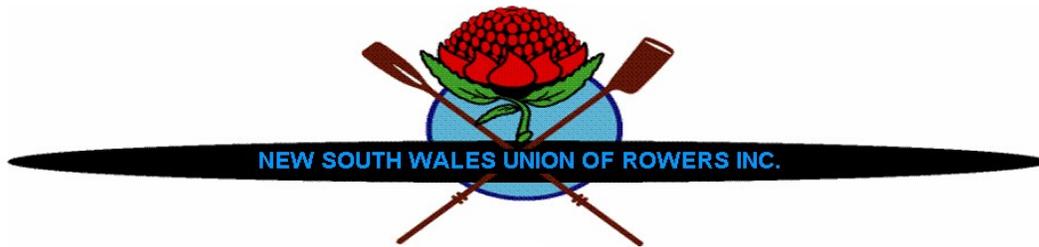
Fortunately it's an unusual name. Sue's niece sees the message, rings Geoff, who rings Jon.....

Next morning Jon drops off Sue's phone to her at the Boyce St house.

"Six of their 37 boats are okay...."

Sunday morning we all head back to the trailer, having to duck under the lines of police and emergency tapes to get there. En route Sue stops to talk to one of the schools whose boats were in the worst area. Six of their 37 boats are okay. The rest are damaged or destroyed. One boat on the ground has a one-metre-long piece of 4x4 wood which speared the boat parallel to the ground about 20 centimetres up. The single is still in the tree.

Manning River people are out in force, cleaning up. They look stunned. Chris finds the club president and, on behalf of NSRC, gives him \$450 that we've put together the evening before. The president is greatly appreciative, and visibly emotional, about it. They have such a big job to do.



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We fix things ready for the home trip. Someone returns our orange hatchcover bag (the benefit of naming it!) which they found somewhere. We find *Vetius's* bow number holder with the relics of K2 in it. We take them home. We may frame them. Surprisingly the bucket is still close by. Everything is sodden and covered with grass clipping (which bake on during the homeward trip and make washing the boats interesting).

The club house is still surrounded by police tape but some Manning River RC people are in the downstairs boat shed. Sue asks about her chair - and a few minutes later a bloke walks out with it.

Those in charge are unwilling to let Chris drive his sedan across the sodden ground to get our trailer - they don't need bogged cars to add to their problems. They provide a 4WD and tow it to the carpark, we swap to Chris's car, lift all the police/emergency tapes/ road barriers to allow him and the trailer out, and we're on our way home.

It's been one of those regattas we'll talk about for years.

[The NBN News website](https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2019/03/10/clean-up-continues-after-taree-hit-by-severe-storms/) also has graphic pictures of the damage.

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- Sue W.

Scholarship Club

The 2019 – 2020 Youth Development Scholarship Club is now open and Members and Friends are encouraged to participate. Please check out the flyer and order form below:

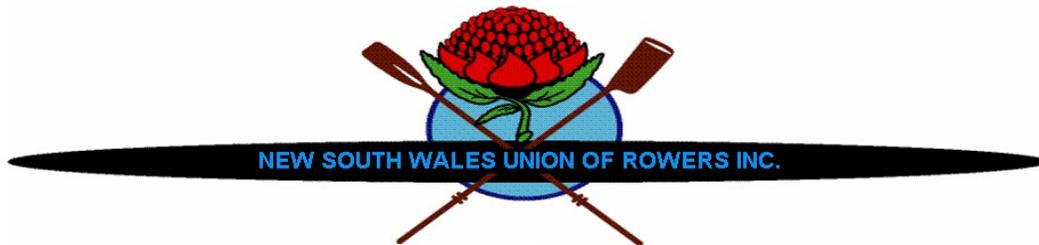
On behalf of the Executive Committee

Regards, Kim Rudder

NSW Union of Rowers Youth Development Fundraiser 2019-2020

Win \$1,000 in the Union of Rowers 2019 Youth Development Fundraiser

Tickets \$25 each or Five tickets for \$100.



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The NSW Union of Rowers Youth Development Fundraiser for 2020 in support of our Junior Athlete Scholarships is now open.

The most significant activity of the Union of Rowers is the ongoing support the Union gives to promising young athletes each year. In 2018 the Union awarded nine scholarships of \$1,000 each, making 146 scholarships awarded since the scheme commenced in 1992. We are currently taking applications for the 2019 Scholarships which will be presented at the RNSW Presentation Dinner on May 17th.

To fund these awards the Union runs this Fundraiser, retails a range of rowing related products, as well as other activities for Members and friends. We are offering the rowing community an opportunity to support this very worthy cause.

The lucky draw will take place at the 2020 NSW Championships, when the holder of the winning ticket will receive a cash prize of \$1,000.

A ticket in the Youth Development fundraiser costs \$25. A contribution of \$100 provides you with five tickets. You can purchase as many tickets as you like.

The scholarships are presented each year at the Rowing NSW Annual Award Dinner in June. To purchase tickets, please complete the attached form and return by mail or email.

Best of luck in the draw.

Phillip Titterton
President

Kim Rudder
Honorary Secretary

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Please reserve tickets in the Youth Development Fundraiser draw at \$25.00 each (5 for \$100)

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