

NSW UNION OF ROWERS INC ANNUAL REPORT 2008-09

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This has been an exciting year for the Union and for Rowing.

Not only did Australia take two gold medals in the Beijing Olympics Rowing (Men's Pair and Double Scull), but there were notable performances by the men's coxless four winning the silver medal. The crew included two New South Welshmen Francis Hegerty and Matthew Ryan. Another New South Welshman Dan Noonan, competed in the quad and narrowly missed a medal.

At the recent Masters National Championships the NSW women's quad was successful and we all look forward to the prospects at the World Masters Championship which is coming up at SIRC in October.

Our juniors have performed very well this year. The Sydney Rowing Club coxless club four crew, all of whom were under 23, won the Wyfold Challenge Cup at Henley on the 5th July. The National Talent Identification Development crew, which contained four New South Wales athletes in the eight, won in New Zealand, in a mini regatta series against the New Zealand juniors.

At home the State Championships, the Edward Trickett regatta, the grade regattas, the J.B. Sharp Series regattas and the Youth Cup all attracted large numbers of entries and a high standard of rowing. At the Australian Rowing Championships NSW won the King's Cup for the second year in a row and good results were achieved by NSW athletes in a number of winning elite crews.

Our scholarships program has successfully continued this year and 2008 scholarship holders have done very well in the 2008 World Championships as juniors.

The men's coxless pair including Matthew Dignan and Ryan Edwards, achieved a third. Matthew was a scholarship holder and Ryan had support from the Union. The women's coxless four comprising Beatrix Sheldrick, Ashley Peppernell, Olivia Heath and Rachel See, all of whom were scholarship holders, performed very well indeed gaining fifth in the final. The success of the program can be seen from how well our juniors have performed and congratulations should be extended to all the scholarship holders and to all our athletes. 2009 has continued the great tradition established in 2007 and 2008.

Through the Union member's generous support of the Scholarship Club it is pleasing to report that the funds invested in a fixed deposit were recently increased by \$ 4,000! This is a wonderful result.

The Executive Committee has during the year, put in a great deal of good work and many members enjoyed the various social functions organised, in particular by our Secretary Terry Maher. Our Honorary Treasurer, Robert McColm, has been of great assistance to the Union in these difficult times of global financial recession. As ever, Terry has conducted the affairs of the Union as its Honorary Secretary with much ability and conscientiousness. All of the officers of the Executive deserve our thanks. It has been wonderful to be able to rely on them to continue the work and support that makes the Union a worthwhile body.

My thanks are extended to everyone who has assisted at the many NSWRA regattas throughout the season and on the committees and the Executive Committee of the Union during the year. I wish the incoming Executive and the new President all possible success in the New Year.

Hon Greg James QC
President 2008-09.



Union stalwarts Don Croot AM 83; George Neilson 92 & Ernie Chapman 83 at the Balmain R.C. Annual Meeting 21/6/09

KINGS CUP SUCCESS

It was indeed satisfying to see NSW successfully defend the Kings Cup. Congratulations on a convincing win! The overall results of the State Team were disappointing. Windy conditions prevailed for most of the week at Lake Barrington Tasmania.

The crews and results follow. Team members with * are Youth Scholarship recipients.

Kings Cup M8+ 1st NSW 5:30.80, 2nd Vic 5:35.96 3rd WA 5:39.06 Terrence Alfred (Sydney University), Richard Allsop (Sydney University), Dominic Grimm (Sydney RC), Nicholas Hudson (Sydney University), Sam Loch (Sydney University), Dan Noonan (Mosman RC), Fergus Pragnell (Sydney University), Matthew Ryan (Sydney University), Cox Tobias Lister (Sydney University) Reserve James Goswell (Sydney University). Coach Dr Andrew Randell

President's Cup M1x 1st Vic 6:54.64 2nd WA 6:56.36 3rd Qld 6:59.01 4th NSW 7:00.09_Danjels Reedman (St George RC). Coach Rhett Ayliffe

Penrith Cup ML4- 1st WA 6:12.81 2nd Qld 6:14.17 3rd Tas 6:15.04 5th NSW 6:24.74 Charles Budd (Sydney University), Edward de Carvalho (Sydney University), Edward White (Sydney University), Thomas Ing (Sydney RC) Reserve Lachlan Carter (Sydney RC). Coach Mark Prater (Sydney University)

Noel F. Wilkinson Trophy MY8+ 1st Vic 5:43.87 2nd WA 5:46.01 3rd Qld 5:47.43 4th NSW 5:48.24 Nick Purnell (Sydney University), Henry Mander (Sydney University), Ryan Edwards (Sydney University), William Gilbert (Sydney University), Ryan Barraclough (Sydney University), Alexander Sutton (Nepean RC), Jason Waddell (Nepean RC), Kurt Spencer* (Sydney RC), Cox Ed Clarke (Sydney University) Reserve Aleksander Berzins (Sydney RC). Coach Phillip Bourguignon (Sydney University)

Nell Slatter Trophy W1x 1st Qld 7:46.46 2nd Vic 7:56.28 3rd ACT 7:59.10 5th NSW 8:09.49 Anna O'Brien (St George RC). Coach Steve Luker (St George RC)

Queens Cup W8+ 1st Vic 6:17.24 2nd Qld 6:25.22 3rd WA 6:29.37 4th NSW 6:34.07 Elizabeth Kell (Sydney University), Bronwen Watson* (Sydney University), Anna O'Brien (St George RC), Chloe O'Regan* (Sydney University), Emma Costello (Sydney University), Laura Honson (University of NSW RC), Laura Robertson (Macquarie University RC), Brynne Allen (UTS), Cox Alison Williams (UTS RC) Reserve Kate Darke (St George RC) Coach Alan Bennett (Sydney University)

Victoria Cup WL4x 1st Tas 6:36.97 2nd Vic 6:44.70 3rd Qld 6:46.99 4th NSW 6:48.17 Bronwyn Watson (Sydney University), Jacky Peile* (St George RC), Alison Smith (Nepean RC), Alicia Boehm (Mosman RC) Reserve Laura Dunn (UTS RC). Coach Ellen Randell

Bicentennial Cup WY8+ 1st Qld 6:24.25 2nd WA 6:27.44 3rd SA 6:30.85 5th NSW 6:37.10 Ashleigh Peppernell* (Sydney University), Beatrix Sheldrick* (Sydney University), Sarah Handley* (Sydney RC), Samantha Doyle (Sydney RC), Sorelle Bowman (Canberra RC), Olivia Heath* (Mosman RC), Johanna Tarrant* (South Grafton High School), Jessica Salmon (UTS RC), Cox. Gabriella Poletto (Sydney RC) Reserve Elise Andrews (Drummoyne RC) Coaches Glenn Bates (Sydney RC) and Adam Vine-Hall (UTS RC).

AUSTRALIAN ROWING TEAM 2009

SENIOR A TEAM

To compete at the World Rowing Championships

Poznan, Poland: **23 – 30 August 2009**

Team Managers: Ray Ebert and Michael Smith

Men's Coxless Four

Francis Hegerty (Sydney Uni. – NSWIS)
Cameron McKenzie-McHarg (Melbourne Uni. – VIS)

James Marburg (Melbourne Uni. – VIS)

Mathew Ryan (Sydney Uni. – NSWIS)

Coach: Tim Conrad (QAS) aided by Chris O'Brien

Men's Quad Scull

Dan Noonan (Mosman – NSWIS)

Nicholas Hudson (Sydney Uni. – NSWIS)

Jared Bidwell (Uni. of QLD - QAS/AIS)

David Crawshay (Mercantile – VIS)

Coach: John Driessen (Huon RC)

Men's Eight

Dominic Grimm (Sydney RC – AIS)

Fergus Pragnell (Sydney Uni. - NSWIS/AIS)

Richard Allsop (Sydney Uni. - NSWIS/AIS)

Bryn Coudraye (Adelaide RC - SASI/AIS)

Thomas Swann (Mercantile - VIS/AIS)

Mitchell Estens (Sydney Uni. – NSWIS)

Sam Loch (Sydney Uni. – NSWIS)

Tom Larkins (Melbourne Uni. - VIS/AIS)

Tobias Lister (coxswain) (Sydney Uni. – NSWIS)

Coach: Noel Donaldson (AIS)

Men's Lwt. Coxless Four

Angus Tyers (Melbourne Uni. – VIS)

Ross Brown (Swan River – WAIS)

Darryn Purcell (Toowong – QAS)

Chris Bigg (Uni. of Qld – QAS)

Coach: Chris O'Brien (VIS)

Women's Lwt. Double Scull

Bronwen Watson (Sydney Uni. – NSWIS)

Alice McNamara (Melbourne Uni. – VIS)

Coach: Ellen Randell (UTS RC)

Women's Coxless Pair

Sarah Cook (Sydney Uni. – NSWIS)

Kim Crow (Melbourne Uni. – VIS)

Coach: Laryssa Biesenthal (AIS)

Women's Coxless Four

Emily Rose (Uni. of WA - WAIS/AIS)

Elizabeth Alderman (Uni. of WA - WAIS/AIS)

Laura Osti (Adelaide Uni. - SASI/AIS)

Emma McCarthy (Commercial – AIS)

Coach: Laryssa Biesenthal (AIS)

Women's Double Scull

Pippa Savage (Commercial – QAS)
 Sally Kehoe (Sydney Uni. – QAS)
 Coaches: Tim Conrad (QAS)
 Phil Bourguignon (Sydney Uni.)

Adaptive AM1x

Ben Houlison (The Lakes Rowers)
 Coach: Pedro Albisser (Nepean RC)

Adaptive LTA4+

Alexandra Green (Uni. Of NSW)
 Carol Cooke (Yarra Yarra)
 Peter Siri (Noosa)
 Henry McPhillamy (Mosman)
 Lisa Brown (Yarra Yarra)

Reserves

Men's Sweep and Scull – Danjels Reedman (St George – AIS). Women's Lwt. – Maja Fiddler (Torrens – SASI). Women's heavyweight – Sophia Robson (Melbourne Uni./VIS/AIS)

UNDER 23 TEAM

To compete at the Under 23 World Championships, Racice, Czech Republic: **23 – 26 July 2009**

Team Manager: Dean Oakman

Under 23 Men's Eight 4th Final A 5m36.37sec

Joshua Dunkley-Smith (Mercantile)
 Rhys Grant (ANA – WAIS)
 Ned Kinnear (Adelaide Uni. – SASI)
 Nickolas Purnell (Sydney Uni.)
 Cameron Brewer (Swan River – WAIS)
 Alexander Scharp (Mercantile – VIS)
 James Goswell (Sydney Uni. – NSWIS)
 William Lockwood (Melbourne Uni.)
 David Webster (coxswain) (Melbourne Uni.)
 Coach: Rhett Ayliffe (AIS)

Under 23 Men's Quad Scull 3rd Final A 5m48.47sec

James McRae (Murray Bridge – SASI)
 Matthew Bolt (Adelaide Uni. – SASI)
 David Wright (Canberra RC – ACTAS)
 Alexander Belonogoff (Sydney Uni.)
 Coach: Zoltan Shepherd (SASI)

Under 23 Men's Lwt. 4- 3rd Final B 6m06.41sec

Perry Ward (Swan River – WAIS)
 Thomas Bertrand (Mercantile – VIS)
 Charles Budd (Sydney Uni.)
 Edward White (Sydney Uni.)
 Coach: Bill Tait (VIS)

Under 23 Men's Lwt. Double Scull

Alister Foot (Tamar – TIS)
 Angus Morton (Uni. of Queensland)
 Coach: Ron Batt (TIS)

Under 23 Women's 4x 2nd Final B 6m48.58sec

Georgia Baker (UWABC – WAIS)
 Alison Crowe (Melbourne Uni. - AIS/VIS)
 Charlotte Walters (Sydney Uni. – AIS)
 Peta-Lee Eddington (Uni. of Queensland)
 Coach: Gordon Marcks (ACTAS)

Under 23 Women's Lwt. Quad 3rd Final A 6m37.74

Lauren Burraston (Canberra – ACTAS)
 Alison Scobbie (Uni of Queensland – QAS)
 Ella Flecker (Huon RC)
 Gabby Kukla (Brisbane and GPS)
 Coach: Jason Lane (SASI)

Under 23 Women's 4- 3rd Final B 6m48.58sec

Jessica Hill (Melbourne Uni.)
 Alexandra Hill (Melbourne Uni.)
 Philippa Lindley (Commercial)
 Louise Kilby (ANU)
 Coach: Ian Wright (Melbourne Uni.)

Reserves -

Heavyweight sweep – Alistair Matthews (Sydney Uni.)
 Heavyweight scull – Shane Jackson (Banks – AIS)
 Heavyweight sweep and scull – Michelle Yann (Banks)
 Lwt. – Edward de Carvalho (Sydney Uni.)

JUNIOR TEAM

To compete at the Junior World Championships, Brive la Gaillarde, France: **5 – 8 August 2009**

Team Manager: Bob Cook

Junior Men's Coxed Four

Angus Moore (Canberra Grammar School - ACTAS)
 Josh Hicks (ANA - WAIS)
 Sam Collins (Swan River - WAIS)
 Tom Amies (Nudgee College)
 Nick Allen-Ducat (coxswain) (St Josephs College)
 Coach: John Bowes (Commercial RC)

Junior Men's Coxless Four

Tom Chapman (Hutchins)
 Michael Poulter (Melbourne Uni.)
 Daniel Brichtope (Mercantile)
 Tom Gatti (Swan River - WAIS)
 Coach: Dave Milne (ANA RC)

Junior Men's Quad Scull

Louis Snelson* (Shore)
 Cameron Smith (St Josephs College)
 Ben Morley (Grammarians)
 David Prosser (Bunbury RC - WAIS)
 Coach: Lincoln Handley (Uni. Of Qld)

Junior Women's Quad Scull

Alex Hagan (Bunbury - WAIS)
 Madeleine Edmunds (Commercial RC)
 Amy Fowler (Canberra RC - ACTAS)
 Jessica Hall (Brisbane and GPS RC)
 Coach: Jamie Jones (Bunbury - WAIS)

Junior Women's Coxless Four

Anna Kaszycki (UTS RC)
 Hannah Vermeersch (West Australian RC)
 Peta White (Torrens RC - SASI)
 Jessica Molsher-Jones (Torrens RC - SASI)
 Coach: Anna Tree (SASI)

* = 2009 Youth Development Scholarship recipient.

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2009 DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

This year thirty applications (18 girls and 12 boys) were lodged for Youth Development Scholarships. After lengthy deliberation six scholarships of \$500 each will be presented this year. A travel subsidy is also available to country based athletes.

The recipients of scholarships for 2009 are :

Matthew	Filmer		Newcastle Grammar
Madigan	Mackenzie		Tara School
Declan	Michell		Kinross Wolaroi
Hamish	Playfair	Sydney R.C.	Shore School
Louis	Snelson	Sydney R.C.	Shore School
Lauren	Temm	UTS R.C.	Tara School

The awards will be presented at the Union's Presentation Luncheon on Saturday, 19th September at Leichhardt Rowing Club.

Here are the statistics since 1992 (the scholarships predate that year). The Union has presented 88 scholarships to 42 young men and 46 young women many of whom went on to become very successful rowers and scullers with several representing Australia. The scholarships support the sport throughout the state with 39 awarded to the metropolitan and 29 to regional clubs and schools.

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

ANNUAL DINNER

The Union's Annual Dinner was held on Thursday, 25th September, 2008 at the UTS Rowing Club.

Sporting journalist and personality Peter "FAB" Fenton enchanted the dinner with his amazing sports knowledge and his recital of very witty sporting poetry which he had written. Well done Peter!

For the first time the coaches of the scholarship recipients were invited to speak and those present applauded them for the dedication they give to their athletes.



Coach Stani Slavova with Aust. Junior Representatives & scholarship holders
Matthew Dignan, Beatrix Sheldrick, Ashleigh Peppernell & Olivia Heath



Scholarship holders Isaac Bolton with coach Harold Kratz & Johanna Tarrant with coach Colin Lang

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'50 Year Participation Certificates' were presented to Fred Griffin & Graham Williams – Congratulations! The focus of the dinner was on people and their achievements. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. The Union's Annual Dinner will be replaced this year by a Presentation Luncheon to be held on Saturday, 19th September at the Leichhardt R.C. commencing at noon. Our guest speaker is the new Rowing NSW CEO Christian Renford who will take the opportunity to meet our members and guests and speak on his vision for Rowing in NSW.

NEWINGTON ARMORY VISIT

Our excursion for the year was to the former RAN'S Newington Armament Depot which features various buildings and installations on a 100 hectare site next to the Olympic precinct. Harbour rowers remember the ammunition barges and rowing past the Newington wharf on the way to Silverwater bridge. Our party visited on Sunday 5th April and took the miniature railway guided tour of the historical site stopping at various installations and examining a wide variety of munitions from all three services.

50 YEAR CERTIFICATES

It would seem that 1959 was a good vintage with a number of our members commencing their rowing career and going on to devote themselves to the wellbeing of our sport.

Robert	Hearn	50 Year Participation
Keith	Jameson	50 Year Meritorious Service
Graham	Lorking	50 Year Meritorious Service
Terry	Maher	50 Year Meritorious Service
Michael	Morgan OAM	50 Year Meritorious Service
Barry	Moynahan	50 Year Meritorious Service
Nick	Padol	50 Year Meritorious Service
Lynette	Skelton	50 Year Meritorious Service
John	St Vincent Welch	50 Year Meritorious Service
Robert	Tipping	50 Year Participation
Phillip	Titterton	50 Year Meritorious Service
Ann	Watson	50 Year Participation

The certificates will be presented at the Annual Meeting at Nepean R.C. on 23rd August and at the Presentation Luncheon on 19th September at Leichhardt Rowing Club.

2008-09 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This years Executive comprised President Greg James (3), Deputy President John Arndell (3), Elite Vice-President & Public Officer Don Croot AM, Vice President Brian Guthrie (3), Honorary Secretary Terry Maher (3), Honorary Treasurer Robert McColm (2), Honorary Auditor Simon Croot, Committee Members Janine Lippi (1), John Campbell (2), Dr Phil Sharp (3), David Sollom (1), Geoff McIntyre AM (1), Michael Halasz (3), Barry Moynahan (3), Russell McLean (2) and Tim Wainman (2).

Three meetings were conducted on 17th November, 16th March and 13th July. Attendances are indicated (#) above. The Executive put its efforts behind the Scholarship Club which delivered a return of \$ 2,140-00 an extremely pleasing result (see attached list of subscribers). The late Ken Graham OAM former Treasurer of Sydney Rowing Club was the 2008 winner.

Three 'Come Forward' newsletters were produced keeping members informed of the Union's initiatives and state, national and international rowing news.

The Executive again has decided to travel to Nepean Rowing Club for the 2009 Annual Meeting to support our outer metropolitan members and has hired a bus to facilitate travel and avoid the breath testing. Don't forget to book your seat.

The Scholarship Evaluation Committee comprised Janine Lippi, David Sollom, Barry Moynahan Dr. Phil Sharp & Terry Maher and a new application form was implemented.

Our Archives Committee remains active under the Chair of Dr. Sharp and any members with old reports, programmes, photos, trophies or memorabilia are urged to contact him through the Union email address.

The 2009 Scholarship Club opened for subscriptions in late March and we are pleased to report that it is off to a good start. The draw is in mid December.

A focus of the new Executive must be the signing up of new members as once again we have lost a number of wonderful supporters over the months.

OBITUARY

It is with the deepest regret that we report the passing of the following Union members during the year:-
Raymond Browne, George Parlby OAM, Reginald Stride, Kevin Bond, Kenneth Graham OAM, Hugh Maynard Crawford and Thomas Parlson. We extend our condolences to their families and many rowing friends.
Should our network have inadvertently missed the passing of a member please accept our apologies and commiserations.

APPRECIATION

The Executive Committee appreciate the work undertaken by all members in the organization of social functions, staging the dinner and the excursion.

Thanks also to Rowing NSW, the Chief Executive Officer, staff and Board for their support and cooperation.

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

Gregory James QC
President

Terry Maher
Honorary Secretary

**N.S.W. UNION OF ROWERS INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1st July 2008 to 30th June 2009**

1.	Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Five Dock Branch. Cheque Account # 00801 400 (bearing interest) Balance as at 30/6/2009	\$ 10,366.56
2.	Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Rozelle NSW Term Deposit No. 50087188 Interest rate 8.10% p.a. for a term of 12 months issued 13/07/2008 maturing 13/07/2009. Interest payable on 13/01/09, balance on maturity.	\$ 28,000.00
		<u>\$ 38,366.56</u>

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2009**

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Cr. Bank Balance B/Fwd	4,592.89	Affiliation Fees	125.00
Subscriptions (inc Permanent)	1,530.00	Youth Development Awards	1,200.00
Presentation Night	2,370.00	P.O. Box 208	75.00
Interest – Commonwealth Bank	9.48	Printing Postage & Stationery	909.14
Interest – CBA Term Deposit	2,050.83	Annual Meeting	565.00
Scholarship Club	5,295.00	Bank Fees	2.50
Fund Raising	376.00	Presentation Night	2481.00
Unpresented Cheque	500.00	Scholarship Club	1000.00
		Cr. Balance C/Fwd	10,366.56
	\$ 16,724.20		\$ 16,724.20

Robert McColm
Honorary Treasurer.

Simon Croot
Honorary Auditor.

