



New South Wales Union of Rowers Incorporated

Founded in 1931 as the New South Wales Union of Old Oarsmen

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 2024

**FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AT SYDNEY ROWING CLUB ON 25TH AUGUST, AT 11.00am**

2023-24 OFFICER BEARERS

Patron:	Barry Moynahan OAM
President:	John Johnson (2 year term due for election in 2024)
Deputy President:	Liam James (2 year term due for election in 2024)
Vice Presidents:	Anthony Brown, Brian Guthrie, Phillip Titterton OAM
Elite Vice-President:	Terry Maher
Interim Honorary Secretary:	Terry Maher
Honorary Treasurer:	David Clark
Public Officer:	Dr. Philip Sharp
Honorary Auditor:	Geoff Brown
Executive Committee:	Eric Carter, Deanna Fekete, Neil Holmes, James Johnson, Barbara Ramjan, Dr. Philip Sharp,
Scholarship Evaluation:	Brian Guthrie, John Johnson, Terry Maher, Barbara Ramjan, & Phillip Titterton OAM.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is my great honour to present the President's Report for the 93rd Annual General Meeting of the Union of Rowers for the year 2023 – 2024.

I would like to congratulate Anne Craig, Geoff McIntyre AM and Keith Jameson OAM on their election as Life Members of the NSW Union of Rowers Inc. at the Annual Meeting on 27th August in recognition of their exceptional contribution to the Union over the decades.

In my last report I advised that a presentation had been made to the family of our late archivist Louis Petrin in recognition of Louis's service and contribution to the Union, and that a search for a new home for Louis's vast collection of books and rowing memorabilia was underway. I am pleased to report that the collection in its entirety has been accepted by Rowing Australia and is on display at the RA offices in Canberra. A small sample of the collection relating to the Olympics was on display at this year's National Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta at SIRC. One of the trophies has been re-purposed into becoming the Margaret Mackenzie Cup for the Open Women's Quad Scull and was presented to the winning crew by Louie's wife Ms. Lorraine Reddel. I acknowledge the work of our Patron Barry Moynahan OAM in commencing negotiations and Ron Batt of RA in bringing this project to a successful conclusion. A formal Deed of Agreement has been entered into, and the Petrin Family have expressed their gratitude to the Union for its assistance in the matter. As mentioned in previous reports, the development of young rowers continues to be a core component of the Union's activities. This year 6 outstanding candidates were the recipients of our Youth Development Award Scholarships, resulting in a total of over 185 scholarships having now been granted since 1992. The successful candidates were:-



Leila Gaston of UTS Haberfield RC & St Catherines; Lucy Yabsley of Glebe RC & Ascham School;
Patricia Boland of Glebe RC & Loreto Normanhurst; Gemma McLaren of SUBC & Queenwood;
Elyse Coates of Mosman RC & Northern Beaches High & Ezekiel Pratt of Nepean RC
with Union President John Johnson.

The Scholarship Certificates were presented at the Rowing NSW Presentation Dinner, held at Sydney Rowing Club on 6 June.

This year the Union was able to play a small role in assisting with running of the NSW State Rowing Championships at SIRC by providing an escort for sight impaired rowers and their coaches to the start of the Para races. This obviated the need for a Boat Race Official to undertake this and facilitated a smooth running of the program. A full and largely uninterrupted regatta season for regattas at SIRC allowed the Union opportunities for our fund-raising raffles. A full report is contained within the Treasurer's Report. I would like to thank all those from the rowing community who have supported these raffles and also to our several benefactors who have so kindly and generously donated to the Union.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Sydney Rowing Club and President Keith Jameson who have kindly allowed us the use of the premises for our Executive meetings.

Finally, I would like to thank the Executive Committee for all their hard work this past year, with special mention to our secretary Terry Maher for his tireless work in keeping the show running.

John Johnson
President 2022-2024

MAJOR REGATTA RESULTS

PLEASE VISIT <https://www.nswrowers.com/news.html> FOR:
2024 RNSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS [Day 1](#) [Day 2](#) [Day 3](#)
AAGPS Head of the River [RESULTS 16/3/2024](#)
2024 AUSTRALIAN ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS 18 TO 24TH MARCH [STATE TEAM RESULTS](#) [Day 1](#) [Day 2](#) [Day 3](#) [Day 4](#) [Day 5](#) [Day 6](#) [Day 7](#)
2024 RNSW MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS [Day 1](#) [Day 2](#)
2024 PARIS OLYMPIC GAMES ROWING NEWS, INFORMATION & RESULTS - VISIT
<https://worldrowing.com/event/2024-olympic-games-regatta/>

PROFILES OF 2024 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS

Patricia Boland from Glebe R.C. & Loreto Normanhurst



Patti is a second-generation Loreto Schoolgirl rower and was strongly encouraged by Mum to continue the family tradition. Patti has combined school and club rowing at Glebe RC as part of the sculling program coached by Milan Parker and the Small Boats Program at Loreto Normanhurst with Head Coach Thomas Parker. In the single she is the 2024 NSW Champion in the WU17 1x and the 2023 RNSW WU16 1x 500m Sprint Champion. In the 2x, Patti and her crewmate Stella Moore were successful in most regattas they entered, including winning the Open Schoolgirl 2x at the HoR as Year 10. At the Nationals, Patti took silver in the U17 1x and bronze in the SG 2x. Her dream is to wear the green and gold as an Olympic Rower. Nick Galea.

Elyse Coates from Mosman R.C. & Northern Beaches High



Elyse started rowing in 2022 as a Year 8 with the Mosman RC Winter Program. Having already competing at National level in swimming and surf life-saving, the transition to rowing was seamless, quickly becoming a standout rower in the program. The 22/23 season proved to be a fantastic start to racing with Elyse claiming 2nd place at the NSW Schoolgirl HoR in the Year 9 1x. Inspired by this success, Elyse trained through the winter in Mosman's Junior Girls and High-Performance programs, targeting the 2024 NSW Championships and Australian Championships. At NSW States she would win 2 Silver Medals in the U17 2x and U17 Quad, and 1 Bronze in the U17 Single. At Nationals Elyse won the treble of Gold in the U17 1x, U17 2x and U17 4x. Elyse hopes to build on this success by representing NSW and Australia in Junior Teams in 24/25 season. Ben Whitewolfe

Leila Gaston from UTS Haberfield R.C. & St. Catherines

Leila started rowing in Year 8 in 2020 having already competed at a national level in both swimming and surf lifesaving. She has represented her school in the Year 9 1st 4x and has been a member of the 1st 8+ for three consecutive years becoming a driving force to St Catherine's recent success. This season at the NSW Championships Leila won the CSG 1x in an outstanding race whilst also winning the SG8+. Leila stroked the Schoolgirl 1st 8+ at HoR to victory in an incredible margin of 10s. At Nationals, Leila with her crew mates won 3 Gold medals across the CSG 8+, CU19W 8+ and CU19W 4+. Leila is currently training with the St. Catherine's 1st 8+ which will compete at Henley Royal Regatta in the Prince Phillip Challenge Trophy. Awarded St. Catherine's Senior Rower of the Year, she is a dedicated athlete transitioning to club rowing in the 24-25 season and striving for National Representation. Jarrod Watson.



Gemma McLaren from SUBC & Queenwood

Hailing from the Northern Beaches, Gemma started rowing in Year 7 through the Queenwood Learn-to-Row program. She has juggled high level swimming (qualifying to Nationals in 2021 and 2023), with her rowing commitments these past 4 years. She has been part of the Queenwood 1st Year 8 4x+, 1st Year 9 4x+, the Second 8+ and this season the 1st 8+. She is a 2-Time National Champion (U17 8+ and SG 4+), and a 3-Time State Champion (U17 8+, U19 4+ and SG2x). Adding to her National results is a silver in the U19 4+, and two bronzes in U19 8+ and U17 4x+. Gemma is currently training within the SUBC Winter program and will attend their training camp at the US National Training Centre in San Diego this July. Gemma's goals for the future are to represent NSW in the Youth 8+ and Australia on the international scene. Ciarán Glynn



Ezekiel Pratt from Nepean R.C.

Ezekiel started rowing, as his dad rowed when he was younger. He quickly grew to enjoy the sport and succeeded in his first season, winning the Under 16 1x at the NSW Championships. In his second season, he had a very successful start to the season, and this led to a silver in the Under-17 singles at the NSW Championships. He then placed 8th in the Australian Championships in the same event. Ezekiel's results to date are outstanding, and he has his sights set on continuing to improve and plans on stepping up his training this coming season with his goal of achieving success at the highest level in rowing. Daniel Waddell.



Lucy Yabsley from Glebe R.C. & Ascham School

Lucy began rowing at Ascham school under Thomas Parker & recently Lizzi Chapman. She soon combined school and club rowing at Glebe RC joining the sculling program coached by Milan Parker, who she credits for her improvement over the last two seasons. In 2023, Lucy showed amazing composure to battle challenging conditions at Champion Lakes, WA to come second in the CU17 1x in a hard-fought battle with winner Addison Roles. In '23/'24, Lucy raced in the U19 age category. Turning 17 at the end of 2024 and despite being a young U19 year old her achievements included taking silver in the CU19 1x and joining in the quad that won gold in the CU19 4x. Lucy is thrilled to be representing Australia in the Women's U19 4x at the 2024 World Rowing Championships in Canada. Lucy contributes to the sport as a regatta volunteer and a coach in Glebe's Learn to Row programs. Nick Galea.



2023-24 OBITUARIES FROM THE ROWING COMMUNITY

We are saddened to advise the passing of the athletes and coaches from the NSW rowing community:- Lynette Skelton (West End NZ, Balmain and others)*, Victor Schweikert (LRC), Kevin Hollingworth (HRC, LRC, SRC), John Hudson (LRC) & Lionel Robberds KC (LRC)* *= Union Member.

We extend our condolences to their family and friends.

2023-24 COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive was able to meet on four occasions with Sydney Rowing Club our host for those physically attending and Zoom Conferencing utilized by those distant or unable to be present.

The following table lists attendances.

Union Executive	10/10/2023	5/12/2023	6/03/2024	10/04/2024	TOTAL
Anthony Brown		1	1	1	3
Eric Carter				1	1
David Clark	1	1	1	1	4
Deanna Fekete					0
Brian Guthrie	1	1	1	1	4
Neil Holmes		1	1		2
Liam James	1			1	2
James Johnson	1	1	1		3
John Johnson	1	1	1	1	4
Terry Maher	1	1	1	1	4
Barry Moynahan	1	1	1	1	4
Barbara Ramjan	1	1		1	3
Phil Sharp		1	1	1	3
Phil Titterton	1		1	1	3

The Executive focused on several initiatives and issues requiring attention through the year.

ARCHIVES

The President has already reported that the massive collection of the late Louis Petrin was moved to Rowing Australia House Canberra early in the new year.

Louis was a passionate collector of all things rowing and the material includes 12 book cases (over 3,000 books); an extremely valuable display of notable silver trophies; two plan cabinets of lithographic prints; tunics, blazers, rowing uniforms, caps, medallions and memorabilia.

The Union acted as the intermediary between RA's Ron Batt and Lorraine Reddel and the family. This material is now available to the Australian Rowing community. Some of the trophies and valuable items were placed on display at the 2024 Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta arousing considerable interest.

Other material relating to club's histories and records was returned to the club of origin.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

A Sub-Committee comprising Liam James Chair with Barbara Ramjan, Terry Maher, Dr. Peter Kim, Dr. Philip Sharp, Keith Jameson OAM continued their work from the previous year.

A meeting was conducted on the 10th April followed by a 3 hour workshop at Sydney Rowing Club on the 2nd June to revise the constitution to conform with the Association's Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and Regulations. It has proven an arduous process.

A further draft is to be considered before the Committee receives the Sub-Committee's recommendation for approval and a Special General Meeting is called for its adoption and implementation.

RECRUITMENT

Life Member Geoff McIntyre continued to correspond with past Scholarship recipients endeavouring to re-enlist past members to the Union. Unfortunately, his efforts met little success and we need to consider how to streamline the recruitment process. Likewise emailed membership accounts for members to renew their membership are not being actioned.

YOU CAN HELP RECRUIT! Five year membership is only \$ 40 whilst Permanent Membership (membership for life) in only \$ 200! Ask your rowing associates if they receive emails from the Union. If they don't, they aren't members.

SUPPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP CLUB

The Union is most grateful to those members who participated in the 2024 draw making the Youth Scholarships possible. THANK YOU :

Ken Ambler	Derrick Docherty	Tim McLaren	Scott Patterson
Laurel Ambler	Stephen Donnelley	John McLeod	Barbara Ramjan
Anthony Brown	Matthew Duly	Barry Moynahan	Michael Rowan
John Boulton	Steve Gordon	Graham Nix	Kim Rudder
Gillian Campbell	Brian Guthrie	Owen Nix	Dr Philip Sharp
Dr Eric Carter	Greg James	Chris Noel	David Sollom
Dr David Cay	John Johnson	Edward O'Hanlon	Peter Stroud
Anne Craig	Terry Maher	Terry O'Hanlon	Graham Walker
Michael Crowley	Geoff McIntyre		

Rowing NSW past President & Rowing Australia new President Stephen Donnelly won the draw and generously donated the prize back to the scholarships. A wonderful gesture Stephen!

SUPPORT OF THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION

Have you wanted to donate to support youth rowing in NSW and receive a tax deduction for your donation? Here is a list of some of those who have: Anonymous, Derrick Docherty, Steve Gordon, Dr. Peter Kim, Simon McNamara, Steve Schinagel, Anne & Phil Titterton, Ian Toll and Phil Wilkinson. Go to the *News* tab on the website for further information.

WEBSITE

The Union's website www.nswrowers.com underwent considerable expansion during the year with the inclusion of a coaching and training education section.

With the termination of the 'Come Forward' Newsletter the *News* tab has replaced it with results and other competition information. The site has proven very popular during the Olympics with a 60% increase in traffic in July over 2023.

Always a work in progress, the site's *Results, Champions & Representatives* tab had an enormous revision during the year and will be updated following the Olympics.

Our site hosts the J. B. Sharp Memorial Regatta Series <https://www.nswrowers.com/jbsharp.html> and we take great pleasure in joining with all members of the rowing community in celebrating their Centenary this year.

CONGRATULATION on reaching this milestone in supporting junior rowing development.

N.S.W. Union of Rowers Inc

TREASURER'S REPORT 2024

Statement of Receipts and Payments

The net cash surplus for the year ending 30 June 2024 was \$2,639 (2023: \$8,057). The decrease in cash received of \$5,418 when compared to 2023 was due mainly to a decrease in donations received to 30 June 2024.

Membership fees for 2024 also decreased from \$1,400 in 2023 to \$240 in 2024, a decrease of \$1,160.

Scholarships Club income increased by \$2,800 from \$3,300 for 2023 to \$6,100 for 2024. Youth Development Award scholarships paid out for 2024 remained the same at \$6,000 (2023: \$6,000) representing six award payments of \$1,000 each.

Interest income for 2024 was \$900, representing an increase of \$740 compared to 2023 due to higher interest rates.

Balance Sheet

The Union maintains two bank accounts, a non-interest bearing operating account and a term deposit. The operating bank balance at 30 June 2024 increased by the amount of the surplus of \$2,639 from \$16,893 at 30 June 2023 to \$19,532 at 30 June 2024.

Total Cash at Bank including the term deposit of \$40,000 (2023: \$40,000) increased from \$56,893 at 30 June 2023 to \$59,532 at 30 June 2024.

Stock on hand at 30 June 2024 remained unchanged at \$1,405 (2023: \$1,405) as there were no merchandise sales in 2024.

There were no liabilities owing at 30 June 2024.

David Clark
Treasurer.

NEW SOUTH WALES UNION OF ROWERS INCORPORATED ABN 32 931 252 962			
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2024			
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2024	2024	2023	
	\$	\$	
CURRENT ASSETS			
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Cheque Account # 00801 400 (interest bearing) Balance as at 30 June 2024	19,532	16,893	
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Term Deposit No. 50093190 Interest rate 4.25%p.a. matures on 8/7/24 Balance as at 30 June 2024	40,000	40,000	
Stock on Hand	1,405	1,405	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 60,937	\$ 58,298	
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2024	2024	2023	
	\$	\$	
BANK BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 16,893	\$ 8,836	
ADD RECEIPTS			
Interest Term Deposit	900	160	
Merchandise	-	1,110	
Donations/ASF	2,172	9,523	
Membership	240	1,400	
Scholarship club	6,100	4,300	
	\$ 9,412	\$ 16,493	
LESS PAYMENTS			
Affiliation Fees	198	184	
Bank fees	5	2	
Office of Fair Trading	-	50	
Presentation Event/AGM	570	600	
Scholarship Club	-	1,000	
Youth Development Award	6,000	6,000	
Other	-	600	
	\$ 6,773	\$ 8,436	
BANK BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 19,532	\$ 16,893	

The Secretary. NSW Union of Rowers
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08 August 2024

Audit Report on 2024 NSW Union of Rowers Inc. Financial Accounts

Dear David,

I have reviewed the Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, and on the basis of information supplied to me, I can confirm that the Balance Sheet accurately reflects the current cash position of the Union.

The review relied solely upon information provided to me, including the original Commonwealth Bank Statements for the period the audit relates to.

Warm Regards,

Geoffrey Brown OAM FCA GAICD
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