

New South Wales Union of Rowers Inc.

89th Annual Report 2019 - 2020

PRESIDENTS REPORT

2020, has, to say the least, been a frustrating year for all sporting codes in Australia and around the World, with rowing being no exception. Our season, well before the pandemic, was pulled to an abrupt halt with torrential rains hitting Sydney during our State Championships. Warragamba Dam in Sydney's South West went from just under 50% capacity up to the mid 80's in a matter of days, so torrential was the rain. The Championship had to be cancelled due to poor visibility and cold conditions making it unsafe for athletes, volunteers and spectators alike.

Then the Pandemic, causing the cancellation of our remaining regatta season, including the National Championships, which to be held at SIRC.

What does all this have to do with the Union; a lot. The Union relies on these regatta's to raise valuable funds in its support for our Youth Development Awards and the Athletes are observed and rated towards our scholarships at these regatta's.

Youth Development is a major part of the Unions activity and as President it was extremely frustrating to me and the rest of our Board that, in the interest of fairness to all our aspiring athletes, that we had to cancel our awards for 2020. Fingers crossed that we are able to celebrate a successful rowing season next year. To that end the Union will be back stronger than ever raising funds for this extremely important initiative in our rowing community. Can I ask all rowers reading this report, get on board, join the Union and help us help our youth, Para and Able Bodied a like.

A few notable achievements and contributions during the past year have been, our past President being awarded a well-deserved OAM, congratulation Mr. Phillip Titterton OAM. Mr John McLeod being awarded the Master of the Year award, well done John. Thank you to my old crew mate, David Clark for putting his hand up to act as the Unions Honorary Auditor, taking over from Simon Croot. Kim Rudder will be standing down this year as the Unions Secretary but not lost to us, Kim has kindly agreed to work on and keep our newsletter going, so I guess that's a double thank you to Kim. Anne Craig our Treasurer, again a sterling job in keeping us up to date with the Unions financials, thank you Anne. Terry Maher, where would we be without him? Terry, thank you for again organising our merchandising program this year.

Finally and not least, to the rest of Board thank you for being there in 2020, what would have we done without 'Zoom', I look forward to a much better 2021.

Rowing, thank you.

Tony Brown.

President.

Treasurer's Report 2020

2019/2020 was a difficult year for the NSW rowing community and this is reflected in the accounts of the Union.

Bush fire smoke and poor weather conditions reduced the number of participants and spectators attending regattas at SIRC. The cancellation of regattas due to Covid 19 pandemic from March compounded this. SIRC regattas are a major market for scholarship ticket sales. Ticket sales this year were down from \$7,360 to \$2,400.

The decision not to award Youth Scholarships nor draw the Scholarship Club ticket winner, following the cancellation of regattas meant that the Unions cash balance remains sound. Cash balance on 30 June 2020 was \$11,579 with term deposit of \$40,000 which matured on September 2020 and was renewed to July 2021

A second term deposit was opened in September 2020 of \$10,000 for a term of 6 months.

In December 2019, the Union donated \$1,000 to Manning River Rowing Club to assist them with club renovations following flood and storm damage.

Stock levels remain relatively constant with reduced sales and purchases during the year.

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

Anne Craig

Hon Treasurer.

MERCHANDISE REPORT 2020

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

Sales for the year totalled \$ 1,449.95 the main items involved were:

Mariner shoes	36	\$1,439.95 (postage excluded)
Navigation lights	0	
Skoot	1	\$10
Neck Ties	0	

Sales have continued on line during the Covid 19 close down.

Repeat business is the foundation of the program. Unfortunately the Taree Summer Regatta in January has been cancelled due to the building program.

Terry Maher.

NSW Union of Rowers - Rowing History

Sadly COVID prevented any public viewing of rowing collections. The priority has been the planning for a permanent location to not only display items of rowing interest but also to document and restore them. The ideal location identified has been Ward F on Point Road, Callan Park overlooking Iron Cove. A landscape plan was released by the NSW Government and submissions made to restore rather than demolish this building.

Alan Bennett (Rowing NSW) kindly donated a collection of kit used at various national and international events. Wonderful to compare the changes over time.

John Cantor (Colts 1979-1981; Interstate Championship 1980, 1982) has offered to share his collection of photos.

An important historical item has just been received and is planned to be restored - an erg built by Ted Curtain, designed by John Harrison and used by Professor Frank Cotton. Saved from being lost in the Brisbane River by WA rower and collector, Warren Anderson, it was freighted forward from Perth to Sydney for free by the Glen Cameron Group and was delivered to Glenn Curtain's engineering workshop for assessment (yes, the son of Ted). Should be exciting for rowers to be a Guinea Pig once the Leichhardt rowing machine has been restored.

Working on a draft document for clubs and rowers to assess any items they have and what to keep, or to donate or sell. Included will be suggestions for conserving items.

Louis Petrin

Executive Committee Report, 2019-20

The Committee comprised: President Tony Brown (5), Deputy President (Vacant), Hon. Secretary Kim Rudder (4), Elite Vice President Terry Maher (4), Vice Presidents Eric Carter (1), Phillip Titterton OAM (4), John Johnson (4), Andrew Rowley (0), Hon Treasurer Anne Craig (4), Hon. Auditor David Clark, Committee Members Keith Jameson OAM (5), Barry Moynahan OAM (4), Barbara Ramjan (3), Deanna Fekete (2), Dr Phil Sharp (3), Louis Petrin (2), Brian Guthrie (4), Krystin Munro (1), John Childs (2), Neil Holmes (2) with meeting attendance shown in brackets.

This year the option of participating via "Zoom" internet link was trialed from October, and was the method used for all Executive Meeting participants from April, 2020.

The Honorary Secretary, Kim Rudder will not be standing next year; his work during a difficult period is much appreciated.

John Childs is not renominating for the Executive, and we thank him for his contribution over the last 3 years

Congratulations are extended to Executive Member Neil Holmes on being awarded the "Coles Volunteer of the Year" by Rowing Australia

Kim Rudder, Hon Secretary

(per Phillip Titterton

FINANCIAL REPORT 1 JULY 2019 TO 30 JUNE 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	\$	\$
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Cheque Account # 00801 400 (interest bearing)		
Balance as at 30 June 2020	<u>11579</u>	<u>7768</u>
Commonwealth Bank of Australia Term Deposit No. 50093190 Interest rate 1.2%p.a. matures on 8/9/20 Interest paid to cheque account at maturity	<u>40000</u>	<u>40000</u>
Stock on Hand	<u>3040</u>	<u>2892</u>
Cash receivable	<u>0</u>	<u>230</u>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	\$	\$
Bank Balance at beginning of year	7768	5257
<u>Add Receipts</u>		
Interest Term Deposit	670	1032
Merchandise	1841	2368
Newsletter Advertising	160	80
Donations/ASF	324	2040
Membership	510	960
Social/Fundraising	0	135
Scholarship club	<u>2400</u>	<u>7360</u>
	<u>5905</u>	<u>13975</u>
<u>Less Payments</u>		
Affiliation Fees	173	165
Donation	1000	0
Merchandise	740	1524
Office of Fair Trading	47	45
P.O. Box	134	130
Printing & Stationery	0	0
Presentation Event/AGM	0	600
Scholarship Club	0	1000
Youth Development Award	0	6000
Transfer to Term Deposit	<u>0</u>	<u>2000</u>
	<u>2094</u>	<u>11464</u>

Bank Balance at end of year

11579 7768



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**FINANCIAL REPORT
1 JULY 2019 TO 30 JUNE 2020
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 2020

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 2020

D.W. Clark & Co., Chartered Accountant

DAVID W. CLARK
Honorary Auditor
Dated this 16th day of August, 2020