

PASSING OF JOHN JAMES NORTH SHORE ROWING CLUB 28-11-2024

From: **NSRC Secretary** <Secretary@northshorerowing.org.au>

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Subject: Re: NSRC: Update to Members

To: NSRC Secretary <Secretary@northshorerowing.org.au>

Cc: NSRC President <president@northshorerowing.org.au>

Dear Members,

The committee is sad to inform you that John James OAM passed away yesterday. This is a great loss to our club and the rowing community. It goes without saying that his success on the rowing course was awe-inspiring, from the 1964 Tokyo Olympics to the 2024 World Rowing Masters in Brandenburg where he recently won a gold medal. Little would the many rowers who he taught in our club's Learn to Row and Learn to Scull programs probably realised that they were being instructed by such a legend. He always very generous with his time and wisdom, coaching many rowers and sharing the secrets of racing with them, usually imparted at dawn from a tinnie floating in the Lane Cove River where he rowed for so many years.

John also served on the NSRC committee where he held several roles including Treasurer. As coach and committee member, and in all that he did for our club, he showed an unstinting love for it and the sport of rowing which he wanted to share so they would survive and thrive into the future. He will be greatly missed by all of our members and our thoughts are with his children, Robert and Emma, and his grandchildren at this sad time. His funeral plans have not been made yet but we will share them once they are known.

Thanks,

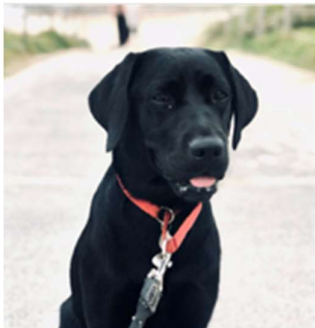
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Dear all,
We sadly announce John Jesse James passed away on Monday 28 Oct 2024.

We will be planning a celebration of his life.
We will send details and welcome you all to join us at that time.

Kind regards,
Robert,
Ulette,
Emma, Adrian, Jesse and William



On Mon, Oct 28, 2024 at 8:15 PM NSRC Secretary <Secretary@northshorerowing.org.au> wrote:

Dear Members,

Some of you may have heard that our colleague John James is unwell and was admitted to the ICU at RNSH today. Our thoughts and wishes are with John and his family at this difficult time. We will send you an update about his condition later this week when more is known.

Thanks,

Mark Elliott

President

Elizabeth Buzo

Secretary

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John was a dedicated person and a "rowing tragic" as most of us oldies are.

I took a look at our records and Johns was born 21/9/1937 and commenced rowing in 1953.

As with many others, my association over the decades with John was nothing but a co-operative and highly fruitful experience.

As a Olympic Silver Medallist for GB he was always focused on passing his experiences on to his successors.

As I shed a tear writing this tonight. I also look back at Spencer and others at North Shore who have enriched the life of rowing in NSW.

Rest in peace John...

Regards,

Terry Maher

Secretary NSW Union of Rower Inc.