

ADDRESS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE BROMLEY TRUST AWARDS

(to be delivered by Terry O'Hanlon at RNSW Presentation Dinner – 17/05/19)

GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

BEFORE ANNOUNCING THE DECISION OF THE TRUST THIS YEAR, THE TRUSTEES CONSIDER IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE BRIEFLY EXPLAIN, OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE LATE TED BROMLEY, HOW THIS REMARKABLE MAN, A YOUNG 16 YEAR OLD WHO JOINED MOSMAN ROWING CLUB IN 1929, DECIDED AT THE END OF HIS ROWING CAREER IN 1960 , TO DO SOMETHING SPECIAL TO HELP YOUNG ROWERS IN THE FUTURE.

IN MY 68 YEAR CAREER IN OUR SPORT, I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY INDIVIDUAL IN AUSTRALIA WHO HAS ESTABLISHED A TRUST TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE MANY OF YOU IN THIS ROOM THIS EVENING.

THE TRUST WAS ESTABLISHED BY TED IN 1993 TO ASSIST ROWERS FROM NSW INITIALLY FOR THE KINGS CUP BUT EXPANDED IN LATER YEARS TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATION FOR AUSTRALIA IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE JUNIOR AND UNDER 23 CATEGORIES AND MORE RECENTLY FOR THE TRANS TASMAN SERIES.

TED WAS PASSIONATE ABOUT ROWING AND AT THE AGE OF 17, WAS SELECTED IN THE MOSMAN SENIOR EIGHT. MANY WINS AND STATE SELECTION FOLLOWED AND, IN A CAREER SPANNING 30 YEARS, TED WON FOUR CONSECUTIVE KINGS CUPS, A RECORD THAT HAS NEVER BEEN EQUALLED TO THIS DATE, REPRESENTED AUSTRALIA IN THE EMPIRE GAMES IN 1938 AND THE OLYMPICS IN LONDON IN 1948 IN THE PAIR OAR MAKING THE SEMI FINALS.

HE RETIRED FROM COMPETITIVE ROWING IN 1960 BUT CONTINUED TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE SPORT WHICH HE FIRMLY BELIEVED AND I QUOTE “MOULDED HIM AND TAUGHT HIM ENDURANCE, TENACITY, ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF DISCIPLINE” UNQUOTE.

HE PROVED TO BE A MOST SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN AND BELIEVED THE QUALITIES OF LIFE HE LEARNT FROM ROWING CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO HIS SUCCESS SO HE WANTED TO PUT SOMETHING BACK INTO THE SPORT BY WAY OF THE TRUST. TED PASSED AWAY IN 2004 AT THE AGE OF 91 YEARS.

THE TRUST IS ADMINISTERED BY 3 TRUSTEES – MYSELF, DR. GRAHAM JONES AND GEOFF McINTYRE ALL FORMER ROWERS KNOWN PERSONALLY TO TED. TED'S DAUGHTER CHRISTINE POLLITT IS THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE NAMED IN THE TRUST DEED AND CONTINUES TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE PROGRESS OF THE RECIPIENTS. SINCE YEAR 2000 APPROX. 180 ROWERS HAVE RECEIVED AN AWARD THE TOTAL AMOUNT BEING \$360,000 DOLLARS.

IT NOW GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE, ON BEHALF OF MY FELLOW TRUSTEES, TO ANNOUNCE THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE U23'S AND JUNIOR TEAMS WILL RECEIVE \$1,500 TOWARDS THE COST OF YOUR REPRESENTATION. THE UNDER 21'S TEAM FOR NZ WILL RECEIVE \$500 EACH. TED STATED IN THE TRUST DEED “IT IS MY EXPECTATION THAT RECIPIENTS WILL DISPLAY GREAT SPIRIT, ENTHUSIASM AND DETERMINATION IN REPRESENTING AUSTRALIA AND THAT THIS AWARD WILL MAKE THAT CHALLENGE A LITTLE MORE ATTAINABLE”.

I AM DELIGHTED TO NOW PRESENT A CHEQUE TO CEO MARGOT HARLEY FOR \$24,500 WHO WILL ARRANGE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT. GOOD LUCK AND GOOD ROWING TO YOU ALL.