

Club News



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Captain's Report

This is the beginning of my steep learning curve as Captain and I look forward to your support.

Each morning the Club is opened by a Member-in-Charge at 5.30 am. The MIC is on hand to ensure that members' details are entered into the diary and that boat allocation proceeds smoothly. The system has been running well and the aim is to spread the roster as wide as possible. We would like more people to join this elite group (you get job satisfaction as well as a Club key).

The Boat Allocation Committee consists of Vice Captain Geoff Wannan, Boatmaster John James and me. New procedures include: booking requests are to be made to the Club in writing or by email; at least one person per crew per booking per month must act as MIC; boat allocations are for a period of two months and are reassessed according to usage. The full functions and procedures will be put on the Club's web site and a hard copy will be on the notice boards in the Clubhouse.

The Regatta season starts with the Hunter 44 km Marathon on 1st August, in which two eights are entered. There are 2 places left and if you would like to join contact Jan Williams (0418 644 878). The next event is also a marathon, the Murray River Rowathon 92km on 2 October, see John Pyle (0408 612 758) or Andrew Boyce (0418 214 437) for details.

The Regatta Season ends on 5 June 2005 with the Australian Masters in Rockhampton. A long season, so enjoy the lighter winter regime.

Norma Perry, Captain

Contact me at Perrypartners@bigpond.com.au or on 0410 629 721.

President's Report

This period during winter allows all of us to rest, reflect and plan for our personal future activities. The time taken is well spent and in this newsletter you will see your elected officers outline their plans and requests for the future operations of the club. It is worthwhile noting that they have all dedicated their personal time (outside of their normal rowing) to serve you in your rowing activities. They all deserve your support and encouragement during the coming year.

Having spent the last few weeks with our women masters looking at their plans for the future season I had to reflect on the question as to "why did I row", which is a good question to ask of such a time consuming activity. I considered that the regular exercise and enjoyment of training on the water, together with an aim to compete well in regattas, was motivation enough to continue rowing. Friendships made and the ability to "switch off" from work stress is a further inducement to continue. If you have not thought about it ask yourself the question, "Why do I row". You may be surprised!

We all have various reasons for rowing and this brings out competing interests for use of club equipment. During this next year I would encourage you to be generous with other club members outside of your crew who may row for different reasons, which are equally as valid as yours.

Enjoy your rowing and as we involve ourselves in welcoming new members, training, competing and planning the future development of the club site, remember that you are not alone but part of a larger club crew.

John Childs, President

Club Officers and Committee Members – 2004/5

President	John Childs	Boat Master	John James
Vice President	Andrew Boyce	Secretary	Caroline Lane
Captain	Norma Perry	Associate Member	Laurie Ormerod
Vice Captain	Geoff Wannan	Development	Paul Tout
Treasurer	Helen Ritchie	Committee Members	Tony Webby (Chair, Building Development Sub-Committee)
Asst. Treasurer	Not filled		Bob Smith
Other positions:	Membership Secretary, Margaret Taylor		

Corporate Regatta

The Corporate Regatta was held on Sunday 27 June following a busy four weeks of training by 9 crews.

This year's program was the biggest and best ever. We had a total of 9 crews from Commonwealth Bank, ACP, Channel 9, Blake Dawson Waldron and others. Everyone had a very enjoyable time, learning many new skills (including how to roll an 8+). The winning crew was from CommSec, coached by David Cay and Karina Wieland.

Many thanks to all the club members who helped out with substituting, catering, marshalling, coaching, coxing and running the regatta, we couldn't do it without you. Our profit should be around \$25,000, which is a magnificent achievement. Start thinking about next year, can your company assist and supply a crew, can you help in some way?

Helen Ritchie

Ed. Note. Congratulations to Helen and Sue who did a magnificent job in organising all those people who worked so hard to make the Regatta such a huge success.

Club Review of Accommodation & Buildings (CRAB Sub Committee)

During the past year we focused our efforts on the accommodation options of the project and deferred the very difficult issue of financing. We have recommended a preferred building design to the Committee.

The proposal incorporates a complete new clubhouse and boatshed on two levels, with five boat storage bays accessing two pontoons and a beach launching area. Boat storage requirements and ancillary facilities are designed to cover the Club's anticipated needs of more than double current capacity in and around the present shed. A copy of the proposed Plan and photographs of other clubhouses around Sydney are in the Clubhouse for viewing.

We have yet to have a professional assessment of the cost, however the Sub Committee estimates the preferred design may cost up to \$1.5 million.

The issue of stakeholders has figured prominently in our design consideration and will continue to do so as we move ahead. Lane Cove Council, as the owner of the land and the current boatshed, are of particular importance. We are in active discussions with the Council at various levels. Aspects such as a new lease, heritage and environmental issues and the level of financial support from Council will all impact on our progress in the coming year.

We look forward to reporting our progress and discussing our plans with members over the coming months.

Tony Wehby, Chair, Building Development Sub Committee

Email addresses:

If you have received this newsletter by snail mail it means we don't have your email address. If you have one please email it to Margaret Taylor, Membership Secretary at timtay@tpg.com.au

Fund Raising and Social Events

As Helen reports the Corporate Regatta was a great success, and I add my thanks to the many Club Members who gave their time and talents so willingly. Not only was a large sum of money banked but also considerable good will, which will assist in the running of future corporate regattas. So once again **THANK YOU** to all those involved.

Our next fund raising endeavour is a **CORPORATE GOLF DAY** scheduled for November. Please start organising your workmates, friends and family now. This is a day only event and will be run on a Friday so it should not be too hard to achieve good numbers.

Helpers needed

Over the past few years Helen and I have put a lot of time into the fund raising and social program for the club and unfortunately I am unable to continue this. As Helen also has the role of Treasurer, fresh faces are needed to continue the fund raising and social activities at the club. Both Helen and I are available to help out but we need other club members to step forward to allow these activities to continue. Please think about your contribution to the club and let us or Norma know if you can help out in this regard.

Sue Walter, Social and Fund Raising Committee

Copy of the 125th Annual Report and Financial Statements to April 2004 is available on the Club's web site <http://www.northshorerowing.org.au>

A Marriage Made on the Pontoon??

Congratulations to Richard and Emma Luxford on the birth of their baby daughter, Chloe Marie on 25 May. Richard and Emma met on the pontoon in August 2001.

Chloe's grandfather & Richard's father, Frederick, was a club member in the late 1950's. When will Chloe pick up a paddle?
