

# Club News



## North Shore Rowing Club

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### **Congratulations !**

First and foremost we congratulate **Sue Wannan** and **Sue Walter**, who were members of the winning NSW Crew in the National Masters interstate race in Rockhampton in June. This is the first time NSW has won an interstate Masters race. And what an exciting race it was! We're proud to have North Shore so well represented by the 2 Sues.

And congratulations to Laurie Ormerod on being nominated by the NSW Rowing Association for the Rusty Robertson Award for contributions to rowing in NSW.

### **Welcome!**

We welcome **Stuart Halsall** to the Club and the Committee as the new Rowing Co-ordinator and Head Coach for Roseville College. Stuart replaces Glen Bates who left Roseville College a few weeks ago. We all look forward to working with Stuart and continuing to have the Roseville Rowers as valuable members of the Club.

### **Corporate Regatta a Huge Success!!**

The Club's annual major fund raising event is the Corporate Regatta which runs over four weeks every year. Thanks to the work of many Club Members it was again a great success, from a fun, rowing and financial point of view. Seven of the eight crews were from companies or groups who participated last year which means they all wanted to repeat

the taste of rowing and competition. The eight crews trained two (dark & cold) mornings a week under the watchful eyes of eight of our Club coaches and were coxed by eight of our capable women. Rowing experience of the crew members ranged from none at all to very experienced and everything in between.

The Regatta Dinner displayed the creative talents of the crews with their skits. And Mike Perry's video footage of the training sessions, including one of the crew members flipping out of a boat as she caught a crab, was a hit of the evening as well.

Regatta Day on 17 July was windy and cold, but none of the crews were daunted by the choppy water. Two heats, two semi finals and two finals later the PricewaterhouseCoopers Poseidons won the A final from the crack CBA and CommSec crews and ACP/Channel Nine Media Assets crew won the B final.

A fun time was had by all and no doubt all crews will be back next year.

We wish to thank all the coaches, coxes and the many other Club Members who worked to make the Regatta a huge success.

Treasurer Helen Ritchie reports that the profit from the Regatta will be around \$29,000!!

*Linda McDonald*

### **Outstanding Club Fees**

I wish to remind Members that annual membership fees were due on 1 May. If you have not yet paid them, could you please ensure we receive them by 1 August. Fees have risen slightly this year, in line with inflation and are now \$462 for Active Members and \$80.25 for Associates/Coxes/Coaches. If you did not attend any of the working bees in April, then Active Members are also liable for the \$50 levy. Fees may be paid by direct deposit to the bank (details on your invoice), credit card on the appropriate form or cheque made payable to North Shore Rowing Club. We don't like cash for obvious reasons. If you need a credit card form, email me at [hritchie@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hritchie@bigpond.net.au) or you can get one at the Club. Invoices for storage of private boats will be issued shortly (when I get some free time!)

I want to add my thanks to Linda's for the great work put in by so many members to make our recent Corporate Regatta such a success. We can't do it without you and your contribution was very much appreciated.

*Helen Ritchie, Treasurer*



## Reports from Annual General Meeting

For those Club Members who were not able to attend the AGM in June, we provide you with a précis of the three reports tabled at the meeting.

### President's Report

**John Childs' report** focused primarily on expressing his appreciation to the many Club Members who contributed to the functioning of the Club and the maintenance of the clubhouse in the past year.

In particular, his report mentions all the coaches, Margaret Taylor, Perry Hughes, Brian McConachie, Paul Tout, Norma Perry, Helen Ritchie, Geoff Wannan, John James, Bob Smith, Andrew Boyce, Sue Walter, Tony Wehby, Caroline Lane, Laurie Ormerod, Linda McDonald.

### Club Awards

The following awards were made at the AGM.

The **Stuart MacPherson Shield** was presented to **Katherine Horton**, who won the most points for sculling (non-masters) in the season.

The **Masters Shield** was won by **Sue Wannan** (Jan Williams was a very close second) for earning the most points in masters events in the season.

The **Spencer Grace Shield** was presented to **Laurie Ormerod** for his significant and valuable contribution to the Club. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year that Laurie has been a Member of North Shore Rowing Club. We believe he is the longest serving member (who is still alive!). Anyone out there want to challenge that?

### Treasurer's Report

Once again Treasurer **Helen Ritchie** has produced a financial performance to be envied by any club!

The surplus of \$62,000 helps our goal of upgrading the clubhouse. Income was up by 17% primarily due to the Corporate Regatta and a more aggressive approach to investing our surplus funds. The Learn to Row Program, run by John James, showed a healthy increase and, thanks to the generous support of sponsors for our Club Regatta, that too showed a good surplus.

Expenses increased slightly over last year mainly due to clubhouse maintenance. Subscriptions increased by 5% for the coming year.

### Your Committee for 2005/2006

President – John Childs  
Vice President – Chris Pollett  
Captain – Norma Perry  
Vice Captain – Geoff Wannan  
Hon. Secretary – Caprice Myers  
Hon. Treasurer – Helen Ritchie  
Boat Master – John James  
Development Officer – Paul Tout  
Committee members – Tony Wehby and John Pyle  
Delegate to NSWRA – John James  
Membership Secretary – Margaret Taylor

### Captain's Report

Excerpts from **Captain Norma Perry's report**.....

"Whenever I enter the Club I am reminded of the reason we row – for **pleasure**. We do it to build skills, strength and flexibility, for social interaction in a crew or for solitude in a single and for that feeling of wellness on the water and off. The rewards of rowing are apparent, whether for leisure or competition and I believe the great advantage of our Club is that we support both. Many members enjoy time on the water without the need for competition.

Then there are those who are driven by it. This season I was impressed with the drive and commitment of the lightweight women's quad (Janelle Filkin, Libby Teale, Paula Brodie and Leanne Halls) and young men's quad (Jon Walton, Sean McKeown, James Akhurst and James Merrick) as well as junior doubles Katherine Horton and Gemma Borgo-Caratti. The Women's Masters Squad continues in strength. Both men's eight crews faced more challenges this year but are prospering with the coaching of Justin Peters.

This year the Maintenance Levy/Working Bees have had multiple benefits in spreading the skills of maintaining the clubhouse and the boats, upgrading the fleet and greatly reducing costs. Renovation of the old flat has produced a fabulous erg room with three state-of-the-art ergs and coaching room set up. The key card system allows greater autonomy for Members and the need for a roster of Members-in-Charge was reduced."

### Club Review of Accommodation & Buildings (CRAB) Sub-Committee

Sub-Committee Chair **Tony Wehby** reported that Lane Cove Council envisages a more extensive involvement and assessment than the Sub-Committee previously anticipated. Amongst their areas of interest is the cultural significance of the site to the original inhabitants as well as the physical environment.

The CRAB Committee will be sending a questionnaire to members seeking input on specific fundraising issues.

Any commitment and approval of the new facility is at least a further 12 months away.