

As we were unable to include Roseville Rowing's report in our regular April edition of Club News, we're publishing a special edition. We are also reporting on the very successful weekend with our new Japanese sister club including links to photos. And we have named 3 new boats. See Corporate Regatta announcement on Page 2.

Linda McDonald, Club News Editor

### Three Boats Named

North Shore welcomed Robyn Wood, her son Stewart and daughter Natalie, friend Samantha, and brother-in-law Richard Wood and his wife, to the boat naming ceremony at the Club barbecue on 11 April.

Our new 8+ is now officially named *Graham Wood*. Stewart, in speaking about how pleased the family were to have a boat named for his late father, said he was particularly pleased - and that his father would also have enjoyed it - to think of club members continually saying, "Hands on Graham Wood."

The new Sykes quad is now the *Norma Perry* (and, in her first outing, on Sunday in the Extraordinarily Pointless Exercise, brought John James, Atsuji Adachi, Shigihiko Shimomura, and Len Walter home in a close-finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place). Norma and Mike, and their daughter Siena and her boyfriend Nick were there on Friday to christen the boat.

And, following the sale of the original Margaret Taylor quad, we now have its re-incarnated replacement (ex Roseville's *Mr C.*) - a glamorous *Margaret Taylor*, which was formally welcomed into the fleet on Friday night by Margaret and her son Bill.

Sue Wannan, President

### Roseville Rowing Special Report

The girls at Roseville have just finished another wonderful season, full of tears, happiness and success. At the recent Schoolgirls' Head of the River, of the 10 Roseville crews that competed, 7 crews placed in the top three places. At a 70% success rate for finishing in the placings, Roseville finished ahead of all other schools that took part.

The highlight of the day was the sensational win by the Year 10 First Quad who took out the equally impressive Margaret Varady Trophy. All season the 10 First had been close to winning and almost cracked through for their maiden win at the Gold Cup except for an unfortunate crab when three lengths clear. This setback only strengthened their resolve and two weeks later at the HOTR they went on to dominate both their heat and final in the race of their lives.

Of the Year 9 junior crews four out of six crews placed in the top three with the 6th quad finishing 3rd, 5th quad 2nd, 3rd quad 3rd and 2nd quad 2nd. The Year 10 2nd quad had an awesome race for the win all the way down the course and finished 2nd, less than a second from the winning crew. The 2nd VIII came together as a crew just prior to the National Championships in late February and made great progress over the past month to finish a close 3rd place. The crew and coaches of the 2nd VIII would like to thank the NSRC committee for kindly lending the *Rose II* (now the *Graham Wood*) for training and racing throughout the season.

Two weeks prior to the Head of the River Roseville crews scored 5 wins at the Gold Cup which was another great result. Roseville traditionally do extremely well at their home course regatta and this season was no different. It just shows that when you know the course and train on it regularly throughout the season you can reap the rewards come race day.

At the end of every season there is another group of Year 12 girls that are forced to move on from school rowing, so I would like to thank and congratulate Lauren Alderson, Rebecca Cox, Kate McCann, and Casey Schweikert for their amazing contribution to Roseville Rowing over the years. I would also like to particularly congratulate Lauren Alderson for not only being awarded the Oarswomen of the Year but also for doing a sensational job as Rowing Captain for 2007/8. Finally I would like to congratulate Rachael Kiely from the junior squad who was awarded the Most Promising Junior Award for 2008.

Roseville Rowing would struggle to be nearly this successful if it wasn't for the tremendous support of the committee and fellow members of North Shore Rowing Club. Roseville College has now been a part of North Shore Rowing Club for 14 years, and this is a bond that we are very proud and fortunate to have forged over this period. I would personally like to thank the committee for their support of all things Roseville over the past season; it has been a great season. Special thanks to Sue Wannan,

John Pyle, John James and many others who have gone out of their way to help Roseville girls have another great rowing experience.

I look forward with great anticipation to the 2008/9 season, and now that we have a stock of North Shore zooties hopefully the timing will be right so we can compete in some junior races for the Club. Thank you all and if you ever need to contact me my mobile is 0438 769 464 or email [shalsall@roseville.nsw.edu.au](mailto:shalsall@roseville.nsw.edu.au).

*Stuart Halsall, Rowing Coordinator & Head Coach*

### Vale Kim Santow

Kim Santow had a long and impressive history with rowing in Sydney. He rowed for Sydney University where he studied in the 1960's. For more than 15 years, Kim has been a member of North Shore until his recent untimely death. He knew many members as he often paddled his scull on weekends in a leisurely row up the river.

Kim had an illustrious career as a solicitor and was only the second solicitor to become a NSW Supreme Court Judge. He heard many high profile cases including the James Hardie asbestos matter and the action against the HIH directors. He was Chancellor of Sydney University from 2001 to 2007 and was appointed Officer of the Order of Australia last year. And Sydney University awarded him an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws only last month.

Kim died of a brain tumour at the age of 67 after a short illness. Our condolences go to his wife, Lee and sons, Simon, William and Edward and their families.

### Corporate Regatta

22 September to 19 October

Get a brochure and start publicising the event and seeking crews so we can make it another successful event this year. Contact Helen Ritchie [hritchie@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hritchie@bigpond.net.au) or Linda McDonald [linda@corporatelearning.com.au](mailto:linda@corporatelearning.com.au)

## North Shore, You Ought to be Congratulated!

Last weekend, North Shore did what it does best - club members pitched in to the various celebrations to welcome our new sister club, Seta, with energy and enthusiasm (and stamina!). It was a memorable weekend with many people, including 14 members of Seta RC, commenting on what a good time they had.

Friday night's Welcome and Boat Naming BBQ was chaotic but great fun. Next time you're down at the Club look at the elegant North Shore/Seta crossed oars plaque that Seta gave us (apparently made by one of Furukawa-san's employees. He is not only a shining light of Seta and of Japanese rowing, but is also a boat builder). Also the Seta flag, made for the occasion, on the wall. Also several charming textile murals - three of which, of rowing, golf and skiing, I'll put on display. And a box of Japanese biscuits, which the committee is going to share at the next meeting.

Seta's participation at Drummoyne Masters Regatta was made even more enjoyable by the welcome given them by Drummoyne Rowing Club, who found a fluent Japanese speaker to spend the day in the umpire's boat, and prefaced their program with a full page welcome to Seta, naming every rower. Many thanks to the Drummoyne committee, especially to Lindy Nisbett, Robyn Slothouber and her sister Fiona. Race caller Owen Nix did a great job of welcoming Seta, and gave them frequent mentions (which unfortunately they didn't hear as we all boated from Leichhardt, but we were told about it). The BROs were patient and helpful, and several people from other clubs went out of their way to come and chat, sometimes in Japanese, to cheer, and to tell North Shore how good it was to see Seta at the regatta.

Tamsin outdid herself with Sunday's Extraordinarily Pointless Regatta - 39 participants, the biggest ever, complete with Mike Perry standing

on a sandbank in the middle of the river to take photographs (see below). Breakfast afterwards was huge and noisy, and a photography-fest. Then Seta, bless them, contributed to North Shore's revenue by buying more items from the clothing cupboard than we sell in 6 months. Seta then went off to sightsee before leaving for home the next day, and North Shore went to have a good lie down.

So many people contributed to the success of the weekend, it's impossible to list them all. This participation is one of our great assets, and makes the club so enjoyable. I think we ought to congratulate ourselves on a great weekend, and a flying start to our sister club relationship.

Now, who wants to row in Japan - Head of the Seta River perhaps? A 4 day row round Lake Biwa? Watch for further news on this.

### SETA on DVD

Mike Perry has made a spectacular DVD of the Seta visit, with shots from Drummoyne, the BBQ, and live action from the Pointless (taken from the bridge and the mud flat under the bridge - look for the wiggle near the end where he slipped in the mud. Note also the finger-of-light beaming from the heavens at the end of the DVD! Spooky!)

Click on the link below or go to Google Videos and search for the video description.

[SETA17.4.08.mp4](#)

**Description:** SETA Rowing Club of Kyoto trip to its sister club North Shore Rowing Club, Lane Cove, Sydney Australia

Also lots of photographers took shots over the weekend - would you all like to edit them and put the best on the website?

*Sue Wannan, President*