



ROWING TASMANIA Inc.

110th ANNUAL REPORT

***Presented at the Annual General Meeting held at the New Town Bay Rowing Centre on Friday
the 16th of September 2022***



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1-Life Members.

1958	J.R. Berkery *
1959	R.G. Blundstone *
1959	S.C. Hammond *
1959	A.R.T. Griffiths *
1975	A.H. Willett *
1977	A.S. Hay *
1988	M. J. Williams
1990	D.E. Rattray
1991	D. Poulson
1997	P.M. McGuffie *
1998	I. Paterson
1998	A. Cunningham *
2000	M. Banks
2003	I. Dolby
2005	M. Goodger
2006	J. Ellings*
2009	R. Blake OAM
2009	J. Oakley
2009	G. Homer
2011	R. Dolbel
2013	J. S. Gibson OAM
2015	J. Driessen
2016	D. Schier OAM
2017	M. Spurling *
2018	M. Tippet

**Deceased.*

<i>Affiliated Clubs and Schools</i>	
<i>Ulverstone Rowing Club</i>	<i>1854</i>
<i>Derwent Mercantile Collegiate Rowing Club</i>	<i>1871</i>
<i>Tamar Rowing Club</i>	<i>1876</i>
<i>Launceston Church Grammar School Boat Club</i>	<i>1887</i>
<i>Mersey Rowing Club</i>	<i>1888</i>
<i>North Esk Rowing Club</i>	<i>1889</i>
<i>The Hutchins School Boat Club</i>	<i>1889</i>
<i>Tasmania University Boat Club</i>	<i>1890</i>
<i>Scotch Oakburn College</i>	<i>1901</i>
<i>The Friends School</i>	<i>1905</i>
<i>Lindisfarne Rowing Club</i>	<i>1905</i>
<i>Huon Rowing Club</i>	<i>1906</i>
<i>Sandy Bay Rowing Club</i>	<i>1906</i>
<i>Buckingham Rowing Club</i>	<i>1910</i>
<i>St Virgil's College Rowing</i>	<i>1912</i>
<i>St Patrick's College Rowing Club</i>	<i>1919</i>
<i>New Norfolk Rowing Club</i>	<i>1928</i>
<i>Glenorchy Rowing Club</i>	<i>1971</i>
<i>St Mary's College Rowing</i>	<i>1985</i>
<i>Fahan School Rowing</i>	<i>1989</i>
<i>Guilford Young College Rowing</i>	<i>1995</i>
<i>Kentish Rowing</i>	<i>2017</i>

3-COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES and WORKING GROUPS.

Masters Commission.	Mike Nermut-Chair.	Sandra Wilson, Jacqui Hope, John Bannon & Lisa Cooper.
Schools Commission	Julian Joscelyne-Chair	Karen Bain, Mick Casey, Graham Scattergood, Tom Allwright, Adam Forsyth, Nathan Dolbel (resigned) & Oliver Wilson-Haffenden
Selection Panel-Club	Neil Stump-Chair	Ken Davey & Mark Stott.
Selection Panel-Masters	Jason Dolbel.	
Rules Committee	Phil Fraser-Chair	Tina Maher, Chris Symons & Mick Casey.
Lake Barrington Management Committee	Jim Gibson-Chair	Mick Goodger, Peter George, Simon Bevan, Grant Pryor & Rob Prescott.
Athletes Commission	Amy Bain-Chair	Henry Youl, Molly McCausland, Connor Ryan, Eve Mure, Alec Paterson, Jacob Crow & Amy Bain

Appointed Positions.

Interstate Representative Club Team Manager	Grant Pryor
Rowing Australia Masters Commission Delegate	Jason Dolbel
Rowing Australia Coastal Rowing Delegates	James Cowley & Rob Prescott
Para Rowing Coordinator	Vacant
Regatta Manager- Club	Brian Brennan
Regatta Manager-School	Karen Bain
Media Liaison Officer	Vacant

4-CHAIRMAN of the BOARDS' REPORT.

Welcome to the 2022 AGM and to my first Chair/President's report. 2021 and 2022 saw Rowing Tas dealing with Covid, site security, masks, generally no camping and the other complications of a pandemic. Thank you to all schools and clubs for your diligence. RT has had a busy season, with record seat numbers at some regattas, but low numbers at Regattas 4 and 5.

In June this year we witnessed the destruction of the start pontoon, electrical equipment, and broken buoy lines. This is going to be a monumental effort by Mick, George, and the crew to get things back together. Alas, the likely hood of the new starting pontoon built in the upcoming season is unlikely.

I also accepted the resignation of Reg Mauderer from the Board. Reg's term was up this year, he considered standing again, but due to personal reasons he was unable to dedicate the serious time that is required to fulfill the role. In doing so, it highlights the need for participants in the sport to be prepared to step up and that representation of the RT Board preferably be in the 50% gender split. This is now a normal requirement of doing business in our and other sporting activities, and this should not be difficult to achieve.

Volunteers, thank you for all the great work you do, as a 'sport' we are so reliant on you all, but we need new bodies. The average age of our volunteer base is in the 60's. So, if you are bored sitting on the bank or have that spirit, please tap any of the volunteers on the shoulder and join the crew.

In July RT held the first Forums in Campbell Town, which was well attended by the affiliate clubs and school rowing coordinators, Questions were put in place prior to the Forum so all concerned had adequate and in-depth answers. I believe that the outcome was beneficial and most walked away feeling the positive outcomes were achieved. Plans will be put in place for next year for another club and school

Our CEO Rob Prescott has been hard at the wheel all year, I would like to thank him for his tireless work and extraordinary length he goes to, to make sure things are in place. As you are all aware, RT is not a small organisation, and we are pushed from all sides to make sure we are compliant, licenced, and masked!

As you know there are vacancies on the board, but also, we are losing our financial director John Oliver, who has been steering RTAS through the minefield of best practice accountability for our funds, thank you.

MPIO officers are required to be identified at all clubs as a prerequisite to be a member of Rowing Tasmania.

Board 2021-2022

Tim Morris	Chair.
Mick Casey	Director
Geoffrey Beswick	Director
Tina Maher	Director
Reg Mauderer (resigned June)	Director
Rachel Kitson	Director
John Oliver	Appointed Director
Megan McClaren	Appointed Director
Rob Prescott	Ex Officio

5-FINANCIAL REPORT

[Financial Report for the Year ended 30 June 2022 LINK:](#)

6-CEO Report.

In the second year of the pandemic, we as a sport can take many positives from it with a full season of competition, apart from not holding State Club Regatta Five in January, we have seen very strong participation numbers in both Club and School Regattas. It was pleasing to see that the club events, NERC Long Distance races, Sandy Bay Regatta, Royal Hobart and NNRC Long distance events were also conducted and there was the two Junior Quad Regattas conducted on the Tamar and at New Norfolk, thank you to the Tamar Rowing Club and New Norfolk Rowing Club for hosting these events. It was disappointing that the Launceston and Henley Regatta could not be rowed, and again thanks to Tamar who stepped in, along with a small group of volunteers and the Launceston on Tamar Regatta was held.

Governance.

The Board of Rowing Tasmania has met eight times in the last twelve months either virtually or face to face with an attendance rate of 97%. I would like to thank the Board for the many voluntary hours that they have given to the sport over the last twelve months.

Rowing Tasmania Staff Members and Contractors.

Beverly Smith has joined us looking after Accounts and has taken a very strong and personal interest in taking the backend of Rowing Tasmania to another level and I look forward to seeing what will be achieved over the next twelve months in this area.

Letitia Smith has taken over the role of our cleaner and with her strong knowledge in the commercial cleaning this will only continue to improve what we offer at the Lake.

Steven May continues to improve the surrounds of the Lake as our groundsman and along with Tish, they are the faces of Lake Barrington, greeting our guests who hire the facilities.

Coffee is an integral part of the offering at the Lake and with Andrea Sulcs, Meg Lyall and Sophie Souris making the finest coffee on the Lake we are fortunate to have them as part of our team.

The Easy Oar Canteen has enjoyed a very successful season with solid growth and again has proven to be a very successful fund raising area for the Clubs and Schools with again \$25,000 returned back to the rowing community. On behalf of Rowing Tasmania and the patrons I would like to thank all the members of the clubs and schools who worked shifts in the Canteen, your efforts are very much appreciated by all.

I would also like to thank Carmen, as our Catering Manager there are many hours spent not only collaborating with the volunteers but also the behind-the-scenes tasks that extend well outside her contracted hours

Conclusion.

To the teams at Aintree Contracting, LINK Hire, The Hub, AON Insurance, Communities Sport and Recreation, the Tasmanian Institute of Sport, Events Tasmania, the Mayor and staff at the Kentish Council, Hydro Tasmania, Marine and Safety Tasmania and our Parks and Wildlife rangers, thank you for your input and assistance during the year.

The technical side of our regattas is top of mind to one of our volunteers Fred Slamen who goes about improving and adding to all things electronic and I thank him for all that he contributes.

As a sport rowing is in a very strong and enviable position in Tasmania with so many positive facets to it, including a vibrant and strong regatta calendar, a secure financial position, both schools and clubs offering people the opportunity to be involved both on and off the water, a dedicated and committed Board, engaging Commissions and Working Groups and one of the many jewels in our crown, the Lake Barrington International Rowing Centre.

In conclusion I would like to extend my personal thanks to the rowing community for the cooperation that was shown by being "Covid-Compliant" at each of our regattas. As part of the conditions set by Public Health our venue was inspected by Government personnel and each of the following regattas were conditional on what was found at each inspection. Collectively we passed and were complemented on what was in place from the clubs and schools Covid Management Plans, the wearing of masks and the attitude of the rowing community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rob', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Rob Prescott.

CEO.

September 2022

7-Regatta's Managers Report-Club.

A fantastic season with entries high, especially in the second half of the season. Four regattas, SP3 – SP4 – SP6 – Championships had the highest attendance for comparative regattas over recent years, probably ever. SP4 and SP6 were the highest attended regattas of any for many years. The entry total for SP6 of 2569 will take some beating. Very little racing was lost due to weather. The sport had a very successful season, which could have resulted a little from the Covid outbreak in early 2020. Many sports were interrupted, or lost completely, so it is possible that athletes in general were excited by the full and normal rowing season. Rowing may have benefited greatly from its timing within the year. It will be interesting if next season follows that trend, or changes yet again.

One issue which arose from the high entry rates was the length of the regattas. Yes the numbers were up, but the shrinking numbers of officials meant that sometimes the gaps between races had to be slightly longer than optimum. There is no doubt that there is a need to “attract” more helpers to optimise the timing for regattas.

The “pathway” established for rowers, namely U17-U19-U21-Senior seems to be working well. Numbers definitely increased in the U21 group. Some rearrangement of 8's races, especially for the Senior Men and Women seemed to be met with approval.

Seats per Regatta Summary

	SP1	SP2	SP3	SP4	SP5	SP6	Champs	Yr Total
2020/2021	945	932	1974	2389	1559	2569	2185	12553
2019/2020	937	961	1093	2048	1950	2185	1718	10892
2018/2019	890	956	1401	1778	1277	1856	1522	9680
2017/2018	940	1070	1212	1949	1084	1734	1452	9441
2016/2017	738	1157	1289	1968	1685	1829	1729	10395
2015/2016	945	1174	1292	1824	1642	1879	1445	10201
2014/2015	997	1101	1828	1848	2155	2243	1762	11932
2013/2014	852	1142	1836	1994	1965	2291	1752	11832
2012/13	1214	1067	1468	1823	1717	1960	1594	10843
2011/12	823	1006	1335	1690	1960	1998	1825	10637
2010/11	678	1297	1457	1704	1759	2159	1715	10769

The IT environment continued to develop considerably throughout the season thanks to the indefatigable efforts of Fred Slamen who continued to make it a personal project. The transfer of results from the Finish tower to the Office became significantly more reliable. With the spectre of National Championships on the horizon the results system worked perfectly.

The continued support of the Ulverstone Scouting group in manning and womaning the boat-holding at the start is greatly appreciated. Rain or shine, they were there doing their bit – a great effort. The club support of the rostering of other jobs – boat driving and numbers – has also become very efficient with volunteers coming forward at all times. This is a critical task, and the regatta cannot proceed without this support. The assistance of Peter George in organising the boat driving roster is greatly appreciated.

The Regatta Management database – rp7 – continues to be an extremely efficient regatta organiser which enables all the paperwork to be achieved efficiently and quickly. Regatta manager has developed a basic regatta “score” for rating rowers, but it is still slightly short of the mark as it takes each race as self-standing. This fails to account for weather variations. I still hope this can be addressed in the future.

Finally, thanks again to the many hours provided by the on-water Boat Officials and Referees and to the many people giving time to help in the Office. The time provided by all the volunteers helps the Regattas run as smoothly as they do. A regatta would simply not happen without the support and generous offer of time from these people. In addition, as all our regattas are now managed by Rowing Manager and rp7, a number of other volunteers have up skilled in the office so that they are available for other non-pennant regattas such as Schools regattas and Masters regattas.

Tas Uni took a tight grip on the Pennant early in the season, though Bucks kept the pressure on for the Hydro Cup right to the end. A great showing by New Norfolk and Mersey clubs who both had good overall seasons. Grammar sowed the way in the Schools Cup, closely followed by Scotch.

Brian Brennan

Regatta Manager- Club

Season Points.	
Club Pennant	Points
TUBC	774
Bucks	641
New Norfolk	479.5
North Esk	431.5
Mersey	361.5
Tamar	328
Huon	269
DMCRC	171
Kentish	100
Ulverstone	52
Sandy Bay	39
Lindisfarne	16.5

Hydro Cup	Points
TUBC	514
Bucks	476
North Esk	321
New Norfolk	304
Mersey	294.5
Tamar	213.5
Huon	157.5
DMCRC	91
Kentish	52
Ulverstone	47
Sandy Bay	28
Lindisfarne	11.5

Schools' Pennant	Points
Grammar	428.5
Scotch	356
Friends	261
Hutchins	185
St Patricks	155
Fahan	65
St Virgil's	52
St Marys	33
GYC	4

8-Regatta Managers Report-Schools

As with the club regatta series, we were fortunate to be able to successfully conduct the full school's regatta program. The school season opener, the Junior Sculling Camp and Regatta at Lake Barrington was, again, very successful, and the confidence, boat skills and competition understanding of the participating rowers showed in subsequent regattas.

Site constraints at Franklin in a Covid 19 world did require revision to the format of the Schools Regatta One, with the Schoolgirls' events held on Saturday 6th February and Schoolboys' events on Sunday 7th. Bad weather did result in a number of events being curtailed, and with senior events limited and the program shortened.

Participation through the season was at record levels, as shown in the following:

Seats per Regatta Summary

	JSR LBIRC	JSR South	SR1	SR2	Champs	Yr Total
2020/2021	519	767	1383	2292	2230	7191
2019/2020	553	674	1380	2246	1942	6795

Schools Championship Regatta

	Entries	Seats	Athletes
2020/2021	942	2230	804
2019/2020	846	1942	715
2018/2019	866	1953	697
2017/2018	838	1927	671
2016/2017	872	2022	668

The significant increase in competitors and seat numbers did result in long sessions, particularly for Schools Regatta Two and the Saturday heats at the Schools' Championship Regatta. As with the Club Pennant series, this again put considerable strain on Boat Race Officials.

At the North-West Schools' Regatta, The Friends School won both the Junior and Overall Schoolgirls' trophies, with St Virgils College winning the Junior Schoolboys' and Scotch-Oakburn College winning the Overall Schoolboys' trophy.

In the School Championships Regatta, The Friends' School again won both the Junior and Overall Schoolgirls trophies, while in the Schoolboys events St Virgils College won the Junior Aggregate and The Hutchins School the Overall Schoolboys' Trophy.

Karen Bain
Regatta Manager- School

9-Tasmanian Schools Commission Report.

Report to be added at a later date.

10-Tasmanian Masters Commission Report

No Report.

11-State Development and Pathway Officer Report.

No report.

12-Membership.

Buckingham Rowing Club	49
Derwent Mercantile Collegiate Rowing Club	90
Glenorchy Rowing Club	24
Huon Rowing Club	17
Kentish Rowing	8
Lindisfarne Rowing Club	69
Mersey Rowing Club	13
New Norfolk Rowing Club	80
North Esk Rowing Club	31
Rowing Tasmania	30
Sandy Bay Rowing Club	44
School Only - not a club member	668
Tamar Rowing Club	55
Tasmania University Boat Club	58
Tasmanian Institute of Sport	2
Ulverstone Rowing Club	23
Fahan School	57
Launceston Grammar	115
Scotch Oakburn College	91
St Mary's College	38
St Michael's Collegiate School	39
St Patrick's College	70
St Virgil's College	43
The Friends School	109
The Hutchins School	115
Total (unique)	1938

Including all membership types Source: Revolutionise Sport

Membership Figures		Male	Female	Other	Total
Full members	Under 18	315	323	0	638
	Over 18	382	361	0	743

13-Season 2021-2022 Annual Awards.

Award	Award Description	Recipient
Simon Dean Award	This award is for the most outstanding male oarsman over the season.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connor Ryan (NERC) • Joseph Wilson (BRC)
Nell Rosevear Award	This award is for the most outstanding female oarswoman over the season.	Georgia Nesbitt (HRC)
Peter Keys Award	This award is made to the most outstanding junior oars person(s) (male or female).	Ella Spaulding (MRC)
OGMA Trophy	This award that recognises the coaches' contribution to the athlete and the sport and who encourages the athlete to achieve higher aims.	Paul Newbon (HRC)
Junior Oarsman of the Year	This award is to recognise the performance of an Under 19 male athlete(s) during the Tasmanian regatta season.	Hayden Mounter (Hutchins)
Junior Oarswoman of the Year	This award is to recognise the performance of an Under 19 female(s) athlete during the Tasmanian regatta season.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elise Bird (DMCRC/SMC) • Rosie Forsyth (DMCRC/SMC) • Aida McCoid (DMCRC/SMC) • Heather Curry (DMCRC/SMC)
Youth Oarswoman of the Year	This award is to recognise the performance of an Under 21 female athlete(s) during the Tasmanian regatta season.	Kate Oliver & Sophie Robinson (TUBC)
Youth Oarsman of the Year	This award is to recognise the performance of an Under 21 male athlete(s) during the Tasmanian regatta season.	Samuel Mounter & Angus Paynter (TUBC)
Open Oarsman of the Year	This award is to recognise the performance of an Open male athlete(s) during the Tasmanian regatta season.	Alec Paterson (BRC)
Open Oarswoman of the Year	This award is to recognise the performance of an Open female athlete(s) during the Tasmanian regatta season.	Hannah Dobbie (BRC)
Master's Oarsman of the Year	This award is to recognise the performance of a Master's male athlete(s) during the Tasmanian regatta season.	Michael Wilson (URC)

Master's Oarswoman of the Year	This award is to recognise the performance of a Master's female athlete(s) during the Tasmanian regatta season.	Judy Fenner (NERC)
Coach of the Year	This award is to recognise the performance of a Coach(s) during the Tasmanian regatta season.	Trevor Barrett (NERC)
Coxswain of the Year	This award is to recognise the performance of a Coxswain(s) during the Tasmanian regatta season.	Angus Whatling (Hutchins)
Volunteer of the Year	This award is to recognise a person(s) who has made a significant contribution to Rowing Tasmania	Julian Joscelyne (RT)

14- 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes.

North Esk Rowing Club

27th August 2021

Minute Secretary R. Prescott.

Meeting opened at 19:37 hrs

Attendance-Affiliated Member Clubs and Nominated representatives.

- **Kentish Rowing- Craig Boutcher.**
- **Mersey Rowing Club- Greg Marshall.**
- **Tamar Rowing Club- Henry Youl.**
- **North Esk Rowing Club- Abbey Boutcher.**
- **New Norfolk Rowing Club- Ricky Midson.**
- **Buckingham Rowing Club- Jacob Crow.**
- **Tasmania University Rowing Club-Amy Bain.**
- **Derwent Mercantile Collegiate Rowing Club- Marcus Allen.**
- **Lindisfarne Rowing Club-Michael Banks.**
- **Sandy Bay Rowing Club- Bridget Walker**
- **Huon Rowing Club- John Driessen.**

Apology- Glenorchy Rowing Club.

Attendance-Board.

James Gibson OAM-Chair, Peter George, Meaghan Volker, Megan Lyell, Tim Morris, Geoff Beswick, John Oliver.

Apology-Reg Mauderer.

Attendance Life Members.

Michael Banks, Mick Goodger, George Homer, John Driessen.

Apologies Life Members.

Bob Blake OAM, David Schier OAM, David Rattray, Rod Dolbel, Merv Tippet, John Oakley,

Michael J Williams.

Attendance-Observers.

Rachel Kitson, Sarah Ashlin, Alison Ashlin, Bradley Ashlin, Jo-Anne McGlashan, Karen Bain, Harold Bain, Jess Harvey, Laurie Dean, Andrew Walker, Paul Newbon, Peter Ryan, Caroline Ryan, Paul Sillifant, Harry Sillifant, Julie Sillifant, Julian Joscelyne, Tina Maher, Mick Casey, Roxanne Casey, Chris Symons, Lloyd Luck.

Apologies- Mark Wilson, Kim Wilson, Peter Clutterbuck, Annette Dolbel, Brian Brennan, Grant Pryor.

In Memoriam.

Craig Rickards (LRC)

Notice of Meeting.

Rob Prescott.

Confirmation of the Minutes.

Confirmation of the 108th Annual General Meeting held on the 28th of August 2020.

Moved-Craig Boutcher.

Seconded- John Driessen.

Carried.

Declaration of the Poll-*Rob Prescott Executive Officer.*

" I report that the two vacant positions to the Rowing Tasmania Board attracted four nominations. Of the nominations received, two met the requirement of a valid nomination form.

As the nominations received for the positions on the Board equal the number of vacancies to be filled, those nominated are declared to be elected.

I advise Rachel Kitson and Mick Casey are elected to the Board.

Before this matter is closed, I wish to provide further comment as this is the second year that the Board has received an invalid nomination form.

For those not aware, Clause 15.2 of the Constitution sets out the requirement for a nomination. In summary the requirement is:

1. A nomination must be submitted on the Rowing Tas nomination form.
2. The form must be signed by two members who have been elected to serve on a Club's Committee/Board: and
3. Signed by the nominee accepting the nomination
4. Lastly, the completed form must be delivered no later than the closing date.

The nominations were invalid because the nomination form was not signed by two members of the Club's Committee/Board.

This contrasts with the previous Constitution where a nomination could be signed by any two members registered with Rowing Tasmania."

The Chairman, James Gibson OAM thanked the two retiring members, Meaghan Volker, and Peter George for their services on the Board and their contribution to the sport of rowing

Appointment of Auditor.

Motion "that Mr Luke Salmon be appointed as Auditor"

Moved-Amy Bain (TUBC).

Seconded-Craig Boutcher (KR).

Carried.

Meeting closed at 20:00 hrs



JS Gibson. Chair

16-Major Supporters and Partners.

Rowing Tasmania Inc would like to acknowledge the generous support for the following.

The Tasmanian State Government.

Events Tasmania

The Department of Communities Sport and Recreation.

Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service.

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Marine and Safety Tasmania.

Decent Rowing.

Aintree Contracting.

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The Hub.

Captain Marine.

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