

# rowing victoria

## Annual Report 2000/01



*ROWING VICTORIA INCORPORATED*

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**Board/Office Bearers**

President	Peter Fraser
Vice Presidents	Brian Vear Eric Waller
Director of Finance	James Lowe (also Public Officer)
General Manager	Ian Lee-Conway

**Directors**

Ian Allan, Robert Blair, Bob Morell OAM, Chris O'Brien, Susie Palfreyman,  
David Pincus (also Councillor - Rowing Australia Inc)

**Staff**

Maxine Brice	Administration Officer
Josie Millard	Sport Development Officer

**Competition Committee**

Mark Dwyer	Chairman
Tom Appelby	
Rod Florence	
Ruth Guy	
Josie Millard	
Barbara Phelan	
Jim Spithill	(Advisory Capacity)

**Membership**

Rowing Australia Inc  
State Boating Council  
Victorian Olympic Council  
Sports Federation of Victoria

**Victorian Olympic Council  
Delegates**

Mark Denniston  
Ian Lee-Conway

**Boat Race Officials Panel**

Rod Florence	(Chairman)
Bill Waterfield	(Secretary)
Catherine Curry	
Emma Kelson	
Jim Skidmore	
Steve Pennicott	

**Life Members**

Robert Aitken MBE  
Kath Bennett  
David Boykett  
Hubert Frederico  
Caroline Judd  
Bob Morell OAM  
Bill Waterfield  
Ted Woolcock

**State Team**

Alexander Marshall	(Chairman of Selectors)
Josie Millard	(Selector - Senior)
Steven Whittington	(Selector - Senior)
Georgia Radcliffe-Smith	(Selector - Youth)
Andrew McNeill	(Selector - Youth)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2000/2001 year has been one of continuing progress for Rowing Victoria; highlighted in particular by the Olympic Games held in Sydney in September 2000. We would like to acknowledge the performance of our athletes and the voluntary work of so many of our members who participated in the successful conduct of the Games.

### Competition

The first National Selection Trial to be held in Victoria since 1995 was conducted at Nagambie Lakes in March, 2001 in conjunction with the State Championships. This major three day event was an excellent rehearsal for Brian Vear, his 2002 Organising Committee, and the Shire of Strathbogie as they prepare for the 2002 National Championships.

The preparations for this event are now well advanced and the Organising Committee is confident that the event will be a success. Brian Vear and his team are also well advanced in their preparations to conduct the Rowing section of the World Masters Games to be held at Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, in September, 2002.

We thank both Roger Wilson and Wal Oakley for their efforts in both on-course commentary and in the media.

The Competition Sub Committee, headed by Mark Dwyer, has again put a great deal of work into the competitive program and the positive effect of their initiatives, such as changes in regatta formats, management, officiating and standards of conduct has been obvious over the past season. The official Rowing Victoria competitive season now encompasses over 60 regattas between August and May. Considerable work has also been completed to restructure status rules for the coming season.

The continued growth in the number of competitors, particularly in Masters categories was evident this year in the well-attended Masters series in April and May and a record 130 entries in the Annual Head of the Yarra.

The efforts of the Competition Sub Committee, combined with the Masters Sub Committee, also headed by Brian Vear, and the Officials Panel headed by Rod Florence continues to mould a sound base from which our competitive program can confidently face the future.

### Representation

Rowing remains a key program at the Victorian Institute of Sport and the selections and results achieved attest to the work and planning by Noel Donaldson and John Cumper. The partnership between Rowing Victoria and the VIS ensures that the ideals of the VIS program are enhanced through elite development athletes and the State Rowing Team; together we grow!

The VIS Head Coach, Noel Donaldson, took on an additional role in early February as the Rowing Australia National Men's Head Coach. The VIS affiliation with the National body will stay strong and their assistance in coaching support funding has benefited the program.

#### **VIS scholarship holders in the Sydney Olympic team**

Men's eight: (Silver Medal): Michael McKay, Christian Ryan

Men's lightweight four: (Silver Medal) Anthony Edwards, Robert Richards

Men's pair: (Bronze Medal): James Tomkins, Matthew Long, Noel Donaldson (coach)

Women's pair: (Silver Medal): Rachael Taylor

Women's single: (placed 5<sup>th</sup>): Georgina Douglas

Women's eight: (placed 5<sup>th</sup>): Katie Foulkes, Rachel Kininmonth, Emily Martin, Jane Robinson, Bronwyn Thompson.

Peter Antonie and Drew Ginn both rowed in the lead up to the Olympics in World Cup events. Drew Ginn the reigning Olympic fours champion of 1996 unfortunately succumbed to a back injury and had to withdraw from the Olympic team. His courage was an inspiration to the team. Rachael Taylor was named (along with her pair partner Kate Slatter, AIS/SASI) as the 2000 Zurich Australian Rower of the Year.

Peter Antonie has announced his retirement from major competition and it is appropriate to recognise his contribution to the status and reputation of Victorian and Australian rowing.

A fierce competitor and superb athlete Peter will be missed in competition but his involvement is maintained through Melbourne University Boat Club.

I would also like to recognise the initiative of Drew Ginn and Nick Green in conducting an information and education seminar for all rowing Clubs and Schools.

It is very gratifying that high profile International Champions such as Drew and Nick are prepared to assist the sport in this manner and I speak for all Victorian rowing enthusiasts in expressing our appreciation for their efforts.

The 2000 Non Olympic World Championships in Zagreb, Croatia saw Eliza Blair win a silver medal in the Women's lightweight quad.

The 2000/2001 domestic season was again well contested by VIS rowers and the following were selected in 2001 Australian National Rowing Teams:

**World Championships: Lucern, Switzerland (to be held August 19 – 26 2001)**

Men's eight: Robert Douglas, Matthew Long, Cameron McKenzie-McHarg, Bill Tait, Karsten Forsterling (reserve/World Cup), Chris O'Brien (coach).

Men's quad: David Crawshay.

Men's lightweight pair/eight: Alastair Isherwood, Sam Beltz (associate TIS), Sam Pullin (cox, eight), John Cumper (coach, pair).

Women's pair/eight: Emily Martin.

Mens Head Coach: Noel Donaldson.

**World Under 23 Regatta (Nation's Cup): Linz, Austria (to be held July 27 – 29 2001)**

Men's four: Warren Keebie, Travis Johnston.

Men's quad: David Crawshay.

Women's double: Catriona Oliver

Victoria won its third successive Zurich Cup at the 2001 Interstate regatta held on the Wivenhoe Dam in March. President, Peter Fraser accepted the trophy following a thrilling win by our Kings Cup Eight in the final race. Our team at the regatta was very successful with wins in the Kings Cup, Governor General's Plate, and Wilkinson Cup. Our Womens Youth Eight and Womens Lightweight Quad Scull Cup crews finished second. We congratulate all members of the State Team, headed so ably by Head Coach Noel Donaldson, on their fine performances.

Strong performances at under age levels continue to augur well for the future of Victorian Rowing.

### Operations

Rowing Victoria has good relationships with both State and Local Government and is actively involved in planning and development issues through the work of the General Manager, Ian Lee-Conway. The support of the State Government is essential to our operations and critical to several initiatives currently in progress.

The development of the Rowing Victoria's information management software package is complete and has been mandated by the Board for use by all Clubs, Schools and Regatta

Committees in the 2001/2002 season. This package developed by Customized Computer Systems will directly benefit Clubs, Schools and Rowing Victoria with its packages of membership records and status, regatta management and results and club management. This system will create improvements in both timeliness and accuracy of information for Clubs, regatta committees and the Rowing Victoria office. These improvements are in line with our policy of providing improved service to our membership. Future developments will include on line access to all packages, which will serve to further enhance the systems effectiveness.

Further improvements are planned for the Rowing Victoria website to implement on line access in time for both the 2002 Nationals and the 2002 World Masters Games. We commend the website to all members. This means of dissemination of information will create significant savings into the future.

Rowing Victoria's finances, overseen by James Lowe, remain tight but in healthy shape. Affiliation fees and regatta levies were increased in 2000/2001 for the first time since 1995 but we believe that we continue to maintain costs of participating in rowing at a reasonable level. This has been possible with the assistance of our sponsors and partners who include Department of Sport and Recreation, Stewart Derwin of Ausrowtec and VicHealth.

### Communications

During the year scheduled Board Meetings were conducted in Ballarat and Geelong and a successful Seminar for Country Clubs was held in Bendigo.

Rowing at a grass roots level is facing enormous challenges which in most instances are shared by other team sports.

In this regard Rowing Victoria representatives have visited and met with a number of clubs and discussed ideas and initiatives that will encourage young people to be attracted to and maintained within our sport.

These discussions have also embraced format and timing changes to regattas and recognition of the pressures on time and finance faced by many of our smaller clubs

Josie Millard supervised a very successful "Ready Row" programme during the year based on Carrum Rowing Club and it was pleasing to see a number of these young people with their parents at the Club's trophy night.

Applications have been invited for a Sports Development Officer and when appointed this position

will further expand our involvement in developing all areas of our sport

### Rowing Australia

We are represented at Rowing Australia meetings by David Pincus as our State Councillor and any one who knows David is aware that our views are presented in a strong and forthright manner.

It is also pleasing to record that Pat Macnamara was elected as President of Rowing Australia.

Pat has extensive business and political experience and is still competing successfully in Masters events and accordingly is very well qualified to assume Australian rowings most senior appointment.

### Staff

In June, 2000 we welcomed Ian Lee Conway as the new General Manager of Rowing Victoria. Ian has an extensive background in sports administration and has been able to settle in well over the past year. In particular, we look forward to Ian's skills in event management making a significant contribution over the coming year. Unfortunately Administrative Assistant Maxine Brice has recently resigned for personal reasons. Maxine made a great contribution in her three years with Rowing Victoria and will be sorely missed. We wish her the best in her future endeavours.

## Facilities

The long awaited State Government review of Watersports Facilities was completed in April, 2001. Facilities in Victoria have now been prioritised in terms of future funding and development.

Upgrade work at Lake Wendouree have now commenced and should significantly upgrade this venue with improvements to the start area, finish area, and new buoying system. This work will be completed by the 2001/2002 season.

## Planning

The next twelve months will be extremely important to Rowing Victoria.

The regatta committee will conduct the 2002 Nationals and World Masters Games.

All Clubs will shortly receive a request for assistance at the coming seasons major Regattas. Please support us in this regard as our organization relies virtually entirely on volunteers and any additional support makes the load lighter and enhances our already high reputation for conducting quality Regattas.

Our elite athlete program will continue to rebuild following the retirements of experienced athlete's post-Sydney.

Our administration must continue to actively manage the ongoing developments at the Docklands Precinct and the outcome of the regulatory reviews of usage of the Lower Yarra and other challenges to the access to, and the use of, the waterways so crucial to our ongoing sustainability.

In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation of the assistance I have received from the Board of Rowing Victoria and the professional contribution to our activities that has been made by our General Manager Mr. Ian Lee- Conway.

And finally my thanks go to you the Rowing Community for your continued confidence and support.

Peter Fraser  
President.

## **General Manager's Report**

Overall, I feel the year can best be described as one of steady progress; that progress however, may not be readily discernible to the membership. My effort has been concentrated on identifying for the Board those policy, organisational and procedural matters needing priority attention. It is however, one thing to identify those matters; finding the resources both in terms of manpower and finance to address the issues, is another. In saying this, I am also conscious of, and concerned with, the limitations our member Clubs/Schools have in coping with the demands of conducting the sport. Some of my other sport colleagues and indeed VicSport, share these concerns. Sport is certainly over regulated and unceasingly imposed upon by Government Agencies to do more and more. VicSport has represented these concerns to Government in strong terms. Regrettably, the situation is not going to be changed quickly and we must all live with it in a spirit of mutual understanding that none of us can be all things to all men at the one time. That does not mean that we cannot do better; we certainly can and some of the measures needed are not that difficult. A little more on this later.

I am pleased to say that I have found the Board of Rowing Victoria Inc prepared to confront the hard decisions needed, and take those decisions in the best interests of the sport, rather than pandering to traditionalist, factional and regional pressures of which there have been many. Two of those hard decisions are in the forefront of my mind and they are its resolve to maintain its position with the State Government, in relation to its exercise on the Course Development issue and the other, is that to proceed and bring into full operation, the Customised Computer Software Project. On the former it is very satisfying to note that the final Government Report on the Courses accepted the Board's position. On the software project matter, the Board has also accepted that the system is not perfect and will require continued improvement and further development in the years to come. It is disappointing to note that some of our constituents have some difficulty in coming to grips with it and don't seem to appreciate the benefits it will bring to them. Another difficult situation confronted with vigour by the Board, has been the financial arrangements to apply to the conduct of the 2002 National Championships. I am pleased to say that those negotiations have now been concluded satisfactorily. The same can also be said about the arrangements relating to the conduct of the World Masters Games regatta in 2002.

### Achievements

In my view the major achievements in the area of administering the sport during the year have been the following.

Boat Trailer Specifications/Regulations. The revised boat trailer specifications and regulations were finally agreed with VicRoads and have been legislated and promulgated. On this matter I thank the various officials of VicRoads I interfaced with on this matter; I found their attitude to be always positive and directed towards wanting to assist. I also



want to publicly acknowledge the tremendous support and assistance given me by Mr Tom Pride in bringing this matter to the satisfactory outcome achieved. I've had no complaints with the outcome so must conclude that we got it right.

Competition Committee. This most important Committee was reconstituted with Board approved, formal Terms of Reference and the granting of the Chairman of the Committee "ex officio" Board member status. I feel these measures have given that Committee more confidence in the level of support it can expect and has encouraged it to be more innovative and given it the resolve to also take hard decisions. That Committee can never win, simply because it cannot shift Christmas or Easter or satisfy those traditional regatta hosts that their event and dates, are sacred cows. During formulation of the 2001/02 Regatta Program I observed the Committee's work at close hand and can assure the membership that it worked tirelessly and always acted with the best interests of the sport and its competing members, uppermost in its considerations. Apart from its regatta programming task the Committee deserves high commendation for its work on the new competitor Status Rules and individual regatta Pre Set Order of Events. This Pre Set was formulated with the objective of providing the best competition for all members. If some do not agree then, I would say to them, please come along and give us the benefit of your perceived wisdom. There are always positions vacant on that Committee.

Sport Development/Ready Row Program. A major achievement was the progress made in the area of 'grass roots' development, principally through 'bum on seat' implementation of the Ready Row Program. This was largely achieved by the appointment of a part time Sport Development Officer, Josie Millard. Josie's enthusiasm coupled with her vision pragmatism and knowledge enabled us to transform, what was largely a paper exercise into youngsters (60), from non-rowing schools, experiencing the sport and competing. The success of this Program would not have been achieved if it were not for the support of Carrum Rowing Club. I now acknowledge that support with much appreciation, It is a pity and a deep concern, that both Federal and State Government funding difficulties with such programs have emerged, which threaten their continuance. Changed Government funding arrangements, at both Federal and State levels, have obligated the Board to reassess its ability to deliver on 'grass roots' development. This is a direct result of the sport of rowing being denied any Federal funding for such development, for at least, the next two financial years. I assess that our capacity to continue our work in this area will be considerably eroded.

Melbourne Rowing Courses. I am pleased to report that this Rowing Victoria's relationship with the regulatory bodies whose responsibilities impact on our use of the Yarra, the Maribyrnong and Albert Park Lake, is on a sound and amicable footing. We have achieved this through input (which has largely been accepted), to the Parks Victoria Yarra Future Directions Plan and the State Office of Regulation Reform Yarra Access Study. With the assistance of the Princess Bridge Clubs/Schools, the formation of a Melbourne City Council River Sports Consultative Forum has been achieved and this is already proving, helpful. We are presently engaged in positive discussion with the Council on the Trailer Parking, Staging Refurbishment and Drainage and Repaving, issues and I am confident of achieving positive outcomes to the benefit of the sport. This

consultative process also achieved firm statements by Council that the Alexandra Gardens Skatepark, in indeed, temporary. We have established an excellent consultative arrangement with Parks Victoria and we hope to develop this into a formal Partnership arrangement in the coming months.

Rowing Victoria has been subjected to some membership criticism of our involvement in these matters. The view has been put that they are matters for the Clubs to deal with themselves. The Board and I, reject those criticisms on the grounds that the Yarra, Maribyrnong and Albert Park Lake waterways are for the use of all our members, and the Clubs concerned are entitled to our assistance, if they want it. This entitlement to assistance is of course, extended to the non Yarra based Clubs and will be forthcoming if requested. Having said all this, I do not believe the achievement of the outcomes desired will be easy. I anticipate some robust discussions with the Melbourne City Council and Parks Victoria as we move the matters forward. I personally have a lot of disquiet with the overall Yarra situation.

Water Safety Plan. Development of the Association's Safety Plan is complete and efforts are now directed towards its implementation and ongoing education in safety matters. I am particularly grateful and appreciative of the work of Jim Spithill on this project and his continuing interest. I am however, a little disappointed at the, to date, paucity of Club/School feedback on it. The safety of your members should be one of your foremost concerns. We are working closely with Parks Victoria and the Victoria Police on this issue and in the near future, intend to highlight to School Principals and Club Presidents, the legal risks they expose themselves to if they do not address the matter in a more positive way.

VicHealth Partnership. Under the VicHealth Partnership with Sport Program we have been successful in being allocated some modest funding over the next two financial years to assist with participation and the promotion of healthy eating and smoke free rowing environments. On the 'participation' aspects of this program Footscray City Rowing Club has joined us in an attempt to bring the sport to youngsters in the western suburbs of Melbourne.

Country Clubs. A productive Country Club seminar was conducted in Bendigo at which a number of issues of concern to these Clubs were identified and discussed. This is not an easy matter to grapple with particularly in view of the fact that some of our Clubs have not been able to cope or come to terms, with the economic and sociological changes which have occurred over the last couple of decades particularly in rural areas. The world is just not what it used to be. Whilst the Board of Rowing Victoria is prepared to, within the constraints of its hard pressed resources, assist these Clubs, some of them need to adopt a more pro active and self help attitude. We have made some suggestions to them in this regard. Also, some of the Country Clubs really do need to take measures to make their regattas more attractive to the broad base of potential entrants. Enough said.

Governance. Some readers may have heard me speaking on the topic of Association governance and my reservations that the present Constitution and General Meeting do not

best meet the governance needs of the sport. I am concerned that the Constitution does not clearly spell out the powers of the Board and does not make it clear as to what Rules are in force. This, in my view, clouds the issue of who is ultimately legally responsible for the actions of the Association. I have a very severe gut feeling that, as things stand, the Club/School Delegates and not the Board, are so responsible. This begs the question, are those Delegates prepared to accept that responsibility?; I would suggest, no. This matter needs some priority attention. A side issue to this is that of the Competition By Laws; they are messy. We have given this matter some attention and due largely to the efforts of Bill Waterfield, to who I am most grateful, we are almost at the stage of being able to produce a consolidated book of By Laws in a format which will facilitate easy updating and repromulgation.

Two Way Communication. I feel that the communication between the office and Clubs/Schools is getting better. Greater use of electronic data transmission and the web site is assisting. Notwithstanding this, difficulties remain. Some of our member Clubs do not have an email/internet facility; some do not even have a fax. This obviously needs rectification and after all, we are in the twenty first century. The Office communications databases are difficult to maintain; there is a constant turnover of Club/School personnel and changes do not get reported and when they do, the Office is stretched to find the time to update its listings. We are playing catch up all the time. Apart from the data base problem the greatest impediment to communication and dissemination of information is, in far too many cases, the failure of Club Secretaries to refer material to those within their Club who need to know and more importantly, do something. There is some real horror stories around about that. The office expends an inordinate amount of non productive time in attending to matters arising out of the failure of intra Club communication and Clubs need to get their houses in order in this, relatively simple matter. Apart from everything else, it is an 'on cost' to the already high postage and telecommunications financial burden and does little to assist the Board in trying to operate within the extant fee structure.

Priorities. With so much needing to be done, it is difficult to set priorities and spread the scarce manpower and expertise resource around in a way that, substantial progress can be made in all areas. Also for the forthcoming year, progress will undoubtedly be impeded by the need to divert manpower resources to the conduct of the National Championships and World Masters Games Regattas. Notwithstanding this, the priorities for the year, apart from the Nationals and World Masters, are in my view:

- . to proceed with implementation, as far as is practicable, with the Customised Computer Software project including the development of a comprehensive membership data base
- . improve the two way communication situation,
- . address the Governance issue
- . continue to refine and enhance the Regatta Program to serve the best interests of all competitors
- . maintain pressure on the State Government Authorities and Local Councils in relation to the Course improvement and Course access issues,
- . continue implementation of the Ready Row Program,
- . improve the delivery of Coach Education

- . continue to highlight the on water safety issue, and
- . develop a Coxswain Training Course.

These are only my thoughts on the priorities to be pursued; the new Board however, may choose to vary these as is, its prerogative.

### **Conclusion**

I have very much enjoyed my first year with the Association and I thank the Board, the Competition Committee, the Boat Race Officials Panel, my staff colleagues Maxine Brice and Josie Millard, for all their assistance and support. I also thank most sincerely the Association membership for the welcome, courtesy, advice and assistance given me. I look forward to the next year.

**IAN LEE-CONWAY**  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

## VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT ROWING PROGRAM

The 12 months ended the 30th June 2001 saw the culmination of four years of preparation and sacrifice and for those selected the opportunity to compete in a home Olympic regatta. With the conclusion of the Sydney Olympics the focus turned to preparing for the Athens Games in 2004. Following the Sydney games many athletes faced the tough decision about their future in the sport, and with the huge build up to Sydney many athletes decided to take sabbaticals for the 2001 International season. There were also changes to the management of the National High Performance program with separate Head Coaches appointed for the Men's and Women's programs. Noel Donaldson was appointed as Head Men's Coach and Harold Jahrling as Head Women's Coach.

### SYDNEY OLYMPICS

All sports loving Australians witnessed the spectacle of the Sydney Olympics. Rowing was expected to produce medals and the team was given every opportunity to prepare itself to be successful. There was much written about the Sydney International Regatta Centre, the questions about its fairness receiving a lot of publicity as well as the problems with weed. The experiences of the previous 4 years did not instil a lot of confidence amongst the Australian Rowing fraternity. However the regatta Gods smiled on the Olympic regatta as no one could have expected the conditions that prevailed for the whole regatta. At the close of the Regatta the President of FISA called it the best Olympic regatta ever and those lucky enough to witness it would agree that it provided all that is great about the sport of rowing. The highlights were many and to have Steve Redgrave create Olympic History added to the aura of the event.

While an Australian Gold Medal would have been the pinnacle of the regatta for us our results were outstanding considering the standard of international competition in our sport. The following Victorian athletes and VIS Scholarship holders achieved these results.

M2-	Mathew Long James Tomkins	Mercantile RC Mercantile RC	Bronze medal Bronze medal
M8+	Michael McKay Christian Ryan	Mercantile RC MUBC	Silver medal Silver medal
LM4-	Anthony Edwards Robert Richards	Wendouree Ballarat RC	Silver medal Silver medal
W2-	Rachael Taylor	Power House RC	Silver Medal
W8+	Katie Foulkes Emily Martin Jane Robinson Bronwyn Thompson Rachael Kinninmonth	Mercantile RC Wendouree Ballarat RC Melbourne RC MUBC MUBC	Fifth place Fifth place Fifth place Fifth place Fifth place
W1x	Georgina Douglas	Mercantile RC	Fifth place

### NON-OLYMPIC BOATS – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ZAGREB CROATIA

LW4x	Eliza Blair	MUBC	Silver medal
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The conclusion of the Olympics saw the commencement of preparations for the 2001 world championships in Lucerne Switzerland. With the uncertainty of how many of the 2000 team would compete in 2001 there were opportunities for other athletes to gain selection. The Olympic selection process started in October with state based time trials and concluded in May 2001 with a selection regatta at the SIRC from which athletes were nominated for seat racing held in Canberra. From those trials the following athletes were selected in to the National Team for 2001.

## WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS LUCERNE

M8+	Mathew Long Robert Douglas William Tait Cameron McKenzie-McHarg Karsten Forsterling	Mercantile RC Mercantile RC Mercantile RC MUBC MUBC
LM2- & LM8+ LM8+	Alastair Isherwood Sam Pullin	MUBC MUBC
M4x	David Crawshay	Mercantile RC
W2- & W8+	Emily Martin	Wendouree Ballarat RC

## WORLD U/23 REGATTA LINZ AUSTRIA

M4-	Warren Keeble Travis Johnston	MUBC Mercantile RC
W2x	Catriona Oliver	MUBC

## EAST ASIAN GAMES OSAKA JAPAN

LW4x	Lisa Farrelly	Mercantile RC
LM2x & LM4x	Joshua Frichot	Wendouree Ballarat RC

On the domestic front Victoria once again showed the depth of it's talent and a commitment to the "Big white V" in retaining the Zurich Cup at the interstate regatta at Lake Wivenhoe and winning the Kings Cup, the Governor General's Plate and the Wilkinson Trophy.

## SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS (1/2/2001 TO 31/1/2002

Anthony Coghlan  
David Crawshay  
Robert Douglas  
Hannah Every  
Lisa Farrelly  
Karsten Forsterling  
Joshua Frichot  
Alastair Isherwood  
Will Jelbart  
Travis Johnston  
Warren Keeble  
Andrew Latreille

### ASSOCIATES:

Eliza Blair  
Sam Beltz  
Jill Burston  
Anthony Edwards  
Katie Fouikes  
Drew Ginn  
Paul Gray  
Michael McKay  
Jane Robinson  
Christian Ryan  
James Tomkins

Mathew Long  
Emily Martin

### COACHING STAFF

Cam McKenzie-McHarg  
Lachlan McPherson  
Paul Myers  
Catriona Oliver  
Scott Penning  
Sam Pullin  
Bill Tait  
Merlin Vervoon  
Julian Voller

HEAD COACH Noel Donaldson  
SENIOR COACH John Cumper

SQUAD COACHES Chris O'Brien  
David Palfreyman  
John Bennett  
Francis Stone  
PeterSomerville(to 12/2000)

The VIS would like to thank sincerely the Banks Rowing Club for their generous support in providing office space in their shed at Princes Bridge from which the Rowing program operates. Also many thanks to Carrum Rowing Club for the use of their facilities during training sessions at Carrum and their assistance in the conduct of time trials and other activities.

The VIS also relies on other clubs for the use of equipment and facilities and without their support the program would not be able to function effectively.

John Cumper  
Senior Coach

## **Boat Race Officials Panel Report**

**By: Rod Florence**

In the 2000-2001 season BRO's attended 35 regattas. The average attendance at regattas has not changed much over the past few seasons, with most regattas having just enough officials in attendance to cover the available positions. Several regattas relied on the generosity of BRO's volunteering for double shifts to cover the shortfall.

The following people passed examinations over the past year and we welcome them to the group: Lynne Charge, Mark Dwyer, Rae Hynes, Josie Millard, Denis Nihill, Darcy Walker and Victor Walter. We appeal to all clubs and schools to identify potential BRO's in an effort to increase the number of officials and lessen the workload a little for current BRO's. Any interested people should contact the R.V. office.

The 2000-2001 season saw the A.P.S. and H.O.S.G. committees handing over most of the on-water running of their events to Rowing Victoria. The Panel appointed Andrew Guerin and Robin Murphy as Referees of the A.P.S. and H.O.S.G. regattas respectively. Andrew and Robin then worked with the Panel to select the Juries for the regattas. The result were two excellently run major events and congratulations are due to Andrew and Robin and their respective teams.

The Board approved several projects for officials this year. New uniforms were introduced during the second half of the season to widespread approval. Software was developed to improve the administration of officials, resulting in a vast reduction of time spent with the allocation of duties and mailouts to BRO's. Equipment has been upgraded with the purchase of new radio batteries, the acquisition of new megaphones and various repairs to other equipment.

Last season's Panel was recently re-appointed with the addition of Emma Kelson. Catherine Currie, Steve Pennicott and Jim Skidmore fill the remaining positions on the Panel with Bill Waterfield being appointed as Panel Secretary, formalising a role that Bill has diligently carried out for many years. Jim Spithill has been of major support to the panel with his involvement in various projects over the past two seasons.

The Panel would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian Lee-Conway and the Board for their generous support over the past season and we look forward to the coming season and wish success for everyone in Victorian Rowing.



## **DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**By: Josie Millard**

As Sport Development Officer for Rowing Victoria Inc. I have enjoyed performing a wide range of tasks pertaining to the development of rowing in this state. Most particularly I have serviced the Ready Row! funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria and have been excited by the outcomes in this area. In addition I have been involved in the NCAS Rowing Coaches courses, the Competition Committee, State Team selection and administration, School Recruitment, publicity and general administration.

### **READY...ROW!**

In December 2000 I invited schools in the south-eastern metropolitan area of Melbourne to participate in Learn-to-Row sessions. Within two weeks 95 students had participated in a half day rowing experience and two schools were introduced to the benefits of including rowing in their school activity program.

During Term 1 2001 I ran a four week Learn-to-Row program in the same metropolitan area. Fifty students participated in this program and 40 of these were of a standard to race in the Ready...Row! Races which were specially provided at the Schools State Championships. These students came from one of six schools in the area.

Kath Bennet at the YWCA coordinated another arm of the Ready...Row! Program where 110 students from two of the local schools took part in 6-8 rowing lessons.

During the second part of the year I have worked particularly with schools looking to adopt Rowing as a permanent part of their curriculum. Patterson River Secondary College has had a group of twenty students row once a week throughout Term 3 and 4 as part of their curriculum. Frankston high school has had 80 Year 9 & 10 students participate in four rowing lessons. In addition 20 Year 8 students will row throughout term 4 as part of Sport Education and 20 students will start rowing as an extra-curricular activity. Frankston High School is now going through the process of setting up their own boat shed area.

In all nearly 400 students have experienced rowing through the Ready...Row! Program. Ten schools have been exposed to the sport and two of these are adopting rowing as a permanent part of their curricular or extra-curricular programs.

### **NCAS ROWING COACHES' COURSES**

Over the past twelve months Rowing Victoria has hosted five NCAS Level 1 Rowing Coach Courses. Ninety five people have completed the course and are eligible to be accredited once they have completed the practical coaching hours.

Unfortunately we did not have enough interest this year to run a Level 2 Course although some Victorians were able to do the course at the national Coaches

Conference in early October. I hope that next year we will have quite a few people complete their Level 2 at the course to be run next year. Coaches should remember that they are not eligible to coach at the national level without a level 2 accreditation.

### **COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

The competition committee has revised and updated the Status rules and order of events this year. My involvement as SDO was to input from the perspective of creating clearer pathways for the developing athlete. Many hours went in to the completion of this project and I feel that Club and School athletes will benefit from this.

I hope that the development of rowing in Victoria will continue to grow in the next twelve months. If at any time rowers, coaches or administrators have any questions, queries or doubtful points you will feel free to call me so as I can be of some assistance to you.

## 2000/2001 PREMIERSHIPS

Mens Senior	Melbourne University Boat Club	142.5	points
Womens Senior	Melbourne University Boat Club	105	points
Mens Junior	St Patricks College Ballarat	340	points
Womens Junior	Essendon Rowing Club	421	points
Combined Masters	Melbourne Rowing Club	135.5	points
Champion Club	Corio Bay & Essendon Rowing Clubs (Joint Winners)	57	points

## ROWING VICTORIA INC - AWARDS

### Officials Service Awards

Reg McKay	30 Years
Bob Stanley	20 Years
Steve Pennicott	15 Years
Colin Thomson	15 Years
Stan Woods	15 Years
Rod Florence	10 Years
Mark Hubbard	10 Years

### Regattas of the Year

<b>Category 1</b>	<b>First Place</b>	Carrum Rowing Club
	<b>Second Place</b>	Melbourne Universities Boat Club
	<b>Third Place</b>	Nagambie Rowing Club
<b>Category 2</b>	<b>First Place</b>	YWCA Rowing Club
	<b>Second Place</b>	Albert Park/South Melbourne Rowing Club
	<b>Third Place</b>	Wentworth District Rowing Club
<b>Category 3</b>	<b>First Place</b>	Hamilton Rowing Club
	<b>Second Place</b>	Dimboola Rowing Club
	<b>Third Place</b>	Yarra Yarra Rowing Club

CLUB/SCHOOL	MEN Senior	MEN Junior	WOMEN Senior	WOMEN Junior	MASTERS Combined	CHAMP CLUB
Albert Park-South Melbourne	3	12		98	26	10
Ballarat & Clarendon College	8	30		60		1
Ballarat City	17	20		29		14
Ballarat Grammar		102		128		14
Ballarat High		32		36		2
Banks	23	70	12	57	38	21
Barwon	12	60	3	209	16	27
Bendigo		67		12	46	10
Brauer College		30		17		2
Brighton Grammar		118				3
Carey Grammar		34	8	68		1
Carrum	2	188		389	10	44
Catholic College Sale		36		14		2
Caulfield Grammar		8		98		1
City of Warrnambool		4		53	8	3
Clonard College						
Collegians					16	
Corio Bay	5	182	7	292	65	57
Corowa	2	57		8	10	8
Dimboola		73		28	9.5	3
Emmanuel College		6		2		
Essendon	27	290	4	421	15	57
Fintona Girls School				12		
Firbank Anglican School				80		4
Footscray City		34		2	24	3
Geelong College		112		54		5
Geelong Grammar		98		66		6
Genazzano College				70		2
Gippsland Grammar	11	77	1	31		3
Goulburn Valley Grammar						
Haileybury College		24				
Hamilton		178		266		12
Hamilton College		32		78		4
Hawthorn		10	2	217	38	20
Horsham City				9	30.5	
Horsham College		8				
Kardinia International College						
Korowa Girls School				13		
Lake Colac		56		78	22	5
Latrobe University		36		15		1
Lauriston Girls School				38		
Loreto Mandeville Hall				48		
Lowther Hall				9		
M.U.B.C.	142.5	269	105	173	8	51
Melbourne	4	121		328	221	51
Melbourne Girls College						
Melbourne Girls Grammar				52		2
Melbourne Grammar		56				
Melbourne High		20				
Mercantile	91.5	334	98	339	8	54
Methodist Ladies College			8	140		5
Mildura	2	16		17	13	
Monivae College		22		30		2
Nagambie		3		9	21	4
Nestles		19		42		4
Old Brighton Grammarians		10				1
Power House	9	216		238		30
Presbyterian Ladies College				4		
Richmond	2	89		179		9
Robinvale		25				

CLUB/SCHOOL	MEN Senior	MEN Junior	WOMEN Senior	WOMEN Junior	MASTERS Combined	CHAMP CLUB
Rutherglen Lake		8		6		
Ruyton Girls School				78		3
Sacred Heart College				26		1
Scotch College		122				4
St Brigids College						
St.Catherines School				38		1
St.Kevin's College		80				
St.Patrick's College		340				11
Toorak College				101		
Wahgunyah				18		3
Wendouree Ballarat	36	140	35	56	4	18
Wentworth District		13		10		
Wesley College		46		20		2
Xavier College		88				
Y.W.C.A.				90	4	2
Yarrowonga						
Yarra Yarra	8	131	6	158	13	18
Totals	405	4252	289	5255	666	621

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

CLUB	2000/2001	1999/2000	1998/99	1997/98	1996/97	1995/96
Albert Park South Melbourne	86	99	60	85	33	79
Ballarat City	15	11	14	18	27	24
Banks	156	155	134	192	197	211
Barwon	104	123	104	68	61	83
Bendigo	47	49	39	50	33	36
Carrum	69	65	60	42	41	35
City of Warrnambool	23	47	19	36	36	39
Collegians	6	27		39	32	0
Corio Bay	106	119	143	153	96	97
Corowa	31	17	16	32	25	22
Dimboola	44	33	21	28	30	31
Essendon	245	229	284	305	237	255
Footscray City	17	29	34	36	54	51
Hamilton	33	30	34	39	38	59
Hawthorn	140	135	119	120	135	155
Horsham City	41	36	6	11	53	20
Lake Colac	40	22	44	47	18	12
La Trobe University	22	24	16	11	27	0
Melbourne	198	157	141	149	95	104
MUBC	148	149	56	82	73	75
Mercantile	178	176	204	232	334	257
Mildura	38	25	54	54	69	82
Nagambie	70		172	197	405	355
Nestles	15	15	11	16	20	0
Old Brighton Grammarians	9					
Power House	88	89	48	84	N/A	78
Richmond	71	64	67	65	83	107
Robinvale	N/A	22	51	34	22	21
Rutherglen	N/A	N/A	18			
Wahgunyah	13	27	31	20	17	23
Wendouree Ballarat	87	85	69	46	40	31
Wentworth District	15	3	17	13	14	28
Yarrowonga	15	23	31	28	30	37
Yarra Yarra	107	96	86	88	115	109
YWCA	127	104	81	57	84	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>2405</b>	<b>2304</b>	<b>2324</b>	<b>2529</b>	<b>2632</b>	<b>2650</b>

## SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

SCHOOL	2000/2001	1999/2000	1998/99	1997/98	1996/97	1995/96
Ballarat and Clarendon	55	47	50	50	60	40
Ballarat Grammar	37	56	49	34	30	35
Ballarat High	53	36	50	55	28	25
Brauer College	11					
Brighton Grammar	82	88	88	27	27	27
Carey Grammar	55	65	47	73	42	29
Catholic College - Sale	30	27	34	27	-	-
Caulfield Grammar	27	45	46	32	37	62
Clonard College	25					
Emmanuel College	15					
Fintona Girl's School	30	20	-	-	12	10
Firbank Grammar School	65	39	42	34	24	11
Geelong College	46	150	124	68	85	38
Geelong Grammar	55	54	45	43	125	38
Geelong HS	5					
Genazzano College	25	81	70	20	53	86
Gippsland Grammar	39	38	34	30	-	-
Haileybury College	20	18	21	18	28	27
Hamilton College	31	31	32	-	22	
Horsham College	N/A	14	-	13	13	28
Korowa Anglican Girls	39					
Lauriston Girl's School	31	28	15	41	31	30
Loreto Mandeville Hall	20	20	15	100	25	41
Lowther Hall	27	25	18	6	18	14
MacRobertson Girls SC	7					
Matthew Flinders Girls SC	10					
Melbourne Girls College	33	42	36	20	-	-
Melbourne Girls Grammar	19	15	20	10	55	59
Melbourne Grammar	27	106	27	27	29	26
Melbourne High	38	N/A	28	27	27	29
Mentone Girls Grammar	2	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MLC		140	110	110	26	55
Monivae College		12	10	12	15	15
Parkdale SC	N/A			15		
PLC	23					
Ruyton Girls School	57	50	36			
Sacre Coeur		N/A	N/A			22
Sacred Heart Geelong	49	16				
St Brigid's College		5		14		
St Catherine's School	117	N/A	20	16	20	20
St Joseph's College						
St Kevin's College	86	27	36	18	18	9
St Patrick's College	67	60	55	55	60	51
Scotch College	145	138	57	36		
Toorak College	21	52	52	28	21	17
Wesley College	37	54	47	32	38	38
Xavier College	124	N/A	55	45	38	27

**Note:** Approximately 1213 students who are not registered with Rowing Victoria, are involved in school rowing programs. The above figures represent Rowing Victoria registered students within member schools who rowed in Rowing Victoria regattas.

## VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS CHAMPION CREWS MENS EVENTS

### **MENS ELITE COXLESS PAIR**

WAIS 1 (Neil Dennis, Stefan Szczurowski, Coach Uwe Bender)

### **MEN ELITE SINGLE SCULL**

Surfers (Duncan Free, Coach Reg Free)

### **MENS ELITE LIGHTWEIGHT COXLESS PAIR**

Curtin/SR/WAIS (Ben Cureton, Glen Loftus, Coach Nick Garratt)

### **MENS ELITE LIGHTWEIGHT SINGLE SCULL**

Nepean (Karl Parker, Coach Lindsay Callarhan)

### **MENS NOVICE COXED PAIR**

Essendon (Nick Miller, David Spittire, Cox Ashley Campbell, Coach Bob Morell, Agnus)

### **MENS JUNIOR SINGLE SCULL**

Gippsland Grammar (Benjamin Marton, Coach Alan Borger)

### **MENS INTERMEDIATE DOUBLE SCULL**

MUBC (George Jelbart, Tom Sandow, Coach Andrew Muller, Richard Bartlett)

### **MENS NOVICE COXED EIGHT**

Melbourne (Teruki Saitoh, Andrew Gallop, Paul Conrad, Ken Loveday, Ben Corso, Matthew Harrison, John Marshall, David George, Cox Jeremy Courtney, Coach John Reddaway)

### **MENS INTERMEDIATE COXLESS PAIR**

MUBC 1 (James Marburg, Will Lloyd, Coach Andrew Muller, Richard Bartlett)

### **MENS UNDER 16 COXED FOUR**

ST Patrick's (Ben Wren, Brendan Gilbert, Cameron Hardie, Peter Blanchfield, Cox David Blanchfield, Coach Terry Austin, Gareth Edwards)

### **MENS NOVICE DOUBLE SCULL**

Melbourne (Ken loveday, Mark Easterbrook, coach John Chestney)

### **MENS INTERMEDIATE COXED EIGHT**

MUBC (Nick Edwards, Marco Del Porto, Tim Biddlecombe, Stuart Ross, Joe McGrath, Ed Trembath, Nick Phelps, Nick Harbeck, Cox Bec Lawton, Coach Andrew Muller, Richard Bartlett)

### **MENS INTERMEDIATE COXED QUAD SCULL**

ESSENDON (Jeff Walker, Stuart Allsop, Scott Riddell, Stuart Smart, Cox Mark Wapling, Coach Kevin Bourke)

### **MENS SENIOR DOUBLE SCULL**

Drummonyne (Frazer Gibling, Michael Skey, Coach Andrew Randell)

### **MENS INTERMEDIATE COXED FOUR**

MUBC 1 (Paul Myers, Matthew Long, Bill Tait, Robert Douglas, Coach David Palfreyman)

### **MENS ELITE COXLESS FOUR**

SR/UCA/WAIS (David Dennis, Luke Pognault, Neil Dennis, Stefan Szczurowski, Coach Uwe Bender)

### **MENS ELITE DOUBLE SCULL**

Canberra (Mitchell Punch, Craig Jones, Coach Reinhold Batschi, Tim Dolphin)

### **MENS ELITE LIGHTWEIGHT COXLESS FOUR**

Drummonyne/Sydney (Oliver Zuk, Matt Rice, Coach Andrew Randell, Phil Cayzer)

### **MENS ELITE LIGHTWEIGHT DOUBLE SCULL**

Lindisfarne/HUON/TIS (Sam Beltz, Shane Broad, Coach Sam Le Compte, John Driessen)

### **MENS NOVICE COXED FOUR**

ST Patrick's 1 (Josh Predergast, Josh Earbacher, Nicholas Carey, Michael Bennett, Cox Chris Ives, Coach David Stott)

### **MENS SENIOR COXLESS PAIR**

Essendon (Jeff Walker, Stuart Smart, Coach Kevin Bourke)

### **MENS JUNIOR COXED FOUR**

ST Patrick's 2 (James Foley, Paul Blanchfield, Matt Pennhall, Chris Bourke, Cox Nathan Rix, Coach Chris Torpey, Michael Kerr)

### **MENS SENIOR COXED EIGHT**

MUBC (David Owen, Peter Antonie, Jonathon Stone, Peter Moore, Alex Danne, Hardy Cubasch, Timothy Widmer, Julian Voller, Cox Cam Muir, Coach Chris O'Brien)

### **MENS NOVICE COXED QUAD SCULL**



**WOMENS SENIOR COXED EIGHT**

Mercantile (Natalie Robson, Mel Barnett, Cordilia Kerr, Nicola Ross, Siska Concannon, Elenor Garnys, Callie Pearce, Emily Wilmoth, Cox Alex Law, Coach Thomas Courtney)

**WOMENS NOVICE COXED PAIR**

Carrum 3 (Joanne charge, Michelle Charge, Cox Angeliq ue Lele)

**WOMENS NOVICE DOUBLE SCULL**

Corio Bay (Amanda Hepburn, Melissa Russell, Coach Jeff Watt)

**WOMENS INTERMEDIATE COXED QUAD SCULL**

Firbank (Lucy McNicol, Claire Szatsznajder, Alice Mentiplay, Sarah Forbes, Cox Chloe Loftes, Coach Brenton Terrell)

**WOMENS ELITE COXED EIGHT**

MUBC (Rachael Kininmonth, Georgina Consett, Fiona Milne, Cox Bec Lawton, Coach Paul Francis)

## VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS CHAMPION CREWS WOMENS EVENTS

### WOMENS ELITE COXLESS PAIR

Adelaide (Elizabeth Windle, Andrea Price, Coach A. David)

### WOMEN ELITE SINGLE SCULL

UTS/NSWIS 2 (Monique Heinke, Coach Ellen Randell-Griffiths)

### WOMENS ELITE LIGHTWEIGHT SINGLE SCULL

Torrens 2 (Josephine Lips, Coach A. David)

### WOMENS NOVICE COXED FOUR

Hawthorn (Victoria Wilde, Pauline Frasca, Zoe Hancock, Linda Forsyth, Cox Wendy List, Coach Nick Kuchin)

### WOMENS SENIOR COXLESS PAIR

Mercantile/Wendouree (Sara Richards, Anna Gibson, Coach Sam Hutchison)

### WOMENS JUNIOR COXED FOUR

Carrum (Sophie Pullen, Kirby Miller, Melina Crook, Lauren Bogie, Cox Ashley Miller, Coach Barbara)

### WOMENS NOVICE COXED QUAD SCULL

MLC 3 (Alice Patrick, Katie Minogue, Bec Wright, Ginny Atkins, Cox Sarah Gelbart, Coach Brent McDonald)

### WOMENS SENIOR SINGLE SCULL

St George (Hally Hames, Coach Greg Howell)

### WOMENS INTERMEDIATE COXED EIGHT

Mercantile (Anna Fletcher, Eliza Harvey, Siska Concannon, Jacqui Campbell, Fleur Chew, Elenor Garnys, Callie Pearce, Georgia Roberts, Cox Alex Law, Coach Paul Somerville)

### WOMENS NOVICE SINGLE SCULL

Essendon 1 (Sopia Englezos, Coach Mark Dwyer)

### WOMENS INTERMEDIATE SINGLE SCULL

Banks 1 (Kate Hutchison, Coach Jack Bennett)

### WOMENS ELITE COXLESS FOUR

Mosman/Nepean/Sydney/NSWIS (Livia Laborczfalvi, Kyeema Doyle, Jodi Winter, Kristina Larsen, Coach Debbie Fox)

### WOMENS ELITE DOUBLE SCULL

Daramelan/Black MTN/AIS (Jane Robinson, Donna Martin, Coach Lyall McCarthy)

### WOMENS ELITE LIGHTWEIGHT DOUBLE SCULL

Torrens/AUBC/SASI (Amber Halliday, Josephine Lips, Coach A. David)

### WOMENS INTERMEDIATE COXED FOUR

Ballarat Grammar 2 (Anne Roberts, Kate Kearney, Alice King, Jayne Guy, Cox Harriet McKnight, Coach S. Hutchison)

### WOMENS JUNIOR SINGLE SCULL

Mosman (Elizabeth Kell, Coach Debbie Fox)

### WOMEN SENIOR COXED FOUR

Wend-Ball (Anna Gibson, Leanne Martin, Sara Richards, Emily Martin, Cox Brendan Cannon, Coach Sam Hutchison)

### WOMENS INTERMEDIATE DOUBLE SCULL

Hawthorn (Virginia Webb, Fiona Hill, Coach Gregory Van Prooyen)

### WOMENS NOVICE COXED EIGHT

Mercantile (Clare McTamney, Catherine Dermody, Katherine Luckie, Kimba Squire-Wilson, Amber Ashby, Keren McLennan, Jacqui Campbell, Carrol Roediger, Cox Alex Law, Coach Matthew Lovell)

### WOMENS ELITE LIGHTWEIGHT QUAD SCULL

Barwon (Fiona Lindsay, Jackie Pidgon, Danielle Jolly, Mary Obidinski, Coach Richard Garrard)

### WOMENS YOUTH COXED FOUR

MUBC 1 (Sarah Danne, Michelle Ballantine, Nicola Vosalis, Meg Hutchins, Cox Cara Schwarz, Coach Connie Vanderwerp, Craig Adrians)

### WOMENS INTERMEDIATE COXLESS PAIR

Mercantile (Eliza Harvey, Anna Fletcher, Coach David Douglas)

### WOMENS UNDER 16 COXED FOUR

Barwon (Megan Hamilton, Jaclyn Dwyer, Lisa Neville, Kristen Spalding, Cox Fiona Gregorio, Coach Craig Quinn)

Corio Bay (Peter Tomac, Joe Matthews, Cameron Campbell, Liam White, Cox Joshua Mahobule, Coach Bob Morell)

**MENS SENIOR SINGLE SCULL**

Ballarat (Tim Wise, Coach Jock Heys)

**MENS YOUTH COXED EIGHT**

MUBC 1 (Tom Sandow, George Jelbart, Andy Biddlecombe, Matthew Love, Nick Owen, Jason Heard, James Marburg, Will Lloyd, Cox Marc Douez, Coach Andrew Muller)

**MENS SENIOR COXED FOUR**

Wendouree-Ballarat (Hamish Dixon, Dale Hawkes, Anthony Edwards, Rod Kerry, Cox Nathan Rix, Coach Anthony Edwards)

**MENS NOVICE SINGLE SCULL**

Essendon 1 (James Hendy, Coach Mark Dwyer)

**MENS INTERMEDIATE SINGLE SCULL**

Yarra Yarra 3 (Bruce Ricketts)

**MENS ELITE COXED EIGHT**

Toowong (Bo Hanson, Sam Kingston, Ben McKeachie, David Cook, Jeff Howell, Nigel Collins, Justin Sires, Martin Randall, Cox Michael Toon, Coach Ivan Hooper, Gary Lynagh)

## **Head of Schoolgirls Regatta Committee Report**

**By: Susie Palfreyman**

The Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta Committee has forged ahead into unknown territory during the past 18 months. We will see changes to the way the regatta is hosted. As well, we have been working to develop a mutually beneficial relationship with the City of Greater Geelong and the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority.

The 2001 Regatta saw some changes to the normal Host School system. Melbourne Girls Grammar decided to use an Event Manager, SSDF (School Snowsports Development Foundation), to assist in what has become a daunting task for any school community. The result of this union was a very professionally run regatta with the Host School having to bear a much-reduced workload. The Event Managers have a long history in running the very successful Interschool Skiing competition. The transition from skiing to rowing provided a steep learning curve for all involved, but any obstacles were overcome with a minimum of trouble. The Committee was very impressed with their efforts.

The hosting of the regatta has become too big for the school rowing communities, as evidenced by the fact that there were few schools offering to run the regatta in the coming years. This has resulted in the Committee voting to appoint the Event Manager – SSDF - to run future regattas. This will be done in consultation with the Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta Committee, which is itself now formally the Host of the Regatta. The Host School system as we have known it is no longer in place.

The past 18 months has seen many trips for the President, and both Vice-Presidents to and from Geelong to discuss crucial issues of depth and alignment relating to the Barwon River rowing course. An agreement has been signed with the City of Greater Geelong and the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, which will keep the regatta in Geelong for at least the next 5 years. This agreement is based on the understanding that the course is kept at a minimum depth of 2 metres, and is safe and fair for all competitors. Invaluable in these talks has been the Geelong Rowing Association who have given us their backing and support, and we are indebted to them for this.

At the conclusion of the 2001 regatta the Committee made a presentation to a number of long-serving officials, in appreciation of their many years service. The Rowing Victoria Boat Race Officials, under Referee Robin Murphy, ran the regatta very professionally, finishing the huge race program on time yet again.

We look forward to the further growth and development of schoolgirl rowing in Victoria, to which so many people are committed.

## HEAD of the SCHOOLGIRLS REGATTA 2001 FINALS RESULTS

### SENIOR FIRST FOUR

Ballarat Grammar School

### SENIOR EIGHT DIV 1

Geelong Grammar School

### SENIOR QUAD SCULL DIV 1

Sacred Heart College, Geelong

### SENIOR SINGLE SCULL DIV 1

Zara Love – Canterbury GSC

### SENIOR SECOND FOUR

St Catherine's School

### SENIOR EIGHT DIV 2

Melbourne Girls Grammar

### SENIOR QUAD SCULL DIV 2

Loreto – Mandeville Hall

### SENIOR THIRD FOUR

Ballarat High School

### SENIOR QUAD SCULL DIV 3

Methodist Ladies College

### SENIOR FOURTH FOUR DIV 1

Melbourne Girls College

### SENIOR QUAD SCULL DIV 4

St Catherine's School

### SENIOR FOURTH FOUR DIV 2

Melbourne Girls College

### SENIOR FOURTH FOUR DIV 3

Melbourne Girls Grammar

### SENIOR SINGLE SCULL DIV 2A

Melissa Russell – Geelong High School

### SENIOR SINGLE SCULL DIV 2B

Sophia Englezos – Princes Hill SC

### YEAR 10 FOUR DIV 1

The Geelong College

### YEAR 10 QUAD SCULL DIV 1

Sacred Heart College, Geelong

### YEAR 10 FOUR DIV 2

The Geelong College

### YEAR 10 QUAD SCULL DIV 2

Methodist Ladies College

### YEAR 10 FOUR DIV 3

St Catherine's School

### YEAR 10 QUAD SCULL DIV 3

Loreto – Mandeville Hall

### YEAR 10 FOUR DIV 4

Methodist Ladies College

### YEAR 10 FOUR DIV 5

Methodist Ladies College

### YEAR 10 SINGLE SCULL

Kirsty Bertrand – Brauer College

### YEAR 9 FOUR DIV 1

Clonard College

### YEAR 9 QUAD SCULL DIV 1

Methodist Ladies College

### YEAR 9 FOUR DIV 2

Methodist Ladies College

### YEAR 9 QUAD SCULL DIV 2

Methodist Ladies College

### YEAR 9 FOUR DIV 3

Methodist Ladies College

### YEAR 9 QUAD SCULL DIV 3

St Catherine's School

### YEAR 9 FOUR DIV 4A

Melbourne Girls Grammar

### YEAR 9 FOUR DIV 4B

St Catherine's School

### YEAR 9 FOUR DIV 5A

Ruyton Girls School

### YEAR 9 FOUR DIV 5B

Methodist Ladies College

### YEAR 9 SINGLE SCULL

Katie Franks – Melbourne Girls College

## **APS HEADS OF THE RIVER - NAGAMBIE LAKES - 2001 REPORT**

**By: Morris Brown (APS Secretary)**

Only twice since the Second World War has the Heads of the River been held away from Geelong and the Barwon River. The traditional two day regatta became a one day event on the 2000 metre course at Nagambie Lakes. In absolutely perfect conditions, before a crowd of 7000 parents, friends and students, the Geelong schools again showed their supremacy with back to back wins. Geelong Grammar taking first place in the Girls Head of the River and Geelong College showing its class by taking out the Boys title.

This was the first time the Regatta was under the control of the Rowing Victoria Inc Officials Panel. Under the guidance of the event referee, Andrew Guerin, these officials contributed to in no small way to the success of the regatta.

Rowing Victoria Inc through its Vice President, Brian Vear and the office staff were also of great assistance in the conduct of the event.

### **BOYS 134<sup>th</sup> and GIRLS 21<sup>st</sup> HEADS of the RIVER 2001 FINALS RESULTS**

#### **BOYS FIRST EIGHT- HEAD OF THE RIVER**

The Geelong College

#### **BOYS SECOND EIGHT**

Brighton Grammar School

#### **BOYS THIRD EIGHT**

Melbourne Grammar School

#### **BOYS FOURTH EIGHT**

Melbourne Grammar School

#### **BOYS YEAR 10 EIGHT DIV A**

Scotch College

#### **BOYS YEAR 10 EIGHT DIV B**

Scotch College

#### **BOYS YEAR 10 EIGHT DIV C**

Carey Grammar

#### **BOYS YEAR 9 QUAD SCULL DIV A**

St Kevin's College

#### **BOYS YEAR 9 QUAD SCULL DIV B**

Wesley College

#### **BOYS YEAR 9 EIGHT DIV A**

Carey Grammar

#### **BOYS YEAR 9 EIGHT DIV B**

Carey Grammar

#### **GIRLS FIRST EIGHT – HEAD OF THE RIVER**

Geelong Grammar School

#### **GIRLS SECOND EIGHT**

Geelong Grammar School

#### **GIRLS FIFTH FOUR**

Geelong Grammar School

#### **GIRLS YEAR 10 FOUR DIV A**

The Geelong College

#### **GIRLS YEAR 10 FOUR DIV B**

The Geelong College

#### **GIRLS YEAR 10 FOUR DIV C**

Geelong Grammar School

#### **GIRLS YEAR 9 FOUR DIV A**

Carey Grammar

#### **GIRLS YEAR 9 FOUR DIV B**

Carey Grammar

#### **GIRLS YEAR 9 FOUR DIV C**

Carey Grammar

#### **GIRLS YEAR 9 FOUR DIV D**

Carey Grammar

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## ROWING VICTORIA INCORPORATED

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

	2001 \$	2000 \$
	Inflows/ (Outflows)	Inflows/ (Outflows)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Receipts from customers, trade and other debtors	279,853	318,798
Payments to creditors and employees	(307,769)	(319,459)
Interest received	21,908	17,288
Dividends received	3,609	3,515
Net cash flows provided from / (used in) operating activities	11 (2,398)	20,142
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(7,646)	(3,079)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	2,000
Payments for investments	(69,006)	(22,475)
Payments for 2000 Olympic games tickets	-	(7,200)
Proceeds on sale of 2000 Olympic games tickets	2,640	20,120
Proceeds from sale of investments	55,946	11,957
Net cash flows (used in) investing activities	(18,066)	1,323
<b>Net increase in cash held</b>	(20,464)	21,465
<b>Cash at the beginning of the financial period</b>	201,050	179,585
<b>Cash at the end of the financial period</b>	4 180,586	201,050



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### 3. Operating Profit

*Operating profit has been determined after:*

#### (a) Crediting

	2001	2000
	\$	\$
Affiliation fees	103,744	72,744
Bow lights	2,833	2,743
Coaching course fees	15,345	29,418
Development grant	0	15,658
Fines	10,250	11,811
Interest - Equipment Reserve Fund	647	516
Interest - General	6,955	6,182
International Championships (Note 3 (c)(iii))	10,884	345
Interstate Championships (Note 3 (c)(ii))	34,434	12,265
Junior team seat fees	3,295	11,650
Profit on sales of equipment	0	2,000
Profit on sale of Olympic tickets	1,472	3,905
Regatta insurance receipts	3,303	5,410
Regatta levies	24,354	17,558
Regatta registrations	6,820	5,361
Season launch	0	4,190
Sponsorships	0	0
Ausrowtec	0	10,000
Vic Health	7,000	12,000
Other	10,900	3,000
State Championships (Note 3 (c)(i))	15,360	13,722
State Government grants	0	0
Administration grant	8,500	8,000
Development Officer	10,000	8,000
Ready Row Program	15,000	15,000
Doyene Rowing Program	0	10,000
Project grants	0	13,000
Sundry	9,379	15,523
VRA Regattas - Entry fees	1,432	0
	<u>264,128</u>	<u>309,828</u>

#### (b) Charging

Advertising & Promotion	0	0
Affiliation fees	0	0
Rowing Australia Inc	19,998	19,998
Other	100	255
Bad debts	0	1,029
Bank and Government fees	1,149	990
Bow lights	3,889	5,100
Car hire & fuel	851	0
Coaching education costs	9,155	22,819
Computer expenses	5,750	2,425
Amortisation - Leasehold improvements	70	90
Depreciation - Office Equipment	3,485	3,628
Depreciation - Regatta Equipment	1,408	2,034
Depreciation - Rowing Equipment	500	500
Development expenses	0	897
Diminution in value of investments	0	0
Fringe benefits tax	1,416	6,509
Grants committed	13,130	50,000
Grants expended	13,000	4,000
Honoraria	0	2,500
Insurance	3,864	3,725
Internet expenses	4,101	1,856
Junior team expenses	6,638	19,071
Loss on sale of equipment	0	630
Newsletter	1,008	3,400
Office rent & expenses	7,717	7,709
Officials expenses	5,069	188
Postage & telephone	3,538	9,504
Printing & stationery	15,030	14,957
Recruitment costs	0	3,221
Regatta insurance	2,805	-
Regatta sponsorships	0	8,000
Registrations & licences	300	-
Repairs - Regatta equipment	55	203
Salaries	21,047	63,307
Season launch	0	6,594
Superannuation	21,751	4,578
Sundry	15,697	10,560
Training & seminar attendance	1,155	624
Workcover	1,984	2,513
	<u>252,505</u>	<u>305,363</u>
Operating (loss)/profit for the year	<u>61,623</u>	<u>4,470</u>

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<b>6. Investments</b>		
<i>Current</i>	2001	2000
	\$	\$
Debtenture Securities		
Administration fund	39,222	25,234
Equipment Reserve fund	1,000	-
International fund	29,592	19,042
Interstate fund	79,800	85,000
Lodge Herley Trust fund	200	-
	<u>149,814</u>	<u>129,276</u>
<i>Non-Current</i>		
Shares in listed corporations		
International fund	50,497	37,414
Interstate fund	151,463	112,242
	<u>201,960</u>	<u>149,656</u>
Debtenture securities		
Administration fund	20,000	34,000
Equipment Reserve fund	-	1,000
International fund	10,000	21,000
Interstate fund	45,000	39,800
Lodge Herley Trust fund	-	200
	<u>75,000</u>	<u>95,000</u>
	<u>276,960</u>	<u>244,656</u>
Listed Securities - Market values		
The aggregate market values of investments listed on a prescribed Stock Exchange are:		
Shares	<u>300,807</u>	<u>230,626</u>
<b>7. Other Assets</b>		
Prepayments	2,140	5,930
Security deposits	1,690	1,893
2000 Olympic Games tickets	-	1,476
	<u>4,030</u>	<u>10,299</u>
<b>8. Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Leasehold Improvements	458	458
Less Accumulated Amortisation	458	(3,991)
	<u>-</u>	<u>70</u>
Office Equipment:		
Less accumulated depreciation	62,848	59,939
	<u>(62,848)</u>	<u>(47,603)</u>
	<u>14,997</u>	<u>12,416</u>
Regatta Equipment:		
Less accumulated depreciation	46,997	44,970
	<u>(33,178)</u>	<u>(33,667)</u>
	<u>13,819</u>	<u>14,329</u>
Rowing Equipment:		
Less accumulated depreciation	10,499	10,499
	<u>(9,939)</u>	<u>(8,499)</u>
	<u>1,560</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>28,397</u>	<u>28,769</u>
<b>9. Payables</b>		
<i>Current</i>		
Accrued expenses	10,307	10,974
Unexpended funds	30,779	63,000
	<u>41,086</u>	<u>73,974</u>
<b>10. Provisions</b>		
<i>Current</i>		
Employee entitlements	4,910	382
	<u>4,910</u>	<u>382</u>
<b>11. Cash Flow Information</b>		
<i>Reconciliation of net cash flows from operating activities to the operating profit after income tax</i>		
Operating (loss)/profit after income tax	8,603	4,470
Depreciation	8,444	8,634
Add/less items classified as investing/financing activities		
Net (profit)/on sale of fixed assets	-	(1,370)
Net (profit)/loss on sale of investments	30,741	(9,367)
Diminution in value of investments	1,019	0
Net (profit)/loss on sale of Olympic Games tickets	(1,470)	(3,906)
Dividends reinvested	(8,934)	(5,734)
Interest reinvested	653	(436)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in other debtors	104	9,859
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	4,790	(8,930)
Decrease in inventories	-	2,611
(Decrease)/increase in creditors and employee entitlements	(24,948)	18,281
<i>Net cash flows provided from/(used in) operating activities</i>	<u>(2,958)</u>	<u>20,142</u>



**Independent audit report**  
**To the members of Rowing Victoria Incorporated**

**Scope**

We have audited the financial report of Rowing Victoria Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2001, being a special purpose financial report consisting of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes (1 to 11) and the statement by the Board of Directors, set out on pages 1 to 7. The Board of Directors are responsible for the financial report. The Board has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Rowing Victoria Incorporated. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this opinion, or on the financial report to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of Rowing Victoria Incorporated's financial position and performance, as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards nor other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

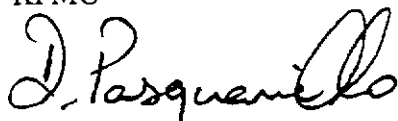
**Qualification**

As is common with organisations of this type, it is not practicable for Rowing Victoria Incorporated to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions and other fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to fund raising was limited to amounts recorded.

**Qualified Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial statements of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report of Rowing Victoria Incorporated is properly drawn up so as to present fairly the financial position as at 30 June 2001, and of its performance for the year ended on that date, in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

  
KPMG

  
D Pasquariello  
Partner

1 July 2002

