



NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB

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Women's Rowing

Hosted by: Newcastle University Boat Club
King Street, Raymond Terrace

SATURDAY 25TH MAY, 1968

A.U.S.A. Representative: Mr. H. Bradford.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We wish to thank all those involved in the organization of this Regatta for their time and effort. In particular we thank Mr. John Grahane for kindly making his boat available and for his own personal service, Dr. White and Mr. Pearson for their much appreciated task of surveying the course, and the managements of the Spinning Wheel Hotel, Terrace Colonial Motel, and the Junction Inn for their cooperation.

THE "LADY MARGARET TROPHY"

This year, for the first time, a trophy will be awarded for Inter-Varsity Women's Rowing. The trophy is to be presented to the winner of the Inter-Varsity Fours event. It was kindly donated by the President of the Newcastle University Boat Club, Professor Godfrey Tanner, who was responsible for the foundation of the Club in 1961, and was Foundation President.

Professor Tanner wrote the following letter to the Amenities Officer
Mr. H. Bradford:

"In view of our discussion yesterday about the lack of any perpetual trophy for the newly recognised Intervarsity sport of women's rowing, I should be happy to offer the Executive of the A.U.S.A. a suitable silver cup costing not more than \$100 net after purchase tax exemption. Such an award would be a perpetual trophy to be returned to the Federal body each year by the previous holder to permit its being awarded to the successful crew at the Annual Women's Intervarsity Regatta.

It would be competent for the Executive to determine the length, terms and conditions of the annual race and to specify the type of boat and size of crew as from time to time it may seem good to it. I appreciate that initially the event will be for women's fours rowed in New South Wales regulation type boats, but future developments in the sport may lead to quite different conditions in later years.

If this offer is acceptable, I wish the award to be entitled "The Lady Margaret's Cup for Intervarsity Women's Rowing". You will appreciate that I propose this title as a former fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, whose Lady Margaret Boat Club (named after the Foundress of the College, Lady Margaret Beaufort) is the most famous Rowing Club named after a woman.

I hope this offer may be of some interest".

We are proud to be associated with the trophy in this way, and trust that it might serve to keep alive and to foster competitive women's rowing in the Universities. Our most sincere thanks to Professor Tanner for his donation.

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Club History

In 1961, at the traditional Throsby Creek "Regatta" - an annual gathering of strange craft on a storm water drain near the Tighes Hill site of the University - Professor Godfrey Tanner of the Classics Department made known his intention to form a University Club. He subsequently called the first meeting of the Club on June 4th, 1961.

Between 1961 and January 1964, the Club was housed in a small shed near the wharf in Raymond Terrace. The only Club boat was the Reg. Four "Tyrrell", and Club membership was about 6. Mark Williams captained the Club during this time, and Mark Farmer was Club coach.

In about January 1964, Prof. Tanner bought the present shed in King Street, Raymond Terrace, and the Reg. Four "Eales". The pair oar "McLarty" and the unnamed eight were bought from Haberfield Club.

At this stage the Club became affiliated with the Sports Union, which provided funds for the ramp to be built. The second eight, the "Keary" was purchased from Sydney Rowing Club.

It was not until January 1965 that the Club competed in its first regatta. This regatta was held at Taree, and the inaugural Club Four consisted of R. Hyde (Stroke), J. Nairne (3), D. O'Donahue (2), W. Sweetland (Bow), T. Bennetts (Cox).

On February 13th, 1965, the Club Four competed in their first official N.S.W. Rowing Association Regatta at Penrith - the Association's Annual Championship Regatta. The four was unplaced. At this stage, the Club was captained by Bob Hyde and coaches were Mark Farmer and Frank Cook.

The Club held its first "home" regatta on March 6th, 1965, entertaining Manning River Rowing Club. N.U.B.C. won open and maiden fours events, and the Club's first women's crew was defeated by the girls from Taree.

During this season, the Club was represented in 6 regattas in Sydney.

In April of that year, a Women's Rowing Club was formed within the University, captained by Mary Henery. This Club used N.U.B.C. equipment and coaches, but had a separate Committee. At a regatta in Taree the girls had their first victory with a crew of M. Grahame (Stroke), J. Woodlands (3), A. Morhun (2), M. Clark (Bow), T. Bennetts (Cox).

At Lisnore and Grafton Easter Regattas, three men's crews competed, taking the Maiden event at Lisnore and being beaten by only $\frac{3}{4}$ length in the Richmond River Championship. Club member, James King, was killed in a motor accident returning from Grafton. During this trip, the Gladstone skiff "No vice" was bought at Grafton.

In June 1965 the Club took delivery of a new reg. four, the "James King". It was christened in traditional style at the Club's first Inter-Faculty Regatta by its Donor, Professor Godfrey Tanner. At this Regatta, pennants were presented to the victorious Commerce crew of K. Thorne (Stroke), T. Peterson (3), T. Charlton (2) and W. Sweetland (Bow). For the first time, the "Petticoat Trophy" was awarded for the Ladies vs. Engineers event - to the Ladies Crew of M. Grahane (Stroke), R. Stewart (3), M. Henery (2), N. Harvey (Bow).

Two new boats and 10 spoon blades arrived in July, 1965. The Reg. Four "Helenus Scott" and the oars were purchased by the Sports Union, and Prof Tanner bought a tub pair for the Club.

In October 1965, the No. 1 Club Four of M. Barrett (Stroke), R. Hyde (3), T. Peterson (2), and J. Macmillan (Bow), had an outstanding win of $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in the Manning River "Head of the River". At the same regatta, a women's crew won the Novice event and were placed second in the Open against Sydney and Taree Competition.

At the Taree Aquatic Festival in 1966, the Club Vice Captain, John Stagg competed in the Novice Sculls, to become the Club's first sculler.

In February that year, the first Orientation Week Regatta was held to introduce rowing to the new students. A successful barbecue and dance followed. Captaincy of the Women's Club was taken over by Margaret Clark.

At the Northern Rivers Easter Regattas, the four of M. Barrett (Stroke), R. Hyde (3), T. Morton (2), G. Freeman (Bow), W. O'Reilly (Cox and Coach) won the Maiden Fours and were placed second in the Junior Fours. This four rowed Russian style in a tandem rigged boat. Will O'Reilly had at this stage been elected Club Captain, and was also Club Coach.

Our first Inter-Varsity representation was in May 1966, when an eight and a lightweight four competed in Mannum, South Australia. An 'Unofficial Women's Inter-Varsity Contest' was held in Brisbane, and two fours represented Newcastle. During training for Inter-Varsity, the "Helenus Scott" was kept in the Pilot Station on Newcastle Harbour, and for the first time, crews were able to train on the harbour. The advantages of being able to train 'close to home' will no doubt be appreciated.

Bill Sweetland was elected Club Captain in June, 1966. A second Inter-Faculty Regatta and barbecue were held in June, and in December the first large club social was held at the Newcastle Jockey Club Bowling Club.

At the Annual General Meeting in November, Bill Sweetland was re-elected Club Captain, with Tim Morton Secretary, and it was decided to incorporate both men's and women's clubs in the one club. At this meeting, the Ex President, Professor Tanner, was farewelled before his overseas trip. He was succeeded as President by Professor R. Vallentine.

The Club that year made its third appearance at the Taree Aquatic Festival, and at the Easter Regattas in the north. Ted Field from Henley Club in England was successful in the Handicapped Sculls event at Lisnore.

Two Newcastle crews competed in Novice, Maiden, Open and Lightweight events at the Women's Australian Championship Regatta at Abbotsford in April, 1967. Novice and Maiden events were won by the 1st crew of M. Clark (Stroke), J. Fraser (3), N. Neilands (2), A. Pullen (Bow), the same crew with B. Donald in the two seat also won the Open Event. The 2nd crew took out minor placings in the Novice, Maiden and Lightweight events. Later in the month, a lightweight pair from Newcastle of G. Andrews (Stroke) and P. Huby (Bow) was successful at the Ex-Carswomen's Regatta on the Parramatta River.

At the Annual General Meeting, Will O'Reilly was elected Club Captain for the second term, and for the first time, three women were numbered amongst the Committee members and officers.

In Inter-Varsity, we entered a men's lightweight four in Sydney of F. Lynch (Stroke), E. Lewis (3), W. Kingston (2), I. Zandstra (Bow), J. Pullen (Cox), and E. Field (Coach). In Brisbane, in the first Women's I/V Regatta, the crew of B. Donald (Stroke), J. Fraser (3), N. Neilands (2), A. Pullen (Bow), scored a decisive win over Queensland University to take the title for 1967.

In June, the Boat Club figured in University sporting awards, when Club Vice Captain Margaret Clark was awarded the 'George Haggarty Cup, for Sportsman of the Year'.

In July, visitors from Caves Beach and Taree were entertained at a Regatta, Barbecue and Dance, at which rowing honours were evenly shared.

In conjunction with the Mattara Festival in Newcastle, in September we invited clubs from throughout N.S.W. to the largest regatta held in Newcastle for over forty years.

Inter-Faculty honours went to the Engineering crew of J. McLeod (Stroke), V. Dunning (3), I. Zimmerman (2), J. Pullen (Bow), and a women's crew were successful at the Taree Spring Regatta in October.

In December, the women's crew of M. Clark (Stroke), A. Pullen (3), B. Donald (2), and P. Huby (Bow) won the Maiden event at the Sydney Women's Rowing Club Annual Regatta at Abbotsford, with B. Donald and P. Huby coming a close second in the Lightweight Junior Pairs event at the same regatta.

Crews also competed at the Taree Aquatic Festival Regatta, winning the Women's Open Fours, with a minor placing in the men's Novice Fours.

In March M. Clark competed in her first sculling race at the Women's Association Annual Regatta at Mosman, winning the Novice Sculls, and finishing well in the State Lightweight Championship Sculls, in which she competed by invitation. Based on her performance at this regatta, Margaret was selected as

State Representative Sculler, to compete in the Australian Championships in Melbourne in April. She surprisingly defeated the current champion, Alison Thorne of Victoria by one length to take out the Australian Single Sculls title. Unfortunately Newcastle University Boat Club does not have numbered amongst its equipment a sculling boat, so Miss Clark has been forced into temporary retirement.

Training for Men's Inter-Varsity this year is a Lightweight Four of E. Lewis (Stroke), I. Zimmerman (3), V. Dunning (2), J. McLeod (Bow), and J. Pullen (Cox). This crew after training for only one month was successful in the Maiden event at Grafton at Easter, and look promising for this year's Inter-Varsity.

This year the Club has unfortunately lost former Club Captain and Coach, Will O'Reilly. Mr. O'Reilly was responsible for the early stages of training of both Inter-Varsity crews, and will travel to Perth with the Men's crew to assist them during their final week of training for I/V. During Mr. O'Reilly's term of office repairs and improvements to the shed and to the equipment proceeded at an unprecedented rate, and for the first time Newcastle University Boat Club found itself adequately prepared to host large scale regattas. Being thus in a state of readiness, and with the toilet and shower facilities recently acquired at the expense of the University, we trust that we may in the future attract more competition to Newcastle.

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OFFICERS 1968

President: Professor G. Tanner

Vice Presidents: Mr. T. McAuley
Mr. R. Hyde
Mr. J.E. McLennan
Mr. W. O'Reilly
Professor R. Vallentine

Patrons: Professor J.J. Auchmuty

Captain: J. Pullen

Vice Captains: E. Lewis, Miss B. Donald

Hon. Secretary: Miss M. Clark

Hon. Treasurer: I. Davies

Hon. Solicitor: J.R.F. Forbes

Hon. Auditor: D.J. McKee

CLUB COLOURS

Haberfield	Black and White stripes
Newcastle University	Garnet and Silver Grey
Queensland University	Maroon and White
Sydney	Light Blue
Sydney University	Royal Blue and Gold
Taree	Cerise and Blue
University of Western Australia	Green and White

OFFICIALS

Pontoon Master:	Mr. J. McLennan
Starter:	Mr. R. Hyde
Judge:	Mr. I. Davies
Master of Boats:	Mr. J. Macmillan
Commentator:	Mr. N. Johnson

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

12.00 noon Novice Fours
12.20 p.m. Open Sculls
12.40 p.m. Maiden Fours
1.00 p.m. Ladies' Lightweight Fours

LUNCH BREAK

2.00 p.m. INTER-VARSITY WOMEN'S FOURS
2.20 p.m. INTER-VARSITY WOMEN'S SCULLS
2.40 p.m. INTER-VARSITY WOMEN'S PAIRS
3.00 p.m. Open Fours
3.20 p.m. Ladies' Novice Fours
3.40 p.m. Junior Fours
4.00 p.m. Ladies' Junior Fours
4.20 p.m. Ladies' Open Pairs
4.30 p.m. Presentation of Trophies
5.00 p.m. Captain's Meeting in Boatshed
5.30 p.m. Barbecue
7.00 p.m. Dance
8.30 p.m. Inter-Varsity Dinner

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>
12.00 noon	Novice Fours	1000 Metres
1.....	2.....	3.....Time.....
12.20 p.m.	Open Sculls	1000 Metres
1.....	2.....	3.....Time.....
12.40 p.m.	Maiden Fours	1000 Metres
1.....	2.....	3.....Time.....
1.00 p.m.	Ladies' Lightweight Fours	1000 Metres
1.....	2.....	3.....Time.....
2.00 p.m.	INTER-VARSITY WOMEN'S FOURS	1000 Metres
1.....	2.....	3.....Time.....
2.20 p.m.	INTER-VARSITY WOMEN'S SCULLS	1000 Metres
1.....	2.....	3.....Time.....
2.40 p.m.	INTER-VARSITY WOMEN'S PAIRS	1000 Metres
1.....	2.....	3.....Time.....
3.00 p.m.	Open Fours	1000 Metres
1.....	2.....	3.....Time.....
3.20 p.m.	Ladies' Novice Fours	500 Metres
1.....	2.....	3.....Time.....
3.40 p.m.	Junior Fours	1000 Metres
1.....	2.....	3.....Time.....
4.00 p.m.	Ladies' Junior Fours	1000 Metres
1.....	2.....	3.....Time.....
4.20 p.m.	Ladies' Open Pairs	500 Metres
1.....	2.....	3.....Time.....

INTER-VARSITY CREWS

University of Western Australia

From W.A. is the crew of Steph Greenway (Bow), Betty Cruikshank (2), Sue Parker (3), Trish Wyche (Stroke). This is the first time W.A. has been represented at Inter-Varsity Women's Rowing. The Four has been coached by Mr. Rob Rowell of the University of W.A. Boat Club.

With them as manager, is Miss Sheila Rogers, who but for an ankle injury would be rowing with the crew. Miss Rogers, who has had some sculling experience in England will probably contest the sculls event. Coxing the crew is Miss Buffy Pierce.

As the University Women's Rowing Club is the only Women's Rowing Club in Western Australia, the only competition these girls have had has been from other Club crews at internal club regattas, having to travel to Melbourne to their nearest competition.

Sydney University

The Sydney Four consists of Edith Ashley (Bow), Therese Clancy (2), Susan Mann (3), Robyn Hadfield (Stroke), and Kerry Heaton (Cox). In the Pair are Jennifer Rileigh (Bow), Margrit Koettig (Stroke), and Kerry Heaton (Cox). Sue Mann will scull for Sydney.

The girls are coached by Mr. Phil Titterton, who has travelled to Newcastle with the crew. This is Sydney's first Inter-Varsity representation in Women's Rowing, but members of the team have competed for some time in official N.S.W.W.R.A. Regattas in Sydney. This is the first time Sydney University has competed in Newcastle, but crews from both Universities have met in Sydney on several occasions. The sculler, Miss Sue Mann, has been sculling for only a short time, although a senior oarswoman, and this will be her first sculling race.

University of Queensland

Susan Hamilton (Bow), Jan Will (2), Cora Zyp (3), Lucy Horsfall (Stroke) comprise the crew from Queensland. Their Cox/Manager is Bronwyn Philby.

After twice visiting Queensland University for Women's Rowing Inter-Varsity contest, Newcastle University is now able to return the hospitality afforded them in the past. The Boat Club

in Queensland is ideally situated in the midst of the University, minimising access problems during training especially for girls resident at University Colleges.

University of Newcastle

The crew from Newcastle, coxed by Pam Passlow, consists of Prue Huby (Bow), Kathy Price (2), Janette Fraser (3), and Beverley Donald (Stroke). Bev Donald and Margaret Clark will row in the Pair with Pam Passlow as cox, and Margaret Clark will scull.

The crew were originally coached by Mr. Will O'Reilly who handed over to Margaret Clark when he left Newcastle earlier this year. Mr. O'Reilly has coached all the girls since they started rowing, and was coach of the crew which last year represented Newcastle at Inter-Varsity. Two of this year's crew, Bev Donald and Janette Fraser rowed in the winning I/V crew last year.

Although these girls have not yet raced as a crew, they have had several wins between them at Sydney Regattas during the past two seasons.

Colours

W.A.	White shorts and green top
Sydney	Dark blue shorts and gold T-shirt with Uni. crest.
Queensland	White shorts and maroon T-shirt
Newcastle	Black shorts and red and grey T-shirt with Uni. crest.