

1955 Australian Ladies' Rowing Council meeting

28TH Conference held Marrs Guest House Brisbane 28/3/55.

Present: NSW, Queensland and Victoria.

Special meeting held Thursday , 31st March 1955 at the Albert Hotel.

Owing to the flooded state of the Brisbane River resulted in the cyclone which swept Queensland, a special meeting was called and held at the Albert Hotel for delegates to hear the report of the meeting held with Mrs. Munro and the coaches.

A decision was made after inspecting the Bridge and Toowong reaches of the river.

The race would be rowed on Saturday after advice had been received from the Harbour and Marine Dept. that the River should be almost normal by Saturday. The coaches decided to continue training as soon as possible and another meeting would be held on Saturday to decide if the race should be rowed or postponed.

Should the water be too heavy on the Bridge Reach the race would be rowed on the Toowong Reach finishing at The Knoll.

The meeting decided to abide by the coaches decision.

At 1 pm. on Saturday the coaches inspected the river and several times afterwards. The river appeared to be too heavy for the race to be rowed on the Bridge Reach and it was decided to hold the race on the Toowong Reach at 3 :30 pm.

The race resulted in a dead heat between NSW and Victoria. Queensland four lengths astern

After quite a lot of discussion no time could be decided upon to have the race re-rowed on the Saturday to ascertain a winner in accordance with the rules.

It was decided to re-row the championship on Sunday morning at 10.30am. The race was rowed on a very fast running stream. NSW first, with Victoria second 1 ½ lengths behind.