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President's Report

I am delighted to present to you the 2005 Annual Report for Rowing Australia (RA). It has been a great pleasure to oversee the Board of Rowing Australia during the first year of the new quadrennium and assist in the early planning processes for the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008.



International Competition

Following the success of our crews at the 2004 Olympic Games, many of our experienced athletes have taken a well-earned rest from rowing. We look forward to seeing them return to elite competition next year in preparation for the Beijing Olympic Games.

Our coaching structure has also been reviewed following the departure of Women's Head Coach, Harald Jahrling. We wish Harald well in his new role as the Head Coach of the Irish National Rowing Team. In the new quadrennium, RA appointed Noel Donaldson to the new position of High Performance Director (HPD). The position has responsibilities for both the Men's and Women's elite programs. Assisting Noel in the planning and implementation of the national programs, RA also appointed technical Head Coaches for the Men's and Women's programs. Together with the HPD, they form a technical executive that drives the elite program with a common national purpose. RA is very pleased to have secured the experience and expertise of Lyall McCarthy as the National Women's Head Coach and Brian Richardson as the National Men's Head Coach, following his return from Canada.

With the 2005 World Rowing Championships in Japan and the traditional World Cups in Europe, this year was the perfect time to implement a 'two tour' system in preparation for the 2008 Olympic Games. In both years athletes will be expected to compete in both Europe and Asia against the best rowers in the world. The new system aims to limit athlete exhaustion, familiarise competitors with the demands of international travel and gauge the standard of other rowing nations.

The system proved to be a success in 2005, with our Women's team recording significant victories at the Eton & Munich World Cups. The team then went on to qualify for eight A finals and win six medals — four of them gold — at the Senior World Championships. This success was achieved by a much younger and less-experienced squad than the one we saw compete in 2004 and a highlight was the gold medal performance of the Women's Eight.

For the first time in rowing history the World U23 Regatta was given World Championship status. Four of the nine crews qualified for the finals in Amsterdam, resulting in two podium finishes. A small Australian Junior Team also competed in Brandenburg, Germany in 2005.

I would like to congratulate the rowers, coaching and support staff on the results produced this year and their dedication to our sport. I would also thank the various State Institutes and Academies of Sport for their commitment to the sport of rowing. We look forward to continuing this relationship in the lead up to Beijing.

National Events

The 2005 DHL Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta was conducted at the Sydney International Regatta Centre and attracted a large number of entries from all over the country, particularly from school-aged athletes. NSW Rowing organised a superb event and are to be congratulated on securing DHL as naming rights sponsor for the regatta. The King's Cup was won in style by Western Australia, whilst the Queen's Cup was taken home by Victoria. The Rowing Australia Cup for winning the overall point score also went to Victoria.

The 2005 Australian Youth Olympics Festival brought together the best young rowers in Australia and New Zealand from 19–23 January 2005. Western Australia dominated the men's events, whilst Victoria was the state to beat in the women's events.

The 2005 Youth Cup was held in South Australia on the first weekend of September. The Rusty Robertson Youth Cup was won by New Zealand North Island followed by New Zealand South Island, Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory.

Funding and Sponsorship

RA is in a very positive financial position as a result of the continuation of prudent financial management processes.

Australian Sports Commission (ASC)

In June 2005, RA received formal confirmation of its funding allocation for the Beijing quadrennium. In a reflection of RA's on and off water performance, RA will receive an additional \$2.28 million over the next four years for its High Performance programs. Credit must go to all levels of the sport for this result. In particular, RA would like to thank the ASC and the Federal Government for their continued support of rowing.

Other Sponsors

RA is also fortunate to have the continued support of Malaysia Airlines and P&O Nedlloyd. Both companies continue to provide invaluable assistance to RA in transporting our athletes, coaches and equipment overseas.

Officers and Staff

The RA national office is now well-established in Canberra and accommodates six full-time and three part-time staff.

I would like to particularly thank CEO Andrew Dee and the RA employees for their time and effort over the past year, especially for their hard work during our overseas tours.

Together with our Board appointed member, Doug Donoghue, who has a wealth of experience in the sports industry, I would like to thank the Directors for their continued commitment to managing their various portfolios this year: Colin Smith in High Performance; David Pincus in Competition; John Boulton in Development; and, Brett Hayman as Athletes Commission Chair. Special thanks must also go to the RA Director of Finance, Peter Crawford.

Conclusion

2005 has been a year of preparation and planning for the new quadrennium. I look forward to continuing to work with our stakeholders and sponsors as we move towards our next goal, the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

Patrick McNamara
President



Chief Executive Officer's Report

The year in review

2005–2009 Rowing Australia Strategic Plan

Following the relocation of our national office to Canberra in 2003, Rowing Australia (RA) has established an effective infrastructure and capable management team to enhance its core business activities during the next quadrennium. The preparation of the 2005–2009 RA Strategic Plan has been a key aspect in achieving this outcome.

The Strategic Plan focuses on three priority areas and contains 23 high level corporate objectives, which have been developed following a consultative process with key stakeholders within rowing. Importantly, they are objectives that are jointly pursued and delivered by the national governing body and our state delivery partners.

Our strategic priorities over the next four years will be in three areas:

1. Development — Enhance the sport of rowing throughout Australia;
2. Elite Performance — Consistently achieve international success at the elite level; and
3. Organisational Excellence — Ensure the sport of rowing has a secure financial future.

I would like to highlight the progress made in 2004–2005 towards the achievement of the strategic priorities:

Strategic Priority	Action
Development	Continued development and consultation regarding the Rowing Online Management System (ROMS). Policies and procedures for the operating system established.
Development	Complete review of the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) completed. New courses and materials developed.
Development	Revision of RA Rules and Boat Race Officials Education programs completed.
Development	Contributed to the organisation of regattas including Australian Olympic Youth Festival, Youth Cup, Australian Rowing Championships and Australian Masters Championships.
High Performance	Achieved four medals at the 2004 Olympic Games. Australia named number one men's rowing nation at the Olympic Games. Overall, Australia ranked third in the world in 2004 (Senior, Junior, U23).
High Performance	Four overseas tours conducted in 2005, including two Senior A Tours. National camps and selection regattas also conducted. Rowing included in Paralympic Games.
High Performance	Elite Club Funding Program and Elite Development Program established to assist in supporting elite athletes in their home states.
High Performance	One of only three sports to receive additional funds from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) to conduct a national talent search program.
High Performance	Renegotiated four-year agreements with seven State Institutes and Academies of Sport (SIS/SAS) and the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).
Organisational Excellence	An additional \$2.28 million over four years for the High Performance program secured from the ASC. RA to receive additional funding for Direct Athlete Support and a Governance Review.
Organisational Excellence	Commercial agreement valued at over \$400,000 reached between RA and Malaysia Airlines. Sponsorship from P&O Nedlloyd valued at \$40,000 per annum to continue.

Governance

The Board met formally on twelve occasions during 2004–2005 and continued to operate in line with the same portfolio-based governance procedures as last year.

As is expected in the first year of the new quadrennium much of the Board's focus was on setting up new initiatives to guide future development of our sport and athletes. Such initiatives included the introduction of the Elite Club Funding Program and Elite Development Program and continuing to refine the ROMS.

The evolution of RA from a relatively small operation that relied primarily on volunteer resources and the support of its members, to a modern, successful and dynamic organisation has put significant pressures on the operational requirements of the organisation. In light of this change, and these increasing pressures, it is appropriate and timely to review the governance structures and processes of RA to ensure that they are in line with the operational needs of the organisation and act to ensure the achievement of strategic goals.

The ASC has allocated funding to RA to conduct the review. Recommendations from the review are due in July 2006, with constitutional implications that arise from the review to be considered at the 2006 Annual General Meeting.

Financial Operations

The 2004–2005 Financial Statements are presented by the Director of Finance later in this annual report.

The financial statements reflect an organisation with sound financial management practices and procedures as evidenced by the end of year financial result.

The rowing community will benefit from the increased funding RA will receive from the ASC over the next four years. The funding will assist in improving our high performance programs and ultimately our international results. The sporting community in general will also benefit from increased federal government support of initiatives such as the establishment of a European training camp facility in Italy (Euro-Hub) and improved facilities at the AIS. RA congratulates the AIS for its foresight and commitment to these initiatives.

Federal and State Government Support

In 2004–2005, Rowing Australia maintained the level of its annual grants from the ASC totalling \$3.15 million for its high performance and development programs. The AIS Rowing Program received an additional \$1.4 million.

In June 2005, the Federal Government announced new funding levels for sport for the 2005–2009 quadrennium and confirmed that RA would receive an additional \$2.28 million during that period. The funding came into effect from 1 July 2005 with its allocation weighted towards the later years of the quadrennium to account for the increased cost of qualifying and preparing for the Olympic Games. The following table outlines the new annual allocations to RA:

GRANT PURPOSE	Current 2004–2005	2005–2006	2006–2007	2007–2008	2008–2009
High Performance	\$3,070,000	\$3,291,000	\$3,515,000	\$3,613,000	\$3,613,000
Development	\$80,000	\$83,000	\$83,000	\$83,000	\$83,000
RA/AIS Talent Search	0	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
SUB TOTAL	\$3,150,000	\$3,504,000	\$3,728,000	\$3,826,000	\$3,826,000
% Increase on 2004–2005 level	-	11.2%	18.3%	21.5%	21.5%
AIS	\$1,392,700	\$1,563,000	\$1,563,000	\$1,563,000	\$1,563,000
TOTAL	\$4,542,700	\$5,067,000	\$5,291,000	\$5,389,000	\$5,389,000

In addition to the funding detailed in the above table:

- RA National Senior A team members will be eligible to receive Direct Athlete Support from 1 July 2006; and
- RA will receive financial support to undertake a comprehensive Governance Review of its structure and constitution.

The Federal Minister for Sport, the Hon. Rod Kemp, Mark Peters (ASC CEO) and Peter Fricker (AIS Director), continue to show strong support for rowing and must be thanked for their ongoing assistance.

State Program Funding

In 2004–2005, RA altered its funding arrangements with SIS/SAS to streamline the process and distribute funds more widely than in previous years. As a result, funding of \$830,000 was distributed between SIS/SAS, elite competitors, and for the first time to individual clubs that are developing athletes of the highest calibre around the country. RA thanks all SIS/SAS for their support over the past year. All of our partners continue to be valued stakeholders and play a major role in our performances at major events.

In addition, \$175,000 was provided to state programs under the Sub-Elite Development Program.

Australian Olympic Committee (AOC)

In an Olympic year the value of support provided to national sporting organisations by the AOC is greater than at any other time of the cycle. With the complexity of the logistics and issues heightened during this period, it is essential that a close and harmonious working relationship exist between the offices of both organisations. From RA's perspective, this relationship could not have been more professional or cooperative. The support of John Coates, Bob Elphinston, Craig Phillips and Ann van den Hogen in particular was invaluable and greatly appreciated by RA.

In 2004, RA received \$145,000 in direct funding from the AOC under its program of support for international competition and approximately \$120,000 towards the international airfare component of transporting our Olympic team to Europe prior to the Athens Olympic Games.

RA would also like to thank the AOC for again including rowing on the program for the 2007 Australian Youth Olympic Festival, an event which continues to be vital in the development of our future elite athletes.

FISA Meetings

FISA Extraordinary Congress

In the year following the Olympic Games, FISA conducts its Extraordinary Congress, which is convened with the specific purpose of amending the FISA Statutes and Rules of Racing for the next four years. The Extraordinary Congress is the only time during an Olympiad that the Statutes and Rules can be altered.

In 2005, the Extraordinary Congress was held in Dubrovnik, Croatia and the Australian delegation comprised of Patrick McNamara (RA President), Colin Smith (RA Director, High Performance) and Andrew Dee (RA CEO).

Australia put the following proposals to the congress, which were all accepted by majority vote:

- To reintroduce the LM8+ to the World Championship program;
- To protect all Olympic events within all World Championship programs from future elimination; and
- To ensure that events at the World Championships which have fewer than seven entries include a heat for seeding purposes prior to the final.

The congress also resolved to change the status of the U23 World Regatta to that of a World Championship.

FISA Annual Ordinary Congress

The 113th Annual Ordinary Congress of FISA was conducted in Gifu, Japan following the World Championships. The Australian delegation consisted of Patrick McNamara (RA President), Peter Crawford (RA Director of Finance) and Andrew Dee (RA CEO).

The congress voted on venues for 2008 and 2009 World Championship events. The following countries were successful:

- 2008 U23 World Championships — Brandenburg, Germany;
- 2009 Junior World Championships — Brive, France; and
- 2009 World Championships — Poznan, Poland.

Current RA Board member, John Boulton was also re-appointed to the FISA Executive Committee for a further period of four years.

Sponsorship

Malaysia Airlines

In a commercial agreement valued at over \$400,000, RA has extended its relationship with Malaysia Airlines until 2008. The agreement reconfirms the excellent relationship that has developed between RA and Malaysia Airlines over the past ten years. Malaysia Airlines will be known as Rowing Australia's 'Official International Airline' and will continue to carry Australia's national rowing teams to their respective World Championships each year.

P&O Nedlloyd

RA is also fortunate to have the continued support of P&O Nedlloyd. This partnership, worth in the vicinity of \$40,000, is utilised to transport national team boats overseas each year.

Other

Other companies to provide significant in kind support during the year include Sykes Racing, Croker Oars, Travel Design International, Media Monitors and Cadbury Schweppes.

Rowing Online Management System (ROMS)

ROMS is an ambitious project being developed by RA in conjunction with the state associations to revolutionise the administration of rowing.

In a strategic commitment to the management of the sport of rowing in Australia, a significant investment in information technology will be made by RA and the state associations, resulting in the creation of an internet-based management system that will streamline our administrative processes and reduce the paperwork burden across all levels of our sport.

The system will have a wide variety of functions and will aim to provide a national regatta entry system, streamlined member management and communication tools for clubs, plus host a national calendar of events. The project will be delivered in modules with the first stage expected to be completed in late 2005.

I would like to especially thank my ROMS Steering Committee colleagues David Deeble (ROMS Chair/Rowing Victoria), Grant Cosgriff (Rowing Victoria) and Greg Howell (Rowing Queensland), together with system developer James Worrell for their dedication to this project.

2010 World Rowing Championships Bid

Throughout 2005, RA collaborated with NSW Major Events and representatives from the Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC) to conduct a feasibility study that assessed the viability of conducting the 2010 World Rowing Championships. If the event is successful in securing government support, the bid will be submitted to FISA in March 2006. The decision on the venue for the 2010 event will be made at the 2006 World Rowing Championships (Eton, UK).

Media and Communications

RA was fortunate to secure the services of David Pembroke of "The Content Group" as its media and communications consultant during 2004. David's expertise and advice was invaluable during the pre- and post-Olympic period.

In a continuation of the media and communications systems established with David's assistance, RA has continued to generate media activity and produce a monthly newsletter with the assistance of its media intern Will Gilroy.

RA has also been a keen contributor to the new 'Rowing MagOZine'. The bi-monthly publication is a fantastic way to showcase our sport to the wider community, and provides our state associations with an ideal medium in which to promote their own activities.

Website

The RA website once again proved to be a key communication tool for the rowing community with an average of 31,000 visits and 650,000 hits per month, not including the peak period surrounding the National Championships.

The National Championships website attracted record levels of traffic with 98,000 people visiting the site generated a staggering 4.6 million hits and the live race tracker the most popular feature. The volunteer work of James Worrell continues to be invaluable to RA.

Since its inception, the content and look of the RA website has been managed by Gwynneth Scott. Due to her relocation to Melbourne with her family earlier this year, Gwynneth resigned from her position with RA. On behalf of all the frequent visitors to the RA website I would like to thank Gwynneth for her dedication to providing a quality service over many years.

Andrew Dee
Chief Executive Officer



Competition Report

2005 Australian Youth Olympic Festival

The 2005 Australian Youth Olympic Festival was held in January 2005 at the Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC) in Penrith, NSW. The multi-sport event is an initiative of the Australian Olympic Committee and is aimed at providing young Australian athletes with the opportunity to experience all aspects of such an event, including an opening ceremony and athletes' village. Seven state teams competed, plus New Zealand, with nine male and nine female athletes per team, contesting six events. All athletes were required to compete in three events — either the 1x, 2- or L2x — in addition to either the 4- or 4x and the 8+.

The festival saw the Western Australian men dominate: they won all events with the exception of the Men's Lightweight Double Scull (in which they came second). The competition was a little fiercer in the women's events with the medals being spread around. In the end Victoria was dominant, with gold medals also going to New Zealand and the ACT.

The next Australian Youth Olympic Festival will be held in January 2007.

2005 DHL Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta

The 2005 DHL Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta was held at the SIRC in March 2005. This year's championships saw DHL come on board as the major sponsor, which proved a significant advantage in the coordination and presentation of the event. This was most evident with the inclusions of a big-screen TV on the 1750 metre line (showing the progression of finals late in the week), the production of a DVD and exposure on Fox Sports.

This year's event attracted 3,300 entries competing in 1,168 crews. The post-Olympic year provided the opportunity for up-and-coming athletes to catch the eye of state and national team coaches, none more than Queensland's Sally Kehoe who was dominant in the open women's events in her first year in the senior ranks.

SIRC was central to the success of these championships. Congratulations and thanks go to the New South Wales Rowing Association, the numerous volunteers and the SIRC staff for making the event a success.

The 2006 Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta will be held at Lake Barrington in Tasmania between 6 and 12 March 2006.

2005 Castaway Seaspray Australian Masters Rowing Championships

The 2005 Castaway Seaspray Australian Masters Rowing Championships was taken to a regional area this year, with Rowing Queensland hosting the event in Rockhampton in June 2005. Approximately 750 individuals competed for 56 clubs, combining to boat 962 crews and 2,937 seats. The event produced some brilliant racing with old rivalries, quick times and close finishes in all age categories. The well-organised event highlighted the strong relationship between Rowing Queensland, the Rockhampton City Council and a number of dedicated, local volunteers. This event maintained its reputation as a highly competitive, yet social, event.

The 2006 Australian Masters Rowing Championships will be held in Nagambie, Victoria between 19 and 21 May 2006.

2005 Australian Youth Cup

At the completion of the 2004 Australian Youth Cup, the timing for this event was re-assessed, with input from the state rowing associations, the Organising Committee and RA's High Performance Unit. The majority of responses supported the event's return to the original date of the first weekend in September. This timing offers greater compatibility with the regatta calendars of the majority of the state associations in addition to coinciding with the international season.

The 2005 Australian Youth Cup was held at West Lakes in Adelaide from 2 to 4 September. The regatta highlighted the strength of junior rowing in both Australia and New Zealand. With every team winning multiple medals, including six separate medallists in the two eight's races, and the close battle for the Rusty Robertson Youth Cup, it is easy to see the increase in standard at each year's regatta. In the end, New Zealand North Island took the overall points score in front of New Zealand South, Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory.

Congratulations to Barbara Fenner and all of the staff at the South Australian Rowing Association for hosting another successful event.

The 2006 Australian Youth Cup also will be held in the first weekend of September 2006 in Adelaide, South Australia.

Rowing Australia Rules

The Umpires Committee has undertaken a review of RA's Rules. A draft was completed which includes those parts of the FISA Rules considered relevant and worthy of adoption, while preserving those elements of the RA Rules that are unique to rowing in Australia, and the addition of some that are not addressed by FISA. The rules have been set out as per FISA's rules — this will facilitate the incorporation of any FISA rule changes, where appropriate.

The draft document has been provided to RA's Regatta Committee to consider the ramifications of the changes. A final draft will be submitted to the Board of RA for approval, with the expectation that the new rules will be adopted by all state associations and RA during the 2005–2006 domestic season.

Umpires Committee

The RA Umpires Committee, consisting of Andrew Guerin (Chairman), Steve Hinchy and Craig James, set some very important objectives for this and the forthcoming year. These included:

- The standardisation of the RA and state rules on the FISA rules of racing;
- The finalisation and implementation of the Boat Race Official (BRO) education program;
- The assessment of further candidates for the RA BRO license;
- Training new and younger umpires for FISA accreditation to make sure we have adequate good people available for the 2016 Olympic Games and beyond;
- Providing suitable umpiring juries for all RA events;
- Selecting suitable candidates for FISA juries to make sure Australia is appropriately represented; and
- Securing a FISA Umpires Seminar in Australia.

The majority of these objectives were either met or a significant amount of work was completed which will ensure that the remainder will be met in the next twelve months. The Committee's draft rules of racing are being considered and ratified by the appropriate RA committees, while the education program is being finalised ahead of submission to the Australian Sports Commission for approval. In conjunction with Rowing New Zealand, a FISA Umpires Seminar has been confirmed for 3–4 December 2005 in Melbourne.

The Umpires Committee has assessed several candidates for RA BRO licenses and the RA Board has issued RA BRO licenses to the following people:

- Bob Cook (ACT);
- Nick Hunter (ACT);
- Chris Watson (NSW);
- Greg Smith (NSW);
- Carolyn Schomberg (QLD); and
- Lynne Bayliss (WA).

Bob Cook and Nick Hunter are the first ACT BROs to receive an RA license — all state rowing associations are now represented at the national level.

The composition of the Umpires Committee will remain unchanged until the 2006 Australian Rowing Championships at which nominations for positions on the committee will be called.

2007 Expressions of Interest

In May 2005 the RA Regatta Committee called for expressions of interest to host Rowing Australia Regattas in 2007. A number of state associations provided submissions, all of which were of a very high standard. The hosts of national events for 2007 are as follows:

- 2007 Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta
5 to 11 March 2007
Nagambie Lakes, Nagambie VIC
- 2007 Australian Masters Rowing Championships
1 to 3 June 2007
Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith NSW
- 2007 Australian Youth Cup
31 August to 2 September 2007
Nagambie Lakes, Nagambie VIC

David Pincus
Director, Competition



Development Report

NCAS Implementation

The new National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) for rowing was launched at the Croker Oars 2004 Rowing Australia Coaches Conference in October. The implementation of the new accreditation levels, which now provide four levels and three specialist modules, has focused on managing the transition from the old system, completing the presentation aids, and training prospective presenters to deliver the new curriculum.

Priority has been given to high volume coaching courses; that is, those that are expected to attract the highest numbers. Presentation and assessment materials for Level 1 and Level 2 courses have been completed and distributed to all state development officers. As at 1 June these courses have been fully operational, with a number being run in most states. The Level 3 materials have been distributed for comment with an expectation that this level will be fully operational by the end of 2005. Upon completion and distribution of the Level 3 materials, the focus will change to the specialist modules and Level 4, with the intention of these being operational in early 2006.

The transition from the old system to the new system occurred in May 2005. All coaches who held a current accreditation were provided with a new card and an explanation of the changes to the system. Those coaches who commenced courses under the previous system but are still completing the final assessment pieces are being accepted into the new system without requiring any further work. RA has been working closely with the state associations in this regard.

Assessor and Presenter Training Courses

As part of the implementation process for the new NCAS, presenters must undergo a presenter training course or be a specialist in the field on which they are presenting while all assessors will be required to undergo the assessor training program. The Assessor and Presenter Workshops have been developed in conjunction with McLaughlin Sports Consultancy and provide both the generic skills and specific knowledge required to deliver the new NCAS. The development of this program ensures consistency in the delivery of these courses across all states.

An initial Assessor and Presenter Workshop was conducted in Canberra in April, attended by a representative from each state association. Since the initial workshop the state associations, with the assistance of RA, have been delivering further training to increase the number of assessors and presenters available within each state. Courses have been conducted in Queensland and New South Wales, with further workshops scheduled in Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and Victoria. Upon completion of the training it is expected that all states will have a network of presenters and assessors that will ensure the continued delivery of the NCAS in all regional and metropolitan areas.

NCAS Resource Review

The introduction of the new NCAS for rowing highlighted the need for an update of supporting manuals to ensure consistency with the new syllabus. RA has embarked on a twelve-month project to revise their content and ensure a contemporary presentation.

Those courses expected to attract the highest number of attendees have been given priority in the review process, and the amount of revision required has also been taken into account. The old Level 1 manual (which will become the new Level 2 manual) is the first to be updated, with the new Level 1 (Go Rowing) to be updated shortly after. A number of prominent coaches and experts currently involved in rowing have been approached to contribute to the project. It is expected that the new Level 2 manuals will be available in early 2006, with all other manuals being introduced gradually. It is expected that all manuals will be completed and in circulation by the end of July 2006.

Coaching Accreditation Status

Due to the expected implementation of the new NCAS, very few courses were run between January and June 2005. The following provides an overview of the NCAS for 2004–2005 (please note that the courses are specified in the new NCAS structure).

Courses Conducted between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005

	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total	
	Courses	Number of Participants	Courses	Number of Participants	Courses	Number of Participants	Courses	Number of Participants
ACT	0	0	1	7	0	0	1	7
NSW	0	0	2	43	1	20	3	63
VIC	0	0	3	52	0	0	3	52
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	1	17	2	48	0	0	3	65
WA	1	26	0	0	0	0	1	26
QLD	0	0	3	83	0	0	3	83
Total	2	43	11	233	1	20	14	296

Number of Accredited Coaches as at 30 June 2005

	Level 2		Level 3		Total		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
ACT	19	16	8	3	27	19	46
NSW	204	108	53	10	257	118	375
VIC	150	114	25	3	175	117	292
TAS	36	11	5	0	41	11	52
SA	89	64	12	1	101	65	166
WA	81	42	12	2	93	44	137
QLD	171	96	39	5	210	101	311
NT	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other	0	1	2	1	2	2	4
Total	751	452	156	25	907	477	
		1,203		181		1,384	

Number of Coaches Re-Accrediting between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005

	Level 2		Level 3		Total		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
ACT	1	1	1	0	2	1	3
NSW	10	2	9	3	19	5	24
VIC	5	4	2	0	7	4	11
TAS	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
SA	9	4	1	0	10	4	14
WA	2	1	0	0	2	1	3
QLD	5	1	0	0	5	1	6
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	1	1	1	1	2
Total	33	13	14	4	47	17	
		46		18		64	

Adaptive Rowing

Adaptive Rowing has been provided with a significant boost as a result of the announcement of its inclusion in the 2008 Paralympic Games. RA has entered into a four-year agreement with the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC), extending to 30 June 2009, that provides funding and support to further develop adaptive rowing from an elite perspective. With the assistance of the APC, RA will be able to continue the development of participation pathways for adaptive rowers; identify and support prospective elite athletes; and continue to send Australian teams to World Championships.

The announcement resulted in an increase in the number of athletes participating in adaptive events at the 2005 DHL Australian Rowing Championships. The Adaptive Men's Conventional Double Scull Category 3 attracted a record number of entries, requiring two heats for the first time since the introduction of adaptive rowing at the National Championships.

RA selected one athlete, Dominic Monypenny, to represent Australia in the Arms Only Men's Single Scull at the World Championships in Japan.

Boat Race Officials Education Program

The Rowing Australia Umpires Committee has been working closely with the National Development Officer to draft a syllabus for a national education program for Boat Race Officials (BROs). The basis for the program is the Umpires Knowledge Manual which outlines the tasks and responsibilities of umpiring positions. The manual, in addition to a framework document outlining the structure of the proposed education program, was distributed to the Umpires Coordinator in each state association.

A draft syllabus has been developed in line with the requirements set by the ASC and the Umpires Committee is finalising the specific content points and learning outcomes required. Once complete, the draft will be submitted to the ASC for approval, with the expectation that the program will become part of the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS). It is expected that the program will be implemented in 2006.

Croker Oars 2006 Rowing Australia Coaches Conference

On the back of the success of the Croker Oars 2004 Rowing Australia Coaches Conference, preliminary arrangements commenced for the organisation of the 2006 Conference. The conference acts as one of RA's main coach education initiatives and its success in previous years has seen the conference become a main feature in RA's event calendar. Croker Oars has elected to renew their naming rights sponsorship of the event demonstrating their confidence in the conference and the value it has in the coaching community. RA thanks Croker Oars for their continued support and looks forward to welcoming more sponsors on board as we get closer to the event.

The conference will be held between 6 and 8 October 2006 at the Radisson Resort on the Gold Coast.

Rowing MagOZine Launched

Rowing MagOzine, a bi-monthly independent publication focusing on rowing in Australia, was launched in Sydney in late June. The publication incorporates stories of interest from all aspects of Australian rowing and provides an opportunity for clubs, schools and elite rowers to submit content. RA would like to congratulate all involved in its production, in particular Rebecca Joyce, Editor and Margaret Ah-Pet and Fabienne Mester, Directors.

John Boulton
Director, Development



High Performance Report

Overview

The 2005 season marked the start of a new Olympiad and the introduction of a new structure within the High Performance (HP) program. The most significant change was the creation of the High Performance Director position and the subsequent appointment of Noel Donaldson as Rowing Australia's first High Performance Director. The creation of a single director position, which oversees both the men's and women's programs, was one of the fundamental recommendations of the exhaustive 18-month review of the Rowing Australia (RA) HP program by RA and its partners.

2005 also saw the emergence of some exciting new talent — with many 2004 Olympians taking time off after the Athens Olympics, a number of athletes made the step up to the Senior Team. Notably, Natalie Bale, Sally Kehoe, James Gatti and Jeremy Stevenson, all of whom made the jump from the 2004 Junior Team to the 2005 Senior Team to contest the World Championships in Japan.

Other memorable moments from 2005 include:

World Championships, Japan:

- Women's Eight winning gold;
- Emily Martin, Robyn Selby Smith, Kate Hornsey and Pauline Frasca winning two gold medals in the Women's Coxless Four and the Women's Eight;
- Natalie Bale and Sarah Outhwaite winning silver in the Women's Coxless Pair;
- Amber Bradley and Sally Kehoe winning bronze in the Women's Double;
- The Men's Coxed Pair winning gold; and
- Dominic Monypenny continuing Australia's dominance in Adaptive rowing by winning Australia's 3rd Adaptive Single Scull world title.

Additionally:

- Tara Kelly and Anna McRae combining to win silver in the Women's Double Scull at the World U23 Rowing Championships in Amsterdam; and
- Jess Huston and Alice McNamara winning bronze at the World U23 Rowing Championships.

For a full list of 2005 results please refer to page 31.

HP Structure

In its most recent strategic review, RA set for itself a formidable vision in HP for Beijing:

"To be Australia's leading Olympic sport and the world's leading rowing nation in competition ..."

To ensure these challenging goals are attained, over the past 12 months RA made formal agreements with its partners, based on the National Elite Sports Council (NESC) four-year template. These partners include State Institutes/Academies of Sport (SIS/SAS), State Sporting Organisations (SSOs) and Elite Clubs funded directly by RA. In addition, the Elite Development Program was established, and National Men's and Women's Head Coach positions introduced.

The introduction of the National Men's and Women's Head Coach positions, and the appointments of Brian Richardson to the former and Lyall McCarthy to the latter, was welcomed at all levels. Brian returned to Australian rowing from Canada following a four-year absence. A former National Head Coach of both Australia and Canada, Brian brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position and is keen to maintain Australia's position as the world's number one men's rowing nation. Lyall McCarthy's appointment comes as no surprise: Lyall has been Australia's most successful coach in recent years, coaching crews to five world titles since 1997, and the Women's Quad Scull to bronze at the Athens Olympics.

In addition to the appointment of the two National Head Coaches, the Elite Club Funding Program is a new program through which RA directly funds successful elite clubs with the aim of alleviating some of the financial burden of those clubs. RA believes that funding through this important program will lead to an increase in the number and quality of coaches, form a key part of RA's current national high performance program plan over the next quadrennium, and be integral to the success of high performance rowing in Australia in delivering on its vision.

The key objectives of the Elite Club Funding Program are:

- To financially assist clubs that are successfully developing Australian elite athletes;
- To identify experienced and successful coaches who are working with athletes who are part of the national program but are not on the staff of RA, the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) or SIS/SAS;
- To ensure retention within the national program and further develop those experienced coaches at state and club levels, resulting in better servicing of elite athletes;
- To provide coordination and management of the program at national level by RA's High Performance Unit (HPU); and

- To ensure there is a direct role for both SIS/SAS and SSOs in the program using the Joint Management Committee (JMC) process.

From 1 January 2005, RA received 14 applications. Eight applications were successful — these clubs received grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000.

National Camps

The RA/AIS National Camps Program has again played a central role in the HP program with its ability to conduct world-class training camps in world-class facilities, and to assist with the development of many of the emerging athletes who were subsequently selected on National Teams this year.

During the year a number of both category-specific and combined camps were conducted. Each camp enabled the National Head Coaches to work with not only an increased number of athletes but also the opportunity to coach alongside a number of coaches ensuring continued development long after the camp has concluded.

The program also provided pre-departure camps for all National Teams in June. This provided teams with the opportunity to get together and focus on their respective upcoming tours.

Special thanks must go to Reinhold Batschi and his staff at the AIS for their continued assistance in the planning and running of these camps.

National Selection

With a number of Olympians taking an extended break after returning from Athens it was decided that, for the first time in a number of years, RA would not hold a National December Time Trial. Therefore, the first national selection regatta was the 2005 DHL National Championships in Penrith in March.

The first three days saw all nominating athletes compete in singles and pairs before moving into big-boat combinations in the later stages of the regatta.

The April selection regatta was held in Penrith at the Sydney International Regatta Centre. This year's selection regatta combined the selection of all Australian crews for Senior A/U23/Junior. This was a huge task and special thanks must go to the National Selectors David Yates, Charlie Bartlett, Barbara Fenner and Matt Draper for the endless hours of watching and deliberating to ensure that the best possible crews were selected.

Special thanks must also go to the Boat Race Officials (BROs) who officiated during the selection regattas, especially Michael Eastaughffe, Bob Pennington, Steve Hinchy, Reg McKay and Andrew Guerin.

Sports Science and Medicine

With the passing of Dr Bill Webb, rowing within Australia lost one of its greats. Bill led the world in rowing-specific sports medicine and Australian rowing teams have benefited from Bill's immeasurable contribution to the sport. He will be sorely missed.

The appointment of Camilla Mather as the Sports Science and Medicine Coordinator provided the HP program with much needed support in the absence of Dr Bill Webb. This year, through the institutes and academies of sport, rowing continued to benefit from the expertise of the rowing sports science and medicine network.

Medical Support Staff for 2005 Australian Rowing Teams

Senior A Tour (Europe)

Doctor	Dr Phil Sharpe
Physiotherapist	Judi Sternfeldt

World Championships (Japan)

Doctor	Dr Ian Beltz
Physiotherapist	Susan Everett
Physiotherapist	Henry Wajswelner
Massage Therapist	Tanya Thornton

U23 World Championships (Netherlands)

Doctor	Dr George Bulyga
Physiotherapist	Fiona Milne

Junior World Championships (Germany)

Doctor	Dr Krys Szatsznajder
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Coaching

This year saw the introduction of National Training Centre (NTC) coaches meetings. Under the direction of the Director of High Performance and the National Head Coaches for Men and Women, a number of productive NTC coaches meetings were held, providing insight and direct feedback in regards to the direction of Australia's HP program.

22 coaches were selected to coach Australian crews overseas, with a number coaching more than one crew. Of the 22 coaches selected, nine were selected on their first Australian Team. They were Bill Tait (Gold W4- & W8+, co-coached by Lyall McCarthy) and Zoltan Shepherd (Snr A); Lincoln Handley (Silver W2x), Tim Dolphin (Bronze LW2x), Ned Draydon and Andrew Mackenzie (U23 Team); Andrew Service, Ron Mobbs, Paul Newbon and Damien Mitchelmore (Junior Team).

RA was again fortunate to gain an AIS Scholarship Coach, Mr Philip Bourguignon. Phil came to the AIS after coaching primarily in Queensland. In 2003, Phil was selected on the Australian Junior Team, and in 2004 he coached on both the U23 and Junior Teams. Phil spent the last 12 months working with AIS athletes, alongside Reinhold Batschi and Lyall McCarthy.

Team Management

As always, team and tour management started well before the season commenced — with Wayne Diplock taking some well-deserved time off after the Athens Olympics, 2005 proved to be an opportunity to develop the range of experience of new and existing team managers.

The Senior Team was led by Dean Oakman at both the World Cups in Europe and the World Championships in Japan. During the World Championships, Dean was assisted by Ray Ebert, who also acted as Team Manager during the team's Rockhampton training camp prior to the World Championships.

The U23 Team was led by Dafydd Gwynn-Jones who managed a big team to both the Lucerne World Cup and World U23 Rowing Championships. Dafydd proved to be a very popular manager who earned the respect of those on tour.

The Junior Team was managed by Michael Smith. Having managed the 2004 U23 Team, Michael again showed his commitment to the team, and his attention to detail was second to none.

All three team managers were ably supported by the staff of the HPU.

2005 Team Management

Senior A Team (Eton & Munich World Cups)
Manager Dean Oakman

World Championships – Japan
Manager Dean Oakman
Assistant Manager Ray Ebert

U23 Team – Netherlands
Manager Dafydd Gwynn-Jones
U23 Head Coach Gordon Marcks

Junior Team – Germany
Manager Michael Smith
Junior Head Coach Mr Brenton Terrell

Finally, Rowing Australia would like to thank:

- The Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Olympic Committee for their continued funding and support;
- Each of the SIS/SAS, and the AIS, for administrating the management of RA's National Activity Plan and providing support to the sport across the country;
- Croker Oars and Sykes Racing for their continued support of Australian National Teams; and
- Holly Richardson and Joel Freeme from RA for their work over the past 12 months in assisting with the delivery of the High Performance program.

Colin Smith
Director, High Performance



Athletes Commission Report

The Rowing Australia (RA) Athletes Commission continues to play an important role in the rowing community. The purpose of the commission is to represent the views of elite athletes to the Board of RA and foster positive relations and communication between the athletes and national body.

The commission is comprised of a delegate from each male and female boat class, and its composition ensures that the geographic structure of our national rowing community is represented overall.

The last commission elections were held during the 2004 Australian Rowing National Championships, with the following representatives elected:

Chair

Brett Hayman (Pepe) (ACT) Retired Australian representative coxswain

Deputy Chair

Victoria Roberts (NSW) Heavyweight Women (sweep)

Other members

Simon Burgess (TAS) Lightweight Men
Marguerite Houston (SA) Lightweight Women
David Crawshay (VIC) Heavyweight Men (sculling)
Dana Faletic (TAS/AIS) Heavyweight Women (sculling)
Stuart Reside (WA) Heavyweight Men (sweep)

In 2004–05, the commission was integral in contributing to the development of the new selection policy for the Beijing Olympiad and in assessing the touring schedules of international teams for this season.

During the past year, the commission has also been proactive in increasing the profile of Australian rowing at both a national and international level. The commission successfully nominated Drew Ginn and Vicky Roberts to the Australian Olympic Committee's Athletes' Commission.

The commission also successfully nominated Amber Halliday to the FISA Athletes Commission. Her appointment was confirmed during the Athens Olympic Regatta in which she was competing. Since then, the FISA Athletes Commission has met several times, covering issues from anti-doping to advertising space, all the time acting as the athletes' advocates. This season, the FISA Executive adopted the commission's recommendation for the equal distribution of World Cup prize money. It also undertook an ambitious and exciting project at the 2005 World Championships — a comprehensive athlete questionnaire. The data will help to better understand issues that concern athletes and will be used to help shape the FISA Athletes Commission's agenda in the future.

The commission would also like to congratulate former Oarsome Foursome member Nick Green on his election to the Australian Olympic Committee Executive. Nick also continues to be President of the Victorian Olympic Council.

The RA Athletes Commission appreciates the time and effort that all RA staff, volunteers and coaches have contributed to all aspects of our successful sport. On behalf of all athletes, thank you.

Brett Hayman
Chair, Athletes Commission



Rowing Australia Awards

The 2004 Rower of the Year Awards were presented at the Log Cabin Hotel in Penrith, NSW in conjunction with the 2005 DHL Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta.

2004 Female Crew of the Year — Sally Kehoe

Sally Kehoe was awarded the Female Crew of the Year with a sensational season consisting of a gold medal at the 2004 Junior World Championships and a silver medal at the Under 23 World Regatta, both performances in a single scull. Other nominations for this award included the Australian Women's Quad Scull which won bronze at the Athens Olympics and the Australian Junior Pair who won gold at the 2004 Junior World Championships.

2004 Male Crew of the Year — Australian Men's Coxless Pair

After their gold medal performance at the Athens Olympics, the Australian Men's Coxless Pair of James Tomkins and Drew Ginn were awarded the Male Crew of the Year for 2004. This was the second consecutive year the pair received this award, this year winning in front of the Australian Men's Lightweight Coxless Four and the Australian Men's Eight.

2004 Coach of the Year — Chris O'Brien

Chris O'Brien was awarded the 2004 Coach of the Year after guiding the Australian Men's Coxless Pair to an Olympic gold medal. Chris was awarded the honour in front of Australian Lightweight Coxless Fours Coach Sam Le Compte and Australian Women's Quad Scull Coach Lyall McCarthy.

2004 Rowers' Rower of the Year — Drew Ginn

A humble Drew Ginn was awarded the Rowers' Rower of the Year for his contributions to the Australian Rowing Team during the Athens Olympics. Other nominees for the Rowers' Rower of the Year, an award nominated and voted by athletes, were Katie Foulkes and Monique Hienke.



The Bobby Pearce Foundation

The Bobby Pearce Foundation was formed in 2003 to assist members of Australian Rowing Teams who contribute to their expenses in representing Australia. The foundation is named after Australia's first Olympic Gold Medallist, and the members of the foundation have all been members of Australian Senior Rowing Teams since the 1930s.

In 2003 and 2004, \$30,000 was donated by members of the Foundation. Donations are made through the Australian Sports Foundation and are tax deductible.

This year the foundation supported all Australian Junior Team and U23 Team members by assisting with the cost of overseas boat hire in Europe. This constituted an amount of \$11,775.

As well as assisting current team members, the foundation provides an opportunity for former Australian team members to keep in contact.

Bobby Pearce Foundation Donors

Susan Everett
Garth Manton
John B Sivewright
Adrian Monger
David Anderson
Michael Sim
Peter Tomanovits
Andrew Guerin
Lynton Hudson
Graeme McCall
Robin Poke
John Cockbill
Nim Greenwood
Victor Middleton
Geoffrey McIntyre
Jack Hutchinson
Joe Donnelly
Kinross Wolaroi Rowing Club
Alan Grover
Will Liley
Jeff Sykes (Timbertime P/L)
George Xouris (Silton P/L)
Peter Antonie
Colin Smith
Ian Clubb
Campbell Johnston
Robert Stewart
Andrew Michelmore
John Boultsbee
Gary Gullock
Barbara & Bradley Fenner
John Coates
David Bishop
Lionel Robberds
James Peters
Michael Morgan
Chris Shinnars
Susan Brosnan
Ian Beltz
Deborah Clingeleffer-Woodford



Obituaries

Rowing Australia would like to pay tribute to the following individuals who passed away in 2004–05. Each has contributed greatly to the sport of rowing during their lifetime.

TED BROMLEY

Edward Robert (Ted) Bromley passed away on 12 April 2004.

Born on 4/7/1912, Ted Bromley attended The King's School and rowed for Mosman Rowing Club. He represented NSW in the King's Cup from 1932–36, Australia in the Men's Eight at the 1938 Empire Games in Sydney and in the Men's Coxless Pairs with his great friend Spencer Grace at the London Olympic Games in 1948.

Ted Bromley was known for his benevolent support of rowing. A generous supporter of the Mosman Rowing Club, he established the Bromley Trust which is dedicated to the success of Australian pair oared rowing.

ROBERT AITKEN MBE

Bob Aitken passed away on 5 December 2004.

Bob had a distinguished and successful rowing career as an oarsman, coach, selector and administrator and made a significant contribution to the sport in all these areas at a national and state level.

Bob served as President of Rowing Victoria and the first elected President of Rowing Australia. He was also the inaugural chairman of both the Victorian and Australian umpires' panels and Rowing Australia's first Life Member.

However, Bob was never happier than at the club level where he taught many generations of Mercantilians the joys of rowing, coaching, club administration and, most of all, club life. He valued the life-long friendships gained in rowing. Mercantile Rowing Club has provided a trophy to be named in his honour for the men's four National Championship and the Board have approved this honour.

BILL WEBB

Dr Bill Webb passed away on 12 October 2004.

Dr Webb was the long-standing Rowing Australia Principal Medical Officer and the Australian Rowing Team doctor since 1981.

He attended the 1984, 88, 92, 96 and 2000 Olympics and instigated many new programs and procedures to support and treat high performance rowers. His expertise was internationally recognised.

Dr Webb served on the FISA Medical Commission from 1985 to 2002.

SAM LE COMPTE

Sam Le Compte passed away on 12 June 2005.

Sam was an Olympic coach, mentor and most of all a good friend to many athletes, coaches and administrators within the rowing community. He was the Head Coach of rowing at the Tasmanian Institute of Sport.

Originally from New Zealand, Sam coached at national team level in his home country through to 1996, including the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. He also competed for New Zealand at the 1978 World Rowing Championships.

Following his relocation to Australia he played a key role in the preparation and success of Australian Rowing Teams from 1997–2004, guiding his crews to silver medals at the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games.

AMY GILLETT

Amy Gillett was tragically killed in a cycling accident on 19 July 2005.

Amy represented Australia at the 1993 and 1994 Junior World Championships, and won gold at both events. She went on to represent Australia at Senior World Championships level and at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

After retiring from rowing she took up cycling and was inspirational in her pursuit of excellence. Amy was an Australian champion on the track and a medallist on the road at the 2005 Australian Cycling Championships.



Around the States

Australian Capital Territory

The Committee of the ACT Rowing Association Incorporated is pleased to present its report on the Association's activities over the 2004–05 rowing season.

Members and Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association (ACTRA) Premierships Competitions

The ACTRA Committee congratulates Canberra Rowing Club for winning the aggregate point score for the Men's and Women's Premiership Competition (Bill O'Brien Shield), the Men's Premiership points score (ACTRA Premiership Pennant) and the Women's Premiership (ACTRA Women's Premiership Pennant).

Canberra Grammar School won the Schoolboys' Premiership and Black Mountain Rowing Club the Schoolgirls' Premiership.

Administration

With both the Sport's House office and the General Manager position well established, attention shifted back to the development of the Association's Strategic Plan, which was identified as an outstanding matter of high priority. Brendan Lynch was engaged to facilitate preparation of the plan and following an extensive consultation process, the final draft was launched at the AGM on 22 September.

The plan requires that detailed operational plans be developed around the four identified strategic priorities, namely:

- Sport Development;
- High Performance;
- People Development; and
- Organisational Development.

Development of operational plans must be an urgent priority if we are to get maximum benefit from the plan. Also, regular member forums will be required to monitor progress against objectives and to identify emerging challenges.

Committee

The committee met on nine occasions during the year. ACTRA has had a fairly heavy workload arising from: development of the strategic plan; the regatta planning process; and, a number of external priorities including the upgrade of the Yarramundi Reach Course and addressing proposals for use of Lake Burley Griffin by water and jet skiers.

The committee was extremely fortunate to secure the services of Alan Borger as Treasurer following the resignation of John Preston in October 2004. The Committee was grateful to John for taking over the Treasurer's position in difficult circumstances following the death of Greg Welsh in January 2004. Alan brings to the position excellent financial skills and a strong background in the sport as a representative oarsman.

Pre-Elite Grants

In 2004–05, ACTRA received \$25,000 in Australian Sports Commission funding, through Rowing Australia (RA), for ACT-based pre-elite development programs. The funds were provided to ACTRA with the express intent of supporting programs that would increase the quality and number of athletes progressing to ACTAS scholarships and national teams.

ACTRA called for funding applications from ACT clubs and ACTAS and received applications totalling \$84,000 from four clubs and ACTAS. The ACTRA Pre-Elite Grants Sub-Committee assessed all applications against the ACTRA priorities and the KPIs for the program. Prior to receiving funds, clubs and ACTAS have been required to identify the athletes and coaches being supported, and have their annual training plan signed off by the ACTAS Head Coach. All programs will be assessed against the KPIs for the pre-elite program.

Coaching Accreditation

In January 2005, RA launched the new National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) syllabus for rowing. State associations are now able to deliver the new Level 1 and Level 2 coaching courses. Level 1 has recently been delivered in the ACT at a course presented by David Butt at Black Mountain Rowing Club.

David Banks

The rowing community lost one of its strongest friends and supporters with the untimely death of Dr David Banks in the aircraft accident at Lockhart River in far north Queensland on 7 May 2005. David had made a strong contribution to the association as a rower, boat race official and supportive rowing parent at both CGS and CGGS. He was a key member of the Grammar School Rowing Club masters group which does so much to support our boat race officials and maintain the association's equipment.

ACT Academy of Sport Rowing Unit

The Rowing Unit of the ACT Academy of Sport (ACTAS) is a joint venture of the ACT Government and RA funded through broadly similar contributions from both bodies. The ACTAS program is a critical element in ACTRA's elite athlete development pathway by providing the daily training environment for the ACT's national squad athletes and identified emerging athletes (elite Under 23 and elite Junior).

ACTAS scholarships were awarded to eight athletes over the 2005 season, with a further four receiving direct support from ACTAS in the Junior Talent Search program. Five ACT athletes were awarded scholarships with the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) rowing program for the 2005 season.

ACT athletes and coaches were again prominent in 2005 national teams with ACT athletes and coaches gaining selection in the Senior Team for the World Championships in Japan, the Under 23 Team for the Under 23 World Championships in Amsterdam and the Youth World Cup in Adelaide.

The ACT and its clubs were well represented at the 2005 National Titles and Kings Cup Regatta. Several national titles were awarded to ACT rowers and their coaches. The ACT was prominent at the King's Cup Regatta with entries in seven out of eight possible events.

ACTAS has benefited from extremely dedicated volunteer coaches who have been pivotal in the success of the ACT athletes for the 2005 season. The success of the ACTAS program has been largely due to the efforts of the coaches and their work is much appreciated.

The ACTAS Rowing Program would also like to gratefully acknowledge the generous assistance received from RA, ACTRA, AIS rowing program, AIS physiology department, and the ACT Government. Without this support, along with the support and funding received from sponsors Kingston Foreshore Development and Yarralumla Bakery, ACTAS would not be able to deliver the high level of service that it does to the elite rowers and coaches in the ACT.

Masters Rowing

ACTRA was well represented at the 2005 Castaway Seaspray Australian Masters Rowing Championship held at Rockhampton. Apart from many winning individual and crew performances, ACT was successful in the Women's Interstate Quad Scull.

ACT Rowing Infrastructure

ACTRA has been engaged with the ACT Government, the National Capital Authority, the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Institute of Sport in pursuing the objective of a 2000 metre course on Yarramundi Reach. ACTRA has been advised that a decision will be reached by the end of 2005 on whether this project will proceed. Upgrading the course would greatly increase the level of amenity for ACT rowers as well as assisting our efforts to attract major events to the ACT.

Brendon Prout President

New South Wales

It is with great sorrow that I start to write this summary of the association's activities, as the duty of penning this report occurs following the passing of Dr Bill Webb, our President for such a short while. The passing of Bill will leave a hole in the sport in many areas. I personally competed against Bill back in the 60s and worked with him on many committees. My condolences are with Bill's family.

The year was demanding for all as we embarked on a particularly ambitious program of events that saw the State Championships concluded only one week prior to the hosting of the 2005 DHL Australian Rowing Championships, and culminated with some fantastic Masters regattas. The season can be regarded as one of the most successful ever. It was indicative of the growth in the sport that increases in entries were evident in every class of boat, with just under 40,000 seats entered throughout the season.

DHL 2005 Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta

The Board established an organising committee to plan and implement this project. The Australian Rowing Championships has been made a huge activity with the National Selection Trials preceding the actual regatta, which is based on essentially a volunteer resource.

The Board, Organising Committee and Team Leaders set out to "plan, produce and deliver the best Championships ever". Feedback indicates that this was achieved in all aspects, particularly in media, sponsorship and competition.

The 2005 DHL Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta attracted the largest ever number of entries, following the trend from the 2004 Australian Masters Rowing Championships regatta for entries at national level.

To the Team Leaders, and in particular Tony Brown, Phil Titterton, David Sollom and Bill Monaghan, I thank you for the quality of your input over such an extended period. Without the effort you committed and the rallying of your respective teams, an event of this scope could never be considered.

We need to review how to meet the challenge of increasing demands on volunteers in terms of organising larger events. The reality is that the volunteers upon whom the sport currently depends are over extended, and some are not getting any younger. A starting point is to see if there is a better structure for the training and organisation of officials — not only starters, umpires, judges, and time keepers, but also course marshals, regatta administrators and management. We must also continue to seek to fully utilise the best available facilities for Australian Championship regattas.

NSWIS/Development

A collaborative agreement was reached this year with the New South Wales Institute of Sport. This agreement is a joint funding arrangement to run for four years, which has allowed the appointment of a full-time Elite Development Coordinator. The successful applicant was Stani Slavova, who would be known to most members as she had previously held a part-time administrative role with the New South Wales Rowing Association (NSWRA) and prior to that a development role. We are most fortunate to have completed this agreement for the association and to have secured such a good applicant for the position.

Adaptive Rowing

Announcements were made in the past year to include adaptive rowing in the FISA World Championships and the Beijing Olympics. NSWRA has been at the forefront in this area, through financial support under the Rowing Equipment Loans Scheme (RELS) to aid purchase of equipment for The Lakes Rowers, and reaching an agreement with the Australian Paralympic Committee to support us with funding for adaptive rowing development within the state.

Committees and Commissions

Sponsorship Committee

The main focus of this group was to ensure the financial viability of the 2005 DHL Australian Rowing Championships. This was achieved and the results eclipsed all previous sponsorship projects undertaken by the association with approximately \$260,000 secured for the championships. I thank those involved in securing the following sponsors; DHL, the Department of Tourism Sport and Recreation, Mastercare, the Sydney International Regatta Centre, Coca-Cola, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Kemp Strang, Penrith Lakes Development Corporation, St George Bank, RACE 1, Perisher Blue, Konica Minolta, First Aid Australia and Gresham Partners.

Facilities Development Committee

The board of New South Wales Rowing in conjunction with this committee have embarked on significant planning and developed a Memorandum of Understanding to realise the Penrith Council dream of turning the Penrith area into the hub of rowing in the southern hemisphere.

During the reporting period the board sought professional advice through third party consultancies in three key areas; Sponsorship, Media and Waterways Access. The advice sought was instrumental in preparing submissions to the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority and to sponsors. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Honorary Solicitor, Mr Torq Murray who provides the CEO and board with advice on a range of issues with an absolute minimum of fuss.

In closing, to the internal staff, or Chief Executive Officer, David Evans, Georgie Lee and Margaret Mackenzie, I extend my personal thanks. I also thank Christine Attenborough who was with us for over 18 months and in particular for her contribution to the National Championships.

Stewart Derwin
Councillor

Queensland

Governance

2004–05 was a period of planning and restructure for Rowing Queensland Inc. (RQI), with priority given to the strategic review of all activities undertaken by the organisation and the alignment of action and strategy. The organisation's new strategic plan for 2005–07, endorsed by the management committee, focuses on developing and supporting the people in the sport in Queensland.

Financial Resources

Castaway and MPM Marketing Services have continued their support of Rowing Queensland. The rowing community in Queensland is very grateful for the support of Roger and Marjorie Morton and their family — their support made the 2005 Australian Masters Regatta and the RQI OUR SPORT OUR PEOPLE conference a great success.

The Queensland State Government reacted favourably to the new strategic direction of RQI and increased government funding by 15%. RQI is thankful for the support from the Queensland Government.

Queensland Rowing has also continued to be supported by Mitsubishi Motors Australia, Rowing Photos Australia, Bennett and Francis Surveyors and Konica Minolta.

Membership

Human Resources

In 2005, two new full-time and three new part-time staff joined the organisation. Gary Merritt was appointed to the full-time role of State Development Manager, Joanne Weaver as full-time Operations Manager and Jo Cope as part-time Administration Assistant.

To manage the expansion of rowing in regional areas, two part-time Development Officers have been appointed to the areas that have experienced the highest growth rate in the state, namely David Eade in North Queensland and Lincoln Handley in the Gold Coast region.

Communication

RQI has supported the development of, and is eagerly anticipating the 2006 release of, Rowing Australia's Rowing On-line Management System (ROMS). ROMS will underpin the strategies and methods by which membership services are supplied to Queensland.

Conference

Queensland rowing coaches and clubs are being encouraged to adopt leading industry practices to ensure the ongoing growth and development of rowing in this state. The OUR SPORT OUR PEOPLE conference (October 2005) was designed to empower and educate the rowing community in Queensland. The conference will become a biannual event and join with Rowing Australia's (RA) Coaches Conference to provide information and methods to update and upskill the Queensland rowing community.

Marketing and Promotions

March 2005 saw the development of a major state-wide public relations campaign. PADDLE OAR BLADE WEEK is a multi-sport approach to promoting participation in aquatic sports and developing public awareness of aquatic sports in the broader community. Rowing Queensland has taken a leadership role in this project and is partnering with Canoe Queensland, Surf Boat Rowers League, Queensland Dragon Boats and Queensland Outrigging.

Athlete and Coach Development

Coach Education

The change in the National Coach Accreditation Scheme provided an opportunity for RQI to alter the model of coach education delivery across the state. RQI has trained 16 presenters capable of delivering NCAS education programs. The shift away from a centralised approach provides flexibility and coverage that is required to service all areas of Queensland.

Athlete Development

A full review of Queensland's athlete and coach development process was undertaken in February 2005. As a result of recommendations from the review panel, a North, Central and South Queensland School Championship regattas series will be introduced in 2006. Additionally, a Regional Team Representative Regatta will be organised. It is anticipated that these two initiatives will create a pathway from school rowing to representative club rowing.

The Junior Elite Talent Squad (JETS) was introduced in 2005. The program is supported under the Elite Development Program funding provided by RA. Twenty males and twenty females, who will be 2005 school leavers, attended the camp. The camp activities focused on providing recognition to the athletes, testing and assessment and developing awareness of rowing opportunities for young, talented athletes post school.

Outstanding Athlete results

The highlight result of the season was the 2005 World Championship title of Hardy Cubasch and Sam Conrad (coxed by Marc Douez, VIC) in the Coxed Pair. Sally Keogh collected a bronze medal in the Women's Double Scull.

At the masters level, Queensland won the Men's Interstate Coxed Eight at the Australian Masters Regatta. The contribution of the Masters team to the overall competitive standing of the state is significant and valued.

Competition and Events

Events

The 2005 Castaway Seaspray Australian Masters Rowing Championships was conducted in Rockhampton in June. The event was a huge financial, competition and promotional success, attracting 400 athletes — representing 58 clubs — from Australia and overseas. These competitors raced in 2882 seats in 962 boats. The local community supported the event and contributed to the set-up, organisation and conduct of the event.

Regattas

Rowing Queensland sponsored a Regatta Development Workshop in December 2004. In response to the recommendations that came from this workshop, RQI will:

- Introduce a simple six regatta season, culminating in the state champs in 2006;
- Replace the status system with a score system where individuals and crews compete against crews and individuals of same ability; and
- Introduce a North Queensland regatta circuit (four regattas) based on the rowing score framework.

The ROMS system will provide the mechanism to authorise and validate entries, update an individual's rowing score and archive regatta results.

Venues

An overwhelming need to promote rowing to the greater public, to attract high profile national and international events and to direct funds away from hard assets and towards sport development are driving the push to seek a viable alternative to Wivenhoe. RQI is commissioning a consultant to undertake a full review of competition venues across the state and provide directions on the establishment of adequate facilities to service the needs of the sport for the long-term.

Richard Patterson
Councillor

South Australia

In summary, the 2004–05 domestic season has seen an excellent continuation of our on-line entry system (SARES), which enables all club/school administrators to spend more time on the active component of the sport. Consequently, rower registrations and regatta entries were the highest on record!

Facilities

Still foremost in our minds is the West Lakes rowing course refurbishment to bring it once again to international standard. The minimum requirement to regain accreditation and increase user safety is:

- A flexible and purpose-designed lane buoying system; and
- A flexible/multi-purpose starting pontoon system.

Dragon Boats, Canoe SA and the South Australian Rowing Association (SARA), with the support of the Office for Recreation & Sport, have completed a feasibility study identifying the infrastructure requirements and associated costs to regain the required standard to conduct Nationals, Rowing Australia (RA) and FISA events. The economic analysis shows that the costs to the state would be paid back over a ten year period.

Regattas

A concerted effort by all resulted in a record number of rower registrations and the highest number of regatta entries on record. A new order of events was designed to assist clubs with utilising boats and also rowers with numbers of events.

Rowers	School	Senior/Master	TOTAL
Male	541	213	754
Female	450	191	641
TOTAL	991	404	1395

This season saw the continuation of the SARES regatta management software, provided — under sponsorship — by Ebor Computing. We are very thankful to Ebor's Managing Director, Bill Cumpston for providing us with a valuable tool. We eagerly await the Rowing Online Management System (ROMS) that RA and all states are developing to assist with all aspects of regatta management.

SARA once again hosted the 2004 Australian Youth Cup Regatta. The project budget was almost \$70,000 and included providing over 30 boats for the two New

Zealand teams. Many thanks of appreciation were received from the other states for our running of this event and we pass these onto our wonderful volunteers and ever-supportive clubs.

We welcome Steve Perry as the new Regatta Commissioner and thank Craig Cox for the innovation and hard work that he has put into the role over the last three seasons and wish him all the best with his growing family and country living.

SARA Awards Night

The Awards Night was held in May at Torrens Rowing Club with an approximate attendance of 150. This reinstated event was a great success, attended by many family members and peers.

Representation

The South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) Rowing Centre of Excellence (SRCE) started in January 2005 and provides great support and a strong focus towards achieving international success in the lead up to the 2008 Olympics.

SASI coach Stani Slavova and scholarship coach Zoltan Shepherd completed their two-year contracts in June and have worked with both development and senior athletes during 2005. Six athletes and two coaches from SA were selected to the 2005 Australian Rowing Teams.

The big result for South Australia (SA) was the win in the Interstate MY8+ for the Noel F Wilkinson Trophy. Coached by Zoltan Shepherd, the crew retained many of the athletes from the winning crew at the 2004 Youth Cup Regatta and the 2005 Youth Olympics, with only a few changes to provide additional strength.

Other crews that represented SA were the Interstate WY8+ (4th), W1x (7th), M1x (2nd), ML4- (6th), M8+ (6th) and Masters W4x (6th), M4x (5th) and M8+ (5th).

Strategically, in 2005 the State Team focused on:

- A shorter selection process;
- Review of the selection policy to eliminate loop holes; and
- Youth crews.

Development

2005 was another busy year in the SARA Development Office, one in which we have promoted our sport to the wider community — through University Open Days, Health Shows, and various other avenues — and continued to develop our current rowers, clubs and schools.

GO Rowing!

We continued to run the “Try Rowing” and “Go Rowing” courses out of West Lakes, and doubled the numbers of people being introduced to rowing and learning to row.

Summer Coaching Clinics

SARA Sculling School gave scullers an opportunity to improve their sculling skills and the *Masters Coaching Clinics* ran over two weekends in January.

School Indoor Rowing

SARA, in partnership with SASI, has provided a number of schools with the opportunity to try indoor rowing. Lessons were offered, potential talent identified, and “Try Rowing” sessions offered to all who participated.

Club development — newest clubs

- *Limestone Coast Rowing Club (south east region)*;
- *Mawson Lakes Rowing Club (northern metro region)*; and
- *Port Augusta Rowing Club (northern region)*.

Talent Catch

A “Talent Catch” squad in partnership with SASI Talent Search sources young athletes with elite potential from various sources.

Adaptive Rowing

We have recently been awarded a State Government grant of \$10,000 to initiate an adaptive rowing program in South Australia.

Coach Education

National Coaches Conference

A number of SA coaches attended the National Coaches Conference in Melbourne in October 2004.

National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) Coaching Courses

SA was the first state to implement the new NCAS accreditation system, running a combined L1/L2 course.

These projects could not happen without the support of the Office for Recreation & Sport, RA, SASI, and most importantly the SA clubs, schools and members.

Hebfotos, Ebor Computing, and West End continue to provide wonderful support to our great sport — we thank them along with the myriad of volunteers who assist SARA in all facets of rowing competition and development.

Michael Eastaughffe
Councillor

Tasmania

The Tasmanian Rowing Community (TRC) mourns the passing of Peter ‘Sam’ Le Compte, our friend and Head Coach, who succumbed to the asbestos-related cancer, mesothelioma, after a courageous battle. Sam’s marvellous work with our athletes has played a large part in Tasmania’s success in recent years and will never be forgotten. We will strive to see that Sam’s legacy is perpetuated. Nana i tiki mai whaka whiti te ra.

Competition

Our domestic season was a great success, seeing good entries at all levels in our State Pennant Regattas and State Championships. North Esk Rowing Club again won our Annual Pennant and Hydro Tasmania Cup. North Esk also had the largest number of entries from any club in Australia at the 2005 Nationals at Penrith — this demonstrates the great depth at the club and is a fitting reward for their administrators and coaches.

The National Championships and Interstate Regatta at Penrith again saw an outstanding Tasmanian presence. Tasmania led the point score for the Zurich Cup until the King’s Cup, only to succumb to Victoria by one point. Simon Burgess won a record seventh Penrith Cup eclipsing his own, and Phillip Gardiner’s, previous record. Other features of the event included: Sam Beltz’s amazing five gold medals; Scott Brennan’s President’s Cup win; Dana Faletic’s courageous effort in the Nell Slatter Trophy; and, our quad leading the much-fancied South Australians for most of the race in the Victoria Cup — all wonderful highlights for Tasmanians.

Tasmania also had great success in both the Youth Olympics and the Youth Cup. In fact, Tasmania was the leading Australian state in the Rusty Robertson Cup point score, beaten only by Rusty’s home country, New Zealand.

Adaptive Rowing

Bob Blake, OAM continues to be a beacon in Tasmanian Adaptive Rowing, heading a great team of athletes, coaches and supporters that make up Disrow. The TRC honoured Bob with its “Coach of the Year Award”, reflecting the great work he has done. Bob acknowledges the invaluable support he receives from people such as Kay Suter, Southern Coordinator for Disrow, Rik Bryan, Mandy Gehrich and John Kopplemann and the many other coaches and athletes who assist. A highlight of the year was the announcement that adaptive events will be included in our Schools Rowing Calendar. Bob was also

pleased to see interstate interest in his residential camps at Lake Barrington.

A team of seven adaptive athletes and four coaches attended the National Championships at Penrith — Dominic Monypenny's performance at this event was the basis for his selection in the Australian Team to compete at the World Championships in Gifu.

Representation

Tasmania again provided a high number of Australian representatives — ten athletes, four coaches and a Team Doctor. The highlights included Dominic Monypenny's gold medal, which places him well in his lead up to the Beijing Paralympics, and Kate Hornsey's two gold medals.

Administration

The highlight of the year for the TRC was the appointment of Vicky Spencer as State Development Officer. Vicky comes to us from the United Kingdom where she held a position with the Amateur Rowing Association as a coaching development officer. Vicky's experience, enthusiasm, positive and bright approach to the job has made her a great asset to Tasmanian Rowing. Vicky has been innovative in all aspects of the job and played a large part in securing our new Junior Development Sponsorship with Hydro Tasmania. Vicky's task has been even more difficult with the passing of Sam Le Compte, however she has risen to the challenge and I am sure we will see even greater results for Tasmania in the future as a result of her excellent work.

The TRC has appointed Brian Brennan as Regatta Manager and Emma Birch as Regatta Secretary after the recent resignation of Rod Dolbel. The TRC acknowledges the magnificent job Rod has done over recent years — he has played an important part in Tasmania's success. Brian and Emma look forward to the implementation of Rowing Australia's new Rowing Online Management System (ROMS) and have been working hard at readying our system to cope with ROMS.

This year has seen long-standing TRC Councillor, Michael Goodyer, made a Life Member of the TRC in recognition of his selfless service over four decades. Mick's positive, cheerful and constructive approach to rowing administration is a fine example for us all.

Preparations are well underway for the 2006 National Championships and Interstate Regatta. Susan Stegmann and her team are working hard and we look forward to welcoming everyone to picturesque Lake Barrington in March.

Tasmanian Institute of Sport (TIS)

Everyone at the TIS will sorely miss Sam Le Compte and it is probably no accident that with Sam's encouragement, Darren Balmforth was appointed Southern Coach at the TIS. Darren has been outstanding in the position and has helped hold the fort after the enormous breach left by Sam's sudden passing. Vicky Spencer has been a great help in coordinating the TRC's work with the TIS Talent Identification Program and the TIS Target Squad development. I am sure Tasmania's success is largely due to the cooperative work with the TIS — their input filters right through Tasmanian Rowing and we thank Paul Austen and his team. The TIS also organised a trip to the Henley Royal Regatta with the assistance of sponsor Tarraleah Lodge, an exciting tourist development in the Tasmanian Highlands. The trip was an enjoyable reward for many of our elite athletes who have put in years of hard work.

Paul Christensen Councillor

Victoria

The 2004–05 year has seen Rowing Victoria (RV) embark on a number of new initiatives and make excellent progress on elements of the Strategic Plan for the period.

The Rowing Victoria Vision and Mission statements developed in 2003 were supplemented by the adoption of the following as the core values of Rowing Victoria:

- 1. Customer Service**
Rowing Victoria will engage with its customers to understand and respond to their needs to ensure ongoing service excellence.
- 2. Communication**
Rowing Victoria is committed to regular and transparent communication. Rowing Victoria expects respectful and honest dialogue to, from and between the membership and Rowing Victoria.
- 3. Integrity**
Rowing Victoria will at all times act ethically, responsibly, honestly and professionally.
- 4. Teamwork**
Rowing Victoria provides leadership and in doing so supports and recognises the roles and contributions of its coaches, competitors, officials and members in pursuit of the vision.
- 5. Excellence**
Rowing Victoria will develop and implement best practice initiatives for building a successful and enduring organisation.

Rowing Victoria spent considerable time on the priority project of developing an alternative method for the management of competition. The current structure of status grades was assessed to be extremely restrictive and by the very nature of the structure failed to allow for competitors to move down the status categories. The Rowing Victoria Score (RVS) was developed to allow competitors to move up and down through competitive grades in direct correlation to their performances. Ultimately the RVS considers age, race distance and the win frequency for determining a rower's score. We are excited by the opportunities this will bring and its implementation in the 2005–06 season.

Rowing Victoria continued to embark on a range of member services priorities under the Partnerships for Health program with VicHealth. The highlight of the year was the conduct of two Club Conferences and RV awards nights. These functions brought together clubs and schools from all over the state to participate in a

range of workshops and education sessions. We thank Zoe Ryan for her outstanding organisation and all the presenters and facilitators who assisted.

The second project is the 'Good Coxswain' program. This program is a complete education and accreditation program for coxswains. The program shall be launched in January 2006 and will encompass a range of tools to create a high level of competency on the water and ensure that we continue to manage the growth of the sport on the water in a safe manner.

In May we conducted the first of hopefully many Sykes Racing Rowing Open days across the state of Victoria. Sixteen clubs opened their doors to all-comers on May 22, offering a chance to row. The clubs were provided with a resource pack which contained posters, letterbox flyers, templates for media releases, indemnity forms, etc. We thank Sykes Racing for their support. Over 400 people rowed on the day and our clubs can't wait until 2006 so we can get more people to "have a go, have a row".

Competition remains a cornerstone of all we do and I take the opportunity to thank the Boat Race Officials and Regatta volunteers who make this all possible. We continue to recognise their valuable role through the recognition of Years of Service awards and Volunteer programs. I often wonder if the athletes have any idea of what goes on behind the scenes. I suspect not much and to this end we must continue to profile and reward all those who contribute to the professional manner in which the sport is managed at all competition venues. Well done.

Grant Cosgriff
CEO

Western Australia

State Champions

For the second consecutive year, Bunbury Rowing Club took out the Rowing WA Pennant Competition with a strong performance in all grades.

National Performance

Western Australia's rowing year got away to a good start with strong performances at the Youth Olympics in January with its Men's Team winning all but one event, finishing a close second in MLW2X. The Women's Team qualified to compete in the A finals of each event, winning a silver in the Eights.

At the Nationals, Western Australia-based crews won 15 gold, 11 silver and 11 bronze. At the Interstate Regatta, Western Australian crews won the Interstate Eight Oared Championship for the King's Cup, leading all the way, finished second in the Men's Youth Eight event and third in the Women's Eight.

Western Australia's results in women's events at the Youth Cup Regatta were a reflection of the restrictions imposed upon crew selection arising out of change of competition date from July to September. Many school coaches would not permit their rowers to make themselves available for selection because of the clash with the Schoolgirl Rowing Season which did not conclude until mid-August.

In contrast, Western Australia's male crews achieved gold in the eight, four and pair events, continuing the good form displayed at the Youth Olympics and Australian Rowing Championships regattas.

International Performance

Six athletes from Western Australia were selected to Australian Senior A crews and five athletes and one coach to the Australian Under 23 Team. The results of the team are reported elsewhere.

Rowing History

RWA stalwart, Bill Cooper OAM, has accepted the brief to write the history of rowing in Western Australia, which commenced over 150 years ago. It is timely that the history be properly recorded for posterity. Much of the history of the sport is the history of rowing clubs themselves, yet few clubs in Western Australia have compiled accurate and comprehensive records of their history.

Champion Lakes

A short ceremony was held at Champion Lakes on Sunday, 22 May 2005 to signify the completion of earthworks and the commencing of pumping water into the lakes. Through natural run off, there was sufficient water in the lakes to allow Olympic Silver Medalist, Ben Cureten, to row his single scull and be the first oarsman on the lake.

The water level of the lake reached 2.5 metres by mid-October and should be filled by the end of 2005.

Planning of landscaping and infrastructure works are well advanced and will commence in early 2006.

Despite the progress that has been made and to the frustration of many, the State Government Ministry of Sport and Recreation has still not given firm commitment to the project, pending preparation of a Management Plan for the lakes. As a consequence, RWA is currently unable to make any plans for the conduct of competitions on the lake, however, it is hoped the circumstances will be changed by mid 2006.

Western Australian Institute of Sport (WAIS)

Changes in the WAIS coaching staff saw the departure of Rhett Ayliffe to NSW and the arrival of Gonzalo Briones from NSW. Gonzalo will play a key role in the development of junior athletes including the WAIS talent identification and school programs.

Project Oarsome

Rowing WA athlete attraction and development programs have taken another step forward with the launching of Project Oarsome, a State Government funded program aimed at Year 8 to Year 10 students attending non-traditional rowing schools.

Rowing WA has secured a \$90,000 grant over three years to conduct the program, which commenced in October 2005. Participating clubs will receive grants from Rowing WA based upon the number of schools and athletes introduced into the program.

If successful, the program will attract new members to clubs and broaden the scope of the sport's talent identification activities.

Project Oarsome compliments the State High School program for Year 10 and 11 students and the Elite Athlete Program supported by Rowing WA.

Craig James
Councillor



World Championships Gifu 2005 — Medal Table

Rank	Nation	Total Gold Medals	Total Medals	Rank by total
1	AUS	4	6	=3
2	NZL	4	4	=7
3	GBR	3	5	=5
4	ITA	2	10	=1
5	USA	2	7	=2
6	FRA	2	5	=5
7	GER	1	6	=3
8	DEN	1	3	=9
9	NED	1	4	=7
10	SLO	1	2	=11
11	CAN	1	3	=9
12	BLR	1	2	=11
12	POL	1	2	=11
14	GRE	1	1	=16
14	HUN	1	1	=16
16	CZE		2	=11
17	BEL		1	=16
17	BUL		1	=16
17	CHI		1	=16
17	IRL		1	=16
17	JPN		1	=16
17	NOR		1	=16
17	POR		1	=16
17	ROM		1	=16
17	RSA		1	=16
26	RUS		2	=11
27	ESP		1	=16
27	EST		1	=16
27	FIN		1	=16



World Championships Gifu 2005 — Results by Event

W1X					W8+				
Gold	BLR	7:48.35			Gold	AUS	5:58.10		[Outhwaite, Hornsey, Martin, Heard, Mills, Chew, Selby Smith, Frasca, Patrick]
Silver	CZE	7:51.69			Silver	ROM	5:59.50		
Bronze	USA	7:52.62			Bronze	NED	5:59.61		
7th	AUS	7:47.93	[Hore]						
M1X					M8+				
Gold	NZL	7:16.42			Gold	USA	5:22.75		
Silver	NOR	7:18.34			Silver	ITA	5:24.01		
Bronze	CZE	7:21.12			Bronze	GER	5:25.66		
9th	AUS	7:04.46	[Crowshay]						
W2-					W4-				
Gold	NZL	7:43.83			Gold	AUS	6:55.56		[Hornsey, Selby Smith, Martin, Frasca]
Silver	AUS	7:47.57	[Bale, Outhwaite]		Silver	GER	7:03.24		
Bronze	RUS	7:50.07			Bronze	BLR	7:07.96		
M2-					M2+				
Gold	NZL	6:52.51			Gold	AUS	7:16.61		[Conrad, Cubasch, Douez]
Silver	RSA	6:55.52			Silver	ITA	7:23.22		
Bronze	ITA	6:57.29			Bronze	USA	7:26.22		
9th	AUS	6:49.76	[Forsterling, Ryan]						
W2X					LW1X				
Gold	NZL	7:08.03			Gold	NED	8:07.39		
Silver	BUL	7:10.92			Silver	FRA	8:10.53		
Bronze	AUS	7:22.86	[Bradley, Kehoe]		Bronze	ESP	8:12.71		
M2X					LM1X				
Gold	SLO	6:37.61			Gold	GRE	7:17.79		
Silver	ITA	6:37.96			Silver	GBR	7:23.10		
Bronze	GER	6:46.71			Bronze	FRA	7:23.97		
M4-					LM8+				
Gold	GBR	6:11.59			Gold	ITA	5:59.42		
Silver	NED	6:13.23			Silver	JPN	6:09.87		
Bronze	CAN	6:16.02							
9th	AUS	6:11.24	[Chapman, Ryan, Gatti, Stevenson]						

World Championships Gifu 2005 — Results by Event continued ...

LW2X				M4+			
Gold	GER	6:48.47		Gold	FRA	6:02.42	
Silver	USA	6:48.77		Silver	USA	6:03.44	
Bronze	FIN	6:49.02		Bronze	GER	6:06.01	
6th	AUS	7:00.10	[Houston, Fleming]				
LM2X				LM2-			
Gold	HUN	6:05.10		Gold	DEN	6:22.59	
Silver	DEN	6:05.62		Silver	CHI	6:23.31	
Bronze	POL	6:07.93		Bronze	ITA	6:25.63	
12th	AUS	6:22.02	[Wurf, Beltz]	11th	AUS	6:40.52	[Roberts, Brown]
LM4-				LW4X			
Gold	FRA	5:47.91		Gold	CAN	6:19.87	
Silver	IRL	5:49.26		Silver	DEN	6:20.69	
Bronze	ITA	5:49.30		Bronze	GBR	6:22.49	
4th	AUS	5:51.02	[Smith, McBryde, Skipworth, Gibson]				
W4X				LM4X			
Gold	GBR	6:09.59		Gold	ITA	5:44.76	
Silver	GER	6:09.93		Silver	BEL	5:46.00	
Bronze	RUS	6:12.19		Bronze	CAN	5:47.86	
M4X				LTAMX4+			
Gold	POL	5:34.96		Gold	GBR	8:12.07	
Silver	SLO	5:35.45		Silver	POR	8:22.85	
Bronze	EST	5:36.61		Bronze	NED	8:23.52	
11th	AUS	5:49.17	[Jones, Day, Morgan, Collins]				
AM1X				TA2X			
Gold	AUS	6:28.82	[Monypenny]	Gold	USA	5:03.28	
Silver	ITA	6:31.99		Silver	ITA	6:52.59	
Bronze	USA	7:08.00		Bronze	FRA	7:16.30	



International Results for Australian Teams 2005

Australian Senior World Championships Team — Results 2005

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	World Champs	Eton World Cup	Munich World Cup
M2-	FORSTERLING	Karsten	VIC	9th	DNR	DNR
	RYAN	Christian	VIC	9th	DNR	DNR
Coach	O'BRIEN	Chris	VIC			
M4-	CHAPMAN	James	NSW	9th	DNR	DNR
	RYAN	Matt	NSW	9th	DNR	DNR
	STEVENSON	Jeremy	WA	9th	DNR	DNR
	GATTI	James	WA	9th	DNR	DNR
Coach	McLAREN	Tim	NSW			
M2+	CONRAD	Sam	QLD	Gold	DNR	DNR
	CUBASCH	Hardy	QLD	Gold	DNR	DNR
Cox	DOUEZ	Marc	VIC	Gold	DNR	DNR
Coach	RICHARDSON	Brian	AIS			
M1x	CRAWSHAY	David	VIC	9th	DNR	DNR
Coach	O'BRIEN	Chris	VIC			
M4x	JONES	Craig	ACT	11th	7th	5th
	DAY	Jason	NSW	11th	7th	5th
	COLLINS	Trent	SA	11th	7th	5th
	MORGAN	Chris	SA	11th	7th	5th
Coach	RICHARDSON	Brian	AIS			
LM2x	BELTZ	Sam	TAS	12th	DNR	DNR
	WURF	Cameron	TAS	12th	DNR	DNR
Coach	DRIESSEN	John	TAS			
LM4-	GIBSON	Tom	TAS	4th	DNR	DNR
	SMITH	Tim	VIC	4th	DNR	DNR
	McBRYDE	Michael	QLD	4th	DNR	DNR
	SKIPWORTH	Todd	WA	4th	DNR	DNR
Coach	DRIESSEN	John	TAS		DNR	DNR
LM2-	ROBERTS	George	TAS	11th	DNR	DNR
	BROWN	Ross	WA	11th	DNR	DNR
Coach	DRIESSEN	John	TAS			
AM1x	MONYPENNY	Dominic	TAS	Gold	DNR	DNR
Coach	BLAKE	Robert	TAS			

Australian Senior World Championships Team — Results 2005 continued ...

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	World Champs	Eton World Cup	Munich World Cup
W8+	MILLS	Sonia	ACT	Gold	W2- 11th W8+ 4th	W2- 6th W8+ Gold
	HORNSEY	Kate	TAS	Gold	W2- 11th W8+ 4th	W2- 6th W8+ Gold
	CHEW	Fleur	VIC	Gold	W8+ 4th	W2- Bronze W8+ Gold
	HEARD	Sarah	VIC	Gold	W2- Silver W8+ 4th	W8+ Gold
	MARTIN	Emily	VIC	Gold	W2- Silver W8+ 4th	W2- Bronze W8+ Gold
	FRASCA	Pauline	VIC	Gold	W2- Bronze W8+ 4th	W2- Silver W8+ Gold
	SELBY SMITH	Robyn	VIC	Gold	W2- Bronze W8+ 4th	W2- Silver W8+ Gold
	OUTHWAITE	Sarah	WA	Gold	W8+ 4th	W8+ Gold
Cox	PATRICK	Elizabeth	VIC	Gold	W8+ 4th	W8+ Gold
Coach	McCARTHY	Lyall	AIS			
Coach	TAIT	Bill	VIC			
W2x	BRADLEY	Amber	WA	Bronze	Bronze	Silver
	KEHOE	Sally	QLD	Bronze	Bronze	Silver
Coach	McCARTHY	Lyall	AIS			
W1x	HORE	Kerry	TAS	7th	DNR	DNR
Coach	BALMFORTH	Darren	TAS			
Coach	McCARTHY	Lyall	AIS			
LW2x	HOUSTON	Marguerite	SA	6th	DNR	DNR
	FLEMING	Kirsty	TAS	6th	DNR	DNR
Coach	SHEPHERD	Zoltan	SA			
W2-	OUTHWAITE	Sarah	WA	Silver	W2- Gold	DNR
	BALE	Natalie	WA	Silver	W2- Gold	DNR
Coach	McCARTHY	Lyall	AIS			
Coach	TAIT	Bill	VIC			
W4-	HORNSEY	Kate	TAS	Gold	DNR	DNR
	SELBY SMITH	Robyn	VIC	Gold	DNR	DNR
	MARTIN	Emily	VIC	Gold	DNR	DNR
	FRASCA	Pauline	VIC	Gold	DNR	DNR
Coach	McCARTHY	Lyall	AIS			
Coach	TAIT	Bill	VIC			
Reserve	BAXTER	Nick	NSW			

Australian Junior World Championships Team — Results 2005

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	World Champs
JM4-	HEFFER	Andrew	NSW	8th
	ESTENS	Mitchell	NSW	8th
	CONOLLY	Andrew	NSW	8th
	GIRDLESTONE	Cameron	NSW	8th
Coach	MITCHELMORE	Damien	NSW	
JM2-	LAW	Harrison	QLD	9th
	SMITH	Michael	QLD	9th
Coach	SERVICE	Andrew	QLD	
JM2x	BOLT	Matthew	SA	10th
	McRAE	James	SA	10th
Coach	MOBBS	Ronald	SA	
JW1x	WALTERS	Charlotte	TAS	9th
Coach	NEWBON	Paul	TAS	
JW2x	HAWE	Sarah	VIC	5th
	THOMAS	Rachel	VIC	5th
Coach	TERRELL	Brenton	VIC	

Australian Under 23 World Championships Team — Results 2005

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	World Champs	Lucerne World Cup
BLM4x	RITCHIE	Chris	ACT	5th	7th
	McLEOD	Hugh	NSW	5th	7th
	SHARP	Howard	VIC	5th	7th
	ZULSDORF	Cade	WA	5th	7th
Coach	BOURGUIGNON	Phil	AIS		
BM8+	ALLSOP	Ian	NSW	8th	8th
	PRAGNELL	Fergus	NSW	8th	8th
	HARPER	Sebastian	QLD	8th	8th
	KOLB	Graham	QLD	8th	8th
	NELSON	David	QLD	8th	8th
	RIDDELL	Chris	VIC	8th	8th
	FLETCHER	Steven	WA	8th	8th
	JENKE	Brenton	WA	8th	8th
Cox	DEVESON	Tim	VIC	8th	8th
Coach	RANDELL	Andrew	NSW		
BM4x	WILSON	Andrew	NSW	9th	10th
	RENTON	Sam	QLD	9th	10th
	MALES	Anthony	TAS	9th	10th
	KELLY	David	WA	9th	10th
Coach	LANE	Jason	WA		
BLM4-	CROUCH	James	ACT	9th	14th
	WILCOX	Mack	ACT	9th	14th
	CARTER	Alistair	VIC	9th	14th
	FAHY	Josh	VIC	9th	14th
Coach	MacKENZIE	Andrew	ACT		

Australian Under 23 World Championships Team — Results 2005 continued ...

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	World Champs	Lucerne World Cup
BW2x	KELLY	Tara	QLD	Silver	8th
	McRAE	Anna	SA	Silver	8th
Coach	HANDLEY	Lincoln	QLD		
BLW2x	McNAMARA	Alice	VIC	Bronze	17th
	HUSTON	Jessica	WA	Bronze	17th
Coach	DOLPHIN	Tim	VIC		
BW4-	COOK	Sarah	ACT	6th	5th
	HUNTLEY	Tara	ACT	6th	5th
	GRAY	Katelyn	NSW	6th	5th
	NAUGHTON	Annika	WA	6th	5th
Coach	MARCKS	Gordon	ACT		
BW2-	KING	Alice	VIC	7th	9th
	McCARTHY	Sassi	VIC	7th	9th
Coach	ACTON	John	VIC		
BW4x	BROWN	Suzanne	QLD	9th	9th
	BROWN	Kim	QLD	9th	9th
	BROWN	Liz	QLD	9th	9th
	SZATSZNAJDER	Lisa	VIC	9th	9th
Coach	DRAYDON	Ned	QLD		



Australian National Championships and Interstate Regatta Results

Event 1

Under 23 Women's Single Scull 7:54.39
Murray Bridge Rowing Club
Anna McRae
Coach: Stani Slavova

Event 2

Open Women's Single Scull 7:38.20
University of Queensland Boat Club/Australian Institute of Sport
Sally Kehoe
Coach: Lyall McCarthy

Event 3

Under 23 Men's Single Scull 7:11.71
University of Queensland Boat Club
Sam Renton
Coach: Joe Rodrigues

Event 4

Open Men's Single Scull 7:01.38
Mercantile Rowing Club/Victorian Institute of Sport
David Crawshaw
Coaches: Chris O'Brien/Tom Courtney

Event 5

Under 23 Women's Pair 7:39.08
UTS Rowing Club
Verena Stocker, Katelyn Gray
Coach: Ellen Randell

Event 6

Open Women's Pair 7:21.54
Swan River Rowing Club/Western Australian Institute of Sport
Sarah Outhwaite, Natalie Bale
Coaches: Jason Lane/Antonio Maurogiovanni

Event 7

Under 23 Men's Pair 6:44.12
Sydney University Boat Club
Fergus Pragnell, Ian Allsop
Coach: Andrew Randell

Event 8

Open Men's Pair 6:37.91
University of Queensland Boat Club
Hardy Cubasch, Sam Conrad
Coach: Tim Conrad

Event 9

Under 23 Women's Lightweight Single Scull
UWA Boat Club/Western Australian Institute of Sport
Jess Huston
Coach: Jason Lane

Event 10

Open Women's Lightweight Single Scull 7:51.61
Adelaide University Boat Club
Marguerite Houston
Coach: Adrian David

Event 11

Under 23 Men's Lightweight Single Scull 7:21.54
ANA Rowing Club
Cade Zulsdorf
Coach: Jason Lane

Event 12

Open Men's Lightweight Single Scull 7:16.40
Lindisfarne Rowing Club
Sam Beltz
Coach: John Driessen

Event 13

Under 23 Men's Lightweight Pair 7:05.79
ANU Boat Club/ACT Academy of Sport
Mack Wilcox, James Crouch
Coach: Andrew McKenzie

Event 14

Open Men's Lightweight Pair 6:53.04
Huon Rowing Club/Swan River Rowing Club
Tom Gibson, Ben Cureton
Coaches: John Driessen/Antonio Maurogiovanni

Event 15

Under 17 Women's Single Scull 8:25.57
University of Queensland Boat Club
Erin Huttenmeister
Coach: Ned Draydon

Event 16

Under 19 Women's Single Scull 8:08.55
Huon Rowing Club
Charlotte Walters
Coaches: Paul Newbon/Geer Wells

Australian National Championships and Interstate Regatta Results continued ...

Event 17

Under 19 Women's Pair 8:06.10
Adelaide University Boat Club
Brie Salagaras, Laura Osti
Coaches: Dave Cornelius/Christine MacLaren

Event 18

Under 17 Men's Coxed Quad Scull 6:47.04
Rockhampton Grammar School/Somerset College
Stuart Bentley, Mathew Toop, Sasha Belonoboff, David
Blank, Cox: Lewis Neal
Coaches: Alan Bromiley/Roger Thomasson

Event 19

Under 19 Men's Quad Coxless Scull 6:22.75
ECU Perth Rowing Club/Bunbury Rowing Club/UWA
Boat Club
Rhys Grant, Adam Seroka, Jeremy Ellis, Robert
Alderman
Coach: Rhett Ayliffe

Event 20

Under 23 Men's Double Scull 6:34.48
Swan River Rowing Club/Western Australian Institute
of Sport
David Kelly, James Gatti
Coach: Jason Lane

Event 21

Open Men's Double Scull 6:27.46
Lindisfarne Rowing Club/Tamar Rowing Club
Brendan Long, Scott Brennan
Coaches: Sam Le Compte/Darren Balmforth

Event 22

Under 23 Women's Double Scull 7:21.03
Adelaide University Boat Club/Murray Bridge Rowing
Club
Stephanie Monson, Rhiannon Hughes
Coach: Stani Slavova

Event 23

Under 17 Women's Coxed Quad Scull 7:38.64
Commercial Rowing Club
Becky Norton, Hannah O'Loughlin, Clare Gilbride,
Rebecca Cuss, Cox: Sophie Woods
Coach: Chris Woods

Event 24

Under 19 Women's Quad Coxless Scull 7:08.45
ECU Perth Rowing Club/Swan River Rowing Club/
UWA Boat Club
Libby Alderman, Chloe Smith, Georgia Baker, Caitlin
Trumble
Coaches: Rhett Ayliffe/Mike Quinn

Event 25

Under 17 Men's Single Scull 7:39.78
Sydney Rowing Club
Kurt Spencer
Coach: Phil Cayzer

Event 26

Under 19 Men's Single Scull 7:15.99
Murray Bridge Rowing Club
James McRae
Coaches: Ron Mobbs/Zoltan Shepherd

Event 27

Under 19 Men's Pair 7:03.73
University of Queensland Boat Club
Tom Fleming, Harrison Law
Coach: Joe Rodrigues

Event 28

Open Women's Double Scull 7:04.96
ECU Perth Rowing Club/University of Queensland
Boat Club/Australian Institute of Sport
Amber Bradley, Sally Kehoe
Coach: Lyall McCarthy

Event 29

Under 17 Women's Double Scull 7:38.39
Capital Lakes Rowing Club/ACT Academy of Sport
Christabelle Northam, Emma Cook
Coaches: Gordon Marcks/Dafydd Gwynn-Jones

Event 30

Under 19 Women's Double Scull 7:30.54
Leichardt Rowing Club
Alexandra Handley, Tess Gerrand
Coaches: Gillian Campbell/Mark Campbell

Event 31

Under 19 Women's Coxless Four 7:30.99
Torrens Rowing Club/Murray Bridge Rowing Club
Kate Hollingworth, Emma Swar, Annelise Johnston,
Jessica McRae
Coaches: Stani Slavova/Ron Mobbs

Australian National Championships and Interstate Regatta Results continued ...

Event 32

Under 23 Women's Lightweight Double Scull 7:19.07
Torrens Rowing Club/Mercantile Rowing Club
Sarah-Jane Blunt, Maja Fiddler
Coaches: Stani Slavova/David Colvin

Event 33

Open Women's Lightweight Double Scull 7:21.31
Adelaide University Boat Club/Huon Rowing Club
Kirsty Fleming, Marguerite Houston
Coach: Adrian David

Event 34

Under 23 Men's Lightweight Double Scull 6:39.93
ANA Rowing Club/Western Australian Institute of Sport
Cade Zulsdorf, Perrin Franks
Coach: Jason Lane

Event 35

Open Men's Lightweight Double Scull 6:44.02
Lindisfarne Rowing Club
Cameron Wurf, Sam Beltz
Coaches: John Driessen/Darren Balmforth

Event 36

Under 19 Men's Double Scull 6:34.31
Murray Bridge Rowing Club/Adelaide University Boat Club
Matt Bolt, James McRae
Coaches: Ron Mobbs/Zoltan Shepherd

Event 37

Under 17 Men's Double Scull 6:53.84
Bunbury Rowing Club
Reece Gelmi, Alex Watson
Coaches: Jamie Jones/John Seroka

Event 38

Under 19 Men's Coxless Four 6:35.28
Sydney University Boat Club
Asher Hammond, Andrew Heffer, Mitchell Estens,
Cameron Girdlestone
Coach: Marty Rabjohns

Event 39

Under 23 Women's Coxless Four 6:50.46
Swan River Rowing Club/ECU Perth Rowing Club/
Western Australian Institute of Sport
Karolina Hayes, Annika Naughton, Sarah Outhwaite,
Natalie Bale
Coaches: Jason Lane/Antonio Maurogiovanni

Event 40

Under 23 Men's Coxless Four 6:18.31
Sydney University Boat Club
Patrick Wilson, Christopher Clyne, Fergus Pragnell, Ian
Allsop
Coach: Andrew Randell

Event 41

Under 23 Men's Lightweight Coxless Four 6:26.01
Sydney University Boat Club/ANU Boat Club/ACT
Academy of Sport
Joe Power, James Crouch, Mack Wilcox, Harry Horwitz-
Rourke
Coaches: Marty Rabjohns/Andrew McKenzie

Event 42

Open Men's Lightweight Coxless Four 6:17.05
Swan River Rowing Club/ANA Boat Club/Western
Australian Institute of Sport
Tristan Barnes, Cade Zulsdorf, Ben Cureton, Todd
Skipworth
Coach: Antonio Maurogiovanni

Event 43

Under 19 Women's Eight 6:50.12
Leichardt Rowing Club
Jennifer Kirkwood, Kristina Scott, Freya Mulvey, Chloe
O'Regan, Alicia Boehm, Samantha Neal, Philippa Henty,
Chloe Nicholls, Cox: Jennifer Monaghan
Coaches: Mark Campbell/Gill Campbell

Event 44

Open Men's Coxless Four 6:00.71
University of Queensland Boat Club
Craig Dorrstein, David Galley, Hardy Cubasch, Sam
Conrad
Coach: Tim Conrad

Event 45

Under 23 Men's Coxed Four 6:32.54
Sydney University Boat Club
Will Townsend, Murdoch Gatti, Edward Boyce, Terrence
Alfred, Cox: Toby Lister
Coach: Marty Rabjohns

Event 46

Under 19 Men's Coxed Four 6:36.34
University of Queensland Boat Club
Charles Ohtomo, Jared Bidwell, Tom Fleming, Harrison
Law, Cox: Nick Phipps
Coach: Joe Rodrigues

Australian National Championships and Interstate Regatta Results continued ...

Event 47

Open Women's Lightweight Quad Scull 6:46.10
Adelaide University Boat Club/Huon Rowing Club/
University of Queensland Boat Club
Jacqui Bain, Kirsty Fleming, Alison Scobbie, Marguerite
Houston
Coach: Adrian David

Event 48

Open Men's Lightweight Quad Scull 6:26.10
Lindisfarne Rowing Club/Glenorchy Rowing Club/
Huon Rowing Club
Jason Harvey, Shaun Finlayson, Cameron Wurf, Sam
Beltz
Coach: John Driessen

Event 49

Under 23 Women's Quad Scull 6:40.25
University of Queensland Boat Club/Tweed Heads
Rowing Club/Queensland Academy of Sport
Roxy Botha, Liz Brown, Tara Kelly, Suzanne Brown
Coach: Ned Draydon

Event 50

Open Women's Quad Scull 6:28.69
Mercantile Rowing Club/Canberra Rowing Club/ECU
Perth Rowing Club/University of Queensland Boat
Club/Australian Institute of Sport
Robyn Selby Smith, Sonia Mills, Amber Bradley, Sally
Kehoe
Coach: Llyall McCarthy

Event 51

Under 23 Men's Quad Scull 6:05.83
Swan River Rowing Club/ECU Perth Rowing Club/
Western Australian Institute of Sport
Steven Fletcher, Brenton Jenke, Jeremy Ellis, David Kelly
Coaches: Jason Lane/Rhett Ayliffe

Event 52

Open Men's Quad Scull 5:51.52
ANU Boat Club/Mercantile Rowing Club/Canberra
Rowing Club/Australian Institute of Sport
Ben Southwell, Alister Taylor, Craig Jones, Henry
Gundry
Coaches: Reinhold Batschi/Phillip Bourguignon

Event 53

Under 23 Men's Eight 5:49.02
Sydney University Boat Club
Damon Hietbrink, Andrew Wilson, Will Chambers,
Christopher Clyne, Patrick Wilson, Matthew Ryan,
Fergus Pragnell, Ian Allsop, Cox: Toby Lister
Coaches: Andrew Randell/Marty Rabjohns

Event 54

Under 19 Men's Eight 6:02.83
Scotch College Victoria
Jonathan Day, Jason Speck, William Lockwood,
Michael Stelle, James Adams, Simon Booth, Matthew
Hildebrandt, Angus Tyers, Cox: Benjamin Bailey
Coach: Jeff Watts

Event 55

Open Women's Coxless Four 6:43.68
Mercantile Rowing Club/Melbourne University Boat
Club/Wendouree Ballarat Rowing Club
Pauline Frasca, Sarah Heard, Emily Martin, Fleur Chew

Event 56

Open Men's Coxed Four 6:19.50
Swan River Rowing Club
James Gatti, Jeremy Stevenson, Mario Palmisano, Peppe
Devita, Cox: Matthew Higgins

Event 57

Open Men's Lightweight Eight 5:49.70
Huon Rowing Club/North Esk Rowing Club/
Lindisfarne Rowing Club
Sam Waley, Sam Beltz, Cameron Wurf, Wes Young,
Deon Birtwistle, Tom Gibson, George Roberts, Simon
Burgess, Cox: Graham Wertheimer
Coach: John Driessen

Event 58

Open Women's Eight 6:20.24
Mercantile Rowing Club/Wendouree Ballarat Rowing
Club
Emma Wawn, Alison Withers, Rachael Skevington,
Sarah Forbes, Emily Martin, Fleur Chew, Pauline Frasca,
Robyn Selby Smith, Cox: Kate Fitzgibbon
Coaches: Bill Tait/David Ochert

Event 59

Under 23 Women's Lightweight Quad Scull 6:49.24
Melbourne University Boat Club/Mercantile Rowing Club
Heidi Wilson, Andrea Dixon, Sally Muir, Sarah-Jane
Blunt
Coach: Tim Dolphin

Australian National Championships and Interstate Regatta Results continued ...

Event 60

Adaptive Men's Fixed Seat Single Scull Category 1A
2:50.61
Tamar Rowing Club
Dominic Monypenny
Coach: Bob Blake

Event 62

Adaptive Men's Sliding Seat Single Scull Category 1B
2:51.94
Reeconian Rowing Club
Andrew Alder
Coach: Bob Blake

Event 64

Adaptive Men's Sliding Seat Single Scull Category 2A
5:16.97
Sandy Bay Rowing Club
Alistair Chong

Event 66

Adaptive Men's Conventional Single Scull Category 2B
4:05.35
Murray Bridge Rowing Club
Sam Redding
Coaches: Mike Thiele/Ron Mobbs

Event 67

Adaptive Women's Conventional Single Scull Category
2B 4:40.86
Lakes Rowers
Julia Veness-Collins
Coach: Roxanne Vines

Event 68

Adaptive Men's Conventional Double Scull Category 3
3:38.63
Murray Bridge Rowing Club
Michael Wegener, Sam Redding
Coaches: Mike Thiele/Ron Mobbs

Event 69

Adaptive Women's Conventional Double Scull Category
3 4:11.70
Lakes Rowers
Julia Veness-Collins, Sue Wannan
Coach: Roxanne Vines

Event 70

Adaptive Mixed Gender Conventional Coxed Four
4:02.13
Lakes Rowers
Ben Felten, Gene Barrett, Ben Vines, Julia Veness-
Collins, Cox: Susie Edwards
Coaches: Grant Davis/Roxanne Vines

Event 71

Schoolgirl Single Scull 8:13.72
St Michael's Collegiate
Charlotte Walters
Coach: Paul Newbon

Event 72

Schoolboy Single Scull 7:32.08
Bunbury Catholic College
Adam Seroka
Coach: John Seroka/Jamie Jones

Event 73

Schoolgirl Coxed Four 7:39.87
Ballarat and Clarendon College
Simone Scott, Courtney Walker, Jess McIver, Cass
Hobbs, Cox: Kate Watson
Coach: Bruce Sarah

Event 74

Schoolboy Coxed Four 6:39.14
Ballarat Grammar
James Armstrong, Jeremy Zehnwirth, John Dorning,
Thomas Swann, Cox: Lachlan Millar
Coach: Barry Halsall

Event 75

Schoolgirl Coxed Quad Scull 7:26.98
Sacred Heart College
Madeleine Jackman, Rebecca Reivers, Anna Teague,
Caitlin Grace, Cox: Melanie Saric
Coach: Stuart Wilson

Event 76

Schoolboy Coxed Quad Scull 6:43.06
Shore School
James Reeves, Nicholas Clydsdale, Anthony Maslen,
Christopher Hannibal, Cox: Charles Thompson
Coach: David Jennings

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Event 77

Schoolboy Under 17 Eight 6:19.03
Scotch College Victoria
Lincoln Phillips, Martin Lipshut, Peter Cooper, Stuart Alexander, Jonno Lindsay, John Syme, Alistair Mealin, Lachlan McKenzie, Cox: Will Dungey

Event 78

Schoolgirl Eight 6:49.32
Pymble Ladies College
Jennifer Kirkwood, Kristina Scott, Freya Mulvey, Chloe O'Regan, Alicia Boehm, Tess Gerrand, Alexandra Handley, Chloe Nicholls, Cox: Jennifer Monaghan
Coaches: Gillian Campbell/Mark Campbell

Event 79

Schoolboy Eight 5:58.04
St Joseph's College
Edward McGroder, Andrew Stott, Thomas Ing, David Neuhaus, Benjamin Tyrrell, Cade Turland, James Monaghan, Patrick McCutcheon, Cox: Anthony Sarks
Coaches: Michael Morgan/Damien Mitchelmore

Event 80

Interstate Women's Single Scull 7:36.42
Queensland
Sally Kehoe
Coach: Lyall McCarthy

Event 81

Interstate Men's Single Scull 7:01.04
Tasmania
Scott Brennan

Event 82

Interstate Women's Lightweight Quad Scull 6:45.07
Victoria
Sarah-Jane Blunt, Sally Muir, Regina Kennedy, Alison Withers
Coach: Tim Dolphin

Event 83

Interstate Men's Lightweight Coxless Four 6:09.72
Tasmania
Tom Gibson, Simon Burgess, Cameron Wurf, Sam Beltz
Coach: John Driessen

Event 84

Interstate Women's Youth Eight 6:26.48
Victoria
Sarah Lazar, Sarah Hawe, Georgie Harvey, Nicole Payne, Katie Minogue, Lisa Szatszajdser, Ronnie Smith, Phoebe Stanley, Cox: Nicole Hirst
Coaches: Connie Vanderverp/Cam Muir

Event 85

Interstate Men's Youth Eight 5:44.22
South Australia
Edward Kinnear, Nick Andrew, Bryn Coudray, Brad Spiel, James McRae, Mitchell Oliver, Jarrad Schar, Mathew Bolt, Cox: Nicholas Guilianetti
Coach: Zoltan Shepherd

Event 86

Interstate Women's Eight 6:12.93
Victoria
Emma Wawn, Sarah Forbes, Siska Concannon, Robyn Selby Smith, Emily Martin, Fleur Chew, Pauline Frasca, Sarah Heard, Cox: Lizzy Patrick
Coach: Bill Tait

Event 87

Interstate Men's Eight 5:35.31
Western Australia
Todd Skipworth, Ben Cureton, Steven Fletcher, Jeremy Stevenson, Mario Palmisano, Brenton Jenke, James Gatti, Peppe Devita, Cox: Patrick Riley
Coach: Antonio Maurogiovanni

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ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

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ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

STATEMENT TO MEMBERS

In the opinion of the Board of Rowing Australia Inc.

- a) Rowing Australia Inc. is not a reporting entity;
- b) The financial statements consisting of the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements are drawn up so as to present fairly the financial position of Rowing Australia Inc. at 30 June 2005 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and are in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and comply with the provisions of the Constitution; and
- c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that Rowing Australia Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Rowing Australia Inc.



PATRICK McNAMARA
President



PETER CRAWFORD
Director of Finance

9 October 2005

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

STATEMENT BY PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I, Andrew Dee, being the person responsible for the preparation of the attached financial statements of Rowing Australia Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2005, state that to the best of my knowledge and belief such financial statements present fairly the financial position of Rowing Australia Inc. at 30 June 2005, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and are in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the provisions of the Constitution.



ANDREW DEE
Chief Executive Officer

9 October 2005

Independent audit report to members of Rowing Australia Inc.

Scope

The financial report and committee of managements' responsibility

The financial report is a special purpose financial report and comprises the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the statement to the members for Rowing Australia Inc. (the "association"), for the year ended 30 June 2005.

The association's committee of management is responsible for preparing a financial report that presents fairly the financial position and performance of the association. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report. The committee of management has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act ACT and the association's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee of management's financial reporting requirements under the Associations Incorporation Act ACT and the association's constitution. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report 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.

Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the association. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies in Note 1 to the financial statements, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- assessing the appropriateness of the disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the committee of management.

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While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

We performed procedures to assess whether the substance of business transactions was accurately reflected in the financial report. These and our other procedures did not include consideration or judgement of the appropriateness or reasonableness of the business plans or strategies adopted by the committee of management of the association.

Independence

We are independent of the association, and have met the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Rowing Australia Inc. presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2005, and of its financial performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

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Ernst & Young

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Daniel Cunningham
Partner
Sydney
9 October 2005

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	Notes	2005 \$	2004 \$
REVENUES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2	<u>4,490,440</u>	<u>4,157,245</u>
Administration expenses & cost of goods sold		575,318	560,143
Competition expenses		62,959	39,946
Development expenses & cost of goods sold		128,270	76,815
High performance expenses		<u>3,721,615</u>	<u>3,408,148</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE		2,278	72,193
INCOME TAX EXPENSE RELATING TO ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	1(c)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER INCOME TAX EXPENSE		<u>2,278</u>	<u>72,193</u>
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS		<u>2,278</u>	<u>72,193</u>
TOTAL REVENUES, EXPENSES AND VALUATION ADJUSTMENTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF ROWING AUSTRALIA INC. AND RECOGNISED DIRECTLY IN EQUITY		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL CHANGES IN EQUITY OTHER THAN THAT RESULTING FROM TRANSACTIONS WITH OWNERS AS OWNERS	13	<u>2,278</u>	<u>72,193</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 June 2005

	Notes	2005 \$	2004 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	3	980,076	294,591
Receivables	4	85,788	99,567
Inventories	5	28,305	44,367
Prepayments	6	343,126	866,796
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,437,295	1,305,321
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	7	33,732	53,085
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		33,732	53,085
TOTAL ASSETS		1,471,027	1,358,406
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors	8	1,169,940	1,058,519
Provisions	9	44,235	30,941
Borrowings	10	15,607	14,372
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,229,782	1,103,832
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings	11	23,272	38,879
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		23,272	38,879
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,253,054	1,142,711
NET ASSETS		217,973	215,695
EQUITY			
Retained Profits	13	217,973	215,695

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	Notes	2005 \$ Inflows/ (Outflows)	2004 \$ Inflows/ (Outflows)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from organisations and persons		1,109,570	907,514
Payments to organisations and persons		(3,933,369)	(4,545,977)
Grants received		3,488,345	3,363,120
Interest received		35,311	31,633
NET CASH INFLOWS/(OUTFLOWS)/ FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	12	<u>699,857</u>	<u>(243,710)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for equipment		-	(54,056)
NET CASH INFLOWS/(OUTFLOWS)/ FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>(54,056)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from Borrowings		-	59,461
Repayment of Borrowings		(14,372)	(6,210)
Loan to Olympic Boat Fleet Trust		-	(9,282)
Repayment from Olympic Boat Fleet Trust		-	200
NET CASH (OUTFLOWS)/INFLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		<u>(14,372)</u>	<u>44,169</u>
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		<u>685,485</u>	<u>(253,597)</u>
CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>294,591</u>	<u>548,188</u>
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	3	<u>980,076</u>	<u>294,591</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of Rowing Australia Inc. have been prepared as a Special Purpose Financial Report for use by the Board and members of Rowing Australia Inc. to fulfil the Board's responsibility under the Constitution to prepare a financial report. The financial report has been prepared on the basis that Rowing Australia Inc. is not a reporting entity because there are unlikely to be any other users of the financial report.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all Australian Accounting Standards, with the following exceptions:

AASB 1005	Segment Reporting
AASB 1024	Consolidated Accounts
AASB 1028	Employee Benefits
AASB 1033	Presentation and Disclosure of Financial Instruments
AASB 1034	Financial Report Presentation and Disclosures
AASB 1041	Revaluation of Non-Current Assets
AASB 1047	Disclosing the Impacts of Adopting Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

(b) Basis of Accounting

The financial report has been prepared on the basis of historical costs.

(c) Income Tax

Rowing Australia Inc. is an exempt body under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(d) Depreciation

Depreciation in respect of all fixed assets is calculated so as to write off the cost of each asset over its effective useful life.

Major depreciation periods are:

	2005	2004
• Office & Computer Equipment	2-5 years	2-5 years
• Rowing Regatta Equipment	2-3 years	2-3 years

(e) Cash Flows

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and at bank, deposits at call and cash cards.

(f) Accounting Period

These financial statements are for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005.

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

g) Inventories

Inventories include promotional & coaching merchandise and other apparel and are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

(h) Recognition of Income

All revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity and the revenue can be reliably measured.

(i) Translation of Foreign Currency Transactions

All foreign currency transactions in relation to Rowing Australia Inc. operations have been converted to \$AUD at the rate of exchange applicable at the time of the transaction. The balance of funds held overseas at balance date is reflected in the financial statements in \$AUD converted at the rate applicable at 30 June 2005.

(j) Comparative Amounts

Comparative figures represent the period 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004. Comparative information is reclassified where appropriate to enhance comparability.

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
2. OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)		
Included in the operating profit/(loss) are the following revenues arising from operating activities:		
ASC Grants - High Performance	3,070,000	3,070,000
ASC Grants - Sport Development	80,000	80,000
ASC Grants - Other	-	68,120
AOC Grants	338,345	145,000
International Competition Contributions	659,151	544,895
Boat Sales & Gift	-	2,727
Sponsorship Income	26,667	28,182
Other Income	30,383	28,693
Interest Received	35,311	31,633
Affiliation Fees	91,240	90,712
National Championship Fees & Levies	25,182	21,770
Sales Income	41,390	33,553
Conference Income	82,012	-
Accreditation Fees & Education Income	10,759	11,960
	<u>4,490,440</u>	<u>4,157,245</u>
The operating profit/(loss) before income tax is arrived at after charging the following items:		
Audit fees - audit of financial statements	9,105	8,825
Bad debts	528	12,940
Depreciation of non-current assets	19,353	13,611
Interest paid - other corporations	4,145	5,505
	<u>4,135</u>	<u>30,881</u>
3. CASH		
National Australia Bank Limited	880,192	214,960
UBS AG	70,530	79,031
Travelex cash cards	27,261	-
Foreign currency float	1,793	-
Cash on hand	300	600
	<u>980,076</u>	<u>294,591</u>
Total Cash	<u>980,076</u>	<u>294,591</u>

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
4. RECEIVABLES		
Accounts Receivable	75,641	60,198
Less: Provision for Doubtful debts	(500)	(500)
Amount due from Olympic Boat Fleet Trust	9,182	9,182
Other Receivables	<u>1,465</u>	<u>30,687</u>
Total Receivables	<u>85,788</u>	<u>99,567</u>
5. INVENTORIES		
Coaching Merchandise	9,423	14,771
Promotional Merchandise	14,964	19,059
Olympic Games Tickets	-	10,537
Other Apparel	<u>3,918</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Inventories	<u>28,305</u>	<u>44,367</u>
6. PREPAYMENTS		
International Competition Expenses	320,619	842,392
Other	<u>22,507</u>	<u>24,404</u>
Total Prepayments	<u>343,126</u>	<u>866,796</u>
7. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Office Equipment - at cost	65,483	65,483
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(31,751)</u>	<u>(12,398)</u>
	<u>33,732</u>	<u>53,085</u>
Rowing & Regatta Equipment - at cost	-	9,955
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,955)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>33,732</u>	<u>53,085</u>

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
8. CREDITORS		
Income Received in Advance - International Competition	312,120	165,760
Income Received in Advance – Sponsorship	30,000	4,167
Income Received in Advance – ASC	250,000	250,000
Income Received in Advance – AOC	85,500	142,500
Income Received in Advance - 2005 Youth Olympic Festival	-	2,386
Income Received in Advance – AIS	30,000	-
Income Received in Advance - Coaches Conference	-	13,800
Trade Creditors	98,711	151,512
GST Payable	22,021	30,338
Accrued Expenses	27,123	8,500
Other Amounts Payable	25,010	101
Amounts Payable to AIRF	289,455	289,455
	<u>1,169,940</u>	<u>1,058,519</u>
Total Creditors		
9. PROVISIONS		
Provision for Annual Leave	44,235	28,441
Provision for FBT	-	2,500
	<u>44,235</u>	<u>30,941</u>
Total Provisions		
10. BORROWINGS		
CURRENT		
National Australia Bank Limited	<u>15,607</u>	<u>14,372</u>
Total Current Borrowings	<u>15,607</u>	<u>14,372</u>
11. BORROWINGS		
NON-CURRENT		
National Australia Bank Limited	<u>23,272</u>	<u>38,879</u>
Total Non-Current Borrowings	<u>23,272</u>	<u>38,879</u>

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

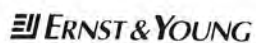
	2005	2004
	\$	\$
12. CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Reconciliation of net cash from operating activities to operating profit/(loss) after income tax:		
Net Operating profit/(loss) after income tax	2,278	72,193
Depreciation	19,353	13,611
	<u>21,631</u>	<u>85,804</u>
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(Increase) in Receivables	13,779	207,871
Decrease/(Increase) in Inventories	16,062	(21,678)
Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments	523,670	(242,912)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	111,421	(288,152)
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	13,294	15,357
	<u>699,857</u>	<u>(243,710)</u>
13. RESERVES AND RETAINED PROFITS		
RETAINED PROFITS		
Balance at the beginning of the year	215,695	143,502
Net profit/(loss) attributable to members of Rowing Australia Inc.	2,278	72,193
	<u>217,973</u>	<u>215,695</u>
14. FUTURE COMMITMENTS		
Payable within 1 year	18,379	18,379
Payable within 2 years	24,288	18,379
Payable within 3 years	-	24,288
	<u>42,667</u>	<u>61,046</u>
Future finance charges	(3,788)	(7,795)
	<u>38,879</u>	<u>53,251</u>

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the financial year Directors and State Associations were reimbursed for direct out of pocket expenses incurred on behalf of Rowing Australia Inc.



ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

DISCLAIMER

The management of Rowing Australia Inc. has compiled the additional financial information presented on pages 61 to 65 being the detailed statements of profit and loss for Administration, Competition, Development & High Performance.

No detailed audit or review has been performed by us and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

To the extent permitted by law, we do not accept liability for any loss or damage which any person, other than Rowing Australia Inc. may suffer arising from any negligence on our part. No person should rely on the additional financial information without having an audit or review conducted.

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Ernst & Young

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Daniel Cunningham
Partner
Sydney
9 October 2005

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS ADMINISTRATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	2005 \$	2004 \$
SALES REVENUE		
Promotional Merchandise	15,778	10,622
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>(14,425)</u>	<u>(5,808)</u>
Gross Profit	<u>1,353</u>	<u>4,814</u>
Income		
Gross Profit - Promotional Merchandise	1,353	4,814
Affiliation Fees	91,240	90,712
High Performance Recovery	397,000	307,000
Interest Received	23	2,521
Insurance Recovery	-	14,631
Sponsorship	26,667	25,000
Sundry Income	<u>-</u>	<u>7,519</u>
Total Administration Income	<u>516,283</u>	<u>452,197</u>
Expenses		
Accommodation	3,492	7,640
Accounting Services	-	22,500
Advertising	68	-
Airfares	10,870	4,707
Annual Report Production	3,070	2,225
Apparel & Gifts	3,009	2,932
Audit Fees	9,105	8,825
Awards	-	403
Bad Debts	528	3,600
Bank Fees & Credit Card Charges	2,569	3,217
Catering & Refreshments	2,818	2,872
Cleaning Services	3,034	2,249
Consultancy	7,500	-
Computer & Software Expenses	3,844	19,486
Depreciation	19,353	13,611
Electricity	2,437	1,554
FISA Membership	2,232	2,174
FISA Meetings	2,780	6,391
FISA Congress	13,438	-

This Statement has not been audited.

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS ADMINISTRATION (CONT'D)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
General Expenses	1,406	2,021
Insurance – General	40,885	48,806
Interest	4,145	4,583
Legal & Corporate Affairs	5,700	11,404
Magazine Expenses	-	8,955
Media & Communication	50,720	27,484
Media Promotions	-	3,292
Meeting Expenses	17,896	22,224
Merchandise	-	200
Olympic Games Attendance	15,941	-
Photocopier	1,100	699
Postage	5,096	4,054
Printing & Stationery	6,117	8,811
Recruitment	-	1,324
Relocation Expenses	-	5,150
Rent	33,630	27,031
Repairs & Maintenance	-	218
Rowing On-line Management System	20,000	-
Sponsorship Costs	230	2,402
Staff Amenities	758	892
Staff Costs	207,154	198,543
Staff Training	891	373
Storage	2,117	878
Subscriptions & Memberships	1,051	659
Telephone & Fax	18,644	24,421
Travel	4,512	2,421
Website	16,699	17,615
Workers Compensation	4,889	12,232
World Championship Expenses	11,165	13,257
Total Administration Expenses	560,893	554,335
Net Operating Administration (Loss)	(44,610)	(102,138)

This Statement has not been audited.

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS COMPETITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Income		
ASC Grant	20,000	20,000
AOC Grant – AYOF	9,545	-
Entry Fees	8,000	4,280
Levy	-	2,490
Licence Fees	-	10,000
Trophy Fund	4,000	5,000
Staging Fees	13,182	-
Sponsorship	-	3,182
Youth Regatta	10,000	-
Other Income	396	-
Total Competition Income	65,123	44,952
Expenses		
Accommodation	4,465	1,932
Airfares	2,557	3,952
Apparel	935	818
Catering & Refreshments	4,270	6,498
General Expenses	3,600	327
Insurance	-	2,933
Sponsorship	-	3,500
Staff Costs	14,171	-
Telephone & Fax	1,501	1,397
Travel	5,433	1,892
Trophy Expenses	1,585	1,718
Umpires	13,793	14,979
Youth Cup	10,649	-
Total Competition Expenses	62,959	39,946
Net Operating Competition Profit	2,164	5,006

This Statement has not been audited.

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS DEVELOPMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
SALES REVENUE		
Coaching Merchandise	25,612	22,931
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>18,623</u>	<u>27,246</u>
Gross Profit/(Loss)	<u>6,989</u>	<u>(4,315)</u>
Income		
Gross Profit - Coaching Merchandise	6,989	-
Accreditation Fees	10,759	9,792
ASC Grant	60,000	60,000
Conference Income	82,012	-
Education	<u>-</u>	<u>2,168</u>
Total Development Income	<u>159,760</u>	<u>71,960</u>
Expenses		
Accommodation	661	945
Accreditation	5,083	3,975
Airfares	491	4,740
Catering & Refreshments	40	790
Coaches Conference	61,547	2,200
General Expenses	1,013	-
Gross Loss - Coaching Merchandise	-	4,315
NCAS Review	7,556	6,725
Printing & Stationary	24	259
Seminars	-	366
Signage	1,458	-
Staff Costs	31,370	29,061
Telephone & Fax	304	-
Travel	<u>100</u>	<u>508</u>
Total Development Expenses	<u>109,647</u>	<u>53,884</u>
Net Operating Development Profit	<u>50,113</u>	<u>18,076</u>

This Statement has not been audited.

ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS HIGH PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	2005	2004
	\$	\$
Income		
ASC Grant	3,070,000	3,138,120
AOC Grant	328,800	145,000
Boat Sales & Gift	-	2,727
Insurance Recovery	19,181	-
Interest Received	35,288	29,112
International Competition	659,151	544,895
Sundry Income	10,806	6,543
Total High Performance	4,123,226	3,866,397
Expenses		
Bad Debts	-	9,340
Bank Fees & Credit Card Charges	738	4,843
Boat Storage & Purchases	6,000	11,487
Camps & Regattas	45,302	142,590
CRC Research Project	-	50,000
Direct Athlete Support	8,950	35,600
International Competition	2,266,642	1,718,326
Interest	-	922
Legal Fees	35,240	-
Management & Coaching	775,397	768,190
National Training Centres & Elite Club Program	790,346	779,195
Quadrennial Agreement	15,000	44,655
State Associations	175,000	150,000
Youth Cup Grant	10,000	-
Total High Performance Expenses	4,128,615	3,715,148
Net Operating Profit High Performance	(5,389)	151,249

This Statement has not been audited.

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT 30 JUNE 2005

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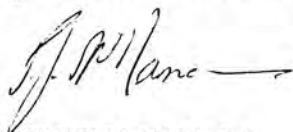
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CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

In our opinion:

- a) The Australian International Rowing Foundation is not a reporting entity;
- b) The financial statements consisting of the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements are drawn up so as to present fairly the financial position of the Australian International Rowing Foundation at 30 June 2005 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and are in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the provisions of the Constitution of Rowing Australia Inc.; and
- c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Australian International Rowing Foundation will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution.



PATRICK McNAMARA
President



PETER CRAWFORD
Director of Finance

9 October 2005

Australian International Rowing Foundation

STATEMENT BY PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I, Andrew Dee, being the person responsible for the preparation of the attached financial statements of the Australian International Rowing Foundation for the year ended 30 June 2005, state that to the best of my knowledge and belief such financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Australian International Rowing Foundation at 30 June 2005, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and are in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the provisions of the Constitution of Rowing Australia Inc.



ANDREW DEE
Chief Executive Officer

9 October 2005

Australian International Rowing Foundation

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	Notes	2005 \$	2004 \$
REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2	<u>384</u>	<u>347</u>
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		<u>241</u>	<u>240</u>
PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE		143	107
INCOME TAX EXPENSE RELATING TO ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	1(c)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER INCOME TAX		<u>143</u>	<u>107</u>
NET PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS		<u>143</u>	<u>107</u>
TOTAL REVENUES, EXPENSES AND VALUATION ADJUSTMENTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION AND RECOGNISED DIRECTLY IN EQUITY		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL CHANGES IN EQUITY OTHER THAN THOSE RESULTING FROM TRANSACTIONS WITH OWNERS AS OWNERS	7	<u>143</u>	<u>107</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian International Rowing Foundation

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 June 2005

	Notes	2005 \$	2004 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	3	30,169	30,026
Receivables	4	<u>289,455</u>	<u>289,455</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>319,624</u>	<u>319,481</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>319,624</u>	<u>319,481</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors	5	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>319,624</u>	<u>319,481</u>
EQUITY			
Retained Profits	7	<u>319,624</u>	<u>319,481</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian International Rowing Foundation

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	Notes	2005 \$ Inflows/ (Outflows)	2004 \$ Inflows/ (Outflows)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Payments to organisations and persons		(241)	(240)
Interest received		<u>384</u>	<u>347</u>
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	6	<u>143</u>	<u>107</u>
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		<u>143</u>	<u>107</u>
CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>30,026</u>	<u>29,919</u>
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	3	<u><u>30,169</u></u>	<u><u>30,026</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian International Rowing Foundation

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the Australian International Rowing Foundation have been prepared as a Special Purpose Financial Report for use by the Board and Members of Rowing Australia Inc. and to fulfil the Board's responsibility under the constitution to prepare a financial report. The financial report has been prepared on the basis that the Australian International Rowing Foundation is not a reporting entity because there are unlikely to be any other users of the financial report.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all Australian Accounting Standards, with the following exceptions:

AASB 1005	Segment Reporting
AASB 1017	Related Party Disclosures
AASB 1024	Consolidated Accounts
AASB 1033	Presentation and Disclosure of Financial Instruments
AASB 1034	Financial Report Presentation and Disclosures
AASB 1047	Disclosing the Impacts of Adopting Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

(b) Basis of Accounting

The financial report has been prepared on the basis of historical costs.

(c) Income Tax

The Australian International Rowing Foundation is an exempt body under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(d) Cash Flows

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash at bank and deposits at call.

(e) Accounting Period

These financial statements are for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005.

(f) Recognition of Revenue

All revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity and the revenue can be reliably measured.

Australian International Rowing Foundation

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	2005 \$	2004 \$
2. OPERATING PROFIT		
Included in the operating profit are the following revenues arising from operating activities:		
Interest received	<u>384</u>	<u>347</u>
The operating profit before income tax is arrived at after charging the following item:		
Bank Charges	<u>241</u>	<u>240</u>
3. CASH AND OTHER LIQUID FUNDS		
National Australia Bank Limited	30,083	29,943
MLC Masterkey Cash Management Trust	<u>86</u>	<u>83</u>
	<u><u>30,169</u></u>	<u><u>30,026</u></u>
4. RECEIVABLES		
Rowing Australia Inc.	<u>289,455</u>	<u>289,455</u>
Total Receivables	<u><u>289,455</u></u>	<u><u>289,455</u></u>
5. CREDITORS		
Trade Creditors	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Creditors	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

Australian International Rowing Foundation

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	2005 \$	2004 \$
6. CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Reconciliation of net cash from operating activities to operating profit after income tax:		
Operating profit	143	107
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	-	-
(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors and Accruals	-	-
	<u>143</u>	<u>107</u>
Net cash inflows from operating activities	<u>143</u>	<u>107</u>
7. RESERVES AND RETAINED PROFITS		
RETAINED PROFIT		
Balance at the beginning of the year	319,481	319,374
Net profit attributable to members of Australian International Rowing Foundation	<u>143</u>	<u>107</u>
Balance at end of the year	<u>319,624</u>	<u>319,481</u>

Independent audit report to members of the Australian International Rowing Foundation

Scope

The financial report and directors' responsibility

The financial report is a special purpose financial report and comprises the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and certification statement for the Australian International Rowing Foundation (the foundation), for the year ended 30 June 2005.

The directors of the foundation are responsible for preparing a financial report that presents fairly the financial position and performance of the foundation. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report. The directors have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting requirements under the constitution. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report 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.

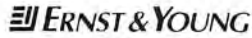
Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the foundation. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies in Note 1 to the financial statements, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the foundation's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- assessing the appropriateness of the disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors.



While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

We performed procedures to assess whether the substance of business transactions was accurately reflected in the financial report. These and our other procedures did not include consideration or judgement of the appropriateness or reasonableness of the business plans or strategies adopted by the directors and management of the foundation.

Independence

We are independent of the foundation, and have met the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of the Australian International Rowing Foundation presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the foundation's financial position as at 30 June 2005, and of its financial performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

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A handwritten signature of Daniel Cunningham, written in black ink.

Daniel Cunningham
Partner
Sydney
9 October 2005

**ROWING AUSTRALIA INC.
AS TRUSTEE FOR
THE OLYMPIC BOAT FLEET TRUST**

A.B.N. 91 705 757 985

**SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT
30 JUNE 2005**

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Rowing Australia Inc. As Trustee For The Olympic Boat Fleet Trust

STATEMENT BY TRUSTEE

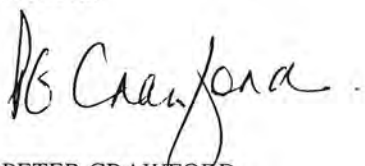
In the opinion of the Trustee:

- a) The Olympic Boat Fleet Trust is not a reporting entity;
- b) The financial statements consisting of the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements are drawn up so as to present fairly the financial position of the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust at 30 June 2005 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and are in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and comply with the provisions of the Trust Deed; and
- c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Trustee.



PATRICK McNAMARA
President



PETER CRAWFORD
Director of Finance

9 October 2005

Rowing Australia Inc. As Trustee For The Olympic Boat Fleet Trust

STATEMENT BY PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I, Andrew Dee, being the person responsible for the preparation of the attached financial statements of the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust for the year ended 30 June 2005, state that to the best of my knowledge and belief such financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust at 30 June 2005, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and are in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the provisions of the Trust Deed.



ANDREW DEE
Chief Executive Officer

9 October 2005

Rowing Australia Inc. As Trustee For The Olympic Boat Fleet Trust

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR 30 June 2005

	Notes	2005 \$	2004 \$
REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2	<u>43,671</u>	<u>39,120</u>
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES		241	291
OPERATING EXPENSES		<u>53,491</u>	<u>46,176</u>
(LOSS)/PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE		(10,061)	(7,347)
INCOME TAX EXPENSE RELATING TO ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	1(c)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(LOSS)/PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER INCOME TAX		<u>(10,061)</u>	<u>(7,347)</u>
(LOSS)/NET PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE TRUST		<u>(10,061)</u>	<u>(7,347)</u>
TOTAL REVENUES, EXPENSES AND VALUATION ADJUSTMENTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OLYMPIC BOAT FLEET TRUST AND RECOGNISED DIRECTLY IN TRUST CAPITAL		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL CHANGES IN TRUST CAPITAL OTHER THAN THOSE RESULTING FROM TRANSACTIONS WITH OWNERS AS OWNERS	8	<u>(10,061)</u>	<u>(7,347)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Rowing Australia Inc. As Trustee For The Olympic Boat Fleet Trust

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 June 2005

	Notes	2005 \$	2004 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	3	33,975	9,651
Receivables	4	<u>2,438</u>	<u>1,543</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>36,413</u>	<u>11,194</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant & Equipment	5	<u>311,833</u>	<u>363,037</u>
TOTAL NON- CURRENT ASSETS		<u>311,833</u>	<u>363,037</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>348,246</u>	<u>374,231</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	6	13,258	9,182
Income in Advance		<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>13,258</u>	<u>29,182</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>13,258</u>	<u>29,182</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>334,988</u>	<u>345,049</u>
TRUST CAPITAL			
Accumulated Funds	8	<u>334,988</u>	<u>345,049</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Rowing Australia Inc. As Trustee For The Olympic Boat Fleet Trust

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	Notes	2005 \$ Inflows/ (Outflows)	2004 \$ Inflows/ (Outflows)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipt from organisations and persons		21,954	58,870
Payments to organisations and persons		(2,445)	(2,410)
Interest received		-	250
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET CASH FLOWS/(OUTFLOWS) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	7(a)	<u>19,509</u>	<u>56,710</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payment for Property, Plant & Equipment		(6,865)	(56,190)
Proceeds from Sales of Property, Plant & Equipment		8,500	-
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY/(USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES		<u>1,635</u>	<u>(56,190)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from Borrowings		3,180	9,282
Repayment of Borrowings		-	(200)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY/(USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES		<u>3,180</u>	<u>9,082</u>
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		<u>24,324</u>	<u>9,602</u>
CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>9,651</u>	<u>49</u>
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	7(b)	<u>33,975</u>	<u>9,651</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Rowing Australia Inc. As Trustee For The Olympic Boat Fleet Trust

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust have been prepared as a Special Purpose Financial Report for use by the Trustee and to fulfil the Trustee's responsibility under the Trust Deed to prepare a financial report. The financial report has been prepared on the basis that the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust is not a reporting entity because there are unlikely to be any other users of the financial report.

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AASB 1041	Revaluation of Non-Current Assets
AASB 1047	Disclosing the Impacts of Adopting Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

(b) Basis of Accounting

The financial report has been prepared on the basis of historical costs.

(c) Income Tax

Under current taxation legislation the Trust does not pay income tax, as all taxable profits will be distributed to Rowing Australia Inc.

(d) Depreciation

Depreciation in respect of non-current assets is calculated so as to write off the cost of each asset over its effective useful life.

Major depreciation periods are:

- Boats & Related Equipment 8 years

Newly acquired assets are first depreciated from the beginning of the financial year after acquisition.

(e) Cash Flows

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash at bank and deposits at call.

Rowing Australia Inc. As Trustee For The Olympic Boat Fleet Trust

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(f) Accounting Period

These financial statements are for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005.

(g) Recognition of Revenue

All revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Trust and the revenue can be reliably measured.

Rowing Australia Inc. As Trustee For The Olympic Boat Fleet Trust

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	2005 \$	2004 \$
2. OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT		
Included in the operating (loss)/profit are the following revenues arising from operating activities:		
Boat leasing	41,271	38,870
Interest received	-	250
Sales	682	-
Profit on Sale of Non-Current Assets	<u>1,718</u>	<u>-</u>
The operating (loss)/profit before income tax is arrived at after charging the following item:		
Bank Charges	241	291
Depreciation	51,287	44,057
Replacements	554	2,119
Repairs and Maintenance	<u>1,650</u>	<u>-</u>
3. CASH AND OTHER LIQUID FUNDS		
National Australia Bank Limited	<u>33,975</u>	<u>9,651</u>
4. RECEIVABLES		
GST Refundable	-	1,543
Sundry Debtors	1,688	-
Trade Debtors	<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Receivables	<u>2,438</u>	<u>1,543</u>
5. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Boat Assets & Related Equipment – At Cost & Valuation	404,959	407,094
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(93,126)</u>	<u>(44,057)</u>
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>311,833</u>	<u>363,037</u>

Rowing Australia Inc. As Trustee For The Olympic Boat Fleet Trust

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2005

	2005 \$	2004 \$
6. PAYABLES		
Loan – Rowing Australia Inc.	9,182	9,182
Trade Creditors	3,180	-
GST Payable	896	-
Total Payables	<u>13,258</u>	<u>9,182</u>
7. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
(a) Reconciliation of cash flows from operations to operating (loss)/profit after income tax		
Operating (loss)/profit after income tax	(10,061)	(7,347)
Non-cash flows in operating (loss)/profit		
Profit on Sale of Non-Current Assets	(1,718)	-
Depreciation	51,287	44,057
Increase/(Decrease) in Receivables	(895)	-
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	896	-
(Decrease)/Increase in Income in Advance	(20,000)	20,000
Net cash Inflow/(Outflow) from operating activities	<u>19,509</u>	<u>56,710</u>
(b) Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:		
Cash at Bank	<u>33,975</u>	<u>9,651</u>
8. TRUST CAPITAL & ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
SETTLEMENT SUM	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	<u>345,049</u>	<u>352,396</u>
(Loss)/Net Profit for year	<u>(10,061)</u>	<u>(7,347)</u>
Balance at the end of the financial year	<u>334,988</u>	<u>345,049</u>



While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

We performed procedures to assess whether the substance of business transactions was accurately reflected in the financial report. These and our other procedures did not include consideration or judgement of the appropriateness or reasonableness of the business plans or strategies adopted by the directors and management of the trust.

Independence

We are independent of the Trust, and have met the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of the Trust presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the trust's financial position as at 30 June 2005, and of its financial performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

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Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Daniel Cunningham'.

Daniel Cunningham
Partner
Sydney
9 October 2005

Independent audit report to members of the Rowing Australia Inc. as Trustee for the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust

Scope

The financial report and directors' responsibility

The financial report is a special purpose financial report and comprises the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and certification statement for the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust (the "Trust"), for the year ended 30 June 2005.

The directors of the trust are responsible for preparing a financial report that presents fairly the financial position and performance of the Trust. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report. The directors have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the trust deed and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting requirements under the Trust deed. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report 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.

Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Rowing Australia as trustee for the Trust. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies in Note 1 to the financial statements, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the trust's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- assessing the appropriateness of the disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors.

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