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# Rowing Australia Limited — 2008 Office Bearers

## Board of Rowing Australia

Patrick McNamara	President
Peter Crawford	Director, Finance (to December '07)
David England	Director, Finance (from December '07)
John Boulton	Director, Development
Colin Smith	Director, High Performance
Robert Pennington	Director, Competition
David Pincus	Director (from August '07)
Richard Paterson	Director (to December '07)
Rebecca Joyce	Director, Athletes' Commission Representative
Andrew Dee	Chief Executive Officer

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Patrick McNamara	RA President and Chairman
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Paul Christensen	Tasmania (to December '07)
Peter Wade	Tasmania (from December '07)
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Stephen Hinchy	Queensland
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## Staff

Andrew Dee	Chief Executive Officer
Noel Donaldson	High Performance Director
Brian Richardson	National Head Coach — Men
Lyll McCarthy	National Head Coach — Women
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Matt Draper	Elite Program Manager (from October '07)
Ivan Hooper	Sports Science/Sports Medicine Coordinator
Adam Horner	National Development Officer
Naomi Wagstaff	Office Manager/Events Coordinator (to November '07)
Matt Treglown	Office Manager/Events Coordinator (from November '07)
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## President's Report

I am delighted to present you with the 2008 Annual Report for Rowing Australia (RA). This is the first report presented for the organisation under the status of a Company Limited by Guarantee, a significant outcome of the independent governance review of Rowing Australia conducted in 2006. Facing challenges both on and off the water, we have had another successful year and it has been an honour to oversee the success and progress of all areas of Rowing Australia's operation.



### RA Operations and Governance

The RA Board met formally on seven occasions during the year to discuss and resolve a variety of issues. In addition to these formal meetings, the Board also met on several occasions via teleconference to ensure it adequately addressed the volume of information and matters requiring consideration.

During the reporting period, RA conducted the first of its annual Strategic Forums and from it has developed a Strategic Plan for the organisation for the next four years. I look forward to presenting the finalised plan to the RA Council and rowing community at the 2008 Annual General Meeting.

### International Competition

Over the past four years, our ultimate focus and goal, to which we have all worked so hard, has been the Beijing Olympic Games. Following the qualification of 11 crews at the 2007 World Championships, a further 3 crews qualified for Beijing at the final Olympic qualification regatta in Poland in June. This resulted in Australia being represented in all 14 boat classes at the Olympic Games for the first time in its rowing history — a tremendous achievement. Australia was the only nation at the Games to have a full complement of crews competing — only the second nation in 30 years to achieve that feat. With 48 athletes, 6 alternate rowers and 21 support staff, rowing formed the largest section of the Australian Olympic Team. Our team were also supported by over 250 vocal and enthusiastic family and friends that made the journey to Beijing.

Following on from highly successful international seasons in 2006 and 2007, our athletes had high expectations leading into the Olympic regatta. The results were mixed and the two days of finals provided a number of highs and lows. Our two gold and one silver medal placed our team second on the medal tally behind Great Britain. We shared in being one of only two nations to record multiple gold medal performances, indicating the quality of international competition is significantly increasing. While all results may not have been what we were expecting, it was a fantastic overall team achievement.

It would be remiss not to make specific mention of the tremendous efforts of our Olympic medal winning crews: the Men's Pair of Duncan Free and Drew Ginn (coached by Chris O'Brien), the Men's Double Scull of Scott Brennan and David Crawshay (coached by Rhett Ayliffe), and the Men's Four of Francis Hegerty, Matt Ryan, Cameron McKenzie-McHarg and James Marburg (coached by Tim Conrad).

One of the most memorable images from the Games would have to be James Tomkins leading the Australian Team into the Opening Ceremony as official flagbearer. The honour for our six time Olympian was announced at the official Team Reception in Beijing the night before the Opening Ceremony, in front of Prime Minister Rudd and the entire Australian Team. James said carrying the flag was a true honour and an incredibly proud moment.

Our Paralympians traveled to Beijing in September, and once again, it was clear the level of international racing is improving significantly. Our team returned home with a silver medal to the Mixed Trunk and Arms Double Scull crew of Kathryn Ross and John MacLean.

This year's U23 World Championship team traveled to Brandenburg, Germany. Six of the eleven crews qualified for A finals, resulting in one gold (Women's Single Scull), one silver (Women's Pair) and one bronze medal (Women's Quad). The Junior and Senior (Non-Olympic) World Championships were this year combined and held in Linz, Austria. Both teams performed exceptionally well. Our Lightweight Women's Quad successfully defended their 2007 World Championship win and the Men's Coxed Pair, Junior Men's Double Scull, Junior Men's Single Scull and Junior Men's Pair were all rewarded for their efforts with a bronze medal.

I would like to congratulate and thank all athletes, coaches, support staff, volunteers and RA staff involved in the planning, facilitation and management of this year's teams. We share our international success with the Australian

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Sports Commission, Australian Olympic Committee, Australian Institute of Sport and State Institutes and Academies and we thank them for their continued commitment to and support of rowing in Australia.

## National Events

The *2008 Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta* were conducted at the Sydney International Regatta Centre in March. Record entries were once again received and performances on the water were of a particularly high standard. The RA website again received significantly increased traffic during the week and, through the use of 'You Tube', rowing received further internet exposure. For only the third time in 24 years, New South Wales won the King's Cup while the Queen's Cup was successfully defended by Victoria. The Rowing Australia Cup, for best overall point score, was also claimed by NSW.

From 29 May–1 June, Nagambie Lakes hosted the *2008 Australian Masters Championships* and for the first time the event was extended to four days to allow more flexibility with programming. Conditions were cold but calm.

The *2008 Youth Cup* was this year conducted at Kawana Waters, Queensland from 5–7 September. Through extremely rough conditions, New Zealand claimed a very narrow victory taking home the Rusty Robertson trophy for highest point score. Final placings for the trophy were as follows: New Zealand 106, Queensland 105, New South Wales 85, Victoria 72, South Australia 59, ACT 54, Tasmania 50 and Western Australia 44.

## Funding and Sponsorship

RA is still operating in a healthy financial position as a result of continued careful financial management. For the past seven years, Director of Finance, Peter Crawford, has maintained a very positive financial position for RA, however during the year he resigned his position on the RA Board. RA is indebted to Peter for his commitment and I thank him for his service to our sport. Thanks must go to David England for taking on the role as our Director of Finance.

Rowing Australia continues to receive invaluable funding and support from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) and RA would like to thank the ASC, AOC and the Federal Government for their continued support of rowing.

In 2007, RA was provided major sponsorship from Malaysia Airlines, Skins™ compression garments and 2XU. We are also extremely fortunate to receive this and other ongoing value-in-kind support, totalling over \$500,000 annually, from a number of companies. RA thanks its major sponsors and various corporate supporters for their ongoing contribution and assistance.

## Officers and Staff

I would like to thank my fellow Directors on the Board of RA for another busy and productive year in efficiently addressing their various portfolios. Their continued commitment to furthering the development of our sport ensures we are in an extremely pleasing position moving forward.

The national office in Canberra now accommodates 7 full time and 4 part time staff that continue to run an efficient and productive operation. I would personally like to thank CEO, Andrew Dee, and High Performance Director, Noel Donaldson, for their dedication to the organisation in leading the staff through this particularly busy, but ultimately productive period for our sport. Throughout the year the Board resolved to renew Andrew Dee's contract for a further 4 years. The new partnership with the ASC/AIS is now in place and we look forward to working with our new High Performance Director, Andrew Matheson, together with his AIS/RA support team of Noel Donaldson and Lyall McCarthy as head Men's and Women's coaches respectively.

With the wrap up of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, we bid farewell to the Beijing quadrennium and look toward London in 2012. The impressive results from our U23 and Junior athletes this year indicates we have a large talent pool of dedicated athletes moving through the ranks that will ensure we maintain and strengthen our standing against the world's rowing nations. Our High Performance restructure and ongoing review processes will better prepare us for the challenges ahead.

**Patrick McNamara**  
**President**



## Message from the Australian Sports Commission

Australia, for its small population and remoteness of location, continues to confound the world with its achievements on the international sporting stage. This position has been reached by the development of a comprehensive and effective national sport system that encourages sport and physical activity for all Australians and creates opportunities to enable those who are talented and motivated to reach their potential. This system has evolved with the strong support of the Australian Government, State/Territory and local governments, the private sector and sporting organisations at all levels.



**Australian Government**  
**Australian Sports Commission**



At the national level, primary responsibility for developing and directing sport lies with national sporting organisations. On behalf of the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission plays central leadership, co-ordination, funding and advocacy roles in the operation of the Australian sport system, largely through the national sporting organisations. Indeed the Australian Government, through the Commission, is the major investor in Australian sport.

In 2007–08 the Australian Government, through the Commission, provided Rowing Australia with funding in the order of \$5.6 million, including support for the Australian Institute of Sport rowing program, for the development of the sport and its continued enhancement at the grass-root and elite levels. In addition, \$379,500 was provided directly to athletes as part of the Australian Government Sport Training Grant scheme.

The Australian Sports Commission recognises that Rowing Australia has continued to improve the services it provides to its members through enhanced event delivery and regatta management as well as the continuing development of the Rowing Online Management System. The Commission also supports the efforts of Rowing Australia in providing athletes with a disability improved access to competition and development opportunities at all levels of the sport.

On behalf of the Commission, I look forward to working with Rowing Australia in the future for the betterment of Australian sport.

**Brent Espeland**  
**Acting Chief Executive Officer**  
**Australian Sports Commission**



# Chief Executive Officer's Report

## The Year in Review

Rowing Australia continued to operate to its priorities as set out in the 2005–2008 Strategic Plan. These priorities, developed in consultation with key stakeholders within rowing, are jointly pursued and delivered by the national governing body and our state delivery partners. A summary of this year's achievements include:

### *Development*

- The continued progression and improvement of the Rowing Online Management System (ROMS). The ROMS Steering Committee continues to meet weekly and the ROMS Commission, comprising a representative from each State Association, met on 2 occasions throughout the year.
- The conduct of 20 coaching courses throughout the country, resulting in a total of 1,346 accredited coaches. This figure is set to increase with the appointment of a National Education Officer.
- A record number of entries received for both the Masters and National Championships.
- An increased media presence with a higher volume of print and TV articles and the website more user friendly. The website continues to receive increased traffic.
- The completion of a National Adaptive Rowing Audit with results assisting in reshaping the Disability Action Plan.
- An increase in Adaptive athletes with the total number of classified athletes now 31 — an increase of 72% on last year.

### *High Performance*

- Qualified in all 14 boat classes for the Olympic Games for the first time and comprised the largest section of the Australian Olympic Team.
- Won 3 medals (2 gold, 1 silver) at the Beijing Olympics, placing us second behind Great Britain on the medal table. One of only two nations to record multiple gold medal performances.
- Progression of plans for a High Performance restructure, culminating in the establishment of the National Rowing Centre of Excellence (NRCE).
- Significant funding for Direct Athlete Support (DAS) for Senior athletes with a total of \$1.4 million provided from all sources in 2007–08.
- The delivery of RA's Medical Management Plan by Sports Science and Sports Medicine.
- Australia continues to enjoy substantial representation throughout the International operating environment including officiating and numerous FISA Commissions.

### *Organisational Excellence*

- Achieved an increase of \$1,364,200 over base funding for a total of \$3,983,000, making rowing the second highest funded sport by the ASC.
- Achieving a total sponsorship value of over \$500,000 annually, consisting of cash and value-in-kind goods and services from various sources.
- Conduct of a number of reviews to ensure the efficient and successful operation of RA continues.
- Development of a Commercial Plan to potentially attract funding from non-traditional revenue streams.

## Financial Operations

The 2007–2008 Financial Statements are presented by the Director of Finance later in this annual report. The Statements this year report a net operating deficit for the year ending 30 June, 2008. This result was anticipated and, through prudent budgeting over the four year Olympic cycle, reserves were built up throughout the quadrennium for expenditure in this Olympic year. Despite this year's deficit, RA continues to operate in a strong financial position.

During the year, Director of Finance, Peter Crawford, resigned his position on the Board of RA. After 7 years of loyal service to the sport and commitment to his portfolio, Peter left RA in an extremely healthy financial position. I personally, and on behalf of the Board, Council and entire rowing community, would like to thank Peter for his tireless work and contribution to our sport.



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## Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Support

Considering the total of both ASC grants and AIS program funding, rowing was once again one of the highest funded sports by the Federal Government in 2007–2008. Through the ASC, the Federal Government remains to be RA's largest sponsor and has continued to meet and respond to our various requests and needs with great understanding.

In 2007–2008, the following direct grants and payments, totalling \$3,983,000, were received by RA during the year:

ASC Grant Purpose	Amount
RA Base funding	\$3,606,600
Sport Development	\$89,400
Talent Search	\$137,000
Beijing Athlete Program	\$110,000
Project Connect	\$20,000
Elite Development Coach Program	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,983,000</b>

In addition, rowing was the indirect recipient of \$740,000 of payments and benefits from programs such as Australian Government Sports Training Grant (AGSTG) and National Talent Identification (NTID).

In 2007–2008, the AIS was the base for our senior big boat program and men's and women's development programs. This accounted for 26 full-time senior scholarships (13 men, 13 women) and 10 development scholarships under the 'Breaking the Drought'(BTD) program. The BTD program was unfortunately terminated in December 2007. With \$1,563,000 base funding, an additional \$544,000 for program extension and coach retention payments, the total value of the AIS program to the sport of rowing was approximately \$3,000,000 for the year.

I join the President in thanking the ASC and Federal Government for their continued support of rowing.

## Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) and Australian Paralympic Funding Support

The value of support provided by the AOC to national sporting organisations in an Olympic year is greater than at any other time. RA is extremely grateful for the support and assistance provided during this busy and expensive time and the offices of both organisations work very well together.

The AOC has the exclusive responsibility for the representation of Australia at the Olympic Games. To help achieve Australian Olympic Team objectives, the AOC provides funding (AOC Funding) to its member National Federations (NFs), athletes and coaches.

AOC Funding is derived from income distributions from the Australian Olympic Foundation, grants from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the licensing and sponsorship activities of the AOC and fundraising by the AOC, State Olympic Councils and their Corporate Appeal Committees.

AOC Funding for the 2008 Olympic Team preparation is determined in accordance with its Program and Funding Guidelines for the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing (Guidelines). Specifically, AOC Funding is provided through one of three programs:

- Australian Youth Olympic Festivals 2005 and 2007 (AYOFs)
- AOC Funding for International Competition
- adidas Medal Incentive Funding



AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

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The Guidelines are available on *olympics.com.au*.

For the calendar year 2007, the AOC provided the following support to Rowing Australia, its athletes and coaches:

• AOC Funding for International Competition	\$171,000
• adidas Medal Incentive Funding	\$268,125
• 2007 Australian Youth Olympic Festival	\$399,408

In addition, the AOC's current budgeting for the 2008 Olympic Team to Beijing is \$14.6 million.

RA continues to enjoy a close and cooperative working relationship with the AOC and must again thank John Coates, Doug Donoghue, Craig Phillips and Fiona de Jong for their ongoing assistance and support.

The Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) this year increased their funding support in recognition of the value of rowing to the APC and for the first time, rowing was featured in the Paralympic Games. I would like to thank Darren Peters and Greg Hartung for their commitment to and support of our sport.

### State Programs and Funding

State based programs continue to play a vital role in the preparation of our athletes for international competition and underpin the ongoing sustainability of our national elite program.

In 2007–2008, RA provided direct funding under its Elite Club Program and Elite Development Program (now called the National Elite Development Program — NEDP) of \$397,500 and a further \$670,000 towards State Institute/Academy of Sports (SIS/SAS) programs. In return, RA received invaluable support and a range of professional services that made a significant contribution to our international performances this year.

### Athlete Support

In 2007–2008, RA was once again successful in generating a respectful level of financial support for its national senior team members. These funds are provided to our athletes from four sources: RA Direct Athlete Support, AOC Medal Incentive Fund (performance based), AIS living allowance and the ASC Australian Government Sports Training Grant (performance based). Funding from all four sources in 2007–2008 exceeded \$1.4 million.

This support is greatly appreciated by our athletes and goes some way towards acknowledging the dedication and commitment required to represent their country.

### Sponsorship

Malaysia Airlines once again provided significant sponsorship and assistance to Rowing Australia, sponsorship that is invaluable in transporting our teams overseas. Unfortunately, this sponsorship has not been renewed going forward although RA continues to enjoy a mutually beneficial commercial arrangement with Malaysia Airlines. I join the President in thanking Malaysia Airlines, particularly Brian Egan and his team in the Brisbane office, for their continued support.

We were fortunate throughout the year to secure a sponsorship deal with 2XU, an Australian high performance athletic brand, for our national teams, including the research and development of a new racing suit. This relationship is set to evolve in the coming years. We thank 2XU, in particular Aidan Clarke, for his assistance and generous support.

The total value of RA's sponsorship is now in excess of \$500,000 annually. In addition to the above mentioned arrangements, we are very grateful to have received generous in kind support from the following companies throughout the year: Skins, Sykes Racing, Croker Oars, Hudson Boat Works, Filippi Boats, Brian Ward & Partners, Media Monitors, VJ Ryan & Co, Australian Ambulance Service, rowingphotos and Hebfotos.

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## Governance

As a result of the Governance Review conducted in 2006 and subsequent conversion of RA to a Company Limited by Guarantee, the revised Constitution requires that an annual Strategic Forum be conducted. Key personnel and stakeholders attended the one and a half day Forum in Canberra over the weekend on 8–9 December 2007, to discuss the future for rowing in Australia. Outcomes of the day have helped inform the 2009–2013 Strategic Plan that will become operational on 1 January 2009.

With the beginning of the new Olympic cycle, Rowing Australia, the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Institute of Sport will be working together to develop a new High Performance structure in which the existing RA High Performance unit and the AIS Rowing Program will be integrated to create the National Rowing Centre of Excellence (NRCE).

The NRCE will be managed by the National High Performance Director, while the National Men's and Women's Head Coaches will be responsible for the respective National Teams and AIS squads. In addition to these positions, a new Elite Development Manager's position will be created and place a heavy emphasis on building a sustainable future talent pool.

This initiative will be jointly managed and funded under an agreed management structure between RA and the AIS and provide an exciting new platform for the future of high performance rowing in Australia.

## Rowing Online Management System (ROMS)

The development of ROMS is progressing well. The ROMS Steering Committee continues to meet on a weekly basis. The ROMS Commission, established in 2007 and comprising a representative from each State Association, met on two occasions during the year to discuss the ongoing management and development of the system.

## FISA Meetings

While strictly not in the reporting period, the Annual FISA Ordinary Congress was held on 25 July, following the Junior and Senior World Championships in Linz, Austria. The Australian delegation consisted of Patrick McNamara (President) and Andrew Dee (CEO).

In addition to matters of general business, the Congress decided on venues for the following events:

- 2011 Under 23 World Championships — Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2012 Senior and Junior World Championships — Plovdiv, Bulgaria

The Congress also approved a change of date for the 2010 World Rowing Championships. The regatta will now be held from 29 October–7 November 2010 at Lake Karapiro in New Zealand.

Australia continues to be represented on the following FISA Commissions: John Boulton — Executive Committee Council Representative and Chair, Competitive Rowing Commission, Barbara Fenner — Youth Rowing Commission, Amber Halliday — Athletes Commission, Shirley Stokes — Adaptive Rowing Commission, Matt Draper — Development Consultant.

The next FISA Ordinary Congress will take place on 31 August 2009 in Poznan, Poland and the FISA Extraordinary Congress, held every four years in the year following the Olympic Games, will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from 12–15 February, 2009.

As key members of the Commonwealth Rowing Association, the President and CEO also attended a meeting at which it was decided that the 2010 Commonwealth Rowing Regatta would be hosted by Canada

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## Media and Communications

Towards the end of 2006, RA engaged contentgroup as Media and Communications consultants in the lead up to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. Since then, contentgroup have worked hard to build an extensive foundation of media contacts and, with our impressive international results, it is important in the coming years to capitalise on the work done to bring rowing to the forefront of Australian sporting media.

This year's National Championships proved to be more successful than last year in showcasing rowing in the media spotlight. The website ran a lot smoother and 59 stories were placed onto ROMS. 22 media releases were written across the week, resulting in 132 articles appearing in Australian newspapers. 'You Tube' was used during the regatta, with 35 videos added throughout the week. Two of the videos received more than 1000 hits, whilst many more had more than 400 hits.

In the first half of 2008, the media and communications focus was primarily Olympics based. With James Tomkins named official flagbearer for the Australian Olympic Team, rowing was immediately thrown into the spotlight. Timing of the races was advantageous in ensuring prime time coverage for our athletes. Throughout the Olympic regatta, 1800 media references were recorded on rowing — this is a huge number for the period and proves our media presence is increasing significantly.

Having worked with RA as its Media & Communications Consultant since 2004, David Pembroke was appointed Media Liaison Officer (MLO) for Rowing and Canoe Kayak at the Beijing Olympics. During the Games, the MLO was responsible for coordinating and arranging media contact with athletes within the constraints of their competition. This was a significant appointment and complimented Rowing Australia's Media & Communications Plan. We thank David for his expertise and professionalism during the Olympic Games and, given the number of media references, an extremely successful media and communications campaign.

## Website

The RA website once again proved to be a key communication tool for the rowing community. Website traffic continues to increase and generates an average of well over 112,000 visits for 2,456,000 hits per month across the year. In comparison to figures generated in recent years, this is a significant increase.

March continues to be the busiest month for web traffic, generating in excess of 5.7 million hits during the National Championships.

## Staff

The 12 months saw the departure of Greg Howell (Elite Program Manager) and Carlie McCall (High Performance Administrator). Greg Howell moved to another opportunity within the sporting industry and his position was filled by Matt Draper, bringing with him a wealth of sporting knowledge from various positions.

Sam Irvine moved into the vacant position left by Carlie and his position of Adaptive Rowing and Competition Administrator was filled by Matt Bialkowski late last year.

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank the staff and Board of RA for their support and commitment to their profession and the sport. Rowing Australia is in a very healthy position and I look forward to the coming years with great optimism and excitement.

**Andrew Dee**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Rowing Australia**



# Competition Report

As part of the Competition Review, Rowing Australia conducted a series of workshops with all State Associations last year. The information gathered from these workshops highlighted a number of different views on how Rowing Australia's competition calendar should be structured. However, a number of commonalities also emerged. A draft report was presented to the Council at the Strategic Forum, identifying a number of prospective changes to further grow the sport. The implementation of these structural changes has been delayed with further work required to set dates for the new events in order to support both the High Performance program and the club and school network.

As per the requests of the Council, the Rowing Australia Regatta Committee invited Daniel Hutchinson and Christian Renford to assist with a review of the hosting arrangements. This review closely considered the role of Rowing Australia and State Associations in the hosting of National events, the rotation of the events to various venues and strategies to ensure greater consistency in the delivery of all Rowing Australia events. A draft report identifying the outcomes of this workshop was presented to the Council in June and was agreed to, in principle. The main objective of the Review Committee in the coming twelve months will be to overcome the issues that have been raised in the course of the review and implement the agreed changes.

## Expression of Interest to Host National Events in 2010

Expressions of Interest to host national events in 2010 were called for on 25 August, 2008 and the following bids were received:

### *Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta*

- Nagambie Lakes, Victoria
- Sydney International Regatta Centre, New South Wales

### *Australian Masters Championships*

- Champion Lakes, Western Australia
- Nagambie Lakes, Victoria,
- Sydney International Regatta Centre, New South Wales
- West Lakes, South Australia

Expressions of Interest were not called for the Australian Youth Cup pending further outcomes of the

Competition Review. The structure of the event and the possibility of the event being rotated are currently under review.

The Regatta and Masters Committee will review the bids and make recommendations to the Board. Host Associations for National events in 2010 will be announced at the November Council Meeting.

## 2008 Australian Rowing Championships

The 2008 Australian Rowing Championships were held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC) from 3–9 March, 2008. Heavy rain in the lead up to the Nationals raised concerns regarding SIRC with many of the field of play instillations under water two weeks prior to the start of the regatta. The excellent efforts of the SIRC staff ensured the venue was properly prepared and by the time the regatta started the venue was in full operation. The weather was ideal for the regatta and the only problem that occurred with the facility being some mild weed problems that were quickly dealt with by the SIRC staff outside competition hours. Some upgrades to the venue, in particular the LED scoreboard, were welcome and again the venue proved its reputation as the best course in Australia.

The National Championships continues to grow with this year's event attracting 1238 entries culminating in 3680 seats (including coxes) from 1788 individual athletes. The largest fields remain to be the school and underage small boats with the School Girls Single Scull attracting a record 68 entries requiring a first round time trial. Other popular events include the School Boys Single Scull (48 entries), the Under 17 Women's Single Scull (46) the Under 19 Men's Single Scull (42) and the School Girls Coxed Quad Scull (41). The rate of growth continues in this regatta with a 15% increase in the individual number of athletes competing and a 5% increase in the number of seats. The greatest growth continues to be experienced in the under 17 age category however this year's regatta saw a significant growth in the number of female athletes between the ages of 22 and 25.

## YouTube at Nationals

The 2008 Australian Rowing Championships explored the opportunities for alternative media. In addition to maintaining the live race tracker and regular website updates for both stories and photo's, Rowing Australia also established a YouTube account to provide video footage from the Nationals.

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YouTube accounts allow the user to post multiple videos of up to 10 minutes per video onto the web free of charge. The video's can be embedded into an individual's website or alternatively can be viewed directly from the YouTube website. Initially Rowing Australia established the account with the intention of posting athlete interviews and regular reviews of the days racing however the infrastructure at SIRC allowed us to take this one step further.

The new LED scoreboard at SIRC allows for the CCTV cameras around the venue to be shown on the scoreboard. In addition to this, the AIS were trialing a new initiative which allowed live video feed also be displayed. The collaboration of SIRC, the AIS, Rowing NSW and Rowing Australia provided an opportunity to produce a visual package that was displayed live on the scoreboard and was recorded for upload to the YouTube account.

Rowing Australia posted 35 various videos to the YouTube account which included the entire Interstate Regatta, key open events (this was limited due to the amount of time taken to edit the footage), athlete interviews and a daily review and preview of the next days racing. To date, the videos have attracted 23,271 views and, with the videos still active, this is expected to continue to increase. The most popular videos were the Kings Cup, interviews with Duncan Free, Drew Ginn, James Tomkins and Sam Conrad, the daily reviews and school boys and girls eights finals.

## 2008 Australian Masters Rowing Championships

The 2008 Australian Masters Rowing Championships were held at Nagambie Lakes from 29 May to 1 June, 2008. This is the first year that the event was extended to four days. This proved to be successful in allowing more flexibility with programming, however lower numbers than anticipated would have seen the regatta successfully fit within a three day program. There were a number of issues that were raised in the lead up to the event including a late change in date and the seat fees for coxswains. These issues, although overcome, did have an impact on the entry level and have highlighted the need for greater communication between the State Associations, Rowing Australia Masters Committee, Rowing Australia and the Organising Committee.

The event itself was very successful with Nagambie in excellent condition and the weather near perfect. There were 520 entries culminating in 3911 seats (including coxswains) from 749 individual athletes. This was nearly

a 30% decrease from last years Masters, a reflection of the popularity of SIRC as a Masters venue and the effects of a late change in the date of the regatta. The number of scratchings from this event was again a concern with 58 withdrawals from the regatta, 26 of which were outside the rules of Rowing Australia (less than 2 hours before the race or after the first round).

## 2008 Australian Youth Cup

The Youth Cup Regatta, hosted by Rowing Queensland, was held 5–7 September at Kawana Waters, Queensland. The regatta provided enjoyment, drama and great racing with New Zealand claiming their third consecutive Youth Cup victory by the narrowest of margins.

Queensland's weather had an impact on the event and the boat race officials made the decision on the Thursday prior to racing to swap the Friday and Saturday programs around to help negotiate the rough conditions. The decision proved a success as no racing was lost.

Heading into the final day of competition, Queensland led New Zealand by a mere point with the final of the men's and women's eights on Sunday to prove crucial in the final result.

The penultimate event on the program saw the men's eight race won by the Victorian crew by three quarters of a boat length ahead of the fast finishing New Zealand and Queensland crews. New Zealand rowed strongly to second place by 0.29 seconds and moved level on points with only the women's eight race remaining.

New Zealand proved too strong to take the women's eight in a time of 6:33.28, over six and a half seconds clear of the home state, and with that result, won the Rusty Robertson Cup by a single point.

### *Rusty Robertson Cup Final Results:*

New Zealand	106
Queensland	105
New South Wales	85
Victoria	72
South Australia	59
ACT	54
Tasmania	50
Western Australia	44

Rowing Australia would like to thank Rowing Queensland for staging this year's event. Although the conditions threatened to play havoc on the regatta, fast thinking and stellar work from the Rowing Queensland staff and volunteers guaranteed the success of the event.

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The 2009 Australian Youth Cup will be held at the Sydney International Regatta Center in mid July.

### **2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival**

Rowing Australia has been working closely with the Australian Olympic Committee to deliver the 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival. The event will be held from the 14–18 January, 2009 in Sydney with the rowing to be conducted at SIRC. An international element continues to be a feature of the event with China, Great Britain and New Zealand invited to this year's event.

Hire of boats for the international teams will be a focus in the lead up as this proves to be the most challenging element of coordinating this event. The venue will be shared with two other sports, canoeing and triathlon, therefore programming will again be a challenge.

The focus of the event is to provide young up and coming athletes with an Olympic style experience. Mandatory participation in the Opening Ceremony, drug education sessions and accommodation in a village style venue all add to this experience. Initial discussions with the AOC have indicated that all of these core elements have been enhanced and previous feedback from Competition Directors has been taken on board to ensure the ongoing growth and success of this event.

### **2009 National Events**

Due to the competition review, the allocation of the 2009 National Events was delayed until April. The allocation of the events is as follows:

#### ***2009 Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta***

Lake Barrington, Tasmania  
— 2 to 8 March, 2009

#### ***2009 Australian Masters Rowing Championships***

Fitzroy River, Rockhampton, Queensland  
—28 to 31 May, 2009

#### ***2009 Australian Youth Cup***

Sydney International Regatta Centre, NSW  
—10 to 12 July, 2009

Rowing Australia would like to congratulate the host Associations and look forward to working with them to deliver successful regattas.

### **Rowing Australia Umpires**

The Rowing Australia Umpires Committee has seen a change in membership with Dr Stephen Hinchy (QLD) stepping down from the Committee after four years. Steve has been replaced by Victor Walter (NSW) who joins John Murdoch (WA) and Andrew Guerin (VIC) in ensuring the ongoing development of umpiring in Australia. Rowing Australia would like to thank Steve for his work on the Umpires Committee — his input has been invaluable and has assisted in raising the quality and standard of umpiring.

The main focus of the Committee this year has been the development and implementation of the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS) for Rowing. Details of this initiative have been reported on in the development report.

Another initiative that has seen attention from the Umpires Committee has been the instigation of an exchange program with Rowing New Zealand. This has already seen a New Zealand BRO attend the 2008 Australian Youth Cup and a further two due to officiate at the 2009 Australian Rowing Championships. Australian BRO's will be attending the 2009 MAADI Regatta and the 2009 New Zealand Rowing Championships. This increased cooperation between the two countries will hopefully translate into greater opportunities for Australian officials at the 2010 World Rowing Championships which will be held at Lake Karapiro in New Zealand.

The ongoing representation of umpires at national and international events remains a priority of the Umpires Committee. One additional umpire was awarded his Rowing Australia license in 2008 bringing the total number of Rowing Australia Umpires to 40. In addition to this, Australian umpires officiated at five international regattas in 2008 included Craig James (WA) at the Beijing Olympic Games and Michael Eastaughffe (SA) at the Beijing Paralympics Games.

**Bob Pennington**  
**Director, Competition**



# Development Report

## NCAS Administration

Courses conducted between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008

	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		TOTAL	
	Courses	No. of participants	Courses	No. of participants	Courses	No. of participants	Courses	No. of participants
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	6	96	0	0	0	0	6	96
VIC	9	111	1	9	0	0	10	120
TAS	3	21	1	11	0	0	4	32
SA	1	11	1	20	0	0	2	31
WA	2	36	1	9	0	0	3	45
QLD	9	119	2	14	1	20	12	153
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>477</b>

## Number of Accredited Coaches as at 30 June 2008

	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		TOTAL	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
ACT	5	8	15	5	5	2	4	0	29	15
NSW	69	80	120	59	47	8	0	0	236	147
VIC	74	50	87	39	19	2	0	0	180	91
TAS	27	5	32	9	2	0	0	0	61	14
SA	6	8	60	43	12	3	0	0	78	54
WA	38	24	43	25	9	1	0	0	90	50
QLD	59	67	166	89	47	7	0	0	272	163
Other	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>535</b>
	520		792		165		5		1482	

## Number of Coaches Re-Accrediting between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008

	Level 2		Level 3		TOTAL		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
ACT	0	0	1	1	1	1	2
NSW	12	1	6	0	18	1	19
VIC	10	2	5	0	15	2	17
TAS	1	0	1	0	2	0	2
SA	1	0	1	0	2	0	2
WA	1	0	0	1	1	1	2
QLD	7	1	4	0	11	1	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>56</b>
	36		20		56		



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## Education Officer

In response to the Rowing Australia Council's request for greater attention to education, Rowing Australia recruited and appointed a National Education Officer. The primary responsibility of this position is to oversee the ongoing development and implementation of Rowing Australia's education programs. In late August 2008, Helen Alexiou was appointed to this position.

Helen came to Rowing Australia after several years working in the UK as a Project Manager for the English Federation of Disability Sport where she was responsible for the delivery of several programs focused around leadership, coaching, officiating, volunteering and training. She has experience in developing education programs from inception to delivery including syllabus design, presentation and resource development and recruitment and training of delivery staff. The skills that Helen has brought to Rowing Australia will ensure the ongoing development and implementation of Rowing Australia's NCAS and NOAS and will bring fresh ideas and focus that will enhance Rowing Australia's education programs for the future.

In the short time that Helen has been with Rowing Australia, she has already identified a number of improvements that can be made to Rowing Australia's education programs. A number of these improvements have been in direct response to a number of issues raised by the Council and the State Development Officers, some of which are identified further in this report.

## NCAS Administration

Although the number of NCAS courses conducted this year has increased, the number of participants has seen a slight decrease. More concerning is that there appears to be a concentration of trainee coaches participating in the Level 1 course with very few participants progressing through to higher levels. It is believed that this situation has occurred as a result of a number of changes in the State Development Officers, greater responsibilities placed upon those traditionally responsible for delivering courses and limited resources availability to Rowing Australia to support the delivery of education in the States.

The lack of focus on the NCAS has seen the standard of delivery and assessment of the courses slip. As we re-focus on the delivery of education, a number of quality assurance measures will need to be put in place to ensure a high standard of course is being delivered.

It is intended to have further assessor and presenter training to not only train more assessors and presenters, but also provide follow up training to those who have already been trained. Furthermore, it is important for Rowing Australia to provide greater assistance with the delivery of the courses through joint presentations, regular audits and providing a consistent and regular contact point 12 months of the year to work with and monitor the delivery of the NCAS.

The previous lack of resources within coach education has created further delays in implementing the remaining courses within the NCAS. The NCAS Syllabus for Rowing is due for review and submission to the ASC for approval in March 2009. This provides an opportunity for Rowing Australia to review the success and weaknesses of the current syllabus and provide amendments that will strengthen the delivery of the courses and overcome the difficulties which have hampered its full implementation. Rowing Australia's newly appointed National Education Officer has already made significant headway into the review of the syllabus which includes a full review of the presentation materials and delivery methods.

## NCAS Resource Review

A new Level 1 Manual was released in August 2007 which has combined two previous resources. This has reduced the cost of the manuals for the State Association delivering the courses and provided greater consistency in relation to the information's presentation and flow. Significant work has also been completed on the Level 2 Manual with a draft being provided to key people for review and comment.

The completion of the Level 2 Manual and the commencement of the review for the Level 3 Manual have been delayed following the appointment of the National Education Officer. All the resources, including the Level 1 Manual, will be considered as part of the overall NCAS review which is currently being conducted. It is anticipated that the new resources will be available for delivery with the new syllabus in March 2009.

## BRO Education

The National Officiation Accreditation Scheme for Rowing was approved by the Australian Sports Commission in late 2007. The syllabus provides a clear and consistent national approach to the training of boat race officials by providing common learning outcomes and all presentation materials.

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The implementation of this program has started with the training of presenters and assessors in New South Wales and Victoria. Further training has been delayed following the appointment of the National Education Officer. The delivery mechanisms and training processed are currently being reviewed with further training to occur once the review of these resources is completed.

Part of the implementation of the syllabus is the construction of a National BRO database. The National Education Officer is currently working with the State Coordinators to identify all trained and active BRO's across the country. The construction of this database coincides with the implementation of the Australian Sports Commissions new NOAS and NCAS database.

## Adaptive Rowing

### *Adaptive Rowing Steering Committee & Sports CONNECT*

The terms of three members of the Steering Committee have now been completed, and an application process was conducted to fill the vacant positions. The three members that re-nominated for their positions were recommended to the Board by Rowing Australia and were re-appointed to their positions on the committee.

Over the past 12 months, the Committee has undertaken and achieved a number of key priorities that have assisted the development of adaptive rowing in Australia, priorities that have been acknowledged by the Australian Sports Commission in upgrading Rowing Australia's Sports CONNECT level from Green to Bronze.

Rowing Australia and the Adaptive Steering Committee have completed the following highlighted tasks in the DAP:

- Draft Adaptive Coach Education Module
- Draft Classification Workshop Manual
- Complete Come 'n' Try Day Organisational Tool for clubs and states.
- Increased participation at National Championships
- Increased levels of classified athletes

### *Disability Action Plan (DAP)*

Rowing Australia is currently progressing strongly through Sports CONNECT, entering the second year of the Bronze Level. The current DAP has been re-shaped to allow for a focus on the newly developed three pronged approach for Australian Adaptive Rowing. The three pronged approach consists of:

1. Clubs — preparing clubs to take on more members with a disability utilising the Come 'n' Try day checklist, ASC Club Development Network etc
2. Coaches — providing education opportunities for coaches and clear pathways for future coaching opportunities
3. Athletes — provide classification education, training programs, pathways for National representation, assistance for development.

### *Adaptive Rowing National Audit*

The 2007–2008 National Adaptive Rowing Audit has been conducted with 29 audits being returned from the three target areas; Clubs, State Rowing Associations and Third Tier Organisations. The key areas that have been brought up in the results have highlighted issues with regard to: accessing funding/sponsorship opportunities, coach education and resources, obtaining relevant equipment, knowledge of the adaptive rowing classification program and knowledge of other certain aspects of Adaptive Rowing.

The results from the 2007–2008 National Adaptive Rowing Audit have assisted with the reshaping of the DAP by highlighting the areas of development and address the concerns that clubs, State Rowing Associations and Third Tier organisations have expressed within the audits. The Audit results are available on the Rowing Australia website.

### *Classification Program*

Rowing Australia conducted a Classification Session during the 2008 Australian Rowing Championships (ARC). A total of 13 adaptive rowers were classified, taking Rowing Australia's total classified adaptive rowers to 31.

Rowing Australia is currently working with the Australian Sports Commission to produce an educational DVD for classifier training and accreditation, it is in the final stages of completion. This project will be distributed widely through the adaptive rowing community in an attempt to recruit new classifiers and increase the knowledge of the classification process for the stakeholders of Adaptive Rowing in Australia.

This resource has the potential to be used widely as a training tool not only for classification and the training of classifiers, but also to educate athletes about the specifics of Adaptive Rowing as well as assisting and educating current and prospective adaptive rowing coaches about the technical and medical aspects of Adaptive Rowing.

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### *Adaptive Events at the 2008 Australian Rowing Championships*

This years ARC saw the largest Adaptive Rowing entries for many years with 24 rowers entered into events (9% increase from 2007 entries). Also, this years ARC saw the most number of adaptive events on offer with 12 events made available for adaptive rowers (9 in 2007).

The annual Adaptive Rowing Forum was held during the ARC. The adaptive rowing steering committee reported on the progress of adaptive rowing and the future directions that Adaptive Rowing in Australia will take.

### **High Performance Adaptive Rowing**

#### *2008 National Adaptive Team*

The 2008 Australian Rowing Team was selected with the inclusion of three adaptive crews:

- ▶ LTA4+ — Mixed Legs, Trunk and Arms Coxed Four
- ▶ TA2x — Mixed Trunk and Arms Coxless Double Scull
- ▶ A1x — Men's Arms Only Single Scull

All three crews participated in a series of selection trails and preparation camps. A number of camps were held in Canberra and Sydney where the athletes were given the opportunity to utilise the facilities of the AIS, SIRC and NSWIS. The use of these facilities significantly contributed to all crews' ability to compete overseas.

The LTA4+ competed at the World Cup Regatta in Munich, Germany in an attempt to join the TA2X and AMIX in qualifying for the Beijing Paralympic Games. Unfortunately the crew missed out on qualification bringing their season to a close. The TA2X participated in an Adaptive International Regatta in Gavaritte, Italy where they won gold while the AMIX choose to stay in Australia to focus on preparations for Beijing.

#### *Beijing Paralympic Games*

The 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games saw the inclusion of rowing for the first time. Australia was represented by two crews, Dominic Monypenny coached by Rik Bryan competed in the Arms Only Men's Singles Scull while John MacLean and Kathryn Ross coached by Pedro Albisser competed in the Trunk and Arms Double Scull.

As expected, the competition at the Paralympic Games was significantly improved from previous World Championships. Both Australian crews rowed well

through the course of the regatta and both qualified for the A final by competing in the repechage.

The Arms Only Men's Single Scull (AM1x) of Dominic Monypenny placed 6th while the Trunk and Arms Mixed Double Scull (TA2x) won silver in one of the most exciting races of the regatta.

Congratulations to both crews and their coaches for their success.

#### *High Performance Plan*

Rowing Australia has recently revised the High Performance Plan for the next Paralympic Cycle. The next quadrenium will focus on talent identification and future pathways which varies from previous plans which focused on integration. An Adaptive Rowing Indicative Program will be provided to the athletes to inform them of the selection protocols for the 2009 International season.

#### **Sykes Racing 2008 Rowing Australia Coaches Conference**

The Sykes Racing 2008 Rowing Australia Coaches Conference was conducted from October 3 to 5 at the Sofitel on the Gold Coast. Nearly 250 delegates from schools, clubs and the State Institutes of Sport heard from some of Australia's, and the World's, most successful coaches and sports scientists. This included presentations from Paul Thompson, Amateur Rowing Association's (GBR) Chief Coach for Women and Lightweights, Australia's Olympic medal winning coaches of Rhett Ayliffe, Tim Conrad and Chris O'Brien as well as some of Australia's leading sports scientists such as Ivan Hooper, Tony Rice, Conny Draper, Julian Jones and Shona Halson.

A survey conducted at the Conference provided significant feedback regarding the planning and delivery of this year's Conference. Although only a small percentage of delegates returned the survey (approximately 16%), this traditionally indicates people's satisfaction with the Conference as it is more common for people to provide negative feedback. The surveys received indicated that 80% of respondents' overall satisfaction of the Conference was good to very good. The most popular topics were those that provided coaches with specific tools that could be implemented directly into their training programs. This included the Technical Overviews of the Australian Olympic medal winning crews, Rowing Australia Strength Training

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Model, The Rowing Ergometer: It's Relevance to Training and Testing and Physiological Training Zones.

The Conference would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors. Rowing Australia would like to thank Sykes Racing as naming rights sponsor, the Queensland Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation as major sponsor and WinTech Racing Australia and Nielsen Kellerman Australia as associate sponsors. Their ongoing support of these important development initiatives is pivotal in the future success of our sport.

Initial planning for the 2010 Coaches Conference is already underway. A list of possible venues is being compiled and a number of suggestions for topics are being documented in response to both the formal and informal feedback received. Further information regarding the 2010 Conference is unlikely to be released until mid 2009.

**John Boulton**  
**Director, Development**



# High Performance Report

The Beijing Olympic Games saw the end of season 2007–08 and the four year Olympic cycle. Two fantastic gold medals — one expected (M2-) and one unexpected (M2x) — and one incredible silver in the M4- on ‘Super Saturday’, as it came to be known, held great promise for more results. However, unfortunately Australia was unable to increase its medal tally, despite some excellent performances. All in all an impressive Olympic result that saw Australia ranked second on the overall medal tally behind Great Britain.

Since the Athens Olympics, the HPU has been working hard to increase the standard of results across the board and to deliver a program of excellence. To a large extent it has been successful. However, following Beijing, we have had to make some hard decisions about the future of the program in order that we position ourselves for sustainable success in the future. The time for an honest assessment is now. As such, several key structural and personnel changes have already been made or are underway to effect our objectives of better leadership, integration and coordination across our HPU Business units. An overview of these initiatives are detailed later in this report.

I present below a brief overview of the key initiatives and programs of the HPU and welcome the next four cycle with great anticipation and with high expectation.

## Overall 2008 Australian Team Performance Summary

Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Olympic Games	2	1		3
Paralympic Games		1		1
Non Olympic World Championships	1	1		2
Under 23	1	1	1	3
Junior			3	3

## Planning Phase (Dec 2007)

Following the 2007 international season, the Senior A Team coaches met to discuss the needs associated with better performances in Beijing, weaknesses identified from 2007, the Tour plan for the 2008 World Cup and Olympics campaign and the selection process for the coming year.

Primarily it was recognized that:

- The 2007 Tour was too complex, logistically very demanding and expensive, with relatively poor return on investment. As such 2008 Tour planning (although in the Olympic year) would be simplified wherever possible.

- Planning a preparation for each part of the season needed to be more results focused
- Communication between RA — SIS/SAS - Coaches and athletes needed to improve
- Both development teams (U23 & Jnr) needed to be better supported by at least a ‘non coaching’ Touring Head Coach and where possible a Boatman
- A more ‘paternalistic’ selection process that places greater emphasis on communication and involvement using the athlete commission was needed

Prior to the start of season 2007–08 the HPU made a strategic decision to base certain squads in various State Institutes or Academies. This was essentially done to focus all efforts towards maximizing performances at the 2008 Olympics under the nominated Olympic coaches.

Men’s Sculling: Squad based in Tasmania under Rhett Ayliffe

Men’s L/W’s: Squad based in Perth under Antonio Maurogiovanni

Men’s Sweep: AIS under Brian Richardson

Women’s Sweep: AIS under Lyall McCarthy

Women’s LWs: WL2x early selected in SA under Adrian David

Men’s 2-: early selection in VIC under Chris O’Brien

## Selection

Due to the Olympic Games and requirements of the AOC, the 2007 Selection Policy required considerable review and reformulation to produce an Olympic & Senior A Policy/Event Supplement for 2008. A Non-Olympic and U23 Teams Policy/Supplement were also produced and a separate Event Supplement for the World University Championship was formulated and accepted by Australian University Sport.

The Selectors met regularly throughout the season to review selection processes, decisions and appeals, with meetings held via teleconference, Skype and face to face at selection regattas. Revised selection templates and processes ensured the Panel and ex-officio members (National Head Coaches Men/Women) were focused on the main aims of fairness, transparency and enhanced communication to athletes and coaches following any ‘non selection’ or ‘cut’ process.

## Senior A Team Racing

At the conclusion of the Olympic Games qualification process, Australia had qualified boats in all 14 categories. The Men's Four, Women's Single and Women's Double Scull all qualified for the Games at the Final Qualification Regatta in Poznan. Australia was the only country to achieve this in Beijing and subsequently, rowing formed the largest AOC section.

While not returning home with as many medals as hoped or expected, Australia performed admirably in Beijing and ultimately placed second on the overall medal tally. 7 crews (34 athletes) qualified for A finals and the other 7 crews (14 athletes) qualified for B finals.

## Final Placings

Category	Boat	Place
Heavy Men Sweep	8+	6 <sup>th</sup>
	4-	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	2-	1 <sup>st</sup>
Heavy Men Scull	4x	4 <sup>th</sup>
	2x	1 <sup>st</sup>
	1x	12 <sup>th</sup>
Light Men Sweep	4-	9 <sup>th</sup>
Light Men Scull	2x	10 <sup>th</sup>
Heavy Womens Sweep	8+	6 <sup>th</sup>
	2-	10 <sup>th</sup>
Heavy Womens Scull	4x	6 <sup>th</sup>
	2x	8 <sup>th</sup>
	1x	10 <sup>th</sup>
Light Womens Scull	2x	8 <sup>th</sup>

## Under 23 Team

*(1 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze)*

This year's Under 23 World Championships were held in Brandenburg, Germany and Australia sent our biggest team of the quadrennium.

Tasmanian single sculler Carly Cottam was the standout for the team, producing impressive performances all week to then come away with a gold medal. The win was a huge confidence boost for Carly who will concentrate on senior team selection in 2009.

Emily Rose and Libby Alderman won a silver medal in the final of the Women's Pair after a very strong performance in the Final. Emily and Libby led through the 1500m mark of the race but could not hold off a final charge and was pipped by just over two seconds.

The Women's Quad Scull won Australia's third medal of the regatta after finishing in third place. Lisa Szatsznajder, Emma McCarthy, Laura Osti and Kim Brown led through the halfway point in the race but were overtaken by Romania and Germany over the last 750m.

The Men's Four of Bryn Coudraye, Rhys Grant, Cameron Brewer and Ned Kinnear finished in fourth place in the final after being edged out of a medal position by four tenths of a second, while both the Women's Four and Men's Quad Scull crews finished fifth in their respective finals.

The Men's Eight made up for missing the A Final by winning the B, while the Women's Lightweight Double Scull of Maja Fiddler and Jacky Peile claimed second place in their B Final. James Gatti and Kieren Kobelke were unable to put together their best race and finished sixth in the B Final of the Men's Double Scull.

Outstanding results from several crews point to a rejuvenated development program forged by the National Elite Development Program. Thanks must go to Team Manager, Vicky Spencer, for leading the team during the World Championship campaign.

## Non-Olympic and Junior Team

*(1 Gold, 4 Bronze)*

In an Olympic year, the Senior Non-Olympic and Junior World Championships are a combined event. This year Australia sent three senior crews and eight junior crews to Linz, Austria for the 6 day regatta.

Australia's most successful crew was the Women's Lightweight Quad who were crowned World Champions for the second successive year. Under the guidance of coach Ellen Randell, Alice McNamara, Miranda Bennett, Bronwen Watson and Ingrid Fenger produced a fantastic performance to once again bring home the gold.

In the Men's Coxed Pair, Fergus Pragnell and Nick Baxter, coxed by Hugh Rawlinson, entered the regatta as one of the crews expected to win a medal. Also under the leadership of Ellen Randell, the crew finished strongly to come home with a bronze.

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The Lightweight Men's Eight were clearly disappointed in their results when they didn't directly qualify for a place in the final and then also failed to qualify through the repechage process. The crew competed in the B Final and produced a second place.

Nick Barnier and Sasha Belonogoff, competing in the Junior Men's Double Scull, proceeded easily through the rounds. Overseen by Jaimie Fernandez, the boys entered the final as the fastest qualifiers, but were in fourth place through the first 500 metres and were unable to fully recover the lead they had given away. They came home strongly to win a bronze medal which was still a fantastic result for the two scullers and they appear to have a bright future ahead of them in the sport.

Competing in the Junior Men's Pair, Matt Dignan and Ryan Edwards rowed admirably throughout the regatta against a very tough field. In the Final, the boys were locked in a battle for the medals over the last 500 metres. They recorded an excellent time and finished with a bronze medal, just over a second behind first place.

Taylor Wilczynski, in the Junior Men's Single, comfortably progressed through the rounds. He showed experience beyond his years to construct a great race and finished in a time of 7:21.85 and a bronze medal, over four seconds clear of the fourth-placed sculler.

Elliot Bannan, Christian Eyres, Harley Mooney and David Watts in the Junior Men's Four produced some impressive performances in the early stages of the regatta to secure a preferential middle lane in the A Final. In what was a very challenging race, the boys fought valiantly for a medal but narrowly missed out to finish fourth behind Spain, Romania and Germany.

Junior Women's Single Sculler Alexandra Hagan moved from strength to strength through the rounds to secure a place in the final. Hagan was in fourth after the first 500 metres but slipped back to fifth at the halfway mark and held this position for the rest of the race.

The Junior Women's Four of Beatrix Sheldrick, Ashleigh Peppernell, Olivia Heath and Rachel See qualified through the repechage for the A final. The girls held a top four position over the first 1000 metres but were unable to close the gap and crossed the line in fifth place — an impressive result in a quality field.

Thomas Cox, Jonathan Trovas, Chris Anderson and Scott Laidler in the Junior Men's Quad Scull got pipped on the line for a position in the A Final. The boys rowed

well throughout the B Final and won third place by only three hundredths of a second.

In the Junior Women's Quad Scull, Maddie Edmunds and Anna Kaszycki narrowly missed a place in the A Final after finishing in fourth in their semi final. The girls won the B Final by over four seconds after finishing very strongly.

Sincere thanks to team staff led by Manager Mick Smith, Dr. Jeff Conn, Physio Kellie Wilkie and Peter Shakespear for their dedication and expertise.

### High Performance Commission

The HPC members Colin Smith (Chair), Doug Donoghue (AOC) and RA CEO, Andrew Dee provided an important guiding hand over the HPU this year — in particular with regards to selection and tour planning. In future the HPC will be superseded by the Joint Management Committee of the NRCE.

### Tours Budget Committee

The Committee has again been active in providing advice and guidance to the formulation of the Teams budgets. Peter Crawford gave time generously to hand over to the new finance Director (David England) and lend his experiences with tour planning. This advice was particularly useful in the volatile period March/April/May prior to the Team departure, when the Euro v AUD was highly unstable. As a result, all teams returned a 'positive' budget vs. actuals result.

Members of the Committee include: David England (Finance Director), Andrew Dee (CEO), Doug Donoghue (AOC Executive), Peter Crawford (former Fin. Director) Noel Donaldson and Matt Draper.

### Anti Doping

#### *Australian Sports Anti Doping Authority (ASADA)*

ASADA has implemented its new online athlete 'whereabouts' system. As such, despite ongoing glitches, athlete compliance to their whereabouts obligations is much easier to monitor, but results in numerous non compliance strikes being recorded across all sports. Rowing has been no exception and RA has been working hard with its athletes and ASADA to ensure athletes have the best opportunity to comply with their obligations. Three strikes by an athlete results in an Anti Doping Violation and sanction.

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### *World Anti Doping Authority (WADA)*

WADA recently released its new World Anti Doping Code which is due to come in to force on 1 January 2009. This will require RA drafting and adopting a revised Anti Doping Policy prior to that date. We have already commenced work on this document and will provide guidance to all HP programs as the requirements become necessary.

### **National Elite Development & NTID Programs**

Several hundred thousand dollars was allocated by the RA Board and the ASC for Elite Development and Elite talent identification of emerging talented athletes around Australia. On the back of the Elite Development review from 2006 and the ongoing difficulties in transferring talented junior school-leavers into the senior elite pathway, a comprehensive analysis is underway to address levels of success, sustainability and needs for the development of our future international level athletes and coaches. Key in the strategy to address this important area, will be the appointment of a 'Development Manager' to oversee and coordinate all things related to athlete and coach development.

Our partners delivering the national program in the States (the Clubs, State Associations and State Institutes and Academies) have made big inroads into this critical area. The NEDP Program sets target athlete development numbers that helps focus the needs of future results sustainability at the Olympic level. In the near future, the NTID Program will also be revised to better reflect these national goals.

Clearly our aims in the HPU are to ensure that talented athlete identification and their development assume far greater importance in our business. As such we have already been working with all partners to develop and implement a truly national approach to achieving our aims of regularly producing Olympic champions in the future.

### **Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and State Institute and Academy of Sport Network**

As reported elsewhere in this Annual Report, the amalgamation of the High Performance Unit of RA and the AIS Residential Rowing Program to form the National Rowing Centre of Excellence (NRCE) is well underway. Jointly funded by the AIS/RA, the NRCE will be administered by a Joint Management Committee (JMC) answerable to the Boards of both organisations.

The NRCE will be led by the National High Performance Director who for the first time has direct responsibility over both programs.

The NRCE aims to bring a national focus and coordination to all programs related to elite athlete and coach performance and to provide National leadership, and deliver a fully integrated, coordinated and sustainable National Plan focused on achieving medal winning results in London 2012 & beyond.

Key leadership outcomes will include the coordination and integration with key stakeholders of:

- The AIS, SIS/SAS and the SSO partner programs in each state
- The National Selection Policy and process
- International tours planning, management and control
- National protocols and standards in: Laboratory testing, rowing technique, training methodology etc
- The National Talent Identification Program (NTID) and The National Elite Development Program (NEDP); Elite Coach Development Program (ECDP), and AIS Scholarship coach program and other athlete and coach identification, development and retention programs
- The HP aspects of the AWD program

We invite all rowing partner organisations, Clubs and enthusiasts to be part of this significant moment in our sport and believe that the enhanced opportunities, efficiencies, coordination and leadership offered by the NRCE will ensure future sustainability and better utilisation of the substantial and unique facilities and expert knowledge offered by the AIS and ASC.

### **Staffing**

Andrew Matheson recently joined RA as our new National High Performance Director. Andrew has come to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience of the NZ elite program and has already made a significant impact. Lyall McCarthy continues in his role of National/AIS Women's Head Coach and Noel Donaldson takes over from Brian Richardson as National/AIS Men's Head Coach.

RA has said farewell to Sam Irvine who has moved to Queensland joining the Department of Sport and Recreation. Sam's efforts have been enormous - in particular his assistance to the logistical needs of all National teams in Europe. He will be sadly missed,



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but we wish him well. In closing, we must recognise the efforts also of Brian Richardson's work as National & AIS Men's Head Coach. Brian has led the program through many difficult years and moments and has helped provide stability to that program following Reinhold Batschi's departure last year. We wish Brian well in his future endeavours.

### **Athletes Commission**

Led well by Chair Rebecca Joyce, the Athletes Commission (AC) has been an integral partner in the operations of key aspects of the HPU this year. Particularly in the re-formulation of the Selection Policy to meet AOC guidelines, the whole athlete brief/debrief process in selections and in providing excellent feedback on matters related to Teams and athletes needs. Two new members joined Rebecca and her Committee this year. They are former Internationals Karina Wieland and Dan Bourke. We welcome them and thank the AC for their valuable input.

To enhance communication with athletes in the overall process of touring, logistics and team management, two Team Leaders were elected by the Senior A & Olympic Team athletes through a formal election and voting process. They were David Crawshay and Sarah Tait.

A 'Leadership Group' of 4 athletes (2 women and 2 men), was also appointed for both development teams.

### **Thanks**

Without doubt, the Australian Sports Commission is RA's major benefactor. Without the substantial funds allocation we are provided, we would clearly struggle to conduct the comprehensive program we now run throughout Australia. Thanks also to the State Institutes and Academies of Sport, the Australian Olympic Committee and long time supporters, Croker Oars, Sykes Racing and Wintech Racing. The High Performance Unit (HPU), led by outgoing High Performance Director, Noel Donaldson, worked tirelessly to support a busy, comprehensive and multi-faceted elite National Program. Sincere thanks to all of those staff.

On behalf of Rowing Australia I would like to personally thank:

- Selectors David Yates, Matt Draper, Barbara Fenner, Wayne Diplock, Chaired by HPD Noel Donaldson and the National Head Coaches (Brian Richardson and Lyall McCarthy) for their tireless and valuable contribution to selecting our teams.

- Team Managers Ray Ebert, Dean Oakman (Senior A and Olympic Games), Michael Smith (Non Olympic and Junior Worlds) and Vicky Spencer (U23) for excellently managing our teams on the world stage.
- Bob Pennington, Michael Eastaughffe, Steve Hinchy, Andrew Guerin, Greg Smith and many other BROs for their assistance in supervising the selection competition.
- Ivan Hooper (SSSM Coordinator), Dr. Carmel Goodman (PMO) Michael Rigo (Emergency Services) and the whole medical team around Australia (too numerous to name individually)

Finally, we sincerely thank our athletes and coaches, their families and supporters for their huge commitment, efforts, and sacrifices as they strive to be the best they can be in our beloved sport.

**Colin Smith**  
**Director, High Performance**



## AIS Rowing

### Staff

AIS Senior Women's Coach and National Women's Head Coach: Lyall McCarthy

AIS Senior Men's Coach and National Men's Head Coach: Brian Richardson

Program Manager: Dean Oakman

AIS Scholarship Coach: Marty Rabjohns

AIS Administrator: Maree Curran

Women's Assistant Coach: John Cumper (on secondment from the VIS)

With the close of the Olympic cycle in Beijing, the program's focus has already shifted towards London and the 2012 Olympics. The planned restructure of Rowing Australia's High Performance program will commence operation on November 3, 2008. The AIS Rowing Program will see two new staff members employed. Andrew Matheson, formally of New Zealand, commences as the new National High Performance Director with responsibility for implementing Rowing Australia's High Performance Plan, and also directing the AIS Rowing Program. Former High Performance Director, Noel Donaldson will commence as the AIS Senior Men's Coach and National Men's Head Coach.

Internationally, four years of intensive preparation wound up with the Olympic Regatta held at the Shunyi Course in Beijing. For the AIS, the highlight of the regatta was the performance of the Men's Four claiming silver. The crew was based at the AIS in Canberra from January, and under the coaching of Tim Conrad lead for all but the last few hundred metres of the final before the favourites from Great Britain edged past them. The Men's and Women's Eights couldn't replicate their early season international success and both finished in 6th place, whilst the Women's Pair came in 10th.

Domestically, the AIS Rowing Program hosted the national men's sweep squad (except the Men's Pair) and national Women's sweep squad in Canberra. All of the AIS based athletes made the National Team following trials in February and April. 13 AIS men made the Beijing Olympic Team with a further 2 as reserves, and 12 AIS women also made the team with a further 2 as reserves. A full list of scholarship holders, their crews and coaches appears at the end of this report.

The AIS Development Program, Breaking the Drought, wound up at the start of December 2007 following

the retirement of long standing AIS Head Coach Reinhold Batschi and the shift towards the Olympic year. The legacy of the program continued with three athletes, Jared Bidwell, Tom Swann and Blair Brown being selected in the men's Under 23 Quad Scull. The crew finished 5th at the U23 World Championships in Brandenburg, Germany. Reinhold was recognized at the National Championships in Sydney for his outstanding contribution to rowing in Australia by being awarded life membership to Rowing Australia and having the Olympic Men's Eight boat named after him.

Through the early part of the international season, the AIS crews enjoyed great success. At the first World Cup in Munich, both the Men's and Women's Eights dominated their fields to win gold. At the Lucerne World Cup, the Men's Four beat home a strong field to claim the gold whilst the Women's Eight picked up the silver. The Men's Eight and Women's Pair were 4th. The Women's Eight result was enough to claim them the overall World Cup title despite them not racing the final leg in Poznan. At the Poznan Olympic Qualification Regatta, the Men's four kept their Lucerne form, and despite injury comfortably booked their ticket to Beijing. The Women's Double also qualified. At the World Championships in Linz, the Men's Coxed Pair picked up a bronze medal.

Once again, the ongoing support of the AIS, RA and ASC were paramount in the performance of our crews this season. The facilities, support staff, and financial assistance provided to the program and the rowers is second to none and cannot be underestimated in importance. The program would like to extend its deepest appreciation to everyone who contributed over the entire Olympic cycle and we look forward to building on these foundations moving onto 2012.

### 2007-08 AIS Scholarship Holders

#### Men's Eight

James Chapman  
Sam Conrad  
David Dennis  
Tom Laurich  
Sam Loch  
Marty Rabjohns  
Jeremy Stevenson  
Stephen Stewart  
James Tomkins (AIS/VIS)  
Coach: Brian Richardson

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### *Men's Four*

Francis Hegerty  
Cameron McKenzie-McHarg (AIS/VIS)  
James Marburg (AIS/VIS)  
Matt Ryan  
Coach: Tim Conrad (QLD)

### *Olympic Reserves*

Terrance Alfred  
Karsten Forsterling

### *Men's Coxed Pair*

Nick Baxter  
Fergus Pragnell  
Coach: Ellen Randall (NSW)

### *Women's Eight*

Natalie Bale  
Pauline Frasca (AIS/VIS)  
Sarah Heard  
Kate Hornsey  
Sally Kehoe  
Liz Kell  
Liz Patrick  
Brooke Pratley  
Sarah Tait  
Coach: Lyall McCarthy and Assistant John Cumper  
(VIC)

### *Women's Pair*

Sarah Cook  
Kim Crow  
Coach: Lyall McCarthy and Assistant John Cumper  
(VIC)

### *Women's Double Scull (VIC based)*

Sonia Mills  
Catriona Sens (VIC)

### *Olympic Reserves*

Robyn Selby Smith  
Phoebe Stanley (AIS/VIS)



## Athletes' Commission Report

*The role of the Athletes Commission is to represent the views of the athletes to the Board of Rowing Australia. The Commission provides a formal structure for communication between the athletes and Rowing Australia Board and staff members. The Commission reports to the Rowing Australia Board on a broad range of issues, including the support and preparation of athletes for World Championship or Olympic Games regattas, the selection process and other general policy matters. It also seeks to inform the athlete body of relevant decisions made by Rowing Australia that impact the rowing community and act as counsel for athletes. The Athletes Commission is represented on the Board of Rowing Australia by its chair, who is a voting member of the Board. This means that Rowing Australia is in full compliance with the AOC by-law, and demonstrates Rowing Australia's strong commitment to the involvement of athletes in the governance of its sport.*

The Athletes Commission would like to sincerely congratulate all members of the 2008 Australian Rowing Teams on their efforts and successes at the Beijing Olympic & Paralympic Games, the Senior A, Under 23 and Junior World Rowing Championship Regattas. Rating special mention is the outstanding efforts of:

- Olympic Gold Medallists, David Crawshay and Scott Brennan in the Double.
- World Champions and hot favourites Drew Ginn and Duncan Free didn't disappoint with their outstanding golden efforts in the Pair. Drew taking guts to a whole new level having a back operation as soon as he returned from Beijing!
- The Men's Four who had a mighty battle just to get to the Games showing us all they are made of true grit grabbing silver in a thrilling race. Well done to Francis Hegerty, Matt Ryan, Cameron McKenzie-McHarg and James Marburg and to Terrence Alfred who helped qualify the boat for the Games.
- The Men's Quad of Dan Noonan, James McRae, Brendan Long and Chris Morgan for a superb row narrowly missing bronze.
- The three members of the Women's Lightweight Quad for retaining their World Championship status, Miranda Bennett, Alice McNamara, Bronwen Watson and new comer Ingrid Fenger.
- The Men's Coxed Pair of Fergus Pragnell, Nick Baxter and the little guy who shouts, Hugh Rawlinson, for their bronze.

- To the three Junior crews that also won bronze, Nicholas Barnier and Sasha Belonogoff in the Double; Taylor Wilzeynski in the Single and Ryan Edwards and Matthew Dignan in the Pair.
- Paralympians Kathryn Ross and John MacLean for their silver in the Adaptive Mixed Double.
- Members of the under 23 Team Women's Quad who won bronze, Kim Brown, Laura Osti, Emma McCarthy and Lisa Szatsznajder; Carly Cottam for her gold in the Single and Elizabeth Alderman and Emily Rose for their silver medal in the Pair.

To all team members, especially those not mentioned who had their best rows on record, and those of you who didn't pull it together on the day and are bitterly disappointed, we are also very proud of you. We've all been there and hope, no matter what the result, it makes you stronger and a better person all round. We hope to see more of your grimacing faces on the start line this season!

This year the RA Board made changes to the Athletes Commission (AC) Charter for the purposes of having a more functional body. A new Commission was subsequently elected at the Nationals. New members include Dan Burke and Karina Wieland while myself and Dana Faletic continue our roles. The team also elected a Men's and Women's team captain who hold positions on the commission. David Crawshay, Men's team Captain and Sarah Tait, Women's Captain.

We are blessed with a strong contingency of rowers on the Commission at national and international level. Every four years at the Olympic Games the competing Olympians vote eight athletes onto the AOC Athletes Commission. James Tomkins was voted onto the Commission in Beijing and recently voted Chair by his eight fellow AOC AC members on Oct 3. A special mention must go to Kim Crow whom narrowly missed a seat coming in 9th overall.

Amber Halliday maintains her seat on FISA's Athletes Commission, joining James as an Ex-Officio on Rowing's Athlete's Commission.

This season the Athletes Commission provided feedback to the Board on a range of issues pertaining to high performance, selection issues and policy changes to the Athletes Commission.

We heard that athletes wanted a greater voice regarding high performance matters and selection issues. This year RA took a new and more in depth approach with athletes at the end of the selection process. High Performance

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Director, Noel Donaldson and Elite Program Manager, Matt Draper conducted a ten point debriefing plan with all selected and non-selected athletes. It was a newly instituted process that received favourable feedback from athletes.

Thanks to Commission members whom proactively gave counsel and advice to athletes in Australian squads regarding selection, appeals and general matters throughout the season. It was very pleasing to note that there were a greater number of athletes using the Commission as a support mechanism and sounding board than last year.

The Commission took a new initiative this year contacting all those who did not make selection to announce our services and availability to them and encourage the athletes' continued involvement in the sport. This initiative was received very favourably.

The Athletes Commission continues to ensure it remains a visible and useful body for the athletes and the Board of RA. In 2007–2008 the planned visit to athletes at national training sites was a tad over zealous by the Chair. I managed to visit most National Training Camps in Canberra and SIRC when the teams were gathered. Apologies to all Sandgropers, Mexicans, Crow Eaters and Banana Benders, we plan to be more visible on your individual mill ponds in the coming season.

### **Rowing Australia Athlete Commission Structure**

The Athletes Commission comprises eight active members. Members include:

- ▶ Sarah Tait, Women's Team Captain
- ▶ David Crawshay, Men's team Captain
- ▶ Dana Faletic
- ▶ Daniel Burke
- ▶ Karina Wieland
- ▶ James Tomkins, Ex-Officio, AOC Athletes Commission Chair
- ▶ Amber Halliday, Ex-Officio and FISA Athletes Commission member
- ▶ Rebecca Joyce, Chair

Please visit the RA website for AC member contact details.

**Rebecca Joyce**  
**Chair, Rowing Australia Athletes Commission**



## The Bobby Pearce Foundation

The Bobby Pearce Foundation was formed in 2002 as a vehicle for the National Team representatives of the past to support the current National Team representatives, and to keep in touch with rowing at the national team level. It seeks contributions from former team members to assist with the expenses of individuals in those teams that are not fully supported financially by RA — namely the Under 23 and Junior Teams, at this time. In the past few years, the Foundation has assisted athletes who suffered particular financial hardship

The Trustees of the Foundation are Peter Antonie OAM, John Coates AC and John Boulton AM. The Foundation is named after the first Australian Olympic Gold Medallist in rowing, Bobby Pearce, who won the Single Sculls in 1928 and 1932.

In 2008 the following former national team members contributed to the Foundation:

Graeme McCall  
Peter Tomanovits  
Lynton Hudson  
Will Liley  
Robert Lang  
Alan Grover  
Dr John Sivewright  
Christopher Dane  
Adrian Monger

Rodney Northam  
Michael Sim  
Nick Hunter  
Paul Thompson  
Lionel Robberds  
Chris Shinnars  
Paul Rowe  
Nim Greenwood  
Ian Clubb  
Andrew McKinley  
David Bishop  
Gary Gullock  
John Boulton  
Andrew Mitchelmore  
John Coates  
Joy Dickson  
Peter Antonie  
David Anderson  
Rob Stewart  
Adrian Maginn  
Rod Elleway  
Ian McRae  
Jack Hutchinson  
John Hawkins

The Foundation is registered with the Australia Sports Foundation, and donations are made through that body, and attract tax deductibility.



# Obituaries

## Graeme Squires (TAS)

Graeme Squires passed away on 26 October, 2007

Graeme was one of Tasmania's finest sportsmen and was recognised in 1962 when he won the Tasmanian division of Australian Sportsperson of the Year. In the same year he won a bronze medal in the Men's Double Sculls at the Commonwealth Games in Perth. In 1963, Squires won the President's Cup, awarded to the winner of the Single Scull at the Interstate Regatta at the Australian Rowing Championships.

Graeme was Tasmania's leading sculler from 1956–1963 and went on to become an excellent rowing coach. He was a Life Member of Buckingham Rowing Club.

## Timothy Willoughby (WA)

WA Olympic Council President, Tim Willoughby, passed away on 9 January, 2008 whilst on board a flight from the United States to Singapore.

Tim represented Australia at the Olympics in 1980 and 1984, winning a bronze medal with the Men's Eight in Los Angeles. He was also part of the Kookaburra crew that attempted to defend the America's Cup in 1986.

Tim, who was a prominent stock broker, became president of the WA Olympic Council in 1997.

## Maurie Reddan, OAM (NSW)

Maurie Reddan passed away on 12 February, 2008.

Maurie had been involved with the Nepean Rowing Club for more than 70 years. He first joined the Club as a coxswain at the age of 9. He joined the Club Board in 1949 and spent the last 23 years as Club President. He was a Life Member of Nepean Rowing Club and the NSW Rowing Association and was awarded an OAM in 1993 for his services to rowing.

## Brian Vear (VIC)

Brian Vear passed away on 18 February, 2008.

Brian was a great rower, administrator and innovator of the sport and was a Life Member of Rowing Victoria.

He was a member of 2 winning King's Cup crews and represented Australia at the 1960 Olympics in Rome (Men's Coxless Four), and then again in Tokyo (Men's Eight) four years later.

Brian played an integral part in the development of Masters rowing in Victoria and under his reign as Chairman of the Australian Masters Committee, the

Australian Masters Championships were created. Brian's administrative abilities were showcased as Chairman of the Organising Committee at a number of National Championships and also the 2003 World Masters Games.

## John Button (VIC)

Former Senator John Button passed away on 7 April, 2008 following a battle with pancreatic cancer.

John was involved in the rowing community as a member of MUBC and coxed the 1951, 1952 and 1953 University Championship crews. He served the longest tenure in a single ministry in the Hawke-Keating governments.

## Martin Tomanovits (VIC)

Martin Tomanovits passed away on 18 April, 2008.

Martin joined Mercantile Rowing Club in 1957 and went on to be a very successful senior oarsman. He was the mainstay of Victorian King's Cup crews for most the 1960s, was a Commonwealth Games gold medalist and raced in the Australian Eight at the inaugural World Championships in 1962. Martin represented Australia at the 1964 Olympics as part of the Men's Eight crew.

His coaching career was also very successful including a series of successful lightweight crews in the mid 1970s.

Martin was also a rowing administrator as Captain and selector of his club and a Board member of Rowing Victoria.

## Brian Doyle (VIC)

Brian Doyle passed away on 1 June, 2008.

Brian left a great mark on Xavier College, Mercantile Rowing Club, Victorian and Australian rowing. He had a successful club, state and national rowing career winning all that was on offer at the time. He represented Australia at the 1956 Olympic Games in the Men's Eight, returning home with a bronze medal. Brian was an influential Club administrator as Vice Captain of Mercantile and chairman of selectors in a period of the 1980s when Mercantile was a very strong club. In recent years, he was actively involved in the re-establishment of the Australian Henley Regatta.

After active rowing, his passion for the sport continued with successful coaching. He coached many school and club crews at Xavier College and Mercantile.



## Media Report

contentgroup was employed by Rowing Australia to coordinate the media and communication efforts in lead up to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

In the last year there have been a number of focus points revolving around major events, on both the international and national level, as well as several media strategies to encourage media on a full time basis.

In the course of the last 12 months, contentgroup has distributed 103 media releases to its media distribution list which includes over 700 names. The majority of these were during the World Championships, the Australian Rowing Championships, World Cups and the three selection events, but also covered team announcements and media opportunities.

A major media strategy focussed on the idea of "Hometowners". Whilst it is always important to gain coverage in the major Australian papers such as the Sydney Morning Herald, The Daily Telegraph, the Australian and The Herald Sun, a number of the Australian athletes come from country towns. Brooke Pratley, for example, heralds from the NSW town of Crookwell. Brooke has featured on the front page of this paper. They are proud that they have an athlete attending the Olympic Games.

The success of this media strategy will continue to be noticed if information is distributed to the athletes' local newspapers.

The 'Media Monitors' service that is provided to Rowing Australia shows that roughly 30 rowing stories feature per week in the newspapers and magazines across Australia, outside of major competition dates. This once again emphasises the media is committed to reporting on rowing, especially in the home towns of representative athletes.

The work that had been done in building the media distribution list and the profile of rowing was made evident with the number of 'Media Monitors' received during the 2008 Olympic Games. Over 1800 articles on rowing appeared in the nation's papers.

RA News, the Rowing Australia newsletter, was also produced on a monthly basis in the lead up to the World Cup season, while newsletters were then produced after every World Cup. There was also a newsletter that focused on previewing the Olympic Games and then one that reviewed the Australian performance in Beijing.

### 2008 Australian Rowing Championships

In 2008 the Australian Rowing Championships were held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith. With regard to communications, the regatta was more successful than in previous years, and this was the result of a number of factors.

Coverage in an Olympic year improves for Olympic sports and our goal is to keep the interest levels high at the commencement of the new Olympic cycle in 2009.

An extensive media distribution list continues to be built and this played a large role in the amount of coverage in the papers and across the internet during the week long event.

The website ran a lot smoother than in 2007. This was due to the better internet connection speed at the Sydney International Regatta Centre, as well as a better understanding of ROMS and its capabilities. In 2007, 45 stories were written for the website during the regatta whereas in 2008, 59 stories were placed onto ROMS for the rowing community to read. These regular updates ensured those who could attend the Championships were kept up to date with all the major results.

Twenty-two media releases were written across the week. There were 132 articles in newspapers covering the events at the Australian Rowing Championships. This was a distinct improvement on last year when there were just short of 100 articles appearing in newspapers across Australia.

You Tube was used during the regatta and this proved to be a large success. 35 videos were added to You Tube throughout the week and these included races, interviews with athletes and day reviews with Ray Ebert. Two videos received more than 1000 hits, whilst many more had more than 400 hits.

### 2008 Selection Trials

Whilst there were a number of athletes competing at the 2008 selection trials, the major media interest revolved around the attempt of Sally Robbins to make the Olympic Team.

At all three selection trials a number of media opportunities were arranged with a good turn out of media on each occasion. This allowed a number of other athletes to gain experience in front of a camera and to liaise with journalists.



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## World Cup season

During the World Cup season Australian crews competed at all three events, as well as the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta.

Coverage of these events involved a media release previewing all events, regular contact with the media informing them of all developments, as well as a comprehensive service provided on the Rowing Australia website.

During finals, live race updates were posted on the website and interviews were undertaken with athletes in Europe.

Although the time difference does not allow for instant media coverage from Australian media agencies, programs such as Sunrise and Fox Sports News had scrolling updates in the morning on a regular basis.

## 2008 Beijing Olympic Games

David Pembroke, through his capacity as a member of the AOC media team was the Media Liaison Officer for the rowing section in Beijing and ensured that rowing was one of the most publicised and accessible sports.

This was reflected by the large amount of coverage, through all forms of media including television, radio, newspapers and internet, during the Games.

Coverage at the Olympics was also aided by the good results achieved on the water and the fact that James Tomkins was the flag-bearer for the Australian Olympic Team.



## Awards

### Thomas Keller Medal — Mike McKay

In 2007, Mike McKay was the recipient of the prestigious Thomas Keller Medal. The award, named after the late president of FISA, Thomas Keller, is the highest distinction in rowing and has been awarded each year since 1990 to recognise an exceptional rowing career and exemplary sportsmanship. The medal is only awarded to an athlete retired from the sport and to “any competitor who has had a long and successful rowing career and who has made an outstanding contribution to rowing as a competitor and as sports personality”. Only one medal is awarded in any given year. The recipient of the medal receives a lifetime accreditation to all FISA World Rowing Championships, with accreditation for access to the boat area and a ticket in the FISA President’s Grandstand.

Mike retired after the 2004 Athens Olympic Games at the age of 40. During his rowing career, he was part of Australia’s Oarsome Foursome throughout the 1990’s, and represented his country at five Olympic Games, winning gold in the Men’s Coxless Four in 1992 and 1996. He also competed as part of the Men’s Eight in 2000 and 2004, picking up a silver and bronze medal respectively.

Mike was presented with the prestigious medal during the World Cup regatta at Lucerne, Switzerland in August 2007.

### Order of Australia Medals

Murray Clarke of NSW was awarded an Order of Australia medal on 9 June, 2008.

Murray has been involved with rowing for over 30 years as a coach and administrator. He has coached at the University of Sydney Women’s Rowing Club, Sydney Grammar School, St Joseph’s College and filled the position of Rowing Master and Head Coach at The Scots College. Murray has been Head Coach at the University of NSW Rowing Club since 1980.

With regards to his administrative service, Murray has been heavily involved with the University of NSW Sports Association since 1979 and the Australian University Games for 30 years.

Robert Shirlaw, also of NSW, was honoured with an Order of Australia medal on 26 January, 2008.

Robert has been involved with rowing for over 45 years, as both an athlete and coach. He first represented Australia at the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games and then again four years later at the Mexico Games, winning a silver medal as a member of the Men’s Eight. Between 1963 and 1970, Robert held numerous NSW and Australian titles including Single Scull, Coxed Four and Coxless Four and Pair.

He has been Master in Charge of Rowing and Rowing Coach at Shore, Sydney Church of England Grammar School since 1979.

### FISA International Crew of the Year — Australian Men’s Pair: Duncan Free and Drew Ginn

The FISA International Male Athlete/Crew of the Year honours the outstanding rowing achievement of a male single sculler or a male crew from the Olympic Games or World Championships.

Australia’s Men’s Pair of Duncan Free and Drew Ginn were awarded this crown for 2007. Following a highly successful international season in 2006, and a gold medal at the 2007 World Cup 3 in Lucerne, Duncan and Drew successfully defended their title at the 2007 World Championships in Munich. The awards were presented at a gala dinner in November 2007 as part of the annual FISA Coaches’ Conference in Budapest, Hungary.

### ACT Academy of Sport (ACTAS) Coach of the Year — Gordon Marcks

Gordon Marcks was named ACTAS Sportsman’s Warehouse Coach of the Year for 2007.

As Head Coach of the ACTAS Rowing Program, Gordon was rewarded for his excellent domestic season within the ACTAS program with highlights including 12 NSW State Championship medals and 7 National Championship medals, 4 athletes being selected to compete at the 2007 World Junior Championships, the implementation of a Talent ID program and mentoring 2 young coaches, one of which was selected to coach on the 2007 World Junior Championship Team. Gordon was also Appointed Head Coach of the Australian World Junior Championship Team.



## 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 for the 2007–08 rowing season.

#### ACTRA Premiership Competitions

The Committee congratulates Canberra Rowing Club for winning the aggregate points score and the Women's Premiership Competition. Canberra Grammar School won the Men's Premiership Competition for 2008, reflecting the school's strength in Men's junior rowing.

#### Australian Team Selections

The ACT is represented in this year's Olympic team through the following selections:

Sonia Mills (CRC/AIS) W2 x

Sarah Cook (CRC/AIS) W2-

The ACT was also represented at the Junior World Championships by:

Nick Barnier (CRC/ACTAS) M2X

#### Administration

During the year our Executive Officer, Matthew Ronke resigned due to other work commitments. Matthew was replaced by Simon Tulloh.

#### Committee

The Association has had a heavy workload arising from the regatta planning process, implementation of the Strategic Plan and a number of external priorities. The Committee faces great challenges in implementing its administrative and sport development agenda with a relatively small group of volunteers but I believe is doing a remarkable job as ACT Rowing continues to grow in terms of both our competition and club structure.

#### ACT Academy of Sport Rowing Unit

The Rowing Unit of the ACT Academy of Sport is a joint venture of the ACT Government and Rowing Australia, funded through broadly similar contributions from both bodies. The Association provides its input to administration of the unit through its position on the ACTAS Rowing Unit Joint Management Committee and welcomes the views of affiliated clubs on how the Rowing Unit might better serve the interests of the ACT rowing community.

The ACTAS program is a critical element in the Association's elite athlete development pathway and is undergoing changes with the addition of the Elite Development Program sponsored by Rowing Australia. James Macartney was appointed as EDP Coordinator. James has a distinguished career as a coach in the UK. Both ACTAS and ACT Rowing Association are strongly committed to providing a world class High Performance pathway with high ambitions of producing a number of world class athletes.

#### Awards

Gordon Marcks, Assistant Head Coach of the Australian Team at the 2007 World Junior Rowing Championships in Beijing, was named as ACTAS Coach of the Year.

#### Masters Rowing

The Association was once again well represented at the Australian Masters Rowing Championships held at the Nagambie Regatta Course in May 2008. Over 100 ACT Masters rowers entered the regatta (9% of the total rowers) from the Black Mountain and Canberra Rowing clubs. ACT entered 167 boats, totalling 552 seats (about 10% of the total seats at the regatta).

#### Infrastructure

Considerable work has been undertaken on a feasibility study into a proposed world class 2000m rowing course in Canberra. The costs involved in deepening and lengthening the existing course make this project impracticable, at least for the short term.

Radford College, one of the Association's strongest school clubs, has completed a new boatshed on Lake Burley Griffin. Completion of this project will consolidate the position of rowing in Radford's sports curriculum and ultimately foster an enhanced junior rowing competition.

Work continues with development of the Lake Ginninderra Rowing Club, as the Association is committed to foster rowing at other venues outside Lake Burley Griffin. The Lake Tuggeranong Rowing Club, which services a major population centre in the south of the ACT, continues to thrive with strong representation in Masters and Junior competitions.

#### Major Events

The ACT Championships is the flagship event for the ACT, and it continues to become a stronger

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event each year with excellent fields and good racing. The Independent Schools Rowing Association (ISRA) regatta comprising NSW and ACT schools was held in Canberra in March 2008 and is scheduled to return to Canberra in 2009.

The Association revived the Federal Head of the Lake (FHOL) regatta. The FHOL as part of the 'Breaking the Drought' program was a great success and will remain a part of the ACT Regatta Program for many years to come. The event was enthusiastically received by interstate schools who have expressed their strong interest in competing in the 2009 FHOL.

### **Union of Boat Race Officials**

The Union of Boat Race Officials has again worked effectively to provide an excellent standard of umpiring and regatta management across a busy ACT regatta season. This volunteer group, headed by the seemingly tireless Geoff Northam, is a valuable asset to the Association with its individual and combined efforts greatly appreciated by all in the ACT rowing community.

The Association continues to encourage affiliated clubs to actively recruit BRO's to ensure the safe and efficient conduct of our regattas.. Maintaining BRO numbers is a priority matter for the Association.

The ACT Rowing Association can confidently look forward to continuing growth and success through the 2008–09 season, and beyond.

**Brendon Prout**  
**President, ACTRA**

## **New South Wales**

The 2007–2008 year has been an extremely successful period for the New South Wales Rowing Association. Our membership and competition levels are solid, we delivered what has been described as “the best ever Australian Rowing Championships”, our Board and Committees have progressed with a number of exciting initiatives such as the Weir Reserve development and of course our athletes won the King's Cup, President's Cup and Rowing Australia Cup at the 2008 Interstate Regatta.

The steady growth in rowing in New South Wales was highlighted with strong increases in regatta entries throughout the year and huge increases in entries at the 2008 Australian Rowing Championships held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre in March.

### **Kings Cup Committee:**

I personally, and on behalf of the NSW Board, thank Chris Noel for his work as President though to his resignation in October 2007. Chris was an extremely energetic and driven President who has remained actively involved as Chairman of the Kings Cup Committee, a committee appointed during the reporting period to “establish a capital trust fund for the advancement, promotion and encouragement of the sport in New South Wales to benefit the performance of the New South Wales interstate rowing team.”

### **NSWRA Board Subcommittees' and structures:**

The management structure of the Association under the four Commissions continues to progress and the Chairman of each Commission is to be thanked for the effort and expertise they give to the Association along with their Commissioners and those involved in the Committees that fall under their area of responsibility.

Under the stewardship of Treasurer Norma Perry the Association through the Governance, Compliance, Administration and Finance Commission (GCAF) was able to record a healthy surplus for 2007–2008 year. The Commissions efforts have been instrumental in successfully continuing toward the goal of bringing our reserves to an acceptable level.

The Regatta Commission under Chair Tim Clare has worked diligently reviewing the system of grade and age regattas during the 2007–2008 Season. The Regatta Commission set a number of meetings during the year and consulted with the membership at a forum held at

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Leichhardt Rowing Club in April and the feedback from these meetings has been used in the recently completed review. A Committee of the Regatta Commission has been heavily involved in the implementation of the National Officiating and Accreditation Scheme and I thank Owen Nix for chairing this and involving a number of experienced officials such as Victor Walter, Greg Smith and Tim Wainman.

As a result of my appointment to President there was a need to appoint an alternate Director to Chair the Athlete and Coach Development Commission. Stephen Handley was appointed by the Board and in the short time he has assumed this responsibility he is to be congratulated for the contribution he has made to athlete selection processes and also in negotiations with NSWRA and Rowing Australia on the Elite Athlete Pathways Program.

During the year Charles Bartlett took responsibility for a tremendous workload, Chairing the Growth and Development Commission and also as Chairman of the Organising Committee for the 2008 Australian Rowing Championships. The Growth and Development Commission has concentrated efforts on projects such as the Weir Reserve Development and also preparing strategy and lobbying in relation to waterways access and threats. As Chairman of the Organising Committee for the 2008 Australian Rowing Championships, Charles is to be commended for his leadership in sourcing alternate sources of income. As a result of the difficulties in securing sponsors for the event initiatives were identified in relation to grandstand seating packages and the Expo area for merchandisers that saw significant increases in income over previous Nationals for these activities that were instrumental in having the regatta run at a small surplus. In addition to meeting the financial objectives the regatta was very well run with an outstanding team of volunteers and a wonderful Organising Committee.

### **Rowing Australia:**

Wade Hewett in his role as Councillor to Rowing Australia has played a leading role in improving our relationship with other State Rowing Associations. This was most evident at the inaugural Rowing Australia Strategic Forum held in Canberra over the weekend 8th–9th December 2007 and, following this, the mid year review in Melbourne in June where the NSWRA sent a significant delegation to contribute to this important meeting.

### **NSW Institute of Sport:**

The NSWRA has continued its partnership to deliver support for Elite and Elite Development pathways with the NSW Institute of Sport. NSWIS Technical Co-ordinator Andrew Randell and NSWIS/NSWRA Elite Development Co-ordinator Stani Slavova have been active in the development; selection and coaching of state team rowers and in the co-ordination and development of coaches within the NSW club system. More work and analysis continues in this area given we are in the process of negotiating another 4 year plan.

### **NSWRA Office:**

An objective foreshadowed by Chris Noel in his President's Report for 2006–2007 is tracking well with the office staffing being increased as we advertised for an Administration Assistant position at the end of June. This has allowed Georgie Lee to take on more responsibility and this is reflected in the change of role and position title to Operations Manager.

The NSWRA through the combination of a small team of dedicated professional staff and hundreds of volunteers from Directors, Boat Race Officials, Committee Members and our regatta volunteers operates a significant sporting enterprise. While we can be proud of our achievements we are conscious of the need for continual improvement and will strive for this in 2008–2009.

The year ahead offers some major challenges including refining the new grade regattas, growing the new NSW Schoolboys Head of the River, and seeking to progress a major initiative in the development of new rowing facilities in the state.

I would like to thank the members of the NSW Board with whom I have worked since my appointment in October 2007. I must say that in my time as a member of the Board of the NSWRA I have not had the pleasure of working with such a proactive group. The membership should be very happy with the way the NSWRA is conducting itself and strategic planning is well underway for the future.

Special thanks must go to both David and Georgie for their tireless work — we have had an enormous year with some great results. I know that the membership would join me in thanking them and we look forward to working with them next season.

**Andrew Rowley**  
**President**

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## Queensland

### Financial Resources

Castaway and MPM Marketing Services have continued their support of Rowing Queensland, acknowledged as the longest continual sporting sponsorship in Queensland and one of the longest in Australia. The rowing community in Queensland is very grateful for the support of Roger and Marjorie Morton and their family.

Queensland Rowing has also continued to be supported by the Department of Sport and Recreation, The Queensland Academy of Sport, The Tattersall's Club, Rowing Photos Australia, Bennett & Francis Surveyors and Konica Minolta.

### Human Resources

The Rowing Queensland office undertook an organisational restructure that has allowed the professional staff to more effectively meet the needs of the membership with renewed emphasis on development and high performance initiatives. To the staff, Christian Renford, Peter Shakespear, Samuel Pickett, Adrienne Pollock and Kylie Conway, I extend my personal thanks. I would also like to congratulate our Operations and Events Manager, Adrienne Pollock, with us for 12 months, who managed the growing demands of the Rowing Queensland regatta program and ROMS.

### New Queensland Rowing Clubs

Supporting the growth of rowing in these key regional centres, Rowing Queensland was pleased to witness the establishment of three new clubs in our state. The Boreen Point Rowers on the Sunshine Coast, the Gold Coast Masters Rowers, and the Tablelands Country Rowing Club in Atherton.

### Regatta Program

The Croker Queensland School Championship Series has been widely supported and respected by all private and public schools, growing in attendance by over 10% p.a. The Croker Queensland School Championship Series this year has again included 3 lead up championship regional regattas — North Queensland, Central Queensland and the South Queensland, culminating in the Croker Queensland Schools Championship Regatta successfully hosted by the Bundaberg Rowing Club.

Special mention must be made of the Boat Race Officials who devote an enormous amount of time and efforts to make rowing competition safe and fair at all Queensland regattas. Lead by Dr Steve Hinchy, QLD officials embarked on new training and re-accreditation to support and recognise BRO's for the efforts.

### Club Rowing Development Subsidy Program

The Club Rowing Development Subsidy Program remains a valuable initiative undertaken by Rowing Queensland to enable individual clubs to proactively determine what projects and opportunities would most benefit the development of their club and members. Rowing Queensland allocated \$30,000 to this program, supporting successful clubs in identifying needs, and additional funding opportunities. The program resulted in:

- Structured underpinning youth rowing program in Townsville
- Professional coaching services in Mackay
- Mentor coach program at McKay for Masters rowers
- Targeted campaign to bring in new schools & attract new rowers from current schools — school visits/come and try days
- Project strategies to promote and activate a sustainable social rowing program in Brisbane, and many more.

### Athlete Development

The development pathway for school and club representative rowers has been paying dividends for upcoming Queensland athletes. Partnering with the AIS Talent Search, the Queensland Academy of Sport, Ted Hale Boats and Brisbane high performance clubs have implemented a comprehensive testing program to channel identified athletes into the following opportunities:

- The Rising Talent Program identifies and retains top year 10 athletes
- Junior Elite Talent Squad identifies and retains top school leavers
- Junior Passport Program — NQ focuses school leavers on U/19 and opportunities in Townsville and is aimed at improving retention and development
- Junior Passport Program focuses school leavers on U/19 opportunities and is aimed at improving retention and development in this school — club transition phase.

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## Outstanding Athlete Results

Rowing Queensland would like to congratulate all of our Queensland athletes and support staff who have made Australian Teams this season. It takes a great deal of dedication to excel in our sport and we would like to commend them for their effort. Particular note must be made to World and Olympic Champion, Duncan Free in the men's pair, as well as coach of the silver medal crew at the Beijing Games in the men's four, Tim Conrad.

### Olympic Games—Beijing (CHI), 9–16 August 2008

Pippa Savage	W1x
Duncan Free	M2-
Sally Kehoe	W8+
Sam Conrad	M8+
Tim Conrad	Coach, M4-
Ray Ebert	Team Manager

### World Rowing Under 23 Championships — Brandenburg (GER), 17–20 July 2008

Henry Bryan	ML4x
Jared Bidwell	M4x
Blair Brown	M4x
Sarah Eke	W4-
Sascha Lahey	W4-
Emma McCarthy	W4+
Kim Brown	W4+
Lincoln Handley	Coach, M4x
Peter Howard	Coach, W4-

### World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships — Linz/Ottensheim (AUT), 22–27 July 2008

Darren Purcell	ML8+
Robert Hoyes	ML8+
Anna Kaszycki	JW2x
Maddie Edmunds	JW2x
Sasha Belonogoff	JM2x
Tom Cox	JM4x
Jonathon Trovas	JM4x
Chris Anderson	JM4x
Scott Laidler	JM4x
Andrew Service	Coach, JW2x
Andrew Cruickshank	Coach, JM4x
Peter Shakespear	Touring Head Coach

### Paralympic Games Qualification Regatta — Munich (GER), 8–11 May 2008

Peter Siri	LTA 4+
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**Peter Schryver**  
Chairman

## South Australia

During the past season there have been two issues in particular, amongst others, that have required the attention and application of significant resources of the South Australian Rowing Association (SARA).

Firstly, there was the resignation of our Chief Executive, Barbara Fenner, and the appointment of her successor, Mark Howells.

SARA has been very fortunate in having Barb as its Chief Executive for the last five and a half years. Barb's enthusiasm for the sport is well known, but with that enthusiasm she has the drive and tenacity to implement and complete issues and subsequently has placed SARA in a very strong position for going forward. Our thanks and appreciation go to Barb, and while she has finished in this role, her presence and enthusiasm for the sport will always be there in other roles in rowing she continues to do.

Mark Howells has been appointed to the position of Chief Executive and although not having a rowing background, he has shown a willingness to gain an appreciation of the sport and to use his skills to advance on what SARA has achieved to date. He is fortunate to have the continued help and support from Christine McLaren and Mike Giffen who have been great contributors to SARA for a number of years.

Secondly, there is the redevelopment of the rowing course at West Lakes which has been progressing even though there is not much to show for it at this time. There are many parties with an interest in this project besides SARA, ranging from State Government (Recreation and Sport/Major Projects), The City of Charles Sturt, Department of Education, and Children Services (DECS), Canoe SA, Dragon Boats SA, as well as extensive community consultation because of the location of West Lakes in a residential area.

However, there has been very strong support from all groups for the project and Principal's Project Requirements Brief has been completed. Approval processes are being followed with a timetable established to have the project completed by April 2009.

The completion is eagerly awaited as is the opportunity for SARA to be able to bid for National Championship events on this course again.

There have been other major improvements to the West Lakes facilities, including a new storage area for the

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umpire's boats, which has provided a further area for club boat storage, additional paving, and installation of new water conservation measures.

Further, SARA held a workshop during the year inviting all stakeholders of the sport within the state to implement a new strategic plan for the next four years. This is very close to completion and will help in addressing the strategic initiatives to assist the sport to grow and prosper.

### Rowing Development

The 2007–08 year has been one of change with additional funding resources being realised that has enabled existing and new projects to be advanced.

The “Try Rowing” and “Go Rowing” Programs continue to be well utilised and conducted at a number of venues including Murray Bridge, Renmark, Berri and Port Pirie.

There has also been a “Non Rowing School Program” implemented with at least four schools participating. Also, an “Indoor Rowing” program has been initiated and conducted by Amanda Tidswell (Nee Cross), a national champion and Australian Representative going back to the late eighties and early nineties.

The aim of this program was to provide:

- Exposure of rowing to schools that do not have a rowing program;
- Set up Zone Competitions in the northern and western zones of metropolitan Adelaide;
- To encourage students to “Try Rowing”; and
- To use this avenue for Talent Identification.

Coaching education continued to be co-ordinated by Christine McLaren as well as her role as Elite Development Co-ordinator. Christine does a fantastic job and we are very fortunate to have her in these roles.

During the past season there were two Level 1 NCAS courses and one Level 2 NCAS course conducted. The continual battle is to encourage the coaches to finish their accreditation by completing post course assessments. There was also the continued support and assessment of the Boat Race Officials with Paul Logan also assisting in this process.

The Talent Catch Program continued to run as an underpinning program to fast track athletes into SASI High Performance Programs.

The “Riverland to London” Talent Search program enabled three athletes to be identified who eventually moved to Adelaide to pursue their rowing careers. One of the problems here is that the Riverland Clubs see the continued existence of their clubs as a priority and that their better athletes moving on as a negative to this aim. A number of development camps were also conducted.

### Adaptive Rowing

The Murray Bridge Adaptive Program continues to grow, and the metropolitan “Go Rowing” program is an all inclusive program that has been promoted to adaptive groups.

The initiation of the “Gateway” adaptive talent search program saw the inclusion of two athletes aiming for a high performance rowing career.

### Regattas

During the past season ROMS proved to be a success to the conduct of our regattas and it is being realised by its users as a very efficient tool for their administration. Further courses are to be conducted in the use of ROMS before the commencement of the next rowing season.

The statistics from last season show that we had 4,174 entries for the 16 regattas held. This figure compares closely with the previous season. The number of rower registrations were up slightly over the previous 3 years, with a small growth in both club and school registrations.

Also, SARA manages the “Head of The River” in consultation with the schools who participate. The management of the event is conducted through an Event Directorate comprising two school principals, the regatta referee and the Chief Executive of SARA. This arrangement has been in place for the last three years and works very well. There is a very good relationship between SARA and schools principals as well as the rowing co-ordinators which we will work at maintaining for the future.

SARA is also fortunate to have a very good core group of volunteers that continue to service the sport willingly and happily. Without their continued unconditional assistance we would not achieve the outcomes to be a successful sport.

**Michael Eastaughffe**  
**Councillor for South Australian Rowing Association**



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## Tasmania

The 2007–08 season in Tasmania has been a tremendous success. Regattas were well attended, with good competitive racing that was well supported by Tasmania's extraordinary band of volunteers and supporters. Rowing Tasmania continues to administer and run our program without any paid office staff, a system that works well for us, with many people ever keen to lend a hand. I believe that our legion of volunteer workers is a major factor behind the success of rowing in Tasmania. We are fortunate to have a dedicated band of volunteers that give freely of their time, passion and knowledge.

I thank all those from our rowing community and hope that rowing in Tasmania will be able to continue to operate with a volunteer base for years to come.

The "new" ROMS has been well accepted and with ongoing, continual improvements, ROMS ensures that clubs and Rowing Tasmania can administer the sport more efficiently and produce regatta entries, programs and results that work for all. Brian Brennan has done a great job in preparing our regatta programs and providing comprehensive results throughout the season.

Both the club and school seasons ran well, with the only real issue being the cancellation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of racing at the State Championships, due to poor weather conditions. The Masters regatta was a great success. The Masters competition at all club regattas adds to the success of our program of events. Many Masters are now focusing on the World Championships to be held in Australia next season.

The support we get from the Tasmanian Institute of Sport is invaluable. The success of this association is demonstrated by the appointment of Rhett Ayliffe and Ron Batt to coach Australian representative crews. Club coaches John Driessen, Rob Williams and Ric Bryan were also recognised with Australian representative crews.

Following a very successful domestic season, Tasmania was well represented at the National regatta in March at the Sydney International Rowing Course. Tasmanian crews returned with 17 gold, 17 silver and 7 bronze medals. In the Interstate regatta Kerry Hore won silver in W1X, Brendan Long was 5th in M1X, the WL4X won silver, the ML4- won silver with the W8+ achieving 5th and the Youth 8's and M8+ in 6th.

Those selected to represent Australia in U/23 World Championships at Brandenburg, Germany were: Carly Cottam (Coached by Ken Davey) won gold in LW1X,

Alistair Foot and Will Brier were placed 8th in the LM4X and Charlotte Walters was 13th in the W2X.

At the 2007 World Junior Championships in Linz, Germany, Taylor Wilczynski (coached by Rob Williams) won bronze in the M1X.

At the 2008 World Rowing Championships in Linz, Germany, Ingrid Fenger won gold in the LW4X and Shaun Finlayson, Nick Baker, Max Sondermeyer and Blair Tunevitsch were in the LM8+, coached by Ron Batt that achieved 8th.

To further underline our elite achievements a number of athletes were selected to represent Australia at various international regattas and the Beijing Olympics.

A special mention must be made of the gold medal performance of Scott Brennan who teamed with David Crawshay (ably coached by Rhett Ayliffe) to win gold in the Double.

Olympic representatives are as follows;

- Scott Brennan (M2X) Gold Medal  
Coach: Rhett Ayliffe
- Kate Hornsey (W8+) 6th
- Sam Beltz (LWM2X) 10th
- Tom Gibson (LWM2X) 10th
- Brendan Long (M4X) 4th  
Coach; John Driessen
- Kerry Hore (W4X) 6th
- Anthony Edwards (LWM4-) 9th

Dominic Monypenny, our World Champion Adaptive rower, and coach Ric Bryan, are now in Beijing with a big chance of improving on Australia's Olympic medal tally.

Anthony Edwards, our State Development officer (and International Representative) has put many good programs in place. Anthony has identified a number of schools that are responsive to adopting rowing programs. A pilot program is being implemented at St Brendan Shaw College to build on the successes of Taylor Wilczynski (Australian junior rep and 2 time winner of the National schoolboys M1X) this will be used as a model to take to other non-rowing schools. Whilst Anthony has been away on Australian Representative duties, Paul Webberley has done a great job filling in as SDO and preparing junior teams for the Youth Olympics. I would like to thank Paul for his assistance in identifying our talented juniors and providing them with the pathway to continued success in rowing.

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Rowing Tasmania is fortunate to enjoy the ongoing support of Hydro Tasmania, Sport and Recreation Tasmania, Searoad Tasmania and Veolia Environmental Services. The Hydro Tasmania sponsorship of junior rowing is proving invaluable in the identification and nurturing of our younger athletes and in providing financial assistance to fund a professional program which allows RT to introduce young school students to the sport.

The adaptive rowing program is continuing to grow with Bob Blake well supported by a number of helpers and coaches. Dominic's enthusiasm and success will see continued focus and growth in this sector. Bob's advice and expertise is sought by other states with their adaptive programs. We are well served by this dedicated band of supporters and athletes.

New BROs are being groomed; we plan to institute an education program to encourage more volunteers to assist with the conduct of regattas. Anthony Edwards has a schedule of coaching courses organised and coxswains courses have already been implemented.

Ongoing improvements are proposed for Lake Barrington.

Plans are well underway to provide more toilets and change rooms at back of the Sam Le'Compte boatshed, more female showers at the facilities building and a storage/workshop upgrade and extension to be centralised at the "rangers quarters". Furthermore the entire course will be re-buoyed prior to our hosting the Nationals in March 2009. Many other maintenance and improvements will be ongoing. For the planning and implementation of these jobs special mention and thanks go to Mick Goodger, George Homer, David Williams, Graeme Briers and their group of willing assistants.

Major projects that will require our attention in the near future include: the starting pontoon and the sewerage system. Both these major works will need significant funding, planning and construction, hopefully with the support of State and Federal Governments.

As mentioned Tasmania will host the Nationals from 2 to 8 March, 2009. We will run this regatta with our normal legion of club volunteers. This regatta provides an opportunity for clubs to be involved in providing the labour force to conduct the event and to be financially rewarded. The event also provides a catalyst for Rowing Tasmania to continue to improve and maintain our facilities.

Our financial position is very sound. On behalf of Rowing Tasmania I would like to thank Jim Gibson and his staff for the many hours they devote to ensuring that we can continue to run the sport of rowing without having to worry about finances. Susan Stegmann has also been an invaluable support in her role as Administration Manager for RT and for the co-ordination of the kiosk and the catering at the facilities centre. Thank you to you both.

Rowing Tasmania is well served by a cohesive and supportive council; I thank all councillors for their continuing efforts and enthusiasm. Our gratitude goes to the BROs and the many people that ensure Lake Barrington, and indeed all our regattas and events, provide a safe, fair and competitive environment that enables our athletes to excel. These volunteers are all part of the fabric that places Tasmanian rowing at the very pinnacle of the sport in this country.

Season 2008–09 will be very busy, but I am confident that rowing in Tasmania will continue to build on our previous successes.

**Peter Wade**  
**President**

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## Victoria

Development of rowing in Victoria is our focus and we have committed to growing the sport through the implementation and resourcing of various programs. Key programs in the past year included Starting-Out (grassroots), Oars for All — Inclusive Participation, Rising Athletes, Tomorrows Gold, School Leavers (seven club participated) and National Elite Development Programs (NEDP). These programs are based in the clubs and schools.

Active clubs has been a priority and our focus in the past season has been to encourage clubs to recruit young rowers through our Starting-Out Grassroots program in partnership with local schools. This program is focussed on participation in under age rowing and encourages clubs to aspire to race competitively at the State and National Championships.

The prolonged drought has prevented rowing on important regional waterways: this has had a material adverse impact on State and National rowing. Added to this has been greater usage pressure on the Yarra River, our main training venue. Accordingly, waterways and facilities are emerging as the next important issue for Victorian rowing.

### On water performances

We have a valuable partnership with the Victorian Institute of Sport where both parties support one another to achieve their respective goals. The VIS continues to work with Victoria's best senior rowers with great success and we have further developed our underage rowers through other programs such as NEDP. Mercantile and Melbourne University have been instrumental in the success of the NEDP and we look forward to the introduction of Banks in the coming season.

Victorian Olympic Champions in Beijing were Drew Ginn in the Pair, coached by Chris O'Brien, and David Crawshay in the Double Scull. Silver medals were won by James Marburg and Cameron McKenzie-McHarg in the Four. 50% of Australia's Olympic rowing medallists came from Victoria.

Victoria also had many members in both the Senior and Under 23 Australian teams with a gold medal to Alice McNamara in the Lightweight Quad and bronze medal to Lisa Szatsznajder in the Under 23 Lightweight Quad.

Victorian crews performed well at the Interstate Championships and we congratulate in particular the dominating performance of the Women's Queens Cup Eight and also the victory of our Men's Youth Eight. We also congratulate New South Wales on holding off a strong challenge from Victoria to win the King's Cup.

The Victorian Youth team performed well in the 2007 Youth Cup finishing second behind New Zealand. Victoria also sent a representative under 18 team to compete in New Zealand in April — this trip proved to be a great development tool and will be repeated in 2009.

### Regattas

Rowing Victoria successfully managed two Australian Championships, the 2007 Youth Cup Regatta and 2008 Australian Masters Championships, and again conducted the Head of Schoolgirls and State Championships over 2000m and 1000m for Clubs and Schools.

### Safety Management Plan (PFD Legislation)

We have gained approval from Marine Safety Victoria for our Safety Management Plan which, if followed, means that rowers are exempt from having to wear personal floatation devices (PFD) whilst rowing in Victoria. Our steering committee has worked hard to gain approval. Each club and school has until March 2010 to be fully compliant with our newly adopted Safety Management Plan.

### Coach and Coxswain Education

Over the past year we conducted nine Level 1, one Level 2 and one Level 3 coaching courses and nine coxswain courses. A total of 131 coaches and 173 coxswains participated in their respective courses. We aim to expand on the coxswain education program with the introduction of the Level 2 which focuses on the competition and performance aspects of coxing.

### Administration

To better serve the needs of the sport in Victoria and to better harness the skills of our members, Rowing Victoria is embarking on a process of enhancing the work of the Commissions. This will occur in the current year.

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## Acknowledgements

The operation of the Association is always difficult and the work and commitment of our staff has been excellent. They all have their hearts in their work and go well beyond their responsibilities.

Such volumes of work could not be achieved without excellent work by many people. We are fortunate to have an active Board, Commissions and Volunteers with vision and energy. They are the sport.

We also acknowledge the support of Sport & Recreation Victoria, the Victorian Institute of Sport, VicHealth and the many local councils with whom we work, Rowing Australia and the Australian Sports Commission for their continued and invaluable support.

**Andrew Guerin**  
**President, Rowing Victoria**

## Western Australia

### History Of Rowing

In 2006, Rowing WA (RWA) commissioned Bill Cooper OAM, a renowned historian and prominent RWA Life member, to research and write a book on the history of rowing in Western Australia. Bill's meticulous work has resulted in the publication of a fantastic book aptly named '*HOME & DRY — A History of Rowing in Western Australia*'.

It covers rowing in Western Australia from its earliest beginnings in 1837 up to and including the 2007 State Championships held at the new Champion Lakes Regatta Centre. The book, which has over 200 illustrations, was launched at a gala function at the West Australian Rowing Club, the first Club in Western Australia. The function was attended by over 100 friends of rowing, dating back 50 years

### Champion Lakes Regatta Centre

The emergence of CLRC as a fully operational international standard rowing course is continuing at a rapid rate. The last year has seen the installation of 2 launching pontoons on the warm up lake (with a further 2 envisaged for later this year), the completion and opening of the first boat shed for the newly formed Armadale Boating Club, and the completion of a two level facilities building. In 2008, RWA conducted most of its 2000m regattas at Champion Lakes culminating in the State Championships, which saw the facilities building used for the first time. The building is of a particularly high standard and incorporates state of the art technology.

RWA's roll out of the schools program for CLRC has commenced with 2 schools currently involved. One of the schools, John Wollaston College, competed at this year's State Championships.

RWA has plans to build a further 3 boatsheds to help accommodate the expansion of the programs.

The Schoolboy Colleges have resolved to conduct the last 2 regattas of the 2009 season at Champion Lakes including the Head of the River Regatta.

RWA remains keen to host future national events at the course and is pleased to learn that the 2010 Intervarsity Regatta is to be offered to RWA to conduct on Champion Lakes.

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## Youth Cup

RWA competed at the 2008 Youth Cup Regatta held in Queensland with one of the youngest teams ever to represent WA. Whilst their results were modest, it was a great experience and huge learning curve for them all. RWA would like to acknowledge the support provided by Rowing Queensland and in particular their assistance in sourcing and providing boats for our athletes, without which Western Australian athletes would have been unable to attend. This regatta also saw the retirement of George Xouris from State Team Coaching duties. George has been a wonderful servant of the sport in WA for many years and his knowledge and enthusiasm as a team member will be missed by all.

## Strategic Review

The 2008–2010 RWA Strategic Plan was finalised and adopted by the Association late last year.

Many of the planned initiatives have now been undertaken or are underway. One of the most important has been the employment of Bob Welch as a part time consultant to oversee the implementation process. He is currently reviewing the RWA administrative structure and the RWA constitution. He will be making recommendations to the executive body with regard to his findings.

## Sunsmart Premiership Table

At the completion of the 2008 Pennant Competition, the Champion Club was once again ANA Rowing Club with 2085 points, only 11 points short of their winning results in 2007.

ANA was closely followed by West's, 1915, Fremantle, 1401, University of WA, 1139, Swans, 873, Bunbury, 775, Curtin, 715, Murdoch, 160 and Perth, 134.

Of particular interest has been the decline in the two previous powerhouse clubs of Swans and Bunbury and the huge improvement of West's and Fremantle.

The continued good performance of ANA and the improvement from Fremantle and Wests can be directly attributable to the RWA sponsored junior development programs in place in those clubs.

**Craig James**  
**President, Rowing WA**



## Olympic Games Beijing 2008 — Medal Table

Rank	Nation	Total Gold Medals	Total Medals	Rank by total
1	GBR	2	6	1
2	AUS	2	3	=3
3	CAN	1	4	2
3	USA	1	3	=3
5	CHN	1	2	=6
5	NED	1	2	=6
5	POL	1	2	=6
8	NZL	1	3	=3
9	ROU	2	2	=6
9	DEN	1	2	=6
11	NOR	1	1	=14
11	BUL	1	1	=14
13	GER		2	=6
14	EST		1	=14
14	ITA		1	=14
14	FIN		1	=14
14	GRE		1	=14
14	CZE		1	=14
19	BLR		2	=6
19	FRA		2	=6



# Olympic Games Beijing 2008 — Results by Event

## W1X

Gold	BUL	7:22.34	
Silver	USA	7:22.78	
Bronze	BLR	7:23.98	
10th	AUS	7:53.43	[Savage]

## M1X

Gold	NOR	6:59.83	
Silver	CZE	7:00.63	
Bronze	NZL	7:01.56	
12th	AUS	7:27.34	[Hardcastle]

## W2-

Gold	ROU	7:20.60	
Silver	CHN	7:22.28	
Bronze	BLR	7:22.91	
10th	AUS	7:40.93	[Crow, Cook]

## W2X

Gold	NZL	7:07.32	
Silver	GER	7:07.33	
Bronze	GBR	7:07.55	
8th	AUS	7:19.73	[Sens, Mills]

## M4-

Gold	GBR	6:06.57	
Silver	AUS	6:07.85	[Ryan, Marburg, McKenzie-McHarg, Hegerty]
Bronze	FRA	6:09.31	

## LW2X

Gold	NED	6:54.74	
Silver	FIN	6:56.03	
Bronze	CAN	6:56.68	
8th	AUS	7:07.17	[Halliday, Houston]

## LM4-

Gold	DEN	5:47.76	
Silver	POL	5:49.39	
Bronze	CAN	5:50.09	
9th	AUS	6:05.26	[Chisholm, Edwards, Cureton, Skipworth]

## W4X

Gold	CHN	6:16.06	
Silver	GBR	6:17.37	
Bronze	GER	6:19.56	
6th	AUS	6:30.05	[Uphill, Bradley, Hore, Ives]

## W8+

Gold	USA	6:05.34	
Silver	NED	6:07.22	
Bronze	ROU	6:07.25	
6th	AUS	6:14.22	[Frasca, Pratley, Kehoe, Bale, Kell Hornsey, Tait, Heard, Patrick]

## M8+

Gold	CAN	5:23.89	
Silver	GBR	5:25.11	
Bronze	USA	5:25.34	
6th	AUS	5:35.10	[Dennis, Loch, Chapman, Laurich, Stevenson, Conrad, Tomkins, Stewart, Rabjohns]

## M2-

Gold	AUS	6:37.44	[Ginn, Free]
Silver	CAN	6:39.55	
Bronze	NZL	6:44.19	

## M2X

Gold	AUS	6:27.77	[Crowshay, Brennan]
Silver	EST	6:29.05	
Bronze	GBR	6:29.10	

## LM2X

Gold	GBR	6:10.99	
Silver	GRE	6:11.72	
Bronze	DEN	6:12.45	
10th	AUS	6:30.11	[Beltz, Gibson]

## M4X

Gold	POL	5:41.33	
Silver	ITA	5:43.57	
Bronze	FRA	5:44.34	
4th	AUS	5:44.68	[Morgan, McRae, Long, Noonan]



## Australian Senior Olympic Team — Results 2008

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	Olympic Games	Munich W' Cup	Lucerne W' Cup	Olympic Qual' Regatta	Poznan W' Cup
<b>M8+</b>	DENNIS	David	VIC	6th	Gold	4th	DNR	DNR
	LOCH	Samuel	NSW	6th	Gold	4th	DNR	DNR
	CHAPMAN	James	NSW	6th	DNR	4th	DNR	DNR
	LAURICH	Thomas	NSW	6th	Gold	4th	DNR	DNR
	STEVENSON	Jeremy	WA	6th	Gold	4th	DNR	DNR
	TOMKINS	James	VIC	6th	Gold	4th	DNR	DNR
	CONRAD	Samuel	QLD	6th	Gold	4th	DNR	DNR
	STEWART	Stephen	NSW	6th	Gold	4th	DNR	DNR
Cox	RABJOHNS	Marty	ACT	6th	Gold	4th	DNR	DNR
Coach	RICHARDSON	Brian	ACT					
<b>M4x</b>	MORGAN	Chris	SA	4th	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
	HARDCASTLE	Peter	NSW	DNR	5th	7th	DNR	DNR
	MCRAE	James	SA	4th	5th	7th	DNR	DNR
	LONG	Brendan	TAS	4th	5th	7th	DNR	DNR
	NOONAN	Daniel	NSW	4th	5th	7th	DNR	DNR
Coach	DRIESSEN	John	TAS					
<b>M4-</b>	RYAN	Matthew	NSW	Silver	DNR	Gold	1st	DNR
	MARBURG	James	VIC	Silver	DNR	Gold	1st	DNR
	MCKENZIE-MCHARG	Cameron	VIC	Silver	DNR	Gold	1st	DNR
	HEGERTY	Francis	NSW	Silver	DNR	Gold	1st	DNR
Coach	CONRAD	Timothy	QLD					
<b>M2x</b>	BRENNAN	Scott	TAS	Gold	Bronze	Bronze	DNR	DNR
	CRAWSHAY	David	VIC	Gold	Bronze	Bronze	DNR	DNR
Coach	AYLIFFE	Rhett	TAS					
<b>M2-</b>	GINN	Drew	VIC	Gold	DNR	Bronze	DNR	DNR
	FREE	Duncan	QLD	Gold	DNR	Bronze	DNR	DNR
Coach	O'BRIEN	Chris	VIC					



## Australian Senior Olympic Team — Results 2008 continued ...

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	Olympic Games	Munich W' Cup	Lucerne W' Cup	Olympic Qual' Regatta	Poznan W' Cup
M2- (Men's Alternates)	FORSTERLING	Karsten	VIC	DNR	M8+ GOLD	M2- 8th	DNR	M2- 4th
	ALFRED	Terrence	NSW	DNR	DNR	M2- 8th	M4- 1st	M2- 4th
Coach	RICHARDSON	Brian	ACT					
M1x	HARDCASTLE	Peter	NSW	12th	DNR	DNR	DNR	DNR
Coach	DRIESSEN	John	TAS					
LM4-	CHISHOLM	Roderick	NSW	9th	DNR	7th	DNR	Bronze
	EDWARDS	Anthony	TAS	9th	DNR	7th	DNR	Bronze
	CURETON	Benjamin	WA	9th	DNR	7th	DNR	Bronze
	SKIPWORTH	Todd	WA	9th	DNR	7th	DNR	Bronze
Coach	MAUROGIOVANNI	Antonio	WA					
LM2x	BELTZ	Samuel	TAS	10th	DNR	10th	DNR	7th
	GIBSON	Thomas	TAS	10th	DNR	10th	DNR	7th
Coach	MAUROGIOVANNI	Antonio	WA					
W8+	FRASCA	Pauline	VIC	6th	DNR	Silver	DNR	DNR
	PRATLEY	Brooke	NSW	6th	DNR	Silver	DNR	DNR
	KEHOE	Sally	QLD	6th	Gold	Silver	DNR	DNR
	BALE	Natalie	WA	6th	Gold	Silver	DNR	DNR
	KELL	Elizabeth	NSW	6th	Gold	Silver	DNR	DNR
	HORNSEY	Kate	TAS	6th	Gold	Silver	DNR	DNR
	TAIT	Sarah	VIC	6th	Gold	Silver	DNR	DNR
	HEARD	Sarah	VIC	6th	Gold	Silver	DNR	DNR
Cox	PATRICK	Elizabeth	VIC	6th	Gold	Silver	DNR	DNR
Coach	MCCARTHY	Lyll	ACT					
Assistant Coach	CUMPER	John	VIC					
W4x	UPHILL	Zoe	NSW	6th	5th	6th	DNR	DNR
	BRADLEY	Amber	WA	6th	5th	6th	DNR	DNR
	HORE	Kerry	TAS	6th	5th	6th	DNR	DNR
	IVES	Amy	NSW	6th	5th	6th	DNR	DNR
Coach	GARRATT	Nicholas	NSW					

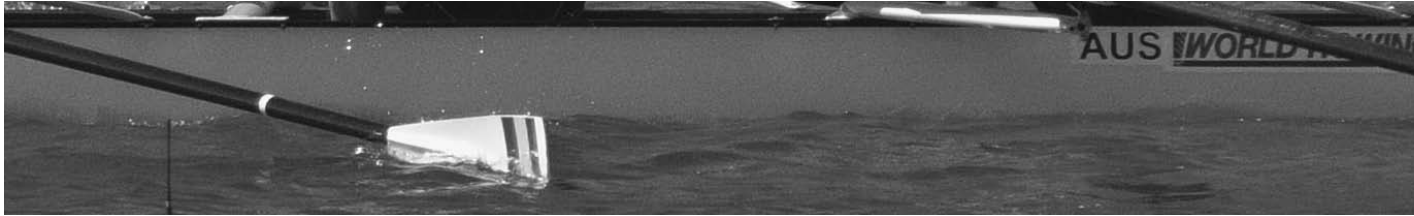
## Australian Senior Olympic Team — Results 2008 continued ...

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	Olympic Games	Munich W' Cup	Lucerne W' Cup	Olympic Qual' Regatta	Poznan W' Cup
W2x	SENS	Catriona	VIC	8th	DNR	7th	2nd	DNR
	MILLS	Sonia	ACT	8th	DNR	7th	2nd	DNR
Coach	PALFREYMAN	David	VIC					
W2-	CROW	Kimberley	VIC	10th	7th	4th	DNR	DNR
	COOK	Sarah	ACT	10th	7th	4th	DNR	DNR
Coach	MCCARTHY	Lyll	ACT					
Assistant Coach	CUMPER	John	VIC					
W2- (Women's Alternates)	STANLEY	Phoebe	VIC	DNR	W8+ Gold	W2- 10th	DNR	DNR
	SELBY-SMITH	Robyn	VIC	DNR	W8+ Gold	W2- 10th	DNR	DNR
W1x	SAVAGE	Philippa	QLD	10th	DNR	6th	1st	DNR
Coach	CONRAD	Timothy	QLD					
LW2x	HALLIDAY	Amber	SA	8th	DNR	4th	DNR	Bronze
	HOUSTON	Marguerite	SA	8th	DNR	4th	DNR	Bronze
Coach	DAVID	Adrian	SA					



## Australian Adaptive/Paralympic Team — Results 2008

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	Paralympic Games	Adaptive Intl' Regatta Gavirate	Munich W' Cup/Para Qual' Reg'
LTAMx4+	O'CONNOR	Brandie	ACT	DNR	DNR	4th
	COOKE	Carol	VIC	DNR	DNR	4th
	BARRETT	Gene	NSW	DNR	DNR	4th
	SIRI	Peter	QLD	DNR	DNR	4th
Cox	BROWN	Lisa	VIC	DNR	DNR	4th
Coach	BUTT	David	ACT			
TA2x	MACLEAN	John	NSW	SILVER	GOLD	DNR
	ROSS	Kathryn	NSW	SILVER	GOLD	DNR
Coach	ALBISSEER	Pedro	NSW			
AM1x	MONYPENNY	Dominic	TAS	6th	DNR	DNR
Coach	Bryan	Rik	TAS			



## Australian Senior World Championship Team — Results 2008

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	World Championships
LM8+	HOYES	Robert	QLD	6th
	FINLAYSON	Shaun	TAS	6th
	SONDEMEYER	Maxwell	TAS	6th
	ZUK	Oliver	NSW	6th
	TUNEVITSCH	Blair	TAS	6th
	PURCELL	Darryn	QLD	6th
	BAKER	Nicholas	TAS	6th
	WARD	Perry	WA	6th
	BROWN	Ross	WA	DNR
Cox	MCGRATH	David	VIC	6th
Coach	BATT	Ron	TAS	
M2+	BAXTER	Nicholas	NSW	Bronze
	PRAGNELL	Fergus	NSW	Bronze
Cox	RAWLINSON	Hugh	WA	Bronze
Coach	RANDELL	Ellen	TAS	
LW4x	WATSON	Brownen	NSW	Gold
	BENNETT	Miranda	NSW	Gold
	MCNAMARA	Alice	VIC	Gold
	FENGER	Ingrid	TAS	Gold
Coach	RANDELL	Ellen	NSW	



## Australian Junior World Championships Team — Results 2008

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	World champs
JM4x	COX	Thomas	QLD	9th
	LAIDLER	Scott	QLD	9th
	ANDERSON	Christopher	QLD	9th
	TROVAS	Jonathon	QLD	9th
Coach	CRUICKSHANK	Andrew	QLD	
JM4-	BANNAN	Elliott	WA	4th
	EYRES	Christian	WA	4th
	MOONEY	Harley	WA	4th
	WATTS	David	WA	4th
Coach	LEYLAND	Sean	WA	
JM2x	BELONOGOFF	Alexander	QLD	Bronze
	BARNIER	Nicholas	ACT	Bronze
Coach	FERNANDEZ	Jaime	ACT	
JM2-	DIGNAN	Matthew	NSW	Bronze
	EDWARDS	Ryan	NSW	Bronze
Coach	BATES	Glenn	NSW	
JM1x	WILCZYNSKI	Taylor	TAS	Bronze
Coach	WILLIAMS	Robert	TAS	
JW4-	SHELDRIK	Beatrix	NSW	5th
	PEPPERNEILL	Ashleigh	NSW	5th
	HEATH	Olivia	NSW	5th
	SEE	Rachel	NSW	5th
Coach	SLAVOVA	Stani	NSW	
JW2x	EDMUNDS	Madeleine	QLD	7th
	KASZYCKI	Anna	QLD	7th
Coach	SERVICE	Andrew	QLD	
JW1x	HAGAN	Alexandra	WA	5th
Coach	JONES	Jamie	WA	



## Australian Under 23 World Championships Team — Results 2008

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	World champs
BM8+	GOSWELL	James	NSW	7th
	LARKINS	Thomas	VIC	7th
	RIDDELL	Christopher	VIC	7th
	SPENCER	Kurt	NSW	7th
	QUIGLEY	Justin	NSW	7th
	ALLSOP	Richard	NSW	7th
	LINKE	John	VIC	7th
	Scharp	Alex	VIC	7th
Cox	LISTER	Toby	NSW	7th
Coach	TAIT	William	VIC	
BM4x	SWANN	Thomas	VIC	5th
	BIDWELL	Jarred	QLD	5th
	BROWN	Blair	QLD	5th
	BOLT	Matthew	SA	5th
Coach	HANDLEY	Lincoln	QLD	
BM4-	KINNEAR	Ned	SA	4th
	COUDRAYE	Bryn	SA	4th
	BREWER	Cameron	WA	4th
	GRANT	Rhys	WA	4th
Coach	LANE	Jason	WA	
BM2x	GATTI	James	WA	12th
	KOBELKE	Kieren	NSW	12th
Coach	LANE	Jason	WA	
BLM4x	BRYAN	Henry	QLD	DNR
	TYERS	Angus	VIC	8th
	FOOT	Alister	TAS	8th
	BREIER	William	TAS	8th
	BERTRAND	Thomas	VIC	8th
Coach	WRIGHT	Ian	VIC	

## Australian Under 23 World Championships Team — Results 2008 continued...

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	World champs
BW4x	OSTI	Laura	SA	Bronze
	MCCARTHY	Emma	QLD	Bronze
	BROWN	Kimberley	QLD	Bronze
	SZATSZNAJDER	Lisa	VIC	Bronze
Coach	TERRELL	Brenton	VIC	
BW4-	EKE	Sarah	QLD	5th
	CROWE	Alison	VIC	5th
	ROBSON	Sophia	VIC	5th
	LAHEY	Sascha	QLD	5th
Coach	HOWARD	Peter	QLD	
BW2x	KIRBY	Renee	NSW	13th
	WALTERS	Charlotte	NSW	13th
Coach	BOURGUIGNON	Phil	NSW	
BW2-	ROSE	Emily	WA	Silver
	ALDERMAN	Elizabeth	WA	Silver
Coach	LANE	Jason	WA	
BLW2x	PEILE	Jaclyn	NSW	8th
	FIDDLER	Maja	SA	8th
Coach	SHEPHERD	Zoltan	SA	
BLW1x	COTTAM	Carly	TAS	Gold
Coach	DAVEY	Ken	TAS	



## Australian National Championships & Interstate Regatta Results

### EVENT 1

Under 23 Women's Scull — 7:51.20

**Banks Rowing Club (VIC)**

Lisa Szatsznajder

### EVENT 2

Open Women's Single Scull — 7:29.84

**Commercial Rowing Club (QLD)**

Pippa Savage

### EVENT 3

Under 23 Men's Single Scull — 7:06.17

**University of Queensland Boat Club (QLD)**

Jarred Bidwell

### EVENT 4

Open Men's Single Scull — 7:00.00

**Mossman Rowing Club/NSWIS (NSW)**

Daniel Noonan

### EVENT 5

Under 23 Women's Coxless Pair — 7:26:31

**University of WA Rowing Club (WA)**

Libby Alderman, Emily Rose

### EVENT 6

Open Women's Coxless Pair — 7:11.41

**Canberra Rowing Club/Melbourne Uni Boat Club (VIC/ACT)**

Kim Crow, Sarah Cook

### EVENT 7

Under 23 Men's Coxless Pair — 6:43.22

**Mercantile Rowing Club (VIC)**

Alexander Sharp, John Linke

### EVENT 8

Open Men's Coxless Pair — 6:31.23

**Surfers/Mercantile Rowing Club (QLD/VIC)**

Drew Ginn, Duncan Free

### EVENT 9

Under 23 Women's Lightweight Single Scull — 8:08.40

**Tamar Rowing Club (TAS)**

Carly Cottam

### EVENT 10

Open Women's Lightweight Single Scull — 7:48.69

**Melbourne University Boat Club (VIC)**

Alice McNamara

### EVENT 11

Under 23 Men's Lightweight Single Scull — 7:19.40

**Melbourne University Boat Club (VIC)**

Angus Tyers

### EVENT 12

Open Men's Lightweight Single Scull — 7:10.80

**Huon Rowing Club (TAS)**

Tom Gibson

### EVENT 13

Under 23 Men's Lightweight Coxless Pair — 7:04.94

**Sydney University Boat Club (NSW)**

Edward White, Toby Ledgerwood

### EVENT 14

Open Men's Lightweight Coxless Pair — 6:45.10

**Swan River Rowing Club (WA)**

Ben Cureton, Todd Skipworth

### EVENT 15

Under 17 Women's Single Scull — 8:14.85

**Commercial Rowing Club (QLD)**

Maddie Edmunds

### EVENT 16

Under 19 Women's Single Scull — 8:02.27

**Bunbury Rowing Club (WA)**

Alexandra Hagan

### EVENT 17

Under 19 Women's Coxless Pair — 7:55.38

**Sydney University Boat Club / Drummoyne Rowing Club (NSW)**

Beatrix Sheldrick, Ashleigh Peppernell

### EVENT 18

Under 17 Men's Coxed Quad Scull — 6:46.18

**Swan River/Murdoch University/West Australian Rowing Club (WA)**

Michael Stott, Christopher Tilley, Mathew Cochran, Shaun Brady, Cox: Mieke Wevers

### EVENT 19

Under 19 Men's Quad Scull — 6:17.97

**Grammarians/Commercial/University of Queensland Boat Club (QLD)**

Sasha Belonogoff, Tom Cox, Chris Anderson, Scott Laidler



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## Australian National Championships and Interstate Regatta Results continued ...

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### EVENT 20

Under 23 Men's Double Scull — 6:37.58  
**University of Queensland Boat Club (QLD)**  
Blair Brown, Jared Bidwell

### EVENT 21

Open Men's Double Scull — 6:24.45  
**Tamar/Lindisfarne (TAS)**  
Brendan Long, Scott Brennan

### EVENT 22

Under 23 Women's Double Scull — 7:20.41  
**Banks Rowing Club / Commercial (VIC/QLD)**  
Emma McCarthy, Lisa Szatsznajder

### EVENT 23

Under 17 Women's Coxed Quad Scull — 7:31.37  
**Bunbury Rowing Club (WA)**  
Courtnee Farr, Jamie Mancktelow, Georgia Gibbs,  
Tamsyn Roberts, Cox: Emily Farr

### EVENT 24

Under 19 Women's Coxless Quad Scull — 7:07.88  
**South Grafton High/Lower Clarence Amateur  
Rowing Club/Grafton High School (NSW)**  
Emma Thompson, Johanna Tarrant, Sarah Jones,  
Steffanee Colgrave

### EVENT 25

Under 17 Men's Single Scull — 7:33.98  
**Lower Clarence Amateur Rowing Club (NSW)**  
Isaac Bolton

### EVENT 26

Under 19 Men's Single Scull — 7:20.04  
**Mersey Rowing Club (TAS)**  
Taylor Wilczynski

### EVENT 27

Under 19 Men's Coxless Pair — 7:05.42  
**University of Queensland Boat Club (QLD)**  
Ben Ward, Will Lindores

### EVENT 28

Open Women's Double Scull — 7:05.81  
**New Norfolk/Perth Rowing Club (TAS/WA)**  
Kerry Hore, Amber Bradley

### EVENT 29

Under 17 Women's Double Scull — 7:46.32  
**Pymble Ladies College (NSW)**  
Eliza Flint, Olivia Heath

### EVENT 30

Under 19 Women's Double Scull — 7:33.10  
**TJCU/Toowong Rowing Club (QLD)**  
Georgia Dunn, Anna Kaszycki

### EVENT 31

Under 19 Women's Coxless Four — 7:09.79  
**Shoalhaven Rowing Club/Capital Lakes Rowing  
Club/Canberra Rowing Club/Canberra Girls  
Grammar School (NSW/ACT)**  
Sorelle Bowman, Ailie McDonald, Amy Fowler,  
Veronica Tamsitt

### EVENT 32

Under 23 Women's Lightweight Double Scull —  
7:29.20  
**Tamar/Huon (TAS)**  
Carly Cottam, Ella Flecker

### EVENT 33

Open Women's Lightweight Double Scull — 7:10.69  
**UTS/Melbourne University (NSW/VIC)**  
Miranda Bennett, Alice McNamara

### EVENT 34

Under 23 Men's Lightweight Double Scull — 6:44.82  
**Mercantile/Melbourne University (VIC)**  
Tommy Bertrand, Angus Tyers

### EVENT 35

Open Men's Lightweight Double Scull — 6:51.15  
**Yarra Yarra/Mercantile (VIC)**  
Eduardo Inostroza, Tom Nickson

### EVENT 36

Under 19 Men's Double Scull — 6:53.54  
**Capital Lakes Rowing Club/Canberra Grammar  
School (ACT)**  
Riley Owens, Nicholas Barnier

### EVENT 37

Under 17 Men's Double Scull — 7:03.19  
**West Australian Rowing Club/Murdoch University  
(WA)**  
Christopher Tilley, Mathew Cochran

### EVENT 38

Under 19 Men's Coxless Four — 6:27.25  
**Swan River Rowing Club (WA)**  
Alex Trumble, Harley Mooney, Elliot Bannan,  
David Watts

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## Australian National Championships and Interstate Regatta Results continued ...

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### EVENT 39

Under 23 Women's Coxless Four — 6:56.29  
**UWABC/Brisbane GPS (WA/QLD)**  
Sarah Eke, Sascha Lahey, Libby Alderman, Emily Rose

### EVENT 40

Under 23 Men's Coxless Four — 6:08.76  
**ANA/Bunbury/Swan River (WA)**  
Rhys Grant, Adam Seroka, Michael O'Shea,  
Cameron Brewer

### EVENT 41

Under 23 Men's Lightweight Coxless Four — 6:25.14  
**Sydney University Boat Club (NSW)**  
Edward De Carvalho, Charles Budd, Edward White,  
Toby Ledgerwood

### EVENT 42

Open Men's Lightweight Coxless Four — 6:14.71  
**Lindisfarne/Tamar/Huon (TAS)**  
Nick Baker, Shaun Finlayson, Blair Tunevitsch,  
Tom Gibson

### EVENT 43

Under 19 Women's Eight — 6:45.91  
**Lindisfarne/DMCRC (TAS)**  
Lauren Johnston, Victoria Nichols, Laura Broomhall,  
Abby Garcia, Gemma Parker, Laura Morris, Emma  
Worsley, Rebecca Downie, Cox: Jaimee Sluce

### EVENT 44

Open Men's Coxless Four — 5:59.39  
**Mercantile/Surfers/Melbourne University  
(VIC/QLD)**  
Karsten Forsterling, David Crawshay, Drew Ginn,  
Duncan Free

### EVENT 45

Under 23 Men's Coxed Four — 6:27.87  
**Sydney University Boat Club (NSW)**  
Justin Quigley, Richard Allsop, James Harding,  
David Neuhaus, Cox: Toby Lister

### EVENT 46

Under 19 Men's Coxed Four — 6:43.72  
**University of Queensland Boat Club/Commercial  
Rowing Club**  
Tom Cox, Jon Trovas, Will Lindores, Sam Allen,  
Cox: Jirik Haselgrove

### EVENT 47

Open Women's Lightweight Quad Scull — 6:40.59  
**Adelaide University/Torrens/UTS (SA/NSW)**  
Maja Fiddler, Miranda Bennett, Marguerite Houston,  
Amber Halliday

### EVENT 48

Open Men's Lightweight Quad Scull — 6:13.40  
**Toowong Rowing Club (QLD)**  
Tom Gethin-Jones, Tim McDonnell, Bob Hoyes,  
Darryn Purcell

### EVENT 49

Under 23 Women's Quad Scull — 6:50.76  
**Corio Bay Rowing Club/Banks/Commercial  
(QLD/NSW)**  
Sarah Perkins, Rachel Thomas, Emma McCarthy,  
Lisa Szatsznajder

### EVENT 50

Open Women's Quad Scull — 6:39.90  
**Mosman/New Norfolk/Perth Rowing Club,  
(NSW/TAS/WA)**  
Zoe Uphill, Amber Bradley, Kerry Hore, Amy Ives

### EVENT 51

Under 23 Men's Quad Scull — 6:15.48  
**University of Queensland Boat Club (QLD)**  
Henry Bryan, Hugo Struss, Blair Brown, Jared Bidwell

### EVENT 52

Open Men's Quad Scull — 5:54.52  
**Mosman/Tamar/Surfers Paradise/Lindisfarne  
(NSW/TAS/QLD)**  
Brendan Long, Duncan Free, Scott Brennan,  
Daniel Noonan

### EVENT 53

Under 23 Men's Eight — 5:37.54  
**ANA/University of WA/Perth/Swan River/  
Bunbury (WA)**  
Kieran Kobelke, James Gatti, Michael Glorie, Jeremy  
Ellis, Cameron Brewer, Michael O'Shea, Adam Seroka,  
Rhys Grant, COX: Hugh Rawlinson

### Event 54

Under 23 Women's Eight — 6:27.48  
**Commercial/Brisbane & GPS/Toowong (QLD)**  
Phillipa Lindley, Hannah O'Loughlin, Maddie Edmunds,  
Clare, Gilbride, Emma McCarthy, Sascha Lahey, Sarah  
Eke, Rachael Gibson, Cox: Elizabeth Salisbury

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## Australian National Championships and Interstate Regatta Results continued ...

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### EVENT 55

Under 19 Men's Eight — 6:02.30

**University of Queensland/Commercial/  
Grammarians (QLD)**

Ben Ward, Adrian Smith, Sam Allen, Will Lindores,  
Jon Trovas, Tom Cox, Chris Anderson, Scott Laidler,  
Cox: Jirik Haselgrove

### EVENT 56

Open Women's Coxless Four — 6:34.86

**Melbourne University Boat Club (VIC)**

Catriona Sens, Phoebe Stanley, Kim Crow, Sarah Heard

### EVENT 57

Open Men's Coxed Four — 6:18.57

**Sydney University Boat Club (NSW)**

Matthew Ryan, Terrance Alfred, Fergus Pragnell,  
Francis Hegerty, Cox: Marty Rabjohns

### EVENT 58

Open Men's Lightweight Eight — 6:03.49

**Huon/Lindisfarne/Tamar/New Norfolk/The  
Friends School (TAS)**

Mark Rippon, Max Sondermeyer, Shaun Findlayson,  
Nick Baker, Anthony Edwards, William Breier,  
Blair Tunevitsch, Tom Gibson, Cox: Giles Harvey

### EVENT 59

Open Women's Eight — 6:08.95

**Sydney University Women's Rowing Club/Canberra  
Rowing Club/University of Queensland/New  
Norfolk/ (NSW/ACT/QLD/TAS)**

Natalie Bale, Bronwen Watson, Sarah Cook,  
Sonia Mills, Elizabeth Kell, Brooke Pratley, Sally Kehoe,  
Kate Hornsey, Cox: Elizabeth Smith

### EVENT 60

Under 23 Women's Lightweight Quad Scull — 6:50.34

**Huon/UTS/St George/Sydney University Women's  
Rowing Club (TAS/NSW)**

Ella Flecker, Laure Dunn, Jacky Peile, Elsa O'Hanlon

### EVENT 63

Adaptive Women's Trunk and Arms Single Scull —  
4:47.56

**The Lakes Rowers (NSW)**

Kathryn Ross

### EVENT 64

Adaptive Women's Legs, Trunk and Arms Single Scull  
— 4:47.33

**The Lakes Rowers (NSW)**

Kathryn Ross

### EVENT 66

Adaptive Women's Legs, Trunk and Arms Double Scull  
— 4:15.23

**Yarra Yarra/Penrith Rowing Club (VIC/NSW)**

Carol Cooke, Julia Veness-Collins

### EVENT 67

Adaptive Men's Arms Only Single Scull — 5:32.32

**Tamar Rowing Club (TAS)**

Dominic Monypenny

### EVENT 69

Adaptive Men's Trunk and Arms Single Scull — 4:38.87

**The Lakes Rowers (NSW)**

John MacLean

### EVENT 70

Adaptive Men's Legs, Trunk and Arms Single Scull  
— No Time Listed

**Murray Bridge Rowing Club (SA)**

Sam Redding

### EVENT 71

Adaptive Men's Legs, Trunk and Arms Single Scull  
Division 2 — 2:07.14

**Nepean Rowing Club (NSW)**

Luke Morris

### EVENT 72

Adaptive Men's Legs, Trunk and Arms Double Scull  
— 3:46.57

**Dragons Rowing Club/Noosa Yacht & Rowing Club  
(QLD)**

Peter Siri, Nicholas Nielsen

### EVENT 73

Schoolgirl Single Scull — 8:00.65

**Bunbury Rowing Club (WA)**

Alexandra Hagen

### EVENT 74

Schoolboy Single Scull — 7:16.77

**St Brendan Shaw College (TAS)**

Taylor Wilczynski

### EVENT 75

Schoolgirl Coxed Four — 7:26.94

**Fahan School (TAS)**

Rebecca Downie, Victoria Nicholas, Laura Broomhall,  
Laura Morris, Anabel Limmer

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## Australian National Championships and Interstate Regatta Results continued ...

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### EVENT 76

Schoolboy Coxed Four — 6:43.57

#### **The Shore School (NSW)**

James Thomas, Matthew Hannibal, Charles Begg,  
Stuart Jackson, Cox: Jack Alpe

### EVENT 77

Schoolgirl Coxed Quad Scull — 7:18.06

#### **Genazzano FCJ College (VIC)**

Stephanie Radford, Bec Daniher, Clare Canty,  
Harriet Chesterfield, Cox: Catherine Sharkey

### EVENT 78

Schoolboy Coxed Quad Scull — 6:35.27

#### **Gippsland Grammar School (VIC)**

Stephan Johnston, Jordon Smith, Craig Battams,  
Dan Candy, Cox: Georgia Banks

### EVENT 79

Schoolboy Under 17 Eight — 6:14.92

#### **The Shore School (NSW)**

Alex Knight, Hugh Stanistreet, Charlie Clydsdale,  
Michael Bernerius, Lachlan Hanbury-Brown,  
Nick Wheatley, Stephen Chapman, Louis Snelson,  
Cox: Edward Minnett

### EVENT 80

Schoolgirl Eight — 6:51.31

#### **Presbyterian Ladies College (NSW)**

Patrice Koutoulas, Jessica Salmon, Grace Falkenmire,  
Nicole Stride, Elizabeth Blower, Emma Bechara,  
April Finney, Jilian Slee, Cox: Gabriella Poletto

### EVENT 81

Schoolboy Eight — 6:00.03

#### **Scotch College (VIC)**

Will Bernard, James Sparkman, Thomas Simpson,  
Michael Haines, Joshua Booth, Thomas Sutterby,  
Karl Buchhorn, Simon Brown, Cox: Tom Browne

### EVENT 82

Women's Interstate Single Scull

— The Nell Slatter Trophy

7:37.51

**Queensland** — Pippa Savage

### EVENT 83

Men's Interstate Single Scull

— The President's Cup

7:05.76

**New South Wales** — Dan Noonan

### EVENT 84

Women's Interstate Lightweight Coxless Quad Scull

— The Victoria Cup

6:38.54

**South Australia** — Amber Halliday, Maja Fiddler,  
Marguerite Houston, Miranda Bennet

### EVENT 85

Men's Interstate Lightweight Coxless Four

— The Penrith Cup

6:05.83

**Western Australia** — Perry Ward, Ross Brown,  
Ben Cureton, Todd Skipworth

### EVENT 86

Women's Interstate Youth Eight

— The Bicentennial Cup

6:33.01

**Queensland** — Maddie Edmunds, Clare Gilbride,  
Steph Krippner, Rachael Gibson, Phillipa Lindley,  
Hannah O'Loughlin, Lara Taylor, Francesca Paterson,  
Cox: Jade O'Neill

### EVENT 87

Men's Interstate Youth Eight

— The Noel F Wilkinson Trophy

5:51.70

**Victoria** — Ben Quinlan, Tom Beattie, Josh Dunkley-  
Smith, Salvador Henricus, Daniel Sweeney, William  
Lockwood, Chris Bush, Alexander Scharp, Cox: Agosta

### EVENT 88

Women's Interstate Eight

— The ULVA Trophy

6:09.57

**Victoria** — Robyn Selby-Smith, Phoebe Stanley,  
Pauline Frasca, Fleur Chew, Lisa Szatsznajder,  
Catriona Sens, Kim Crowe, Sarah Heard,  
Cox: Lizzie Patrick

### EVENT 89

Men's Interstate Eight

— The King's Cup

5:32.89

**New South Wales** — Samuel Loch, Francis Hegerty,  
Matthew Ryan, Fergus Pragnell, Tom Laurich,  
James Chapman, Terrance Alfred, Stephen Stewart,  
Cox: Marty Rabjohns

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**ABN 49 126 080 519**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

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The Directors submit their financial report for the year ended 30 June 2008.

**Directors**

The Directors of the Company during or since the end of the financial year are:

P J McNamara	Appointed 29 June 2007
J F Boulton	Appointed 29 June 2007
C J Smith	Appointed 29 June 2007
R T Pennington	Appointed 29 June 2007
R S Joyce	Appointed 29 June 2007
R A Paterson	Resigned 8 December 2007
P G Crawford	Term Expired 9 December 2007
D Pincus	Appointed 14 August 2007
	Term Expired 14 August 2008
D B England	Appointed 30 December 2007
P R Ebert	Appointed 14 September 2008
M S McKay	Appointed 16 September 2008

**Company Secretary**

The Secretary and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) during and since the end of the financial year was:

A B Dee	Appointed 29 June 2007
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**Principal Activity**

The principal activity of the Company during the financial year was the administration of the Sport of Rowing in Australia. No significant change in the nature of this activity occurred during the year.

**Results and Dividends**

The net loss after tax amounted to \$747,556 (2007 - \$0). The Company is Limited by Guarantee and is prohibited from paying dividends.

**Review of Operations**

During the year ended 30 June 2008 the Company continued to administer the Sport of Rowing in Australia. The loss sustained was as a direct result of utilising the reserves established over the last number of years in preparing athletes for the Beijing Olympic Games held in August 2008.

**Insurance of Officers**

During the financial year the Company paid a premium to insure certain officers of the Company. The officers of the Company covered include the Directors, Secretary and Chief Executive Officer. The liabilities covered include costs incurred in defending civil or criminal proceedings that may be brought against officers in their capacity as officers of the Company.

Except for the above, the Company has not, during or since the end of the financial year, in respect of any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the Company or of a related body corporate:

- ⟨ indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

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**Insurance of Officers (continued)**

- ( ) paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings.

**Environmental Regulation**

The Company is not subject to any Federal or Territory environmental regulation.

**Significant Events after the Balance Date**

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2008, that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (a) the Company's operations in future financial years; or
- (b) the result of those operations in future financial years; or
- (c) the Company's state of affairs in future financial years.

**Meeting of Directors**

	Directors Meetings	
	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
P J McNamara	14	14
J F Boulton	14	14
C J Smith	14	13
R T Pennington	14	13
R S Joyce	14	12
R A Paterson	5	4
P G Crawford	5	5
D Pincus	11	11
D B England	9	9

**Changes in State of Affairs**

On 1 July 2007 the Shareholders resolved to assume the Assets and Liabilities of Rowing Australia Inc and to take over all activities previously carried on by that Association relative to the Sport of Rowing in Australia.

**Future Developments**

Disclosure of information in relation to likely developments in the operations of the Company and the expected results of operations have not been included in this report because the Directors believe it would be likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the Company.

**Capital Commitments**

There were no capital commitments outstanding as at the 30 June 2008.

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**Lead auditor's independence declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001**

The lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on the following page and forms part of the Directors' Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2008.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director:   
P J McNamara

Director:   
D B England

Dated: 28 October 2008 at Melbourne



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## ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED

### AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE DIRECTORS OF ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the period ended 30 June 2008 there has been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

*RSM Bird Cameron Partners*

**RSM Bird Cameron Partners**  
Chartered Accountants

*G M Stenhouse*

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory  
Dated: 28 October 2008

G M Stenhouse  
Partner

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**INCOME STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Revenue	4	5,058,815	-
Administration expenses		613,466	-
Competition expenses		76,201	-
Development expenses		67,334	-
High Performance expenses		4,866,328	-
Rowing Online Management System expenses		34,802	-
Adaptive Program expenses		148,240	-
(Loss) before Income Tax		(747,556)	-
Income Tax expense	7	-	-
<b>(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(747,556)</b>	<b>-</b>

The Income Statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 66 to 78.

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**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 30 JUNE 2008**

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	8	901,852	-
Trade and Other Receivables	9	63,547	-
Inventories	10	24,256	-
Prepayments	11	613,823	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>1,603,478</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	12	33,108	-
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>33,108</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>1,636,586</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	13	1,285,629	-
Provisions	14	86,755	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,372,384</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,372,384</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>264,202</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Members' Funds	15	-	-
Retained Earnings	16	264,202	-
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>264,202</u>	<u>-</u>

The Balance Sheet is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 66 to 78.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Grants received		4,433,570	-
Receipts from organisations and persons		993,285	-
Payments to organisations and persons		(5,734,271)	-
Interest received		64,781	-
Net Cash (Used in) / Provided by Operating Activities	20(a)	<u>(242,635)</u>	-
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Payment for Property, Plant & Equipment		<u>(22,049)</u>	-
Net Cash (Used in) / Provided by Investing Activities		<u>(22,049)</u>	-
<b>NET (DECREASE) / INCREASE IN CASH HELD</b>		(264,684)	-
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		<u>1,166,536</u>	-
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	20(b)	<u><u>901,852</u></u>	-

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 66 to 78.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>Members' Funds</b>	<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Total Equity</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>At 29 June 2007</b>	-	-	-
Profit/(Loss) for the year	-	-	-
<b>At 30 June 2007</b>	-	-	-
Accumulated Funds from Rowing Australia Inc.	-	1,011,758	1,011,758
(Loss) for the year	-	(747,556)	(747,556)
<b>At 30 June 2008</b>	-	264,202	264,202

The Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 66 to 78.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**1 CORPORATE INFORMATION**

The financial report of Rowing Australia Limited for the year ended 30 June 2008 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 28 October 2008.

Rowing Australia Limited is a Company Limited by Guarantee incorporated in Australia on 29 June 2007.

The nature of the operations and principal activities of the Company is the administration of the Sport of Rowing in Australia.

**2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a) Basis of Preparation**

The financial report is a General Purpose Financial Report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board), and the Corporations Act 2001.

It has been prepared on an accrual basis and on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or current valuation of non-current assets.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied and except where there is a change in accounting policy, are consistent with those of the previous period.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

**(b) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted**

The following standards, amended standards and interpretations have been identified as possibly impacting the Company in the period of initial application. They are available for early adoption at 30 June 2008 but have not been applied in preparation of the financial report:

〈 Revised AASB101 *Presentation of Financial Statements* requires an additional financial statement of comprehensive income and is applicable for the Company's 30 June 2010 financial statements. The Company is determining the effect of the revised standard on disclosures.

〈 Revised AASB123 *Borrowing Costs* removes the option to expense borrowing costs on qualifying capital assets and requires capitalisation as part of the cost of the qualifying asset. The revised standard is applicable for the Company's 30 June 2010 financial statements and will represent a change in accounting policy. The company will apply the standard to qualifying assets with associated borrowing costs on or after the effective date.

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**2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**(c) Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the accrued benefits will flow to the Company. The following specific recognition criteria also apply before revenue is recognised:

*Sale of goods*

Revenue is recognised when control has passed to the buyer.

*Grants*

Grant revenue received for specific projects are recognised upon receipt regardless of whether expenditure has been incurred as there is no contractual right to return the monies received to the grantor.

Grant revenue received with a conditional right to return unspent amounts are recognised to the extent that the expenditure has been incurred.

*Interest*

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues.

*Sale of non-current assets*

The gain or loss on disposal is calculated as the difference between the carrying amount of the asset at the time of disposal and the net proceeds on disposal.

**(d) Income Tax**

The Company is exempt from income tax by virtue of Section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

**(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents in the Balance Sheet comprise cash on hand and at bank together with short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less that are readily convertible to known cash amounts subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

**(f) Trade and Other Receivables**

The collectability of debts are assessed at the reporting date and specific provision is made for any doubtful debts.

**(g) Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs are assigned to inventories on an average cost basis.

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**2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**(h) Trade and Other Payables**

Trade creditors and other accounts payable are recognised when the Company becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services.

**(i) Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost or fair value at independent or directors' valuation, less accumulated depreciation or amortisation and any impairment in value.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset. The expected useful lives are as follows:

Office & Computer Equipment - 2 to 5 years

The carrying values of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

If any such indication exists and where the carrying values exceed the estimated recoverable amount, the assets or cash-generating units are written down to their recoverable amount.

Impairment losses are recognised in the Income Statement in the other expenses line item.

**(j) Employee Entitlements**

Provision is made for entitlements accruing to employees in relation to wages, salaries, annual leave, long service leave and other benefits where the Company has a present obligation to pay resulting from employees' services provided up to reporting date.

∟ Wages, Salaries and Annual Leave - Liabilities for employee benefits for wages, salaries and annual leave which are expected to be settled with 12 months of year-end. The provision has been calculated at current wage and salary rates including related on-costs. Sick leave is expensed as incurred.

∟ Long Service Leave - The liability for employee benefits for long service leave represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made resulting from employees' services provided up to reporting date. The portion of the long service leave liability not expected to be settled within 12 months is discounted using the rates applicable to national government securities at reporting date, which most closely match the terms of maturity of the related liability.

∟ Superannuation - Superannuation contributions by the Company on a defined basis to an employee superannuation fund are charged as expenses when incurred. The Company has no legal obligation to provide benefits to employees on retirement.



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**2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**(k) Goods and Services Tax**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a current asset or liability in the Balance Sheet.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

**(l) Financial Instruments**

*Non-derivative financial instruments*

Non-derivative financial instruments comprise investments in equity and debt securities, trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents, loans and borrowings and trade and other payables.

Non-derivative financial instruments (other than those held for trading purposes) are recognised initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition non-derivative financial instruments are measured as follows:

- ⟨ Held-to-maturity investments - at amortised cost less impairment losses.
- ⟨ Available-for-sale financial assets - at fair value and changes other than impairment losses and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in a separate component of equity.
- ⟨ Financial assets (held for trading purposes) at fair value through profit or loss.
- ⟨ Other - at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

*Derivative financial instruments*

No derivative financial instruments are used by the Company to hedge its interest rate exposures.

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**2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**(m) Impairment of Financial Assets**

A financial asset is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the asset may be impaired. A financial asset is considered impaired if the evidence indicates one or more events have had a negative effect on the estimated future cash inflows of that asset.

Individually significant financial assets are tested for impairment separately. The remaining financial assets are assessed on a group basis based on credit risk.

An impairment loss on a held-to-maturity investment is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate. An impairment loss on an available-for-sale financial asset is calculated by reference to its fair value.

Impairment losses are recognised in the Income Statement.

**(n) Impairment of Non-Financial Assets**

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. Where an indicator of impairment exists, the Company makes a formal estimate of recoverable amount. Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the greater of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. It is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset's value in use cannot be estimated to be close to its fair value less costs to sell and it does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets, in which case, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

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**3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Overview**

The Company has exposure to the following risks from their use of financial instruments:

- < credit risk
- < liquidity risk
- < market risk

This note presents information about the Company's exposure to each of the above risks, the Board's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the management of capital. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout this financial report.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework.

The Board of Directors oversees how management monitors compliance with the Company's risk management policies and procedures and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Company.

**Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the Company's sundry receivables.

The Company's exposure to trade and other receivables credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each party.

The Company has a provision to cover potential losses that may arise from impairment of the trade and other receivable balances.

The Company limits its exposure to investment credit risk by only investing in liquid securities with major trading banks. Given their high credit ratings management does not expect any counterparty to fail to meet its obligations.

**Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Company's reputation.

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**3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

**Liquidity Risk (continued)**

Typically, the Company ensures that it has sufficient cash on demand to meet expected operational expenses including the servicing of financial obligations; this excludes the potential impact of extreme circumstances that cannot reasonably be predicted, such as natural disasters.

**Market Risk**

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>4 REVENUE</b>		
<b>Revenue from Operating Activities</b>		
<i>Grants</i>		
Australian Sports Commission (ASC)		
High Performance	3,606,600	-
Sport Development	89,400	-
Talent Search	137,000	-
Beijing Athlete Program	110,000	-
Project Connect	20,000	-
Elite Development Coach Program	20,000	-
Australian Olympic Committee (AOC)	180,000	-
Australian Paralympic Committee (APC)	181,250	-
Australian Institute of Sports (AIS)	29,320	-
Accreditation fees & education income	15,482	-
Affiliation fees	102,444	-
Currency fluctuations	3,796	-
Interest received	64,781	-
International Competition contributions	389,284	-
Insurance recovery	14,452	-
Masters' Regatta fees & levies	3,500	-
Rowing Online Management System (ROMS) usage fees	15,100	-
Sales income	38,921	-
Sponsorship income	30,000	-
Web Hosting contribution	4,500	-
Sundry income	2,985	-
Total Revenue	<u>5,058,815</u>	<u>-</u>

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	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>5 REVENUES AND EXPENSES</b>		
(a) Other Income		
(Loss)/Profit on disposal of Office & Computer Equipment	(526)	-
(b) Finance Income / (Costs)		
Bank Loans & Overdrafts	-	-
Other Loans	-	-
Total Finance (Costs)	-	-
Bank Interest receivable	64,781	-
Income from Investments	-	-
Total Finance Income	64,781	-
(c) Employee Benefits Expense		
Wages and Salaries	629,684	-
Workers' Compensation	10,108	-
Superannuation	49,034	-
Annual Leave expense	10,359	-
Total Employee Benefits Expense	699,185	-
<b>6 AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION</b>		
RSM Bird Cameron:		
Audit of the Financial Statements	12,000	-
<b>7 INCOME TAX EXPENSE</b>		
The Company is exempt from income tax by virtue of Section 50-45 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.		
<b>8 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash at Bank	886,929	-
Cash on Hand	14,923	-
	901,852	-

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	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>9 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade Debtors	53,532	-
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	(500)	-
Other Receivables	10,515	-
	<u>63,547</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>10 INVENTORIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Coaching Resources	16,758	-
Promotional Merchandise	3,426	-
Oars	4,072	-
	<u>24,256</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>11 PREPAYMENTS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
International Competition expenses	545,362	-
Other	68,461	-
	<u>613,823</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>12 PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>		
Office & Computer Equipment - At Cost	103,620	-
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(70,512)	-
	<u>33,108</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT - MOVEMENTS</b>		
<b>Office &amp; Computer Equipment</b>		
Carrying Amount at Beginning of Year	21,319	-
Additions	22,049	-
Disposals	(543)	-
Depreciation - Written-back	18	-
- Expense	(9,735)	-
Carrying Amount at End of Year	<u>33,108</u>	<u>-</u>

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	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>13 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
<i>Income Received in Advance</i>		
International Competition	557,934	-
AOC	60,000	-
Coaches Conference	42,346	-
Other	23,602	-
Amounts payable to Australian International Rowing Foundation	259,455	-
<i>This amount is repayable on demand</i>		
Trade Creditors	286,791	-
GST Payable	25,600	-
Accruals	14,344	-
Other Amounts Payable	15,557	-
	<u>1,285,629</u>	-
<b>14 PROVISIONS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave	86,755	-
<b>15 MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		
<p>The Company is Limited by Guarantee. In the event of winding-up, the Constitution states that each Member is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the Company. At 30 June 2008 the number of Members was 7 (2007: 7).</p>		
<b>16 RETAINED EARNINGS</b>		
Retained Earnings at Beginning of the Financial Year	-	-
Accumulated Funds from Rowing Australia Inc.	1,011,758	-
(Loss) for the year	(747,556)	-
Retained Earnings at End of the Financial Year	<u>264,202</u>	-
<p>Assets &amp; Liabilities taken over from Rowing Australia Inc. include the following:</p>		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,166,536	
Trade & Other Receivables	91,136	
Inventories	36,393	
Prepayments	644,087	
Property, Plant & Equipment	21,319	
Trade & Other Payables	(871,317)	
Provisions	(76,396)	
Net Assets	<u>1,011,758</u>	

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	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>17 KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL DISCLOSURES</b>		
<b>Key Management Personnel</b>		
The key management personnel include the directors as disclosed in the Directors' Report together with the CEO, Mr A B Dee.		
Benefits paid during the year include:		
Short term benefits	161,082	-
Post employment benefits	13,300	-
Total	<u>174,382</u>	<u>-</u>

**Transactions with Key Management Personnel**

A Director, Mr P J McNamara, is a Director of Harp Consulting Pty Limited and was a Director of Asia Pacific Air Services Pty Limited until 19 August 2008, both companies being shareholders in Travel Design International Pty Limited. Travel Design International Pty Limited was paid \$122,519 during the financial year for services to the Company on normal commercial terms.

**18 SEGMENT REPORTING**

The Company operates from Canberra in the Australian Capital Territory to administer the Sport of Rowing in Australia, and financial reporting by segments is not applicable.

**19 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

**(a) Credit Risk**

The carrying amount of the Company's financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk at reporting date was:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	901,852	-
Trade and Other Receivables	63,547	-
	<u>965,399</u>	<u>-</u>

The Company does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single debtor or group of debtors under financial instruments entered into by the Company.

**Impairment losses**

None of the Company's receivables are past due. No impairment losses were recognised during the year.



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**19 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**(b) Liquidity Risk**

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments and excluding the impact of netting agreements:

**30 June 2008**

	<b>Balance Sheet</b>	<b>Contractual cash flows</b>	<b>6 months or less</b>	<b>6-12 months</b>	<b>1-2 years</b>	<b>2-5 years</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Trade and other payables	1,285,629	(1,285,629)	(1,285,629)	-	-	-
	<u>1,285,629</u>	<u>(1,285,629)</u>	<u>(1,285,629)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**30 June 2007**

	<b>Balance Sheet</b>	<b>Contractual cash flows</b>	<b>6 months or less</b>	<b>6-12 months</b>	<b>1-2 years</b>	<b>2-5 years</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Trade and other payables	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**(c) Interest Rate Risk**

The Company's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates on financial assets and financial liabilities are as follows:

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<i>Fixed rate instruments</i>		
Financial assets	-	-
Financial liabilities	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Variable rate instruments</i>		
Financial assets	886,929	-
Financial liabilities	-	-
	<u>886,929</u>	<u>-</u>

*Fair value sensitivity analysis for fixed rate instruments*

An increase of 100 basis points in interest rates at reporting date would have increased the Company's equity and profit by \$Nil.

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	2008	2007
	\$	\$
<b>19 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)</b>		
<b>(c) Interest Rate Risk (continued)</b>		
<i>Fair value sensitivity analysis for variable rate instruments</i>		
An increase of 100 basis points in interest rates would have increased the Company's equity and reduced the loss by \$8,869.		
<b>20 CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
<b>(a) Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Operating (Loss) after Income Tax</b>		
(Loss) after Income Tax	(747,556)	-
Non-Cash Flows and Non-Operating Items in Operating (Loss):		
Depreciation	9,734	-
Profit on Sale of Non-Current Assets	526	-
Changes in Assets & Liabilities:		
Decrease / (Increase) in Receivables	27,589	-
Decrease / (Increase) in Inventories	12,137	-
Decrease / (Increase) in Prepayments	30,264	-
Increase / (Decrease) in Creditors & Borrowings	9,080	-
Increase / (Decrease) in Income in Advance	405,232	-
Increase / (Decrease) in Provisions	10,359	-
Net Cash (Used in) / Provided by Operating Activities	<u>(242,635)</u>	-
<b>(b) Reconciliation of Cash</b>		
For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash and at call deposits with banks, and investments in money market instruments, net of bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related item in the Balance Sheet as follows:		
Cash at Bank	886,929	-
Cash on Hand	14,923	-
	<u>901,852</u>	-

**21 ENTITY INFORMATION**

The registered office and principal place of business of the Company is:  
Unit 9, 7 Beissel Street, Belconnen ACT.

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**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

In the opinion of the Directors of Rowing Australia Limited ("the Company"):

- (a) the financial statements and notes, set out on pages 60 to 76 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 30 June 2008 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows, for the financial year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations), and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.


This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the directors by:

Director:



P J McNamara

Director:



D B England

Dated:

28 October 2008 at Melbourne

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# RSM Bird Cameron Partners

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Rowing Australia Limited ("the company"), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008 and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

### Director's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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### **Independence**

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

### **Auditor's Opinion**

In our opinion the financial report of Rowing Australia Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2008 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

*RSM Bird Cameron Partners*

**RSM Bird Cameron Partners**  
Chartered Accountants

*G. Stenhouse*  
G.M. Stenhouse  
Partner

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory  
Dated: 28 October 2008

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## Auditor's Disclaimer

### Rowing Australia Limited

The additional financial data presented in the following pages is in accordance with the books and records of Rowing Australia Limited which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2008. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and no warranty of accuracy or reliability is given. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than to Rowing Australia Limited) in respect of such data, including any errors or omissions therein however caused.

*RSM Bird Cameron Partners*

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory

**RSM Bird Cameron Partners**  
Chartered Accountants

*G M Stenhouse*

Dated: 28 October 2008

**G M STENHOUSE**  
Partner

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**DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT ADMINISTRATION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>SALES REVENUE</b>		
Promotional Merchandise	7,310	-
Cost of Goods Sold	9,515	-
Gross (Loss)	(2,205)	-
<b>INCOME</b>		
Affiliation Fees - State Associations	90,000	-
- ROMS	12,444	-
High Performance Recovery	397,000	-
Interest received	64,781	-
Sponsorship	30,000	-
Currency fluctuations	3,796	-
Sundry income	632	-
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION INCOME</b>	<b>598,653</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Accountancy Fees	1,890	-
Annual Report Production	5,205	-
Apparel & Gifts	2,774	-
Audit Fees	12,000	-
Bank & Credit Card charges	4,890	-
Cleaning services	3,754	-
Computer & Software expenses	20,046	-
Depreciation	9,735	-
Electricity	3,238	-
Entertainment	1,536	-
FISA fees	1,967	-
FISA meetings	3,000	-
General expenses	1,001	-
Gross Loss	2,205	-
Insurance	37,226	-
Legal & Corporate Affairs	6,390	-
Meals and Catering	398	-
Media & Communication	52,360	-
Meeting expenses	56,611	-
Photocopier	2,102	-
Postage	4,487	-

This statement has not been audited.

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**DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Printing & Stationery	7,513	-
Rent	34,893	-
Repairs & Maintenance	1,285	-
ROMS Affiliation fee	12,444	-
Staff Amenities	1,575	-
Staff Costs	247,770	-
Staff Recruitment	210	-
Storage	2,738	-
Telephone	18,382	-
Travel & Accommodation	19,800	-
Website	11,855	-
Workers' Compensation	10,108	-
World Championship expenses	17,212	-
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>618,600</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET OPERATING (LOSS) ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>(19,947)</b>	<b>-</b>

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**DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT COMPETITION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
ASC Grant	23,000	-
Masters Regatta - Staging Fees	3,500	-
<b>TOTAL COMPETITION INCOME</b>	<b>26,500</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Australian Rowing Championships Review	13,577	-
Committee expenses	3,598	-
Competition Director Allowance	1,000	-
FISA Masters Bid	9,275	-
General expenses	53	-
Masters Regatta	6,526	-
National Championship	26,209	-
Staff Costs	13,824	-
Travel & Accommodation	2,139	-
<b>TOTAL COMPETITION EXPENSES</b>	<b>76,201</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET OPERATING (LOSS) COMPETITION</b>	<b>(49,701)</b>	<b>-</b>

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**DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT DEVELOPMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
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<b>SALES REVENUE</b>		
Coaching Merchandise	31,611	-
Cost of Goods Sold	12,205	-
Gross Profit	<u>19,406</u>	-
<b>INCOME</b>		
Gross Profit - Coaching Merchandise	19,406	-
Accreditation fees	15,482	-
ASC Grant - Development	<u>60,000</u>	-
<b>TOTAL DEVELOPMENT INCOME</b>	<u>94,888</u>	-
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Accreditation	3,127	-
NCAS Resource Development	2,727	-
Staff Costs	46,078	-
Travel & Accommodation	<u>3,197</u>	-
<b>TOTAL DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES</b>	<u>55,129</u>	-
<b>NET OPERATING PROFIT DEVELOPMENT</b>	<u><u>39,759</u></u>	-

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**DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT HIGH PERFORMANCE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
<i>ASC Grants</i>		
High Performance	3,606,600	-
Talent Search	137,000	-
Beijing Athlete Program	110,000	-
Elite Development Coach Program	20,000	-
AOC Grant	180,000	-
AIS Grant	29,320	-
Insurance Recovery	14,452	-
International Competition contributions	385,994	-
Sundry income	2,353	-
<b>TOTAL HIGH PERFORMANCE INCOME</b>	<b>4,485,719</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
AIS Talent Search Program	137,073	-
Beijing Athlete Program	70,706	-
Boat Storage & Costs	7,942	-
Camps & Regattas	233,222	-
Commissions & Committees	18,320	-
Direct Athlete Support	300,850	-
Donation to the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust	50,000	-
Elite Coach Development Program	8,367	-
General expenses	1,866	-
Insurance	26,400	-
International Boatman	27,281	-
International Competition	2,348,404	-
International Consultant	4,825	-
International Travel Subsidy - Coach	30,100	-
- Selector	4,599	-
Legal fees	34,920	-
Management & Coaching	438,191	-
Motor Vehicle costs	17,459	-
National Elite Development Program	397,500	-
National Training Centres	658,076	-
Principle Medical Officer	11,800	-
Quadrennial Agreement	47,558	-
Rower of the Year	9,267	-
Selectors' Allowance	4,870	-
Staff Costs	341,597	-
Travel & Accommodation	8,914	-

This statement has not been audited.

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**DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT HIGH PERFORMANCE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
World Championships Media Coverage	8,316	-
Youth Cup	14,905	-
<b>TOTAL HIGH PERFORMANCE EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,263,328</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET OPERATING (LOSS) HIGH PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>(777,609)</b>	<b>-</b>

This statement has not been audited.

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**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED**  
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**DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT ROWING ONLINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Affiliation fees	12,444	-
Entry fee	15,100	-
Website Hosting contribution	4,500	-
<b>TOTAL ROWING ONLINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM INCOME</b>	<b>32,044</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
General expenses	213	-
Operational & Administrative Support	15,000	-
Repayment of Development Costs	12,444	-
Telephone	1,125	-
Travel & Accommodation	2,448	-
Website expenses	3,572	-
<b>TOTAL ROWING ONLINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM EXPENSES</b>	<b>34,802</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET OPERATING (LOSS) ROWING ONLINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM</b>	<b>(2,758)</b>	<b>-</b>

This statement has not been audited.

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**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED**  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

**DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT ADAPTIVE PROGRAM**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
APC Grant	181,250	-
ASC Grant - Development	6,400	-
- Project Connect	20,000	-
International Competition contributions	3,290	-
<b>TOTAL ADAPTIVE PROGRAM INCOME</b>	<b>210,940</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Australian Rowing Championships Classification	420	-
Camps & Regattas	58,975	-
General expenses	166	-
International competition	54,913	-
Meeting expenses	481	-
Staff costs	32,308	-
Travel & Accommodation	977	-
<b>TOTAL ADAPTIVE PROGRAM EXPENSES</b>	<b>148,240</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET OPERATING PROFIT ADAPTIVE PROGRAM</b>	<b>62,700</b>	<b>-</b>

This statement has not been audited.

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**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED  
AS TRUSTEE FOR  
THE OLYMPIC BOAT FLEET TRUST**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
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**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED  
AS TRUSTEE FOR  
THE OLYMPIC BOAT FLEET TRUST**

**STATEMENT BY THE TRUSTEE**

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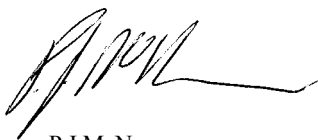
In the opinion of the Trustee of the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust, the financial report, being the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Changes in Equity and Notes to the Financial Statements, is drawn up as to give a true and fair view of:

1. the results of the operations of the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust for the year ended 30 June 2008; and
2. the state of affairs of the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust at that date.

The Trustee is also of the opinion that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

These statements are made in accordance with a resolution of the Trustee and are signed for and on behalf of the Trustee by:

Director:



P J McNamara

Director:



D B England

Dated:

28 October 2008 at Melbourne



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**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED  
AS TRUSTEE FOR  
THE OLYMPIC BOAT FLEET TRUST**

**INCOME STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Revenue	2	32,493	41,220
Depreciation expense		24,241	36,162
Loss on Sale of Non-Current Assets		3,873	12,669
Other expenses		366	1,362
	3	28,480	50,193
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>4,013</b>	<b>(8,973)</b>

The Income Statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 97 to 101.

**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED  
AS TRUSTEE FOR  
THE OLYMPIC BOAT FLEET TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 30 JUNE 2008**

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	286,994	257,126
Trade and Other Receivables	5	3,923	6,430
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>290,917</u>	<u>263,556</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	135,314	110,238
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>135,314</u>	<u>110,238</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><u>426,231</u></u>	<u><u>373,794</u></u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	7	726	2,302
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>726</u>	<u>2,302</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>726</u>	<u>2,302</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>425,505</u></u>	<u><u>371,492</u></u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Funds	8	425,505	371,492
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u><u>425,505</u></u>	<u><u>371,492</u></u>

The Balance Sheet is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 97 to 101.

**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED  
AS TRUSTEE FOR  
THE OLYMPIC BOAT FLEET TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from organisations and persons		23,717	42,492
Payments to organisations and persons		(1,942)	(2,017)
Gift from Rowing Australia Limited		50,000	50,000
Interest received		11,283	3,728
Net Cash Provided by / (Used in) Operating Activities	9(a)	83,058	94,203
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Payment for property, plant & equipment		(80,983)	(13,580)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment		27,793	80,909
Net Cash (Used in) / Provided by Investing Activities		(53,190)	67,329
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Repayment to related parties		-	(9,182)
Net Cash (Used in) / Provided by Financing Activities		-	(9,182)
<b>NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD</b>		29,868	152,350
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		257,126	104,776
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	9(b)	286,994	257,126

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 97 to 101.

**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED  
AS TRUSTEE FOR  
THE OLYMPIC BOAT FLEET TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>Trust Capital</b>	<b>Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>Total Equity</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>At 30 June 2006</b>	10	330,455	330,465
(Loss) for the year	-	(8,973)	(8,973)
Accretions to Capital	-	50,000	50,000
<b>At 30 June 2007</b>	10	371,482	371,492
Profit for the year	-	4,013	4,013
Accretions to Capital	-	50,000	50,000
<b>At 30 June 2008</b>	10	425,495	425,505

The Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 97 to 101.

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**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED  
AS TRUSTEE FOR  
THE OLYMPIC BOAT FLEET TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

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**1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a) Basis of Preparation**

The financial report of the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust has been prepared as a Special Purpose Financial Report for use by the Trustee. The financial report has been prepared on the basis that the Trust is not a reporting entity because there are unlikely to be any other users of the financial report as all users can obtain information specific to their needs upon demand.

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AASB 1031 - Materiality

AASB 110 - Events after the Balance Sheet Date

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

**(b) Accounting Policies**

*Cash assets*

Cash and short-term deposits in the Balance Sheet comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above.

*Trade and other receivables*

Trade receivables, which generally have 60 day terms, are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less an allowance for any uncollectible amounts.

An allowance for doubtful debts is made when there is objective evidence that the Trust will not be able to collect the debts. Bad debts are written off when identified.

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**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED  
AS TRUSTEE FOR  
THE OLYMPIC BOAT FLEET TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

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**1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**(b) Accounting Policies (continued)**

*Property, plant and equipment*

The assets' rates and methods are reviewed annually, and adjusted if appropriate, at each financial year end.

*Impairment*

The carrying values of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment at each reporting date, with recoverable amount being estimated when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.

The recoverable amount of property, plant and equipment is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and depreciated replacement cost. Depreciated replacement cost is calculated as the current replacement cost of the most appropriate modern equivalent replacement asset less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost to reflect the already consumed or expired future economic benefits of the asset.

An impairment exists when the carrying value of an asset exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. The asset is then written down to its recoverable amount.

*Depreciation*

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

	2008	2007
Boats and related equipment	8 years	8 years

*Trade and other payables*

Trade and other payables are carried at amortised costs and represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Trust prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when they become obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services.

*Income taxes*

Under current taxation legislation, the Trust does provide for income tax, as all taxable profits will be distributed to Rowing Australia Limited.

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**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED  
AS TRUSTEE FOR  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**(b) Accounting Policies (continued)**

*Goods and services tax (GST)*

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except where the GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable; and receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

*Provisions*

Provisions are recognised when the Trust has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects risks specific to the liability.

When discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a borrowing cost.

**Revenue Recognition**

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. The following specification criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

*Boat leasing*

Revenue is recognised on a cash basis.

*Sale of goods*

Revenue is recognised when control has passed to the buyer.

*Interest*

Revenue is recognised as interest accrues.

**(c) Comparative Figures**

Where necessary, comparative figures have been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED  
AS TRUSTEE FOR  
THE OLYMPIC BOAT FLEET TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>2 REVENUE</b>		
<b>Revenue from Operating Activities</b>		
Boat Leasing	21,210	37,492
Interest received	11,283	3,728
Total Revenue	<u>32,493</u>	<u>41,220</u>
<b>3 EXPENDITURE</b>		
Depreciation	24,241	36,162
Loss on Sale of Non-Current Assets	3,873	12,669
Other expenses	366	1,362
Total expenses	<u>28,480</u>	<u>50,193</u>
<b>4 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash at Bank	<u>286,994</u>	<u>257,126</u>
<b>5 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade Debtors	750	6,430
Sundry Debtors	1,721	-
GST Receivable	1,452	-
	<u>3,923</u>	<u>6,430</u>
<b>6 PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>		
Boats & Related Equipment - At Cost & Valuation	215,518	195,006
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(80,204)	(84,768)
	<u>135,314</u>	<u>110,238</u>
<b>7 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade Creditors	726	-
GST Payable	-	2,302
	<u>726</u>	<u>2,302</u>



**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED  
AS TRUSTEE FOR  
THE OLYMPIC BOAT FLEET TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>8 ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		
Settlement Sum	10	10
Accumulated Funds at Beginning of Financial Year	371,492	330,465
Net Profit/(Loss)	4,013	(8,973)
Accretions to Capital	50,000	50,000
Accumulated Funds at End of Financial Year	<u>425,505</u>	<u>371,492</u>
<b>9 CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
<b>(a) Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Operating Profit/(Loss):</b>		
Profit/(Loss) for the year	4,013	(8,973)
Non-Cash Flows and Non-Operating Items in Operating Profit/(Loss):		
Depreciation	24,241	36,162
Loss on Sale of Non-Current Assets	3,873	12,669
Gift from Rowing Australia Limited	50,000	50,000
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
Decrease in Receivables	2,507	5,000
(Decrease) in Creditors	<u>(1,576)</u>	<u>(655)</u>
Net Cash Provided by / (Used in) Operating Activities	<u>83,058</u>	<u>94,203</u>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of Cash</b>		
For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following at year end:		
Cash at Bank	<u>286,994</u>	<u>257,126</u>

**10 CHANGE OF TRUSTEE**

On 1 July 2007 the Trustee of the Trust became Rowing Australia Limited.

**11 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE DATE**

Since the end of the financial year the Trustee is not aware of any matter or circumstance not otherwise dealt with in the financial report that has significantly or may significantly affect the operations of the Trust, the results of those operations or the state of affairs in subsequent financial years.

# RSM Bird Cameron

Chartered Accountants

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED AS TRUSTEE FOR THE OLYMPIC BOAT FLEET TRUST

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Rowing Australia Limited as trustee for the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008, the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by the trustee.

### *Trustee's Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The trustee of the trust is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the trust and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The trustee's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the trustee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the trustee's financial reporting requirements. 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.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

*Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

*Auditor's Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial report of Rowing Australia Limited as trustee for the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Rowing Australia Limited as trustee for the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust as of 30 June 2008 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in note 1 to the financial statements.

**RSM Bird Cameron**  
Chartered Accountants



**RODNEY MILLER**  
Director

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory  
Dated: 28 October 2008

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**AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION**

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**AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION**

**STATEMENT BY THE BOARD**

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In the opinion of the Board of Rowing Australia Limited, the financial report of the Australian International Rowing Foundation, being the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Changes in Equity and Notes to the Financial Statements, is drawn up as to give a true and fair view of:

1. the results of the operations of the Australian International Rowing Foundation for the year ended 30 June 2008; and
2. the state of affairs of the Australian International Rowing Foundation at that date.

The Board of Rowing Australia Limited is also of the opinion that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Australian International Rowing Foundation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.


These statements are made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Rowing Australia Limited and are signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

Director:



P J McNamara

Director:



D B England

Dated:

28 October 2008 at Melbourne

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**AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION**

**INCOME STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
Revenue	2	12,450	185
Amortisation		11,240	11,240
Bank Charges		240	240
	3	11,480	11,480
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>		970	(11,295)

The Income Statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 110 to 113.

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**AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	3,791	4,025
Trade and Other Receivables	5	<u>271,899</u>	<u>259,455</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>275,690</u>	<u>263,480</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Intangible Assets	6	<u>33,720</u>	<u>44,960</u>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>33,720</u>	<u>44,960</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>309,410</u>	<u>308,440</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	7	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>309,410</u>	<u>308,440</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Funds	8	<u>309,410</u>	<u>308,440</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>309,410</u>	<u>308,440</u>

The Balance Sheet is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 110 to 113.

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**AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Interest received		6	185
Payments to organisations and persons		(240)	(240)
Net Cash (Used in) / Provided by Operating Activities	9(a)	(234)	(55)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Software Development		-	(56,200)
Net Cash (Used in) / Provided by Investing Activities		-	(56,200)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Repayment from Related Parties		-	30,000
Net Cash Provided by / (Used in) Financing Activities		-	30,000
<b>NET (DECREASE) / INCREASE IN CASH HELD</b>		(234)	(26,255)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		4,025	30,280
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	9(b)	3,791	4,025

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 110 to 113.



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**AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	<b>Accumulated Funds \$</b>	<b>Total Equity \$</b>
<b>At 30 June 2006</b>	319,735	319,735
(Loss) for the year	<u>(11,295)</u>	<u>(11,295)</u>
<b>At 30 June 2007</b>	308,440	308,440
Profit for the year	<u>970</u>	<u>970</u>
<b>At 30 June 2008</b>	<u><u>309,410</u></u>	<u><u>309,410</u></u>

The Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the Financial Statements set out on pages 110 to 113.

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**AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

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**1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a) Basis of Preparation**

The financial report of the Australian International Rowing Foundation has been prepared as a Special Purpose Financial Report for use by the Board and Members of Rowing Australia Limited. The financial report has been prepared on the basis that the Foundation is not a reporting entity because there are unlikely to be any other users of the financial report as all users can obtain information specific to their needs upon demand.

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AASB 110 - Events after the Balance Sheet Date

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

**(b) Accounting Policies**

*Cash assets*

Cash and short-term deposits in the Balance Sheet comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above.

*Trade and other receivables*

Trade receivables, which generally have 60 day terms, are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less an allowance for any uncollectible amounts.

An allowance for doubtful debts is made when there is objective evidence that the Foundation will not be able to collect the debts. Bad debts are written off when identified.

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1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(b) Accounting Policies (continued)

*Trade and other payables*

Trade and other payables are carried at amortised costs and represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Foundation prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when they become obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services.

*Amortisation*

Amortisation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets from the date that they are available for use. The estimated lives for the current period are as follows:

Software Development	5 years
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*Income taxes*

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

*Goods and services tax (GST)*

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except where the GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO), in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable; and receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

*Provisions*

Provisions are recognised when the Foundation has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects risks specific to the liability.

When discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a borrowing cost.

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2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(b) Accounting Policies (continued)

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Foundation and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specification criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

*Interest*

Revenue is recognised as interest accrues.

*Sale of goods*

Revenue is recognised when control has passed to the buyer.

(c) Comparative Figures

Where necessary, comparative figures have been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>2 REVENUE</b>		
Contribution for Rowing Online Management System	12,444	-
Interest received	6	185
	<u>12,450</u>	<u>185</u>
<b>3 EXPENDITURE</b>		
Amortisation	11,240	11,240
Bank Charges	240	240
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>11,480</u>	<u>11,480</u>
<b>4 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash at Bank	3,690	3,930
Funds on Deposit	101	95
	<u>3,791</u>	<u>4,025</u>

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	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>5 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade Debtors	12,444	-
Loan Account - Rowing Australia Limited <i>This amount is repayable on demand</i>	259,455	259,455
	<u>271,899</u>	<u>259,455</u>
<b>6 INTANGIBLE ASSETS</b>		
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>		
Software Development - At Cost	56,200	56,200
Less: Accumulated Amortisation	(22,480)	(11,240)
	<u>33,720</u>	<u>44,960</u>
<b>7 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade Creditors	-	-
<b>8 ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		
Total Accumulated Funds at Beginning of Financial Year	308,440	319,735
Net Profit/(Loss) for the year	970	(11,295)
Total Accumulated Funds at End of Financial Year	<u>309,410</u>	<u>308,440</u>
<b>9 CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
<b>(a) Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Operating Profit/(Loss):</b>		
Profit/(Loss) for the year	970	(11,295)
Non-Cash Flows and Non-Operating Items in Operating Profit/(Loss):		
Amortisation	11,240	11,240
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase) in Receivables	(12,444)	-
Net Cash Provided by / (Used in) Operating Activities	<u>(234)</u>	<u>(55)</u>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of Cash</b>		
For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following at year end:		
Cash at Bank	<u>3,971</u>	<u>4,025</u>

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF

### AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION

#### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Australian International Rowing Foundation which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008, the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by the Board.

#### *Board's Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The board of the foundation are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the foundation and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Board's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the foundation, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Board's financial reporting requirements. 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.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

*Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

*Auditor's Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial report of Australian International Rowing Foundation presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Australian International Rowing Foundation as of 30 June 2008 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in note 1 to the financial statements.

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory  
Dated: 28 October 2008

**RSM Bird Cameron**  
Chartered Accountants



**RODNEY MILLER**  
Director