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Rowing Australia Limited — 2009 Office Bearers

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President's Report

As my nine year term as President comes to an end, I am delighted to present you with the 2009 Annual Report for Rowing Australia (RA), which will be my last. It has been a great pleasure to oversee the Board of Rowing Australia during the first year of the new quadrennium and assist in the early planning processes for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

I look back over my 9 year tenure with great pride and I cannot help but be amazed by the number of successes and achievements the sport has had. As an indication of the progress we have made, a number of highlights are listed below:



- Representation in all 14 boat classes at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games for the first time in rowing history. Australia was the only nation at the Games to have a full complement of crews competing and only the second nation in history to achieve that feat.
- Initiating a comprehensive and independent governance review of RA's corporate structure and operating procedures in November 2005. The review was completed late in 2006 and as a result of recommendations, Rowing Australia Inc. transferred the status of the organisation to that of a Company Limited by Guarantee, effective 1 July, 2007, and significantly revised the Constitution.
- In 2006, rowing was the highest funded sport by the Australian Sports Commission, a reflection of RA's success and its preparedness to critically assess its performance, both on and off the water.
- Creation of the Rowing Online Management System (ROMS), an internet-based management system providing a national regatta entry system, streamlined member management and communication tool for clubs, plus host a national calendar of events.
- In collaboration with the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Institute of Sport, developing a new High Performance structure in which the RA High Performance Unit and the AIS Rowing Program were integrated to create the National Rowing Centre of Excellence (NRCE).
- Winning three Olympic Gold medals. To put this in perspective, Australian rowing has won 10 Olympic Gold Medals in the history of the sport—one third of these have been won in the last two Olympic Games.

RA Operations and Governance

The RA Board met formally on five occasions throughout the year to discuss and resolve a variety of issues. In addition to these formal meetings, the Board also met by teleconference on a number of occasions to ensure it adequately addressed the increasing volume of information and matters requiring consideration.

In August 2008, the Minister for Sport—the Hon. Kate Ellis—appointed an independent panel of experts to investigate ways of ensuring Australia's sporting system remains prepared for the challenges of the future, at elite and grass roots level. RA made use of a number of opportunities to contribute to the Panel's collation of information, forming the Coalition of Australian Olympic Sports (CAOS) for the purpose of preparing a joint submission to the Panel, attending the Sport Excellence Forum conducted by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) in order to inform the ASC's submission to the Panel and presenting a number of separate submissions in person.

We eagerly await the recommendations and outcomes of the review which are expected to be published in an official report shortly. I would like to thank the Board for their commitment and insight in contributing to this milestone for the Australian sporting industry.

International Competition

Following the 2008 Olympic campaign, many of our experienced athletes have taken a well earned break from competition. We look forward to their return next year in preparation for London.

The Australian team skipped the World Cup circuit in 2009 and competed only at the World Championships in Poland in August. Eight of the ten Australian crews qualified for A finals, resulting in three podium finishes. Both the Men's Four and Men's Quad Scull followed on from their Olympic success with a silver medal each and Ben Houlison won

a bronze medal in the Arms and Shoulders Men's Adaptive Single Scull. While our team was a much younger and less experienced squad than the one we saw compete in 2008 and the medal tally doesn't reflect great results, there are certainly promising signs for future success.

This year's U23 World Championship team traveled to Racice, Czech Republic. Three of the seven crews qualified for A finals, resulting in 2 bronze medals for the Women's Lightweight Quad Scull and the Men's Quad Scull. The Junior World Championship team, competing in Brive, France, recorded a very impressive medal tally. Of the five Australian crews, four won medals, including one gold (Women's Four), two silvers (Men's Coxed Four and Women's Quad Scull) and a bronze (Men's Four).

I would like to congratulate and thank all athletes, coaches, support staff, volunteers and staff involved in the planning and management of this year's tours. We share our international success with the Australian Sports Commission, Australian Olympic Committee, Australian Institute of Sport and the State Institutes and Academies and I thank them for their continued commitment to and support of rowing in Australia.

National Events

Lake Barrington again provided a spectacular backdrop for the *2009 Hydro Tasmania Australian Rowing Championships & Interstate Regatta*, conducted from 2–8 March. Notwithstanding the challenging conditions experienced by the athletes, coaches and officials, there were some exceptional performances throughout the week. The King's Cup was successfully defended by New South Wales and Victoria came away with a win in the Queen's Cup for the 8th time in 11 years.

From May 28–31, Rockhampton hosted the *2009 Australian Masters Rowing Championships*. The event was a great success with exceptional racing conditions. Particular note must be made of the Interstate Men's Eight race in which Victoria beat Queensland by .01 of a second. Congratulations to Rowing Queensland and the Organising Committee for a fantastic regatta.

The *2009 Australian Youth Cup* regatta was conducted at the Sydney International Regatta Centre from July 10 – 12. For the first time in five years, an Australian state came away with the Rusty Robertson Cup for highest overall point score—the New Zealand team has regularly claimed the trophy since 2005. Queensland's outstanding performances ensured the trophy would remain on Australian soil for at least another 12 months.

The 2009 Australian Youth Olympics Festival was held in Sydney from 14–18 January. Competitors from Great Britain, New Zealand, China and Australia competed in the regatta, with Great Britain topping the medal tally with seven gold medals, ahead of New Zealand with three gold medals. New South Wales and Tasmania each won a gold medal.

The Australian Youth Olympics Festival will now move to a four year cycle to allow for the introduction of the Youth Olympic Festival, a new initiative of the International Olympic Committee. Singapore will host the inaugural Festival in August 2010, with rowing included as one of 26 sports.

Funding and Sponsorship

RA continues to operate in a healthy financial position as a result of continued prudent financial management processes. We continue to receive invaluable funding and support from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), making it possible to operate at the level we do. On behalf of the organisation, I would like to thank the ASC and the Federal Government for their continued support of rowing.

RA is fortunate to receive ongoing financial and value-in-kind sponsorship and support from a number of companies. I would like to particularly thank 2XU, Croker Oars, Sykes Racing and WCSN Sports for their contribution and assistance.

Officers and Staff

I would like to acknowledge the time and effort contributed by my fellow Directors on the Board of Rowing Australia. The size and complexity of RA's business continues to increase and it is a reflection of their dedication and passion that these issues continue to be addressed efficiently and professionally.

The national office in Canberra now accommodates 4 full time and 2 part time staff. Further to that, the National Rowing Centre of Excellence, now well established at Yarralumla Bay, houses a mix of ASC, AIS and RA employees, focussed particularly on the high performance and elite development areas of operation. Under the guidance of National High Performance Director, Andrew Matheson, who has done so much for New Zealand Rowing, I believe we have the best coaching team the sport has ever seen, led by Noel Donaldson and Lyall McCarthy. The work being done by Peter Shakespear as Elite Development Manager, is aimed at future success and I believe we will start reaping the benefits of his program at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.

I would like to particularly thank CEO, Andrew Dee, for his tireless contribution to the sport. His leadership and professionalism is second to none and he continues to efficiently lead the organisation through this particularly uncertain time for sport in Australia.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my nine years as President, overseeing such a productive and successful period for our sport. It is time for someone with fresh ideas to take the reins and continue to move the sport forward. I wish the incoming President all the best for continued international and corporate excellence.

Patrick McNamara
President



Message from the Australian Sports Commission

The power of a successful sports system like Australia's, lies within the many cooperative partnerships and relationships between its system partners.



Australian Government

Australian Sports Commission

As our sports system has diversified and increased in complexity over the years, so too has the nature of these relationships. Now, as ever, a critical ingredient for our system's continued success and sustainability is to ensure that we all remain on the same page—that our links between each other, our leading programs, our roles and relationships are clearly defined and understood by all.



Sport operates in a dynamic, demanding and rapidly changing environment. The sources of change include advancing technologies, new structures and systems, products and services, people concerns and rising international competition and benchmarks.

The Australian Government has flagged the need to address this change by reforming our sports system and has outlined its approach in the paper *Australian Sport: Emerging Challenges, New Directions*.

The Government has also appointed an independent expert panel headed by lawyer David Crawford to investigate ways to ensure both high performance and community level sport is prepared for those challenges.

The Australian Sports Commission has already taken steps to review and evaluate our strategic position and intent in active consultation with national sporting organisations and other stakeholders. These system improvements will provide a foundation for any changes emerging from the Government process.

Already we have identified a number of priorities. These include: the need to better align our high performance sport efforts with our partners; to work more collaboratively with state departments of sport and recreation in strategic approaches to growing participation in sport; to re-communicate the value of sport to the Australian community; and to retain and develop our best coaches.

Our efforts to act on these priorities are inherently intertwined with our partners. These partnerships represent a powerful tool in our ability to adapt to a changing environment, to share responsibilities, effectively communicate and continue to expand and strengthen sport.

Our work together will ensure that the Australian sports system is progressive, robust and sustainable for decades to come.

Matt Miller
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Sports Commission



Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Year in Review

The platform provided by the 2005–2008 Strategic Plan has positioned Australian rowing exceptionally well to prosper within an uncertain future operating environment for sport. The achievements of the Beijing quadrennium have provided the foundations of a future strategic and operational direction that will consider and address the challenges facing Australian sport in the coming years.

The 2009–2013 Rowing Australia Strategic Plan has been prepared following extensive consultation with key stakeholders and establishes the blueprint for the future direction of rowing within Australia. During this period, it will be imperative for the rowing community to work in unison and in the national interest if we are to truly deliver on our collaborative vision for the sport. The plan provides the ideal opportunity for national integration and alignment of strategic priorities to ensure that Australian rowing continues to prosper. Working cooperatively, we will maintain our position as both a global leader in rowing and as an integral part of the Australian sporting landscape.

The 2009–2013 Strategic Plan addresses the two identified key strategic priorities of Development and High Performance through which RA plans to achieve its six stated objectives whilst continuing to respect and honour Australian rowing's intrinsic values of trust, respect and fairness.

The following summary of achievements throughout the 2008–09 financial year highlights the progress made in achieving the strategic priorities during the first year of the new plan:

Sport Development

- Over 250 candidates participated in 22 coaching courses conducted throughout the country, culminating in a total of 1,333 accredited coaches within the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme.
- RA conducted a successful National Coaches Conference on the Gold Coast with 250 attendees.
- The Rowing Online Management System (ROMS) continued to evolve into a pivotal membership and event management tool. The ROMS Steering Committee met weekly and the ROMS Commission, comprising a representative from each State Association, met on two occasions throughout the year.
- A new rotation system for hosting national events was implemented.

- The Australian Sports Commission Disability Sport Unit upgraded RA to Silver Standard Sport Accreditation status, recognizing RA's commitment to the development of Adaptive Rowing.
- RA appointed an Adaptive Head Coach to provide national leadership and direction.
- The number of classified adaptive athletes increased to a total of 41, a 25% increase on last year.

Business Development

- RA achieved:
 - an increase of \$1,042,400 over base funding for a total of \$4,737,800 from the Australian Sports Commission.
 - a total sponsorship value of over \$300,000, consisting of cash and value-in-kind goods and services from various sources.
- Developed and adopted a new logo and national brand.
- Developed a Commercial Plan to identify and deliver on RA's commercial and marketing opportunities.
- Completed a comprehensive RA Board review and adopted a Board Charter and Code of Conduct.
- Adopted a new WADA compliant Anti-Doping Policy.
- Developed and adopted a Privacy Policy to protect the personal information of ROMS users.

High Performance

- Established the National Rowing Centre of Excellence as a joint venture between RA and the Australian Institute of Sport.
- Implemented the revised national program under the direction of the NRCE and newly appointed High Performance Director, Andrew Matheson.
- Planned and successfully managed international tours for the various World Championships – Senior A (Poznan, Poland), U23 (Racice, Czech Republic) and Junior (Brive, France).
- Won two silver and one bronze medal at the Senior World Championships
- Achieved significant direct funding support for senior athletes, with a total of \$1.12 million provided from all sources.
- Appointed separate sport science and sport medicine coordinators to provide more comprehensive national direction for service delivery

Structure and Governance

Following a review of its high performance program structure, the RA High Performance Unit and the AIS Rowing Program were merged under a joint venture agreement to form the National Rowing Centre of Excellence (NRCE). In this revolutionary initiative, the NRCE operates under an agreed management structure to implement RA's national plan and provides an exciting new platform for the future of high performance rowing in Australia. Located at Yarralumla Bay, the NRCE is now fully staffed and operational.

In another exciting development, the ASC recently approved funding to the value of \$2.2 million for the construction of a combined RA and NRCE office at the current AIS site in Yarralumla. The planning process has begun, with construction expected to be completed within the next 12 months. This is another exciting evolution for Australian rowing, and will allow all Rowing Australia and NRCE staff to work from a central operating environment.

As the President outlined in his report, RA contributed significantly to the Federal Government's independent review of Australia's sporting system late in 2008. RA played a leadership role in forming the Coalition of Australian Olympic Sports (CAOS—comprising the national bodies of six major medal winning Olympic sports: swimming, athletics, cycling, canoe/kayak, yachting and rowing) for the purpose of preparing a joint submission to the Minister's Independent Sports Panel.

RA was also well represented at a number of significant planning forums including:

- the Sports Excellence Forum conducted by the ASC, discussing the issues and challenges facing Australian sport into the future. Outcomes of the forum contributed to the ASC submission to the review Panel; and
- The AOC High Performance Planning Forum

Additionally Rowing Australia continues to enjoy a strong influence within the International operating environment including representation within numerous FISA offices as well as on various Commissions and appointment of officials.

Earlier in the year, RA unveiled a new logo and corporate brand after months of consultation, drafting and development. The new logo has a modern, fresh design, intending to represent the values of teamwork, tradition, environment, culture, discipline and determination which

are central to our sport. A standardized logo was also developed for all seven State Associations to complement the RA logo, whilst retaining the distinctive identity of each State. This exciting new development will help ensure that rowing has a fully inclusive national brand which is instantly recognizable and representative of the values and traditions of our sport.

Financial Operations

The 2008–2009 Rowing Australia Financial Statements are presented by the Director of Finance later in this annual report. These statements report a significant net operating surplus for the year ending 30 June, 2009. This result was in accordance with the Board's plans to build financial reserves in the early years of the 2012 Olympic cycle to meet the cost of sustainable development and qualification for London, especially in light of the uncertain future of government funding.

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

The Federal Government, through the Australian Sports Commission, continues to be RA's largest sponsor.

In 2008–09, Federal Government support to rowing, through a combination of direct ASC grants and funding from the AIS, totaled \$4,266,602. This funding continues to be significant in the successful operation and performance of Rowing Australia and the importance of such support should not be underestimated. The flourishing operation of the National Rowing Centre of Excellence has also realised a substantial benefit through the increased productivity and efficiency achieved by pursuing a unified national direction using consolidated RA and AIS high performance resources.

The ongoing support of the Federal Government is essential for the future sustainable success of the Australian sports industry. While the debate continues on the merits of funding elite performance versus community development, the reality is that the success of programs in either environment is dependent on the success of the other and a genuine commitment must be made to support the entire continuum.

The ASC and AIS continue to provide an essential source of advice and support beyond their funding programs. RA values its presence and acknowledges the support of Mark Peters, Prof. Peter Fricker, Brent Espeland and Andrew Collins during the reporting period.

Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) and Australian Paralympic Funding Support

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

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

For the calendar year 2008, the AOC provided the following support to Rowing Australia, its athletes and coaches:

- AOC Funding for International Competition \$180,000
- adidas Medal Incentive Funding \$174,550
- 2007 Australian Youth Olympic Festival \$399,408

In addition, the AOC spent \$15 million to send the 2008 Olympic Team to Beijing. The AOC is proud to be able to support Australian athletes to realise their Olympic dreams.

RA congratulates the AOC on its initiative and leadership in conducting the High Performance Planning Forum during the reporting period. This Forum brought together the collective input of all stakeholders involved in Australia's international sporting endeavours and succeeded in establishing a reliable valuation of the additional cost of conducting a competitive world class high performance program across all Australian Olympic sports of \$108 million.

On behalf of its Board, athletes and coaches, RA again thanks John Coates, Doug Donoghue, Craig Phillips, Fiona de Jong, and their team, for their ongoing assistance and support.

Australian Paralympic Committee (APC)

In 2008, rowing competed at the Paralympic Games for the first time. This provided RA's adaptive rowing program with additional focus and motivation, culminating in John McLean and Kathryn Ross winning Australia's first Paralympic medal in the Trunk and Arms Mixed Double Scull.

The evolution of RA's adaptive rowing program during this period was greatly assisted by Jason Hellwig and his dedicated team at the APC.

State Institutes and Academies of Sport (SIS/SAS)

Seven State Institutes and Academies of Sport conducted rowing programs that provided a vital component of the daily training environment for a large proportion of the national team.

The quality and value of this support was highlighted in the contribution made by the SIS/SAS to the two gold and one silver medal won by the rowing team at the Beijing Olympic Games.

RA continues to work towards a stronger and more cooperative working relationship with the SIS/SAS consistent with its national program for 2012 and beyond.

Sponsorship

RA acknowledges the support of its corporate supporters including:

- 2XU
- Sykes Racing
- Croker Oars
- Brian Ward & Partners – corporate lawyers
- contentgroup
- WCSN.com
- Media Monitors
- VJ Ryan & Co. – corporate accountants
- Malaysia Airlines
- rowingphotos
- Australian Ambulance Service

Rowing Online Management System (ROMS)

The ongoing development of ROMS is a central component of RA's plans to continue the development of the sport. The ROMS Steering Committee continued to meet weekly and the ROMS Commission met on two occasions in 2008–9. The following statistics demonstrate the potential power and value of this nationally developed system:

- 98,145 seats were managed through ROMS in 2008–9.
- The value of these seat fees was \$744,170.
- 108 regattas comprising 5,481 events and 29,313 crews were managed through ROMS in 2008/9.

The challenge remains for rowing in Australia to fully embrace this technology and realise its full potential, both from an administrative and commercial perspective.

Our appreciation goes to Christian Renford for his commitment to the project as the ROMS Commission Chair throughout this period.

FISA Meetings

In the year following the Olympic Games, FISA conducts its Extraordinary Congress, convened for the specific purpose of reviewing and amending the FISA Statutes and Rules of racing for the following four years. This is the only opportunity during the quadrennium for the Statutes and Rules to be altered. This year's FISA Extraordinary Congress was held in Cape Town, South Africa in February, with Australia represented by Colin Smith and Andrew Dee. A number of issues central to the governance and future development of rowing were discussed, and the following major decisions were reached:

- A proposal to limit to ten the number of events any one nation may enter at an Olympic Games was withdrawn, with FISA to examine the qualification process, particularly with respect to the rules and quotas for continental qualification.
- RA's proposal to add a Lightweight Women's Quad Scull boat class to the U23 World Championship program was approved.
- RA's proposal to protect Junior and U23 World Championship events, where there is an equivalent Senior or Olympic boat class, from the 'sudden death rule' whereby an event is dropped from the World Championship program should it receive fewer than seven entries for three consecutive Championships, was approved.
- A motion was approved to allow the FISA Council to appoint two co-opted members for a term of two years to provide the Council with additional expertise.
- An increase in the retirement age of members of the FISA Council from 65 years to 70 was approved. This increase does not apply to the members of each Commission or umpires.

The 2009 FISA Ordinary Congress was held on 31 August following the World Championships in Poznan, Poland. The Australian delegation consisted of Patrick McNamara, David Deeble and Colin Smith. In addition to matters of general business, the Congress confirmed the venues for the following events:

- 2012 U23 World Championships – Trakai, Lithuania
- 2013 World Championships – Chungju, Korea
- 2014 World Championships – Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Congratulations must go to John Boulton, current RA Board member, who was re-elected to the Executive Committee for a further four-year term.

The next FISA Ordinary Congress will be held in Hamilton, New Zealand in November 2010.

Media and Communications

RA continued to engage the content group to conduct its media and communication operations throughout 2008/09. Company owner, David Pembroke was also appointed to the Media Liaison Officers position of the Australian Olympic Team - Rowing Section, while David Polglase worked on the AOC media centre during the Games, creating an ideal relationship and synergy with RA's communication efforts.

Website

The RA website continues to be a key communication tool for the rowing community. Website traffic averaged 1,116,253 hits per month across the year.

RA has identified its website as a core element of its communication and commercial plans going forward and is currently developing a number of initiatives and products that will enhance the services it offers to the sport.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the Board and staff for their ongoing commitment to the organization in what is a tireless ongoing effort to evolve and succeed at every level. With the start of a new Olympic cycle and the establishment of the NRCE, the past 12 months has seen several changes to key personnel across the country and a number of new and returning faces joining the RA team. It is the beginning of a new era for Rowing Australia and I look forward to realizing the growth and success that lies ahead.



Competition Report

Competition Report 2009

Last year, it was highlighted that there was to be a major review of the Competition Program as a whole. Since then, there has also been some major internal restructuring done at RA. This will impact on the way events are conducted in the future. Significantly, all events will be conducted to a template and, eventually, an 'Event Manual' that will detail all needs of an organising committee, from initial awarding of the event to the final medal presentations. The plans are addressed below in the 'Future Initiatives' section.

2009 Australian Rowing Championships

The 2009 Hydro Tasmania Australian Rowing Championships & Interstate Regatta were held on Lake Barrington in Tasmania from 2 – 8 March, 2009. Rain began early in the week, continuing throughout, and strong winds threatened the final days of racing, including the Interstate Regatta. Weather was so extreme that a number of races were abandoned for safety reasons following a number of sinking and capsizing boats.

The National Championships continues to grow with this year's event attracting 1237 entries (almost the same as 2008) culminating in 3215 seats (including 249 coxes) from 1529 individual athletes.

The largest fields remain to be the school and underage small boats. Given the Championships clashed with some GPS Head of the River programming – and the more remote venue of Tasmania - the entries remain a good indication of the health of the sport (on one level).

5 Most Popular Events by Entries

Event	Code	Description	Sex	Entries	Males	Females	Average Age
2	U17M1X	Under 17 Men's Single Scull	Male	49	49		15
4	U19M1X	Under 19 Men's Single Scull	Male	46	46		17
73	SG1X	Schoolgirl Single Scull	Female	45		45	16
1	U17W1X	Under 17 Women's Single Scull	Female	44		44	15
14	U23M1X	Under 23 Men's Single Scull	Male	42	42		20

2009 Australian Masters Rowing Championships

Masters form an important part of our Rowing Community. With a wealth of experience to pass onto our developing athletes, we will come to rely on them to a far larger extent in the future. The 2009 Australian Masters Rowing Championships were held at Fitzroy River, Rockhampton, Queensland from 28 to 31 May, 2009.

After four days of tough competition, Queensland's Toowong Rowing Club topped the medal tally with a staggering 19 gold medals, 22 silver medals and 17 bronze medals. The clubs strong performance was a result of a great team contribution with the medals being shared amongst most of the Toowong members. Other successful clubs include Victoria's Powerhouse Rowing Club (12 gold, 8 silver, 3 bronze), Melbourne Rowing Club (10 gold, 10 silver, 3 bronze) and Corio Bay Rowing Club (9 gold, 2 silver, 3 bronze) and Queensland's Commercial Rowing Club (11 gold, 8 silver, 6 bronze).

Interestingly, the entries were down from a very successful 2008 event in Nagambie. These statistics are outlined below. Perhaps the ease of access to the location (and resultant travel costs) are a factor that needs to be considered for future events.

2008 Masters Championships Nagambie, VIC		2009 Masters Championships Rockhampton, QLD	
Events:	168 (+10 %)	Events:	152
Events for men:	73 (+1 %)	Events for men:	72
Events for women:	59	Events for women:	59
Mixed events:	36 (+44 %)	Mixed events:	20
Overall Participation		Overall Participation	
Total entries:	1109 (+16 %)	Total entries:	934
Total seats:	3664 (+25 %)	Total seats:	2750
Individual athletes:	741 (+33 %)	Individual athletes:	495

2009 Australian Youth Cup

The Youth Cup Regatta, hosted by NSW Rowing, was held at Sydney International Regatta Centre, NSW from 10 to 12 July, 2009.

The regatta provided enjoyment, drama and great racing with Queensland claiming a narrow victory over New Zealand by the narrowest of margins. Congratulations Queensland and a worthy 'payback' for the extensive efforts they have been making in their development program over recent years.

Event Statistics

Events and Races	
Events:	20
Events for men:	9
Events for women:	9
Mixed events:	2
Race count:	77

Overall Participation

Total entries:	156
	432 (plus 16 coxswains)
Seats:	
Individual athletes:	163

Medal Tally

	B	S	G
New Zealand	2	2	6
WA	1	4	5
* QLD	2	8	3
VIC	1	2	3
SA	4	1	3
TAS	3	0	1
NSW	5	3	0
ACT	3	1	0

Rowing Australia would like to thank Rowing NSW for staging this year's event. Last minute logistical concerns with Swine Flu caused havoc with the events conduct—as did several sub standard accommodation venues. The accommodation issue in particular needs to be addressed in order that the event remains viable and seen as valuable, yet easy to fund.

In an important note that will become the standard for future regattas, the National Senior and Under 23 Teams also competed within and around the regatta. Whilst providing the HP athletes with a valuable 'regatta feel' and opportunities to hit out at Australia's best venue, the occasions also provided our up and coming young athletes with an all too rare first hand opportunity to see their heroes racing under pressure. The NRCE and RA should be applauded for initiating this occasion and we will be working towards a similar event in the future.

An 'exchange' agreement between China and Australia has been arranged for future years. In 2011, the Chinese Youth Team will come to Australia to compete against our Under 23 'development' team. The event will be held in conjunction with the Youth Cup.

Also worthy of note is the feedback from this year's event. The timing and format seemed to suit most States. As a result, the plans for the future of the Youth Cup are centered around a similar date. The second weekend of July is also a date that ideally suits the NRCE (being on the same weekend as the Lucerne World Cup). Generally, it is planned that the Youth Cup will remain fixed on this weekend each year, so as to give maximum 'buy in' and usage from the NRCE and National Teams.

National Events in 2010

- Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta: Awarded to Nagambie for 2010
- Australian Masters Championships: Champion Lakes, Western Australia (test event for 2011 National Championships)
- The Youth Cup: 2010 is TBA, pending the arrival of the new RA Board in November 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 Andrew Guerin (VIC) stepping down from the Committee, to be replaced by Rene Klupacs from VIC. Rene joins Victor Walter (NSW) and John Murdoch (WA) and in ensuring the ongoing development of umpiring in Australia. Rowing Australia would like to thank Andrew for his work on the Umpires Committee - his input has been invaluable and has assisted in raising the quality and standard of umpiring. We certainly hope to be able to draw on Andrews experience in the near future

In an exciting initiative, RA has lodged an application for funding to operate an Umpires Academy under the ASC's Coaching and Officiating Unit.

The 'Umpires Academy' aims to develop Rowing Technical Officials (Umpires) in Australia in a targeted program that will 'hot house' talented officials and fast track them into key positions within the Rowing Umpiring Community – optimally on a path towards qualification as an international technical official. The program will be primarily delivered in Canberra at the ASC/AIS/NRCE. It is non residential, projects/seminar based education program.

In total, four Umpires have been identified as having International level potential. Two 'funded' scholarship positions are planned in 2010. The two other 'targeted officials' will be supported by Rowing Australia to enable them to take advantage of key aspects of the Academy Program.

At the time of publishing, the outcome of the submission is undecided.

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 officiating during the 2009 Australian Rowing Championships. Australian BROs also attended the 2009 MAADI Regatta and the 2009 New Zealand Rowing Championships. This increased cooperation between the two countries will continue and 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. In 2009, Andrew Guerin attended the Lucerne World Cup as FISA Umpire, Kelly Jenkins—the U23 World Championships in Racice, CZE. Victor Walter attended the Poznan Senior World Championships and Brian Nash – the World Masters Regatta in Vienna, AUT.

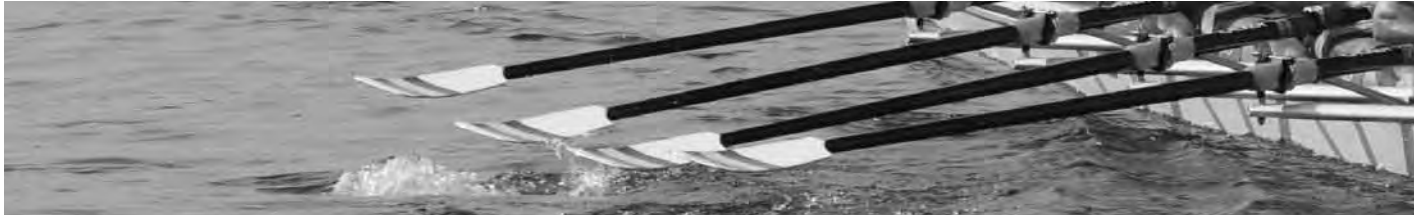
Importantly, Nick Hunter (ACT) and Phillip Fraser (TAS) have been successful in being awarded their FISA Umpires Licence. We congratulate them and look forward to seeing them both attend their first International regatta as an official.

Future Initiatives

As mentioned briefly above, the conduct and structure of RA Competitions will change in the future. Matt Draper has been recently appointed as RA Development and Events Director after moving across from the NRCE. Matt's expertise in events around the world will bring a sharp edge and focus to this portfolio. Matt has worked as an integral part of Olympic Organising Committees in Sydney, Athens and Beijing and also the Asian Games, Pan American Games (Rio) as well as an ongoing role with other similar project roles for FISA as Development and Events consultant.

Matt has highlighted already the need to standardize the core parts of all regattas and run them to a template as a means to ensure a standardised product is delivered to athletes and coaches, and, more importantly gives RA the ability to 'sell' a known product.

We look forward to the next year with great anticipation!



Development Report

Following the outcomes of season 08/09, a significant amount of time was spent in reviewing all Rowing Australia (RA) programs. Most significant of the proposed plans, is a restructure of the RA Business itself.

The High Performance Programs successful re-formation into the NRCE (National Rowing Centre of Excellence) has set a clear focus towards 'Leadership, Coordination and Integration' across the rest of the RA business. The development program was one of the key programs analysed throughout 2009.

In October 2009, the RA Business will be essentially looked at in two halves - High Performance (HPP) and Community Development (CDP). The HP Program is under the management of Andrew Matheson (National HP Director) and the Community Development Program under Matt Draper (National Development & Events Director). Matt will move over from the HPP to lead the restructure of the 'other half' of the RA business. Undoubtedly, this will add focus and direction to the major part of RA's constituted role. More on the restructure will be outlined in a separate section below.

National Community Development and Education Officer

The role of Community Development and Education officer has been an ongoing weakness in RA's business. Primarily hampered by regular staff turnover and lack of direction, RA was able to secure the appointment of Regan Sanders in November 2008. Regan came to Rowing Australia after finishing a Sports Coaching degree at the University of Canberra, with experience coaching the Junior Men's 4x at the 2007 World Junior Championships.

Since beginning in February 09, Regan has, with the support of a newly established Education Steering Committee, begun to re-write the coach education syllabus and is already updating policies and procedures relating to the consistency of the Coach Education Program.

NCAS Administration

The number of NCAS courses conducted this year has decreased, with participant numbers also decreasing. It has been noted that few participants are continuing their accreditation past Level 1. The internal review identified that the most likely causes of this are:

1. A reduced number of opportunities to undertake Level 2 courses throughout Australia.
2. A lack of confidence in the Coach Accreditation System itself.
3. Lack of consistency of delivering the Coach Education Program across Australia.

NCAS Resource Review

An Education Steering Committee was formed in April 2009 to assist the National Community Development and Education Officer in reviewing the current coach education syllabus, and to begin the re-write of the new syllabus. Following this process, the new syllabus was successfully submitted and approved by the Australian Sports Commission in June '09.

In July 09, an external consultant, Mr. Mike McLaughlin, was engaged to produce the learning materials associated with the new syllabus.

Mr. McLaughlin is a recognised Australian expert in this field. His clients include; the International Cricket Council, the International Rugby Board, Swimming Australia to name but a few. The newly designed Level 2 (Club & School Coach) and (High Performance Coach) programs will be released early in 2010 with the High Performance Coach (Level 4) and Learn to Row (Level 1) to be released later in 2010.

As part of the delivery of the new program, Rowing Australia will conduct a Presenters and Assessors training course to upskill its partners in delivering the new programs in a consistent and standardised way under ASC guidelines. In an initiative designed to educate our most senior coaches in the skill of transferring their knowledge and skills to the next generation of coaches, a 'Mentoring' workshop was conducted by ASC staff as part of the National Coaches debrief and planning meeting conducted at the AIS in Oct 2009.

Umpires Education

Development and the ongoing Education of Boat Race Officials is a high priority within the Development Program. Throughout 2008-09 however, this took a back seat in the run up to the Olympic Games and World Championships.

Significantly, a submission has been lodged with the ASC to conduct an 'Umpires Academy' Program. This timely initiative of the ASC has been previously utilised by the

AFL and the NRL to train its umpires. The Program involves a 'project' style upskilling program whereby umpires are brought into Canberra under the guidance of a 'Mentor' official and put through an intensive program by ASC staff aimed at increasing skills in such areas as: nutrition, competition psychology, vision perception strategies, fitness, international competition experience and relaxation programs as an example. At the time of publishing, the outcome of the program's submission, was unknown.

In the future structure of the Community Development Program, the re-generation of the Umpires education will be initiated in a similar fashion to the new Coach Education Program. Main focus points will be the development of an education program that will be simple, more relevant and focus on hands on experience and mentoring.

Adaptive Rowing Steering Committee & Sports CONNECT

Throughout the season 2008–09, along with the High Performance Program, the Adaptive Program has undergone immense change. Most significantly has been the full integration of the *elite* adaptive program into the HP able-bodied program. In all respects this sets a significant positive example. Secondly, as reported below, has been the acceptance by the AIS and APC of a fixed seat adaptive program at the AIS. Naturally enough, it is expected to give a major boost to the 2012 results. The next priority will be to restructure the Community and general Adaptive program that will focus on participation and Club development.

As part of a four year program, Rowing Australia presented the current program to a Sports CONNECT forum in order to gain an ongoing Silver status and a continuation of funding for Adaptive projects.

The High Performance Grants Program is one such program that aims to spread adaptive rowing into the wider community. In early 2009, RA initiated a grants program that has been used to fund key clubs around Australia that will and are capable of running (or continue to run) the program.

The aims of establishing the grants program can be summarised as:

- To identify and support talented adaptive athletes
- Increase the access points for adaptive rowing, and develop pathways for adaptive rowers from club to state and national representation

- Create Adaptive Rowing High Performance programs (acting as 'Hubs') which will increase the competitive base of Australian adaptive rowing, which will in turn increase international performances.
- Develop the adaptive high performance athlete base to obtain optimal selection nomination ratios of 3 athletes per seat up for selection.

Each grant provides-

- \$10,000 Cash grant
- 2 Fully equipped Wintech adaptive singles

Successful Programs receiving funding in 2009 were: The Lakes (SIRC, Penrith) and Dragons RC (Qld).

Disability Action Plan (DAP)

Rowing Australia has progressed through Sports CONNECT's Bronze Level, achieving Silver status. The current DAP was 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.

To be utilised alongside the DAP, Rowing Australia is now working on a Modular Enabling Plan which is focused on the level of the participant being:

Access—Assist those with a disability to access the sport of rowing

Participation—Provide avenues for adaptive athletes to participate in all areas of the sport i.e board, committees, coaching positions etc.

Performance—Provide pathways for athletes and coaches to elite competition and national teams

Classification Program

Rowing Australia conducted a Classification Session during the 2009 Australian Rowing Championships. A total of 8 adaptive rowers were classified, taking Rowing Australia's total classified adaptive rowers to 40 (17 International, 23 National).

On the 1st January, 2010 a new classification structure will be enforced by FISA. Classification sessions will now be based more on the functional ability of rowers, conducting rowing specific function tests. More information on this new structure will be released by the National Rowing Centre of Excellence (NRCE) when it becomes available.

Note: At the time of publishing, the NRCE has organised a Classification Workshop to be conducted at the AIS in November 09. The seminar / workshop aims to train and qualify Medical and Technical Classifiers in every State of Australia. The session will be conducted by Judy Morrison, the FISA Adaptive Commissioner. In taking a lead within the Asia Pacific region, attendees are expected from NZ, Hong Kong and possibly Singapore and Indonesia.

Adaptive Events at the 2009 Australian Rowing Championships

This year's regatta saw the equal largest number Adaptive Rowing entries of any Australian championships with 17 male and 7 female adaptive athletes entered into various events (9% increase from 2007 entries). Of the 12 events on offer for adaptive rowing, 10 were participated in.

Several events highlighted the need for increased training of all staff, officials and management in the appropriate on-water and off-water management and safety of LTA4+, in particular, vision impaired athletes. The annual Adaptive Rowing Forum was also held during the week of the championships. The adaptive rowing steering committee reported on the progress of adaptive rowing and the future direction of Adaptive Rowing development within Australia.

Future strategies of Adaptive events will focus on inclusion, opportunity and fairness of conditions with a strict adherence to RA Rules.

High Performance Adaptive Rowing

2009 National Adaptive Team

The 2009 Australian Rowing Team was selected with the inclusion of two adaptive crews:

- LTAMix4+ - Legs, Trunk and Arms Mixed Coxed Four
 - Henry Macphillamy (NSW), Peter Siri (QLD), Carol Cooke (VIC), Alex Green (NSW), Lisa Brown (VIC - cox)
 - Coaches – Tara Huntly (Domestic), Pedro Albisser (International)
 - Carer and crew assistant: Matt Bialkowski, NRCE
- ASM1x – Arms & Shoulders Men's Single Scull
 - Ben Houlison
 - Coach – Pedro Albisser

Two national crews were selected in a series of selection trails and preparation camps throughout the 2009 campaign – as part of a fully integrated HP Program with able bodied athletes. A number of camps were also held at the ACT Academy of Sport (ACTAS) and at the Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC) where the athletes were given the opportunity to utilise the facilities of the Australian Institute of Sport, ACTAS, and SIRC. The use of these facilities significantly contributed to all crews' ability to compete successfully overseas.

Both crews toured with the Senior A team, participating in a week long pre-departure camp at SIRC, followed by an 8 day European training camp in Varese, Italy prior to competing at the 2009 Rowing World Championships in Poznan, Poland.

As budgeted, and as part of the PPP (Paralympic Preparation Program), Ben Houlison (ASM1x), Kathryn Ross (Beijing Silver—TAMix2x) and Adaptive Head Coach Pedro Albisser attended the Adaptive International Regatta in Gavirate, Italy. Both athletes competed well, with Ben rowing to a 3rd place in the A Finals of the ASM1x.

World Championship Results: Ben Houlison capped of a fantastic year of rowing winning bronze at the World Championships. The LTAMix4+ rowed strongly to place 6th in the A Final. Congratulations to both crews.

NRCE High Performance Plan—AIS Scholarships

In September 09, staff of the NRCE (NHPD Andrew Matheson, Matt Bialkowski—HP Programs Officer and Matt Draper—NRCE Operations Manager) presented the Adaptive Rowing High Performance Plan 2008–12, to the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC). The next quadrenium will focus on talent identification and coach development.

In a key ‘watershed’ moment for adaptive rowing in Australia, the AIS/APC subsequently confirmed four fully funded residential fixed seat scholarships at the AIS—along with a Senior Adaptive Coach.

2009–2010 AIS Scholarship positions were offered to, and accepted by:

1. Ben Houlison (NSW)

2. Kathryn Ross (NSW)
3. Senior Adaptive Coach (TBC)

NB: The 2 other positions remain on hold for future recruitment opportunities.

Thanks

It is with sincere thanks that we said farewell in September to Adam Horner, the RA Development & Operations Manager. Adam has held several roles within RA and has served his sport well throughout. Perhaps the crowning glory of his efforts was to be appointed Rowing Section Manager at the 2008 Paralympic Games. Adam has taken up a role at the ASC’s Coaching and Officiating Unit. We wish him well and hope he remains active within the ACT Rowing Community.

NCAS Administration

Courses conducted between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009

	Learn to Row Coach Level 1		Club/School Coach Level 2		Performance Coach Level 3		TOTAL	
	Courses	No. of partici-pants	Courses	No. of partici-pants	Courses	No. of partici-pants	Courses	No. of partici-pants
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	2	38	2	14	0	0	4	52
VIC	6	110	0	0	1	10	6	120
TAS	3	30	1	11	0	0	4	31
SA	1	15	0	0	0	0	1	15
WA	2	29	1	6	0	0	3	35
QLD	9	119	2	10	0	10	11	140
Total	23	341	6	41	1	10	37	393

Number of Accredited Coaches as at 30 June 2009

	Learn to Row Coach Level 1	Club/School Coach Level 2	Performance Coach Level 3	High Performance Coach Level 4	TOTAL
ACT	16	10	7	4	38
NSW	168	120	50	0	338
VIC	155	68	22	0	245
TAS	51	52	1	0	104
SA	21	41	12	0	74
WA	75	32	11	0	118
QLD	161	223	49	0	433
Other	0	0	0	1	
Total	647	546	152	5	1350

Number of Coaches Re-Accrediting between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009

	Learn to Row Coach Level 1	Club/School Coach Level 2	Performance Coach Level 3	High Performance Coach Level 4	TOTAL
ACT	0	1	1	0	2
NSW	0	19	12	0	31
VIC	0	13	2	0	15
TAS	0	3	0	0	3
SA	0	0	2	0	2
WA	0	0	1	0	1
QLD	0	7	8	0	15
other	0	1	0	1	2
Total	0	44	26	1	71



High Performance Report

Overview

Season 2008–09 will perhaps be best remembered as the year a new era began for High Performance rowing in Australia. Several significant (and long overdue) changes have been made to many areas of our program. Perhaps most notable of these are:

- The first season of operation of the new National Rowing Center of Excellence
- A major shift in importance and focus of the development of our elite athletes and coaches, and subsequent changes to the way selections are done for development teams (U23 & Junior)
- The approval of an Adaptive Rowing Program (fixed seat) at the AIS
- Significant staffing restructure and changes to better suit the NRCE
- A change in culture across the whole of the AIS/SAS/SAS system

Each of these areas will be addressed below but in short, we must not overlook the level of trust the RA Board has developed in the new structure as the way forward – and the level of cooperation that continues to build with our partners. It's fair to say (and not an exaggeration) that whereas the structure of the HP Program in the past was almost designed to fail and cause divisions, now it should not be a limiting factor in the performances of our National teams abroad. Rowing's NRCE Program is being held up by the ASC as a model for future restructuring across the board. Although I will thank people at the end of the report, I must thank a few key people at the outset, for the significant role they have played in getting the NRCE operational.

Andrew Dee as CEO has been the key coordinator throughout the process. He played the major role in developing the required level of information and detail needed by Board Directors to make such a major shift in the way we do business. Andrew Matheson, as National High Performance Director, has led the organisation from the outset through the crucial initial phase of the Program, and brought a level of expertise in management that is needed for such a complex and multi-faceted operation. National Head Coaches Noel Donaldson & Lyall McCarthy have revelled in the chance to be 'Head Coaches' following the appointment of Laryssa Biesenthal and Rhett Ayliffe as High Performance coaches at the AIS. Both Laryssa and Rhett have played a key underpinning role at the AIS, allowing Noel and Lyall to broaden their focus and reach across all states. The other key player in the NRCE formation

has been Matt Draper as Operations Manager of the NRCE. Matt's level of knowledge has been invaluable in a huge number of areas.

The National Rowing Center of Excellence (NRCE)

Whilst I have outlined the initial key staff of the NRCE, there are many experts who have been recruited to complement a team that, according to many, is unparalleled in World Rowing. These staff, all located at the NRCE/AIS Boatshed, are:

- Peter Shakespear: Elite Development Manager (Coaches and Athletes) – a world expert in Talent Identification, who thankfully agreed to return to RA to guide us forward in this area.
- Wayne Diplock: NTID Coordinator. Although not a new role, Wayne has brought a level of expertise and HP rowing knowledge that has already proven to be a huge asset.
- Dr. Tony Rice: Sports Science Coordinator. This is also a new role primarily designed to lead research & development programs and manage and guide the 'physiological' components of our performance. Tony has already been instrumental in developing several initiatives that are world leading. Perhaps the best example is the 'National Training Blueprint'. The NTB is a 4 year program of every day across all parameters, designed to develop and peak our athletes in London 2012, ready to perform.
- Ivan Hooper: Sports Medicine Coordinator. Ivan has been a leader in this area for many years. He forms a crucial link with our Medical providers across Australia (and overseas), and ensures that all things medical are addressed in our search for gold.
- Matt Bialkowski: Adaptive Coordinator and HP Programs Officer. Matt has led the Adaptive Program well in its difficult path towards full integration within the NRCE.
- In the administration of the AIS Rowing Program we should initially thank Dean Oakman, who left the AIS Rowing Program to take up a role at the AIS Recovery unit. We thank Dean sincerely for his years of service to rowing and hope that he stays in the service of rowing as Team Manager. Recently, Sam Irvine returned to rowing to take over from Dean Oakman. Sam's enthusiasm and level of experience and expertise is highly sought after and we have been lucky to attract Sam back into the Program.
- I have already mentioned above Laryssa Biesenthal and Rhett Ayliffe, who have joined the AIS

Rowing Program to lead it forward in the next quadrennium. Whilst Rhett's record is outstanding (Beijing—Gold Medal in M2x), the other attributes he brings add value to the program that are well recognised. Laryssa comes to Australia from the Canadian National Program as a multi medal winning coach (and athlete). Laryssa has added a depth and level of expertise to Women's rowing that is long overdue.

The 'internal' integration of the AIS and RA High Performance Unit is complete. Across the AIS and ASC itself, we continue to forge new partnerships and new levels of integration and coordination that are new to those organisations. To that end the support, commitment and guidance of AIS Director, Professor Peter Fricker, the Deputy Director, Mr Phil Borgeaud and Program Manager, Nick Hunter are fully recognised and appreciated. In all cases, with careful and considered management from Andrew Matheson, we are clearly in a much stronger position than just 12 months ago.

Overall 2009 Australian Team Performance Summary

Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Senior A World Championships		2	1	3
Under 23			2	2
Junior	1	2	1	4

Senior A Team overview

The 2009 World Championships were held in Poznan, Poland. Although an old eastern block venue, the course is good—if somewhat hard to get to. The Senior A Team of 52 athletes, coaches and support staff travelled to Poznan from a week long training camp at our European training base in Varese.

Selection

In order that athletes, coaches and administrators have the maximum time to plan, the NRCE developed an Event Supplement in early October that simply and clearly outlined the requirements needed across the season. A comprehensive review of the 2009–2012 Selection Policy that sits behind the Event Supplements was highlighted at this point—but will be actioned prior to Season 09–10. As such, the existing policy was accepted as the document guiding our selection process across 2008–9.

The Selection Panel comprised Andrew Matheson as Chairman, Dr. David Yates, Ms Barb Fenner and National Head Coaches, Donaldson and McCarthy. In a new initiative, Matt Draper acted as Trials Manager, effectively ensuring a clear link to the Regatta organisers and a 'non voting' voice to ensure policy implications and application is fair and the whole process well documented. As with 2008, the Panel operated from the revised selection templates and processes, ensuring they were able to focus on the main aims of fairness, transparency and an enhanced communication process for athletes and coaches.

Training Camps

For the first time, an official 'Pre-Departure' camp was held at SIRC, Penrith for all 3 National Teams. The whole team, save those living overseas, attended and competed against the clock and each other. In a crucial point to note, the pre-departure camp was just one in a series of National race events designed to replicate a level of racing stress as experienced in competition overseas, in particular the World Cup series. With good planning and integration with the Development Program, both the Under 23 and Senior teams were able to work around and within the annual Youth Cup regatta – this ensuring a highly level of competition that went a long way to replicating elite racing overseas.

Overseas, in a great example of the efficiencies of our new partnership with the AIS under the NRCE—the AIS' European Hub venue proved to be the ideal preparation for the World Champs Poznan competition. 'The Hub' is staffed by highly experienced staff with access to key services and funds that definitely added value to the tour. In a break from the past few years, the Team travelled with Singapore Airlines. Singapore is one of the few airlines that flies into Malpensa airport in Italy, just 30mins from the Hotel Continental, proving to be a logistical 'breeze' for team management, rather than the normal 4 hour drive from Zurich via the 17km long Gotthard tunnel!

Senior A Team Racing

While not returning home with as many medals as hoped or expected, Australia performed admirably in Poznan with three medals over the 10 crews. These included a fantastic defence of the Beijing silver medal by the Men's Four, a close second in the Men's Quad and a fine bronze by first time National Team member, Ben Houllison in the Adaptive Single.

Final Placings

Category	Boat	Place
Heavy Men's Sweep	8+	7th
	4-	2nd
Heavy Men Scull	4x	2nd
Light Men Sweep	4-	14th
Heavy Women's Sweep	4-	4th
	2-	5th
	2x	4th
Light Women's Scull	2x	5th
Adaptive Sweep	LTA4+	6th
Adaptive Sculling	ASM1x	3rd

The Men's Quad was the best boat at selection and in very tight racing held their form to earn a fabulous silver medal. With two debutants and two experienced internationals it was a great opportunity to show that Australian men's sculling is, and will be, world class.

The silver medal winning Coxless Four added the same colour medal to their Olympic result from last year. Again the British, albeit with a new crew, held sway. This was a sound result for the crew as they managed a busy life schedule alongside their rowing preparation.

With only one of the Olympic crew on board, the Men's Eight held plenty of opportunities for many new faces to emerge. Clearly the youngest crew in the race, they missed the final by a very small amount in the heat and in the end had to settle for a comfortable win in the B Final to finish 7th. Excellent future prospects are evident.

For all members of the Lightweight Men's Four, this was the first time in an Olympic class boat and the guys found the racing very tough. They kept improving in every race and in the C Final finished 2nd to the British crew but ahead of New Zealand in a Commonwealth affair. This racing will be invaluable as the lightweight stocks are rebuilt over the next few years.

All athletes in the Women's Four made their senior world championships debut this year and are part of the exciting group of younger rowers coming through the ranks. Finishing 4th in tough conditions, the girls should be very happy with their first senior performance.

The Women's Pair showed improvement during every race in the regatta, having finished third in their heat and then securing a second place finish in the semi-final to qualify for the final. The girls couldn't quite hang on in the back end of the race, and came away with 5th—not a

bad result, with a lot more to look forward to from these girls.

The Women's Double Scull began rowing together for the first time in May of this year and formed a formidable combination. They made their way to the A Final by finishing second in their semi final and looked set for a good effort in the final. Coming away with a 4th place, the girls should not be disappointed.

This Lightweight Women's Double Scull contained two time World Champions, Bronwen Watson and Alice McNamara. They finished third in their semi final and, therefore, were drawn in lane six for the A Final in which they did not begin well, giving away an early lead. They finished in 5th place—a result they will aim to build upon in the coming years before the 2012 London Olympics.

Sincere thanks to team staff - Managers Ray Ebert & Mick Smith, Dr. Krys Szatsznajder, Physio Judi Sternfeldt and Massage Therapist, Georgie Stephens, Head Coaches Noel Donaldson & Lyall McCarthy led by NHPD Andrew Matheson - for their dedication and expertise.

Under 23 Team

Category	Boat	Place
Heavy Men Sweep	8+	4th
Heavy Men Scull	4x	3rd
Light Men Sweep	4-	9th
Light Men's Sculling	2x	15th
Heavy Women's Sweep	4-	9th
Heavy Women's Sculling	4x	8th
Light Women's Scull	4x	3rd

In a clear departure from the past, the Board, through the Joint Management Committee of the NRCE, determined 'target' boats prior to the selection process beginning. The aim: with considered Talent Identification through an exhaustive selection process and quality coaching, fill the U23 boats with talented athletes with potential for medal winning success at an Olympic level.

The 'target' boats approach creates clear efficiencies (and challenges) for the Program. However, I would like to make special and sincerely thank both the *Sykes Racing* team and *Croker Oars*. Both companies made significant investment in our nation's youth and supplied a full fleet of boats and a full supply of oars to be based overseas at the European Hub in Varese. Clearly both companies

have made a huge commitment to the Program and we are sincerely grateful for their kindness and generosity.

This year's Under 23 World Championships were held in Racice, in the Czech Republic. A team of 43 (including Head Coach, Peter Shakespear and Boatman, Urs Graf) arrived in Racice via Paris with Malaysian Airlines. The Team Manager was Dean Oakman from the AIS. Whilst there were many challenges presented by the relatively remote venue and quite basic service provisions, the Team did have a new Hotel very close to the course and managed to remain relatively healthy and happy (despite travelling and training during the height of the 'Swine Flu' epidemic) with some careful management by Dean Oakman and doctor Ian Beltz and Kellie Wilkie, the Team Physio.

The venue has been extensively used over the years and provides ideal opportunity for coaching on the bike path. The team was well set up and developed a Team presence at the venue in a short space of time under the guidance of Head Coach Peter Shakespear. Unfortunately though, the venue was hit by disastrous and cyclonic weather during the regatta, with several boat racks overturned and many boats destroyed.

Sincere thanks to team staff, led by Manager, Dean Oakman, Dr. Ian Beltz, Physio, Kellie Wilkie and Head Coach, Peter Shakespear, for their dedication and expertise.

Junior Team

Category	Boat	Place
Heavy Men Sweep	4- & 4+	3 rd (4-) & 2 nd (4+)
Heavy Men Scull	4x	9 th
Heavy Women's Sweep	4-	1 st
Heavy Women's Sculling	4x	2 nd

In a similar methodology to the Under 23 Team, the NRCE developed 'target' boats for the National Junior Team. However, in a clear signal of the way our sport must change to identify better talent, the training aspects of the Junior Team was tackled quite differently.

Under the guidance of newly appointed Elite Development Manager, Peter Shakespear, all athletes stayed in their home states and came to Canberra (and the AIS) for a series of mini camps. Although significantly different from the past, all athletes and coaches in the end saw the value of being able to continue their schooling or employment at home. The camp programming and brief/debriefing

process also enabled a tight control of workloads and continuity of periodisation for all crews leading into the Championships. Astoundingly, with good management, crews were able to handle, and in fact flourished, with up to four shorter sessions each day for the whole camp. In the end, the camps process proved to be a vital cog in the wheel in the effort to develop each athletes' potential.

Although the overall results were excellent (four medals), I caution each of us to keep the long term goals in mind—that is, Olympic success. After some very lean years, we have all clearly recognised the need to significantly ramp up our program in development, but that must not be driven by the tendency to want and expect early results from late developers. Our U23 and Junior teams may not always produce such great results. As such, we must stay focused on the main thing – long term development of athletes, and coaches, capable of winning gold medals in the Olympic Games.

Sincere thanks to team staff led by Manager Bob Cook, Dr. Jeff Conn, Physio J.P. Caniero and Head Coach Peter Shakespear for their dedication and expertise.

Joint Management Committee (JMC)

As the group holding the RA Board's delegated day to day responsibility over the NRCE, the JMC met many times over season 2008/09. As you can imagine, the initial operations of the program required a careful and considered approach in order to set up a lasting and robust system that negated the 'peculiarities' of both the RA and AIS operations, whilst developing policies and strategies that made the most of the available opportunities, economies of operation and efficiency. Members of the JMC included Professor Peter Fricker (AIS Director), Phil Borgeaud (AIS Deputy Director), Colin Smith (RA Director) and Andrew Dee (RA CEO). Ex-officios meeting with the JMC on occasions were Andrew Matheson, Nick Hunter (AIS Programs) both National Head Coaches & Matt Draper, (RA Operations Manager) and Dennis Hatcher (AIS Deputy Director).

I wish to thank the JMC sincerely for their considerable efforts this year. It has been a pleasure working with such a dedicated panel, committed to developing a 'world's best practice' model for rowing management. The challenges ahead are large, but we have made significant headway in a very short space of time.

Tours Budget Committee

The Committee has again been active in providing advice and guidance to the formulation of the Teams

budgets. Finance Director (David England) lent his vast experiences to the panel in formulating accurate budgets in a very difficult financial period for sport in Australia, and the World markets in general. With some careful teams budget management overseen by Matt Draper (Operations Manager) and Clare Phillips (RA accountant), all teams are expected to post a surplus to budget.

Members of the Committee include: David England (Finance Director), Andrew Dee (CEO), Doug Donoghue (AOC Executive), Andrew Matheson 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 it has resulted in numerous non-compliance strikes being recorded across all sports. Rowing has been no exception and RA (led by RA Anti Doping Coordinator, Matt Bialkowski) 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.

ASADA continues to work well with FISA to overcome several inefficiencies in our international reporting requirements, brought about by a ‘mismatch’ between the ASADA/ASDMAC reporting system and the WADA/FISA Adams system. Difficulties lie in the confidentiality of information exchange, but FISA and ASADA have been working hard to ensure that no Australian athletes are caught in the middle of an administrative process ‘glitch’. I should point out, that rowing is not alone here and most Australian sports face a similar situation. ASADA, whilst being a world leader in Anti Doping, finds itself now in the strange position of having to ‘negotiate’ with a separate international system that is not totally coordinated and ‘synced’. I applaud the efforts of ASADA in assisting us, but urge them to accelerate the process of resolution to match both the ADAMS and ASDMAC systems, to ensure athletes are not overly inconvenienced in meeting their reporting requirements.

National Elite Development & NTID Programs

Perhaps the greatest area of change in the HP Program over the past year has been the ‘re-emergence’ of Talent Identification as an area of critical importance to the

future of our sport. To that end, we have been lucky to attract our own Peter Shakespear back to RA. Peter is an internationally acknowledged expert in TID who headed up the successful AIS TID program for Rowing many years ago with Professor Allan Hahn, before managing the UK Sport TID program.

Peter’s role, although quite expansive, is simple—development of elite coaches and athletes. Peter assists in forming the critical link between the Community Development Program of the Clubs and the AIS/SIS/SAS elite system.

A critical part of the development pathway is managed by Wayne Diplock. Ex-Olympian and Olympic Team Manager, Wayne has been able to bring a focus and clarity to the program that has been missing since the program’s inception. Wayne and Peter form RA’s ‘dynamic duo’ of elite development.

In closing this section of the report, I wish to thank Dr. Jason Gulbin of the ASC who has been willing to see our NTID program grow and mature and be integrated as a vital link in the NRCE team. I would also like to thank the Board for having the vision to accept our proposal to engage Peter Shakespear in the new role of Development Manager. As we can see, that has already paid dividends in the development of our future Olympians.

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 HP Program this year. We thank the AC for their valuable input.

David Crawshay and Kim Crow were voted as Team captains of the Senior A Team, Nick Purnell, James McRae, Charlotte Walters and Lauren Burraston were appointed to the Leadership group of the U23 team, whilst Peta White, Tom Chapman, Tom Amies and Alex Hagan were appointed to the Junior team leadership group. We thank sincerely all these athletes for their commitment to enhancing the communication process.

Thanks

Whilst I have mentioned all the key staff of the NRCE in my summary above, there are other RA employees and partners who deserve our thanks. Within the RA office are: Matt Treglown, Naomi Wagstaff, Clare Phillips and Regan Sanders who have all contributed to the HP Program throughout the year in significant ways - thankyou.

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 RA's other major sponsors – Sykes Racing, Croker Oars, clothing by 2XU, WCSN telecasting and finally the State Institutes and Academies of Sport and the undying support of the Australian Olympic Committee.

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

- Selectors David Yates, Barbara Fenner, Wayne Diplock, Peter Shakespear, Chaired by NHPD Andrew Matheson with Noel Donaldson and Lyall McCarthy the National Head Coaches, for their tireless and valuable contribution to selecting our teams.
- Team Managers Ray Ebert, Mick Smith, Dean Oakman and Bob Cook for managing our teams so efficiently on the world stage.
- Michael Eastaughffe, Steve Hinchy, John Murdoch, Rene Klupacs, Victor Walter Andrew Guerin, Greg Smith and so many other BROs for their assistance in supervising the selection competition.
- 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



Athletes' Commission Report

The Athletes Commission would like to sincerely congratulate all members of the 2009 Australian Rowing Teams for their tenacity and commitment to do their best in this year's Senior A, Under 23 and Junior World Rowing Championship Regattas.

Like our rowers, we at the Athletes Commission are constantly striving to improve our effectiveness. At the 2008 AGM in December in Hobart the Council, State Presidents and CEO's endorsed an initiative to improve our functionality by adopting the National Athletes Commission Model, in some form, into their respective States. The purpose of this new approach is two fold: primarily to increase the 'touch-points' for athletes with an Athlete Commission representative, State or National; secondly to create greater access, through a State based communication channel, for athletes to voice any issues to the National Athlete Commission body. These initiatives in each state are yet to be fully operational.

As a Commission we rely on the quality of our members. Two of the most important people at the coal face are our men and women's team captain's who are elected by the National squad each year. We would like to re-welcome David Crawshay back onto the AC for a second year as the team voted unanimously again for David as the Men's Team Captain, and welcome Kim Crow as the Women's Team Captain, who narrowly missed the AOC Athletes Commission by one place last year.

The athlete's voice was quiet this year, no doubt due to it being a post Olympic year, but most notably and importantly it is due to the greatly improved effectiveness of our High Performance Program with new Director, Andrew Matheson having a firm grip on the reins. Andrew took personal interest in all athletes who provided feedback in last year's survey. He also held special forums for athletes in each state to air their concerns and to discuss relevant issues. We are very thankful to have someone of Andrew's calibre and skill invest the time required in listening to the athletes. The feedback gained, and subsequent changes implemented by Andrew, has made our athlete's lives much easier, giving them greater ability to focus on the important things—quality training, rest and recovery.

Lastly I would like to thank our Commission members whom gave counsel and advice to athletes in Australian squads throughout the season. The Athletes Commission continues to ensure that it remains a visible and useful body for the athletes and the board of RA and we hope once the new State Athlete Commission structures are in place we can be a more effective body for our athletes.

Please visit the RA website for AC member contact details.

Rebecca Joyce
Chair, 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 2009 the following former national team members contributed to the Foundation:

Merrick Howes
Nick Garrett
Margot Foster
George Xouris
Peter Murphy
Chris Shinnars
Rob Stewart
Andrew Guerin
Lynton Hudson
Will Liley
Peter Antonie
Alan Grover
Chris Dane
John Boulton
Geoff Rees
Paul Thompson
Andrew McKinley
John Coates
Malcolm Batten

The Foundation also received a contribution from Rowing Australia, paying the remaining funds from the no longer active Australian International Rowing Foundation, into the Bobby Pearce Foundation.

In 2009 the Trustees gave all members of the National Junior and Under 23 Teams the opportunity to apply for a grant on the basis of financial hardship, taking into account support provided already by Rowing Australia, State Associations, the AIS, State Institutes and Clubs. On this basis, 8 athletes were assisted this year, with grants between \$1000 and \$1500.

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



Obituaries

Kerry Bligh (TAS)

Kerry Bligh passed away on 24 May, 2009.

He began his rowing career at Reecoonians as a schoolboy in 1996 and was a member of the victorious Tasmanian Youth Eight in 1974. Kerry later became an active member of the Tasmanian boat race officials, officiating since 1984. One of his sporting highlights was his service as a BRO at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Kerry was a much loved and deeply respected member of the Tasmanian rowing community.

Milton Francis (VIC)

The Victorian Olympic Council presented the Olympic Flag to the family of Milton Francis who passed away in 2009.

Milton represented the West Australian Rowing Club and was an integral part of the club over an 11-year period during the 1950s and 1960s. He had a successful career with two Kings Cup wins in 1955 and 1960 and represented Australia at the 1960 Olympic Eight.

Georgia Green (NSW)

Former National Team coxswain Georgia Green passed away on 17th December, 2008. She competed at a number of World Championships and, most recently, was a part time coach with The Kings School, Ascham School and UTS.

Peter Dickson (NSW)

Peter Dickson passed away on 27 June, 2008. Peter represented Australia at the Olympics in Mexico in 1968 as a member of the Men's Eight that won a silver medal.

Peter was honoured by an Olympic Flag that was presented to his family.

Mal Price (NSW)

Mal Price passed away on 7 September, 2008.

Mal was founding president of the Murwillumbah Rowing Club which was established in the early 1970's. Mal remained president for many years and was renowned for his enthusiasm, generosity, dedication and sheer hard work.

Mal served long terms as president at both club and association level. He was a qualified Boat Rowing Official in both New South Wales and Queensland and has officiated at many regattas at both regional and state levels. He was well known and respected for his commitment to the sport in both Northern Rivers and Queensland.

Reg Libbis (ACT)

Reg Libbis passed away on 25 May, 2009.

Reg was originally from the Albert Park Rowing Club in Melbourne. He rowed in the coxed four that came fourth at the Melbourne Olympic Games. He was on the organising committee for the 1964 National Regatta for the Australian Championship and Olympic Trials, held on Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra. Reg was a founding member of both the ACT Rowing Association and the Canberra Rowing Club and a leading coach and boat race official.



Media Report

Following the conclusion of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games there has been a slight restructuring in the media and communications sector of Rowing Australia.

Due to the new age of communication, which is heavily focused on the internet and reporting all information through this means, Rowing Australia has decided to follow this trend.

The Rowing Australia website is being updated regularly with fresh information and this will continue to expand over the coming months.

Media releases are still an important means of communicating key messages, results and important information and since the Beijing Olympic Games, 72 releases were distributed. This number was slightly down from the previous year, due to Australia not competing in any of the World Cup regattas, with these events generally attracting at least one media release per day. The majority of media releases focused around the Australian Rowing Championships at Lake Barrington in Tasmania, as well as the Junior, Under 23 and Senior A World Championship regattas.

“Hometowners” continued to be a successful media strategy. This targets each athlete’s home town and gaining local media coverage in this area. While space in the major Australian newspapers remains at a premium, an impact continues to be made in the regional and suburban newspapers.

RA News celebrated its 50th edition and is being transformed into an online, shorter edition that draws material directly from the Rowing Australia website.

Rowing Australia’s Facebook page was launched in September 2009, which is an important step for the organisation into the social networking forum.

2008 Australian Rowing Championships

The 2009 Australian Rowing Championships were held at Lake Barrington in Tasmania from 2-8 March.

Following the break taken by many of the Olympic athletes, along with retirement of some key athletes, extra emphasis was placed on building profiles of a new range of athletes.

This strategy was extremely successful, and with the noticeable effort of the Tasmanian media contingent, 168 newspaper articles were picked up in the Media Monitors service. This was an increase of 35 articles from the previous year.

18 media releases were distributed across the week which not only created the extensive newspaper coverage, but also generated a number of radio interviews during the regatta. Once again ABC Grandstand was the major supporter of the regatta, giving extensive coverage throughout the week.

The website caused a range of problems due to the poor internet coverage at Lake Barrington. This created difficulties for rowing fans and stakeholders to access results and reports and is an area which must be improved ahead of 2010.

YouTube, which was used successfully in 2008, was not an option in 2009 due to the internet connectivity problems experienced at the course.

2009 World Rowing Championships

The 2009 World Rowing Championships were held in Poland, with Australia sending 10 crews to compete at the regatta.

The two main objectives were to keep the rowing community and key stakeholders aware of all results in Poland through the Rowing Australia website and also to inform the media of all results of Australian crews.

The website ran extremely efficiently across the regatta and provided its audience with live race reports, athlete interviews, live results, daily reviews and previews, as well as an extensive photo gallery.

The media was supplied with a daily release and preview of the following day’s racing. Despite Australia not winning any gold medals, ABC Radio and SEN radio gave extensive coverage to the regatta.



Awards

Scott Brennan was awarded Tasmanian Athlete of the Year and TIS Male Athlete of the Year after an extremely successful season. Scott completed his domestic season with two gold medals at the National Championships and continued his success overseas with two bronze medals at World Cups 1 & 2. The highlight of the year came when Scott, together with David Crawshay, won a gold medal in the men's double scull at the Beijing Olympic Games. He was also the recipient of the 2007 Tasmanian Achiever Award.

In addition to his on water success, Scott made the final list of nominations for Australian of the Year. He joined 31 others from around the country as a finalist. His nomination was the result of his success as an athlete and the work he does off the water - while training he has studied full time to complete his medical degree and is now a practicing doctor. He also volunteers for Camp Quality when he can.

Carly Cottam was named TIS Junior Athlete of the Year after producing some impressive results throughout 2008. With a domestic season including two gold medals and two silver medals at the National Championships, Carly topped it off with a gold medal in the Lightweight Single Scull at the U23 World Championships in Brandenburg, Germany.

Rhett Ayliffe was named Tasmanian Coach of the Year for 2008. Rhett coached the Men's Double to a bronze medal at World Cups 1 & 2 and a gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games. As Head Coach of the TIS Rowing Program, Rhett qualified seven athletes for the 2008 Olympic Games and one athlete for the 2008 Paralympic Games from the TIS rowing program.

Order of Australia Medals

Raymond Green of NSW was awarded an Order of Australia Medal on 26 January, 2009. For over 50 years, Raymond has been involved with rowing in varying capacities - he has coached at the University of New South Wales, Newington College and Sydney Rowing Club, and played a major role in sending an eight to the 1968 Mexico Olympics. He has been Captain of Drummoyne Rowing Club, Liverpool Rowing Club and Lake Wallace Rowing Club and is a Life Member of Sydney Rowing Club.

Roger Wilson of Victoria was honoured with an Order of Australia Medal on 8 June, 2009. He is perhaps best known for his regatta commentary, commencing in 1966, and has been a course commentator at the King's Cup since 1970. He provided commentary for the 1990 World Championships and on ABC radio at the Olympic Games in 1992 and 1996 and has managed to get the King's Cup broadcast on ABC radio for 36 years. Roger has been the rowing correspondent at various times for the 'The Age', 'Melbourne Herald', 'Weekly Times' and AAP over a 30 year period. He was awarded an Australian Sports Medal in 2000 and Life Membership of Rowing Victoria in 2003. Roger has also been a competitor and coach of rowing and Vice-President of Mercantile Rowing Club.

Olympic Gold Medalists, **Scott Brennan** and **David Crawshay** (men's double scull) and **Duncan Free** (men's pair) were all awarded an OAM on Australia Day for 'Service to sports as a Gold Medalist at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games'.



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 2008-09 rowing season.

ACTRA Premiership Competitions

The Committee congratulates Radford College for winning the aggregate points score and Premiership Competition. The win reflects the school's strength in junior rowing after a considerable expansion of activity mounted from the school's new boat shed and expanded fleet.

Australian Team Selections

The ACT is represented in this year's World Championship team through the selection of:

Sarah Cook (CRC/AIS) W2-

The Under 23 World Championships by:

Lauren Burraston (CRC/ACTAS) BLW4X

Louise Kilby (ANUBC) BW4-

David Wright (CRC/ACTAS) BM4X

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

Angus Moore (CGS) JM4+

Amy Fowler (CRC/ACTAS) W4X

Significant in these selections is the growing strength of ACT representation in the Junior and U23 teams, largely driven by the ACT Academy of Sport rowing programme and the high standards of development in ACT school rowing. Further development in the junior ranks is anticipated from the ACT regional talent search programme.

Competition

The Association conducted eight local regattas with 5859 seats entered. Additionally we hosted the Independent Schools Rowing Association (ISRA) regatta with over 1500 seats. The ACT Masters Championships was scheduled, but had to be abandoned due to bad weather.

We had to contend with several weeks of closures on our main rowing facility, Lake Burley Griffin, due to algal blooms. The lake is under the control of the National Capital Authority (NCA), a Commonwealth Government body. In close liaison with ACTRA and RA

delegates, the NCA is looking at remedial measures to improve the quality of lake water to enable all lake users to plan their various activities with confidence.

In the coming season we are planning nine local regattas, along with the Australian University Championships and ISRA in 2010.

We look forward to increased participation of competitors training with the National Rowing Centre of Excellence (NRCE) who set a clear benchmark of attainment for our local juniors. In reflection of the commitment to the NRCE, ACTRA has restructured the ACT regatta content to better prepare candidates for our representative teams in 2010.

The ACT Association will host the 2013 Australian Masters Championships which will coincide with the centenary celebrations of the City of Canberra. Centenary events are being developed in cooperation with the ACT Chief Minister's Department.

Planning is also underway to improve the visitor experience of families and competitors attending the ISRA 2010 regatta and the ACT Championships in March 2010 with particular focus on facilitating concessional entry to a major exhibition of artworks at the National Gallery of Australia in early 2010.

Adaptive Rowing

Local regattas have included adaptive rowers in competition, one of these being Brandie O'Connor who competes effectively against all comers despite vision impairment. The expansion of opportunities for adaptive competitors in several categories is part of our 2009-10 regatta planning.

Committee

The Committee faces continuing challenges in implementing its administrative and sport development agenda with a relatively small group of volunteers and an expanded competitive programme. The support of the ACT Government through several grant programmes is critical in maintaining our capacity.

The ACTRA office has been focused on reducing expense overheads to hold down costs for local participants and competitors. Members of the Committee have accepted responsibility for identified facets of support for rowing in the ACT and local region to bring a better focus to bear on our administration and development of rowing.

ACT Academy of Sport Rowing Unit

The Rowing Unit of the ACT Academy of Sport (ACTAS) is a joint venture of the ACT Government and Rowing Australia, funded through broadly similar contributions from both bodies. The ACTAS programme is a critical element in the Association's elite athlete development pathway. Both ACTAS and ACT Rowing Association are strongly committed to providing a world class high performance pathway to produce world class athletes. The selection of ACT athletes in Australian representative teams in 2008–09 is testimony to the effectiveness of the programme and the efforts of ACTAS Head Coach, Gordon Marcks.

Masters Rowing

The Association was once again well represented at the Australian Masters Rowing Championships in 2008. Preparations are currently underway for a very strong contingent from four ACT clubs to attend the World Masters Games rowing in Sydney in late 2009. ACTRA anticipates having in excess of 120 of its Masters rowers competing at the World Masters Games.

Infrastructure

Development of local facilities has continued with a permanent shade structure constructed to shelter our boat race officials on Lake Burley Griffin. Ongoing maintenance of the rowing course infrastructure is expensive, and is of ongoing concern. Steps are being taken to engage some assistance with this costly maintenance from ACT Government.

Major Events

The ACT Championships is the flagship event for the ACT, and it continues to become a stronger 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 2009 and is scheduled to return to Canberra in February 2010. ISRA in Canberra is very popular with visiting schools and Victorian schools are showing increased interest in becoming part of the ISRA group.

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 Geoff Northam, is a valuable asset to the Association with its individual and combined efforts greatly appreciated by all in the ACT rowing community and interstate visitors who frequently comment on the support and encouragement of ACTRA BROs to junior competitors.

The Association continues to encourage affiliated clubs to actively recruit BROs to ensure the safe and efficient conduct of our regattas.

The ACT Rowing Association is confidently planning for continued growth and success through the 2009/10 season.

Brendon Prout President

New South Wales

The 2008–2009 year has been another successful period for the New South Wales Rowing Association resulting in solid membership levels throughout all membership categories and strong increases in regatta entries throughout the year.

NSWRA Board Subcommittees' and structures:

The management structure of the Association under the four Commissions continues to progress. The Chairmen of each Commission, along with their Commissioners and those involved in the Committees, are to be thanked for the effort and expertise they give to the Association.

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 2008–2009. The Commission's 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 2008-2009 season. The Regatta Commission set a number of meetings during the year regularly consulting with the membership. 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, Ron Beatie, Brian Kelleher, Peter Bond and Tim Wainman.

The Facility Development Group, chaired by Wade Hewett and Greg James, has been active in negotiating with Government in relation to the access to rowing and rowing infrastructure on Sydney Harbour. NSWRA adopted a proactive position in relation to developing connections both with State Government and Local Government with negotiations ranging from conceptual plans to detailed discussions in relation to identified sites. There are several challenges facing our sport on Sydney Harbour, however this strategy has already led to positive results of an indirect nature and, in particular, it has been found that both Government and Local Government are receptive to continued and ongoing dialogue.

Kings Cup Committee:

I personally, and on behalf of the NSW Board, thank Chris Noel for his work as Chairman of the Kings Cup Committee, successfully conducting two fundraising luncheon during the reporting period. The Kings

Cup Committee has been appointed 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.”

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. Personnel changes within NSWIS curtailed the Athlete Development program jointly operated by NSWIS and NSWRA. I would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of Andrew Randell and Stani Slavova throughout their tenure at NSWIS.

NSWRA Office:

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 2009–2010.

The NSWRA office has continued to evolve and change to meet the progressive needs of our sport for the membership and the wider community. To the staff Georgie Lee, Paul Coates, Kellie Neville, Emma Schiller and Margaret Mackenzie, I extend my personal thanks. I would also like to thank outgoing CEO, David Evans, who throughout his 6 year tenure, provided structure and guidance to the Board and I wish him all the best with his future endeavours.

The year ahead offers some major challenges including refining the new grade regattas, reviewing the Association's Constitution with the intention to ensure alignment and compatibility with the constitution of RA, finalisation of the NSWRA Office structure and the Board's Strategic Plan, 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 for their commitment and dedication to rowing in New South Wales. The membership should be very happy with the way the NSWRA is conducting itself and strategic planning is well underway for the future.

Andrew Rowley
President

Queensland

Financial Resources

Castaway and MPM Marketing Services have continued their support of Rowing Queensland, widely acknowledged as the longest continual sporting sponsorship in Queensland, and now one of the longest in Australia. The rowing community in Queensland is very appreciative 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 Brisbane City Council, The Queensland Academy of Sport, The Tattersall's Club, Bennett & Francis Surveyors and Konica Minolta.

Human Resources

The Rowing Queensland office has continued to evolve and change to meet the progressive needs of our sport for the membership and the wider community. The renewed emphasis and investment in development and high performance initiatives are now paying dividends for the association with sterling on water performances from our state senior and junior crews. To the staff, Christian Renford, Peter Shakespear, Chad King, Samuel Pickett, Cameron Allen, Kate Clarkson and Kylie Conway, I extend my personal thanks. I would also like to congratulate out going High Performance Manager, Peter Shakespear, who was with us for 12 months and successfully implemented an integrated High Performance Program with the QAS, providing the structure and strategy needed to allow our athletes to achieve their best on the national and international stage.

New Queensland Rowing Clubs

Supporting the growth of rowing in 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 Old Brisbane Grammarians Rowing Club in Brisbane, and the Tablelands Country Rowing Club in Atherton.

Regatta Program

The Queensland School Championship Series has been widely supported and respected by all private and public schools, growing in attendance by over 8% p.a. The Series this year has again included 3 lead up championship regional regattas – North Queensland,

Central Queensland and the South Queensland - culminating in the Queensland Schools Championship Regatta, successfully hosted by the Rockhampton Grammar School over the new three day format.

The highlight of the season however was the 2009 Australian Masters Rowing Championships on the Fitzroy River in Rockhampton.

Congratulations must be extended to the Event and Local Organising Committees, for their outstanding efforts, in particular members of the Rockhampton and Fitzroy Rowing Club. Several new initiatives were implemented by the Event Committee including a Big Screen, “burgers and bonfires” and a bull riding exhibition that undoubtedly made this event the most successful Australian Masters Championships to date.

Special mention must be made of all Queensland's Boat Race Officials who devote an enormous amount of time and efforts to make rowing competition safe and fair at all Queensland regattas. Led by Dr Steve Hinchy, QLD officials embarked on new training and re-accreditation to support and recognise BRO's for the efforts, culminating in Phillip Gunning being awarded his Level Three accreditation at the Australian Championships in Lake Barrington, Tasmania.

Rowers Safety

Brisbane's rowing community has come under heightened scrutiny for compliance with maritime regulations and the application of safe rowing practices after an unfortunate spate of “incidents” involving rowing boats and City Cats on the Brisbane River

Rowing Queensland proactively represented all school rowing programs at several meetings with the Brisbane City Council, MSQ, the Harbour Master and Brisbane Ferries, resulting in several initiatives aimed to make our sport even safer:

- Code of Conduct for the Brisbane River
- \$100,000 Brisbane City Council Boat Light Subsidy Program
- Employment of an Education and Safety Officer
- Infra Red camera fitted to all CityCats

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 \$20,000 to this program, supporting successful clubs in identifying needs, and additional funding opportunities. The program resulted in:

- Camps for coaches and rowers aspiring to attend 2010 National Championships in U/17 and U/19 events.
 - Risk analysis for rowing in the Brisbane River
 - Provide for potentially talented athletes from schools in low socio-economic communities to try rowing in Brisbane
 - Establishment of the Logan and Districts Rowing Association
 - Professional coaching services in Mackay
 - Level 1 Coaching and Boat licensing project on the Sunshine Coast
- 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 ASC's National Talent and Identification (NTID) Unit, The National Rowing Centre of Excellence (NRCE) and the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS), 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
- Passport NQ, focuses school leavers on U/19 and opportunities in Townsville and is aimed at improving retention and development in North Queensland
- Passport Program focuses school leavers on U/19 opportunities and is aimed at improving retention and development in this school to club transition phase.

Outstanding Athlete Results

Rowing Queensland would like to congratulate all of our Queensland athletes and support staff who achieved their goals of making Australian Representative 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.

World Rowing Championships, Poznan, Poland: 23 – 30 August 2009

Jared Bidwell	M4x	
	Darryn Purcell	ML4-
	Chris Bigg	ML4-
Peter Siri	LTAMix4+	
Emma McCarthy	W4-	
	Sally Kehoe	W2x
Pippa Savage	W2x	
Tim Conrad	Coach, M4- and W2x	
	Ray Ebert	Team Manager

World Rowing Under 23 Championships, Racice, Czech Republic: 23 – 26 July 2009

Sasha Belonogoff	M4x	
Angus Morton	ML2x	
	Peta-Lee Eddington	W4x
	Alison Scobbie	WL4x
	Gabby Kukla	WL4x
Phillipa Lindley	W4-	

World Rowing Junior Championships, Brive la Gaillarde, France: 5 – 8 August 2009

Tom Amies	M4+	
	Nick Allen-Ducat	M4+
	Ben Morley	M4x
	Cameron Smith	M4x
	Madeleine Edmunds	W4x
	Jessica Hall	W4x
	John Bowes	
	Coach, M4+	
Lincoln Handley	Coach, M4x	

**Peter Schryver
Chairman**

South Australia

The 2008–09 season has again put many challenges to Rowing South Australia (Rowing SA) and we can be thankful that our appointed administrative staff, volunteers from both a State and Club perspective as well as the great performances of our rowers competitively has provided a rewarding and successful outcome.

As reported in last year's report Mark Howells was appointed to take over the role of General Manager vacated by Barbara Fenner. Unfortunately, Mark resigned in October and Rowing SA again was on the search for a replacement. Mark served Rowing SA well and his enthusiastic approach to make himself aware of the requirements of the sport, as well as addressing some difficult issues was appreciated during his term which was not easy, especially coming from a non rowing background.

Rowing SA is now fortunate to have Deb White as our General Manager. Deb has worked tirelessly since taking on the position to address the many issues involved with the position, not only from the State point of view but also national issues. It has been a big and quick learning curve for her, but not daunting.

Through this transition Rowing SA was fortunate to have people like Mike Giffen and Christine McLaren continuing in their existing roles as well as taking on additional responsibilities in maintaining the services required from the office to keep the day to day activities of Rowing SA going.

Christine McLaren, who has served Rowing SA exceptionally over the last 8 years in both development and education roles as well as State Team Manager, also resigned in April. Christine is a great loss to our office and to the roles she fulfilled but she has already indicated that her passion for the sport will continue in other roles she is undertaking. We are fortunate to have her close by with her experience and knowledge still available to those following on from her within Rowing SA.

With a new General Manager and the resignation of some officers, Rowing SA has undertaken a complete review and restructure of its operations. The organisational restructure to date has allowed the staff to more effectively meet the needs of the membership with renewed emphasis on regatta operations, finance and development. Our administrative team which comprises both voluntary and paid members (who also give many voluntary hours over and above their paid hours) are enthusiastic and excited to be in their new roles.

We have also appointed Lucy Vadasz as State Development Coordinator who has already, after such a very short time, had a positive impact for Rowing SA. Lucy will be working closely with Jason Lane (Head Coach of SASI) and also planning and coordinating programs for development in the clubs and schools, in particular promoting the "Keep Rowing – School to Club Program".

Vicky Knight has taken on the role of Education Officer and has worked industriously for many months updating our Coach database and developing new education programs in line with Rowing Australia's new coaching syllabus.

In addition, Paul Knight has taken on the role as Adaptive Coordinator and is working hard in coordinating and developing adaptive programs to attract more rowers in this field.

With the restructuring of all areas within Rowing SA it is anticipated that this will create a platform for the coming years, to build and develop our programs and initiatives in line with our 2008-12 Strategic Plan.

National Rowing Brand

The new concept of a national rowing brand has been received well by the SA rowing community. It appears to have certainly projected that Rowing SA is now part of the bigger picture and people seem to be responding positively to this.

West Lakes Course Upgrade

The refurbishment and upgrade of the West Lakes Rowing Course, bringing it to international standard, at a cost of \$2.4 million is reaching completion, allowing Rowing SA to conduct and host Australian Rowing Events. Further, canoe/kayak and dragon boat events will be conducted on the course, with national events for them commencing before Christmas. Rowing SA will be completely responsible for the management and operations of this course under a management agreement with the South Australian Government. This will require Rowing SA to be responsible for the management of all infrastructures and hiring the facility to other users.

The Management Agreement requires Rowing SA to account for all hire fees as well as the ongoing maintenance of the infrastructure, the establishment of a sinking fund as well as regular reporting to the Government.

This project also includes the refurbishment of the judging tower which is currently underway, which will provide an enclosed air-conditioned three level structure.

The West Lakes facility houses 14 Clubs/Schools, SASI Rowing, SASI Canoe/Kayak, as well as the Education Department's Aquatic School (11,000 children per annum pass through this school).

Rowing SA is looking forward to hosting the 2011 Australian Rowing Championships using these new facilities.

Regattas

The 08-09 regatta season struggled for a variety of circumstances, including having to cancel 3 regattas due to extreme hot weather. Since the conclusion of the season there has been an extensive review of all facets of the season which has allowed for a constructive and effective workshop in developing the 09-10 regatta program. The pleasing aspect of this review was the willingness of all clubs/schools to participate in a very positive, constructive manner.

The number of competitive rowers is steadily increasing but is being held back by the lack of availability of additional storage facilities located near water and a lack of alternative water. At present our growth potential is limited. Our strategic plan will need to address this issue in more detail and carefully and innovatively plan for future growth.

For the 2008-09 season Rowing SA had 1,613 registered rowers—1,053 school rowers (543 male/510 female), and 560 senior/masters (295 male/265 female).

Sasi Rowing Program

Rowing SA has been fortunate to have had a long and successful partnership with SASI. The SASI program provides very supportive opportunities for our aspiring elite athletes and the rowing program itself has been consistently successful.

Following the conclusion of the Beijing Olympics, Adrian David tendered his resignation to return to a very prominent position in his home nation, Romania. Adrian was a very determined man and he left no stone unturned in trying to assist athletes reach their goals. SASI athletes had many successes under his tutelage and Rowing SA was very appreciative of his guidance and support as are the athletes who were given the opportunity to excel.

Rowing SA welcomes back Jason Lane to the Head Coach role. Jason was the first development officer appointed by Rowing SA a number of years ago before he advanced his career by accepting a number of positions, both nationally and internationally. He comes back to us after leading a very successful program with Rowing WA and WAIS and we look forward to working with him and continuing the very successful history of rowing within SASI.

Jason is fortunate to have two very capable and successful coaches working with him, in Zoltan Shepherd and Anna Tree. This forms a very strong and competent team.

The following coaches and athletes from South Australia represented Australia during 2009:

Australian Junior Team

Women's Coxless Four—Peta White, Jessica Molsher-Jones and Coach Anna Tree (Gold Medal)

Australian Under 23 Team

Men's Quad Scull—Matt Bolt, James McRae and Coach Zoltan Shepherd (Bronze Medal)

Men's Eight—Ned Kinnear (Fourth)

Women's Lightweight Quad—Coach Jason Lane (Bronze Medal)

Australian Senior A Team

Men's Eight—Bryn Coudraye (Seventh)

Women's Coxless Four—Laura Osti (Fourth)

Reserves—Maja Fiddler and Matt Bolt

Development

Over the last 12 months our Athlete Development area has suffered due to staffing and financial issues. Christine McLaren managed the talent catch squad in partnership with SASI Talent Search. Andrew Butler and Zoltan Shepherd also worked closely with this successful program.

Both Rowing SA and SASI are committed to the continuation of these established programs and also look forward to our recently appointed State Development Coordinator, Lucy Vadasz, adding further value to this program as well as Grass Root development within the Clubs and Schools.

There is continuing liaison with schools and clubs that has been ongoing to encourage Learn to Row/Try Rowing/Go Rowing programs to be conducted within Clubs.

Of concern to Rowing SA is that it has 6 non-rowing schools desperate to incorporate a rowing program within their curriculum. The biggest problem is a lack of facilities to house these schools as most senior clubs in Adelaide are already hosting a school program and also the provision of equipment and coaching.

This issue is currently receiving urgent attention from Rowing SA. We are hopeful of at least establishing an interim program for these schools, with the help of others, to assist with establishing a full program.

Rowing SA looks forward to a rewarding and successful 2009–10 season for everyone.

Michael Eastaughffe
Councillor

Tasmania

It is with great pleasure that I present my report for the season of 2008–2009. This was a very busy and extremely successful season for Rowing Tasmania. The club and school seasons ran very smoothly and provided exciting and competitive racing throughout the year. As usual our teams of volunteers and BRO's gave freely of their time and expertise, to ensure that our athletes enjoyed the best possible schedule of regattas and events. The rowing community should be extremely grateful to the many "behind the scenes" people that collectively put together our regattas and ensure our athletes compete in world class conditions and facilities.

The highlight of the season was the hosting of the Australian National Championships. Many hours of work by many people had Lake Barrington looking it's best for the regatta. Mick Goodger has built new toilet and change facilities in the 'Sam LeCompte' boatshed and also has constructed new pontoons, added to the boat storage shed, moved and reorganised the workshop and completed many maintenance jobs. A crew of volunteers completely re-buoyed the entire course and a state of the art finish camera was purchased. The umpire boats were all renovated and will now serve us well for many years to come. Each time we host a major championship or event at LBI it provides us with the incentive and the revenue to upgrade and add to our infrastructure. We still have a long "wish list" and plan to continually improve our resources.

The state government has commissioned a report into the future use and management of Lake Barrington. RT is involved in the discussions and we are seen as the key stakeholder in the future of the lake. The end result will probably be that RT has more autonomy and control of our entire facilities. We are being kept informed and will monitor progress carefully.

As part of the ongoing improvements, it is our aim this year to complete the installation of more ladies showers. We are in the early stages of planning for on-site treatment and disposal of all waste water and sewerage which will, in time, save RT many thousands of dollars per year. We also need to plan and fund the replacement of the start pontoon. We are very fortunate that Mick Goodger and George Homer have been able to sticky tape and tweak our aging pontoon and keep it serviceable—a constant challenge and an intellectual exercise that keeps these blokes entertained for countless hours. This will be a major expense and a huge logistical

exercise, requiring us to seek substantial government support and more working bees.

As previously mentioned the Nationals were a tremendous success. I thank the many volunteers that worked huge hours in the weeks leading up to the event. The result was that LBI was superbly presented - the compliments from RA officials and visitors were many. The teams of volunteers that manned all the various areas worked tirelessly and enthusiastically and were complimented by many of our visitors for their friendly, efficient assistance. Special mention must go to John Krambousanos, who is famed throughout the Australian rowing community for the extraordinary food that Krambos Café provides to the hungry masses. We can all be proud of the achievement of conducting a successful regatta. Although at times the weather was unkind, the last day of racing saw brilliant sunshine and perfect conditions for the Interstate Regatta. All competitors and their supporters happily returned home from one of the best presented competitions in years.

Our next major National commitment will be the hosting of the National Masters regatta in 2011 at Lake Barrington.

Following on from the success of the Beijing Olympic campaign, Rhett Ayliffe was appointed as Senior Coach for the AIS Men's program. We are grateful for Rhett's input into Tasmania's program and the achievements that resulted from his expert guidance (in particular Scott Brennan's gold medal at Beijing) and wish him and his family success and enjoyment in Canberra. After an exhaustive search, the Tasmanian Institute of Sport and RT has been fortunate to secure the services of Brett Crow as the TIS Head Coach. For many years Brett has been a coach in the New Zealand elite program. Brett and his crews have enjoyed international success at World Championship and Olympic levels. We welcome Brett and hope we all enjoy many years of running a successful elite program. Brett's family will join him soon—please help to make them welcome and assist with their settling in.

Our athletes were well represented at the Tasmanian Institute of Sports Awards. Rowing almost scooped the pool with Scott Brennan named Tasmanian Athlete of the Year and TIS Male Athlete of the Year, Carly Cottam recognised as TIS Junior Athlete of the Year and Rhett Ayliffe honoured with Tasmanian Coach of the Year.

It was pleasing to see a number of our junior athletes stepping up and achieving National selection. Our next crop of elite athletes is being groomed under

the watchful eye of Anthony Edwards and the eager attention of new head coach Brett Crow. Our Youth Olympic team deserves applause after having finished 4th in the competition (behind Great Britain, New Zealand and NSW).

Anthony Edwards our SDO has been busy following his Olympic campaign and has been proactive in running a number of valuable programs. Identifying opportunities in non rowing schools is an area of significant future growth. The program at St Brendan Shaw saw a number of new faces at regattas, Riverside High (Launceston) is also embracing the program with the input of Eddy and Tamar. Eddy is running regular coaching forums in the north and south, these are well presented and well attended with a very positive sharing of expertise and ideas. RA, through their development program, is providing testing trailers to all states. These trailers are equipped with the tools to measure and identify potential rowers from schools around the state. This will be a great resource and will add a level of professionalism to our development programs.

There are a number of new BRO's coming on line under the watchful eye and tutoring of Phil Fraser. Fritz is also to be congratulated on achieving his International FISA accreditation. A few months ago we were saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of Kerry Bligh. Kerry was a great friend and a long time servant of Australian rowing. Kerry's quite humour, expertise and knowledge will be missed by us all – LBI will be the poorer for his passing.

Our relationship with RA and the other states continues to grow. Regular attendance at forums and council meetings ensure that we are informed and that our voice is heard. RA has in place a number of exciting initiatives that will assist in development and elite programs. Rowing has a very close relationship with the Australian Sports Commission, this will result in rowing continuing to be recognised as a lead sport and a major Olympic sport in the national psyche.

Rowing Tasmania is fortunate to enjoy the continuing support of a number of sponsors. Hydro Tasmania was again the major supporter of the National regatta at LBI in March. We were fortunate that Community Assist (an initiative of Southern Cross and Forestry Tasmania) were also very generous with their sponsorship. Sport & Recreation Tasmania, Veolia Environmental Services, Searoad Shipping and Forest Enterprises Tasmania all continue to assist rowing with services and in-kind support.

Hydro Tasmania has been a keen contributor to our youth development programs, with the results and successes shown with growth in junior ranks and young athletes embracing the sport.

We rely on the continuing support of a willing group of volunteers. We are fortunate that there are a number of people that give freely of their time to ensure that our regattas run safely and professionally. Whether it is the huge task of running a national regatta or a small local event, there are always people that are keen to assist and we welcome any others that would like to join in and help.

Once again our Finance Manager Jim Gibson has devoted countless hours and considerable expertise to running the business of rowing. Jim has put our books in excellent shape, ensured we have a healthy bank balance and has preserved a healthy reserve to cover future upgrading and additions to our resources.

For a number of years Susan Stegmann has been efficiently managing RT's administration and also coordinating supplies of food etc to LBI. Susan is now handing on the administration/secretary responsibilities—we owe Susan a great debt of gratitude for her hard work and organisation skills.

Brian Brennan continues to put together a great program and spends many hours each regatta in creating that program. This is often a stressful and thankless task - clubs often fail to realise the extraordinary efforts that Brian goes to to accommodate the many different interest groups – it is a huge task and I thank Brian for his commitment to his role of Regatta Manager.

At our AGM it was a great pleasure to be able to present Bob Blake, John Oakley and George Homer with Life Membership of Rowing Tasmania. A 7.5 hour marathon council meeting followed on from the AGM, it was an opportunity to put in place plans for the coming season and to make a start on upgrading our data bases and communication tools. We are also in the process of redesigning all paperwork etc to incorporate the new logo. New, upgraded explanatory notes and “rules of LBI” will be published shortly and will feature on an upgraded web site.

A huge vote of thanks also goes to the many officials that freely give of their time to run our programs.

We have had a wonderful and successful year, the result of many hours of hard work by our volunteers, officials, coaches, supporters and of course our athletes. Rowing Tasmania is fortunate to have a very capable and cohesive council to administer the sport; it is a pleasure to work with such a willing and dedicated group. I congratulate you all on a fantastic year and join you in looking forward to the challenges of next season.

Peter Wade
President

Victoria

This season was one of reaping the rewards of past good work and strengthening the foundations for yet greater success.

We were fortunate to celebrate many Victorian champions. They will be mentioned elsewhere in this report but we do note their great work:

- 1 Drew Ginn—now a three time Olympic Champion, this time under extraordinary circumstances.
- 2 David Crawshay—Olympic Champion for the first time and it will not be the last.
- 3 James Marburg and Cameron McKenzie-McHarg - silver medallists in the M4- in a great race.
- 4 Alice McNamara—world champion in the lightweight quad.

The number of Victorians racing in or coaching Olympians was again excellent and special mention must be made of Chris O'Brien who again coached an Olympic Championship crew.

Back home at the Interstate Championships, Victoria was the most successful state but missed out on the King's Cup to a determined NSW crew to whom we extend our congratulations. Congratulations also to our Victorian team who performed so well and in particular to our winning women's eight, men's youth eight and men's sculler, David Crawshay. We also congratulate the Tasmanian Rowing Council on a well run regatta.

Administration

Over the past year, Rowing Victoria has completed several significant administrative changes to better provide our critical services and is well advanced with a review to strengthen our financial base.

- 1 We completed the take over of all development activities from grass roots to elite development. Development is now a fundamental activity of the Association and one which we are committed to do better and more extensively.

With that responsibility settled, the Association's activities are managed as planned into three distinct areas:

- (a) Corporate—under the control of our CEO Daniel Hutchinson. This area comprises dealing with Clubs and Schools,

Commissions, RA, State Government, sponsors, etc and being the leader of the Association and it's staff. It is a demanding and difficult task.

- (b) Events—under the control of Alice Evans. This is also a demanding role which has periods of enormous stress and activity.
- (c) Development—under the control of Richard Bartlett. This area is breaking ground and creating new and exciting programs.

With the settlement of the development changes, our relationship with the VIS has been defined with a new agreement with RV totally responsible for development and the VIS focussing on the top open athletes in the state.

- 2 Rowing Victoria has been the beneficiary of a business model based upon event management and management of domestic regattas. Alas, the opportunities for event management of national events going forward is reduced and the growth in entries at our regattas is lower than our growth in expenses. There is a widening of the gap between income and expenses which will become a growing and significant issue in subsequent seasons. Or expressed more bluntly, changes to our business model are required or fees increased. The latter is not appropriate and so a review of the business model is well underway.

Victorian Institute of Sport

We were pleased to enter into a long term agreement this year with the VIS for rowing to continue to be a VIS sport until 2014. The co-operation between RV and VIS is admirable and we look forward to this continuing.

Volunteer Recognition

The Association could not operate without the support of volunteers, whether umpires, regatta volunteers, commission members, board members and others.

Accordingly, last season saw the formation of the RV Awards Committee under the chairmanship of past President Peter Fraser. The other members of the committee are Roger Wilson OAM and the President for the time being of RV. This committee has proposed, and the Board have accepted, that RV creates a Hall of Fame and introduces the following two new awards:

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- 1 The William Waterfield Award—For outstanding service to Victorian rowing. Our life member William Waterfield has been a fine example of a person who has provided outstanding service to the sport in Victoria and has consented to having the award named in his honour.
 - 2 The Kath Bennett Award—For outstanding service to a rowing community in the sport in Victoria. The award is planned to capture those people who have done outstanding work in a club, regatta committee or region which has benefitted the sport. Kath Bennett is a fine example of such work in more than one area and has kindly consented to have this award named in her honour.

Both awards will be presented at the luncheon following the AGM. The Hall of Fame is still being worked on and will hopefully be inaugurated in 2010.

Whilst on awards, the Association congratulates Roger Wilson OAM on his award in the Queen's Birthday honour list. This award was well deserved and we are proud that one of our number has received such a high honour.

The Board, on the recommendation of the RV Awards Committee, has recommended that Eric Waller be elected a life member of the Association. This is a well deserved nomination, one we are very pleased to put before the annual general meeting.

MUBC 150th

We congratulate MUBC on celebrating their 150th anniversary in September this year. MUBC is a club which has been influential in the development of amateur rowing both in Victoria and Australia and is the oldest club still in existence in Australia. Mildura Rowing Club will celebrate their centenary in 2009.

Commissions

The work of the Association is devolved to a large extent to the Commissions. They comprise: Competition, Development, Masters, Media, Medical, Umpires and Waterways and Courses. The Commissions enable the Association to harness the expertise of our members and provide opportunities for those wanting to assist our work. Further development of the commissions is vital for the strength of the Association.

Next Season

Our focus in the next season is split amongst a number of vital tasks - running the National Championships, implementing the safety management plan, increasing participation at our regattas and improving our competition program, and taking our development activities to the next level. There is much to do and we look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

Andrew Guerin
President

Western Australia

Competition

RWA's oldest club, West Australian Rowing Club (WARC), won the 2009 Pennant competition from UWA Boat Club. WARC last won the title in 1966 and the success reflects the efforts of a well planned and managed inner-city club.

In recent years the title of Champion Club has been won successively by different Clubs, in contrast with almost complete dominance by Swan River from 1987 to 2006.

Participation

The number of rowers registered with RWA increased by 28% over the 2009 season. The number of recreational school rowers have also increased and most Clubs are reporting significant increases in the number of non-competitive members and masters rowers.

Three schools have adopted rowing programmes for the first time—two at Champion Lakes. Three Masters Regattas were conducted as part of RWA's assessment of the interest and viability in these dedicated events. Support by Masters was overwhelming, including from a significant number of competitors who do not compete in pennant regattas.

Champion Lakes

Grants to fund the further development of Champion Lakes have been made in the past twelve months. The City of Armadale was allocated a \$3.4 million infrastructure grant from the Federal Government to permit the completion of Stage 2 of the venue. Rowing Australia's submission for the same project no doubt assisted the decision.

Stage 2 encompasses foreshore stabilisation (completed) and the provision of a Finish Tower, Start Tower, Aligner's Hut and Start Pontoon. Designs have been completed and tenders called. Construction is required to be finished before June 2010.

Concurrently, RWA has received a State Government grant of \$225,000 and Local Government contribution of \$50,000 to fund the construction of boat storage facilities at Champion Lakes. Five storage bays should be completed by June 2010.

In 2009, Champion Lakes hosted all RWA (2000 metre) regattas and the schoolboy and schoolgirl Head of the River events. Popularity of Champion Lakes with other users is increasing steadily making planning essential to ensure access to the facilities.

Champion Lakes was proposed by Rowing Australia for the International Olympic Committee's Environmental Awards. Champion Lakes finished second to the New Zealand "Rainbow Project" which aims to host an environmentally sustainable 2010 FISA World Rowing Championships.

Governance

A review of the RWA Constitution, the first in over ten years, has led to changes recently adopted by Members. The amendments are focused on a new committee structure, direct involvement of clubs in the planning and conduct of regattas and the creation of new portfolios to meet future needs.

The RWA Rules of Racing have been amended to align with those of Rowing Australia.

Western Australian Institute of Sport

The WAIS Rowing programme has been reduced in size and by \$117,000 per annum. Talent identification, junior development and the NTID funding have been returned to RWA and its clubs. The WAIS programme at its zenith had a Head Coach, Senior Coach, Coach and two part time coaches. Under the new structure the programme has two coaches (one senior) and a programme manager and is to be reduced to a maximum of 14 athletes.

Stakeholders

Regular contact with the State Minister for Sport, Department of Sport and Recreation, WAIS and Healthway have enabled RWA to maintain and grow its relationship with these key stakeholders.

Craig James



World Championships Poznan 2009 — Medal Table

Rank	Nation	Total Gold Medals	Total Medals	Rank by total
1	GER	4	9	=1
2	NZL	4	5	=5
3	GBR	3	9	=1
4	USA	3	7	=3
5	UKR	3	4	=7
6	ITA	2	7	=3
7	POL	2	5	=5
8	FRA	1	4	=7
9	GRE	1	3	=11
10	NED	1	3	=11
11	BLR	1	2	=14
12	HKG	1	1	=17
12	SUI	1	1	=17
14	AUS	0	3	=11
15	ROU	2	2	=14
16	DEN	1	4	=7
17	CZE	0	3	=11
18	CAN	0	1	=17
19	BRA	0	1	=17
20	BUL	0	1	=17
20	EST	0	1	=17
20	SLO	0	1	=17
20	SRB	0	1	=17



World Championships, Poznan 2009 — Results by Event

W1X

Gold	BLR	7:26.52
Silver	GBR	7:13.57
Bronze	CZE	7:16.22

M1X

Gold	NZL	6:33.35
Silver	GBR	6:34.30
Bronze	CZE	6:38.53

LW1X

Gold	SUI	7:36.23
Silver	ITA	7:37.18
Bronze	DEN	7:37.42

LM1X

Gold	NZL	6:50.78
Silver	GRE	6:52.33
Bronze	DEN	6:56.25

W2X

Gold	POL	6:47.18	
Silver	GBR	6:48.82	
Bronze	BUL	6:50.16	
4th	AUS	6:52.18	[Savage, Kehoe]

M2X

Gold	GER	6:07.02
Silver	FRA	6:07.82
Bronze	EST	6:07.86

LW2X

Gold	GER	7:07.18	
Silver	POL	7:07.41	
Bronze	GBR	7:08.97	
5th	AUS	7:08.97	[McNamara, Watson]

LM2X

Gold	NZL	6:10.62
Silver	FRA	6:12.57
Bronze	ITA	6:15.08

W2-

Gold	USA	7:06.28	
Silver	ROU	7:06.64	
Bronze	NZL	7:06.94	
5th	AUS	7:09.25	[Crow, Cook]

M2-

Gold	NZL	6:15.93
Silver	GBR	6:17.45
Bronze	GRE	6:23.01

W4X

Gold	UKR	6:18.41
Silver	USA	6:21.54
Bronze	GER	6:24.27

M2+

Gold	USA	6:53.58
Silver	CZE	6:54.58
Bronze	GER	6:55.44

LW4X

Gold	GER	6:32.91
Silver	GBR	6:35.42
Bronze	USA	6:36.88

LM2-

Gold	FRA	6:29.63
Silver	ITA	6:31.40
Bronze	SRB	6:31.58

World Championships, Poznan 2009 — Results by Event continued...

W4-				M4X			
Gold	NED	6:31.34		Gold	POL	5:38.33	
Silver	USA	6:36.01		Silver	AUS	5:39.66	[Noonan, Crawshaw, Bidwell, Hudson]
Bronze	CAN	6:36.87		Bronze	GER	5:39.85	
4th	AUS	6:37.71	[Rose, Alderman, Osti, Robson]				
W8+				LM4X			
Gold	USA	6:05.34		Gold	ITA	5:47.50	
Silver	ROU	6:06.94		Silver	GER	5:49.89	
Bronze	NED	6:07.43		Bronze	DEN	5:51.67	
LTAMix4+				M4-			
Gold	GBR	3:25.33		Gold	GBR	5:47.28	
Silver	ITA	3:28.44		Silver	AUS	5:49.20	[Hegerty, McKenzie-McHarg, Marburg, Ryan]
Bronze	GER	3:28.90		Bronze	SLO	5:51.11	
6th	AUS	3:51.89	[Macphillamy, Siri, Cooke, Green, Brown]				
TAMix2x				LM4-			
Gold	UKR	4:03.96		Gold	GER	5:50.77	
Silver	BRA	4:04.80		Silver	DEN	5:51.02	
Bronze	POL	4:05.28		Bronze	POL	5:52.70	
				14th	AUS	6:43.91	[Tyers, Brown, Bertrand, Purcell]
ASW1x				LM8+			
Gold	UKR	5:25.17		Gold	ITA	5:33.92	
Silver	FRA	5:29.95		Silver	USA	5:37.15	
Bronze	BLR	5:34.45		Bronze	NED	5:39.63	
ASM1X				M8+			
Gold	GBR	4:51.48		Gold	GER	5:24.13	
Silver	UKR	5:07.37		Silver	CAN	5:27.15	
Bronze	AUS	5:12.11	[Houlison]	Bronze	NED	5:28.32	
				7th	AUS	5:31.72	[Allsop, Pragnell, Loch, Coudraye, Swann, Dunkley-Smith, Larkins, Lister]



Australian Senior World Championships Team — Results 2009

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	World Championships
M8+	ALLSOP	Richard	NSW	7th
	PRAGNELL	Fergus	NSW	7th
	LOCH	Sam	NSW	7th
	COUDRAY	Bryn	SA	7th
	SWANN	Thomas	VIC	7th
	ESTENS	Mitchell	NSW	7th
	DUNKLEY-SMITH	Joshua	VIC	7th
	LARKINS	Tom	VIC	7th
Cox	LISTER	Tobias	NSW	7th
Coach	DONALDSON	Noel	ACT	
M4x	NOONAN	Daniel	NSW	SILVER
	CRAWSHAY	David	VIC	SILVER
	BIDWELL	Jared	QLD	SILVER
	HUDSON	Nicholas	NSW	SILVER
Coach	DRIESSEN	John	TAS	
M4-	HEGERTY	Francis	NSW	SILVER
	McKENZIE-McHARG	Cameron	VIC	SILVER
	MARBURG	James	VIC	SILVER
	RYAN	Matthew	NSW	SILVER
Coach	CONRAD	Tim	QLD	
LM4-	TYERS	Angus	QLD	14th
	BROWN	Ross	WA	14th
	PURCELL	Darryn	QLD	14th
	BERTRAND	Thomas	VIC	14th
Coach	O'BRIEN	Chris	VIC	
W4-	ROSE	Emily	WA	4th
	ALDERMAN	Elizabeth	WA	4th
	OSTI	Laura	SA	4th
	ROBSON	Sophia	VIC	4th
Coach	BIESENTHAL	Laryssa	ACT	
W2-	COOK	Sarah	ACT	5th
	CROW	Kimberly	VIC	5th
Coach	BIESENTHAL	Laryssa	ACT	

Australian Senior World Championships Team — Results 2009 continued...

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	World Championships
W2x	SAVAGE	Pippa	QLD	4th
	KEHOE	Sally	QLD	4th
Coach	BOURGUIGNON	Phil	NSW	
LW2x	McNAMARA	Alice	VIC	5th
	WATSON	Bronwen	NSW	5th
Coach	RANDELL	Ellen	NSW	
LTAMix4+	MACPHILLAMY	Henry	NSW	6th
	SIRI	Peter	QLD	6th
	COOKE	Carol	VIC	6th
	GREEN	Alexandra	NSW	6th
Coxswain	BROWN	Lisa	VIC	6th
Coach	ALBISSER	Peter (Pedro)	NSW	
ASM1x	HOULISON	Ben	NSW	BRONZE
Coach	ALBISSER	Peter (Pedro)	NSW	



Australian Under 23 World Championships Team — Results 2009

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	World Championships
BM8+	DUNKLEY-SMITH	Joshua	VIC	4th
	GRANT	Rhys	WA	4th
	KINNEAR	Ned	SA	4th
	PURNELL	Nicholas	NSW	4th
	BREWER	Cameron	WA	4th
	SCHARP	Alexander	VIC	4th
	GOSWELL	James	NSW	4th
	LOCKWOOD	William	VIC	4th
Cox	WEBSTER	David	VIC	4th
Coach	AYLIFFE	Rhett	ACT	
BM4x	McRAE	James	SA	BRONZE
	BOLT	Matthew	SA	BRONZE
	WRIGHT	David	ACT	BRONZE
	BELONOGOFF	Alexander (Sasha)	QLD	BRONZE
Coach	SHEPHERD	Zoltan	SA	
BLM4-	WARD	Perry	WA	9th
	BERTRAND	Thomas	VIC	9th
	BUDD	Charles	NSW	9th
	WHITE	Edward	NSW	9th
Coach	TAIT	William	VIC	
BLM2x	FOOT	Alister	TAS	15th
	MORTON	Angus	QLD	15th
Coach	BATT	Ron	TAS	
BW4-	HILL	Jessica	VIC	9th
	HILL	Alexandra	VIC	9th
	LINDLEY	Philippa	QLD	9th
	KILBY	Louise	ACT	9th
Coach	WRIGHT	Ian	VIC	
BW4x	BAKER	Georgie	WA	8th
	CROWE	Alison	VIC	8th
	WALTERS	Charlotte	TAS	8th
	EDDINGTON	Peta-Lee	QLD	8th
Coach	MARCKS	Gordon	ACT	
BLW4x	BURRASTON	Lauren	ACT	BRONZE
	SCOBIE	Alison	QLD	BRONZE
	FLECKER	Ella	TAS	BRONZE
	KUKLA	Gabrielle	QLD	BRONZE
Coach	LANE	Jason	SA	



Australian Junior World Championships Team — Results 2009

Boat	Family Name	First Name	State	World Championships
JM4+	AMIES	Thomas	QLD	SILVER
	COLLINS	Samuel	WA	SILVER
	HICKS	Joshua	WA	SILVER
	MOORE	Angus	ACT	SILVER
Coxswain	ALLEN-DUCAT	Nicholas	QLD	SILVER
Coach	BOWES	John	QLD	
JM4-	GATTI	Thomas	WA	BRONZE
	BRIGHTHOPE	Daniel	VIC	BRONZE
	POULTER	Michael	VIC	BRONZE
	CHAPMAN	Thomas	TAS	BRONZE
Coach	MILNE	David	WA	
JM4x	PROSSER	David	WA	9th
	MORLEY	Benjamin	QLD	9th
	SMITH	Cameron	QLD	9th
	SNELSON	Louis	NSW	9th
Coach	HANDLEY	Lincoln	QLD	
JW4-	MOLSHER-JONES	Jessica	SA	GOLD
	WHITE	Peta	SA	GOLD
	VERMEERSCH	Hannah	WA	GOLD
	KASZYCKI	Anna	NSW	GOLD
Coach	TREE	Anna	SA	
JW4x	HAGAN	Alexandra	WA	SILVER
	EDMUNDS	Madeleine	QLD	SILVER
	HALL	Jessica	QLD	SILVER
	FOWLER	Amy	ACT	SILVER
Coach	JONES	Jamie	WA	



2009 Hydro Tasmania Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta

Lake Barrington, Tasmania, 2 – 8 March 2009

Event 1

Under 17 Women's Single Scull–8:35.29
Lismore
Sophie Dansie

Event 2

Under 17 Men's Single Scull–7:47.61
Newcastle Grammar
Matthew Filmer

Event 3

Under 19 Women's Single Scull–8:37.82
Bunbury Rowing Club
Alexandra Hagan

Event 4

Under 19 Men's Single Scull–8:19.29
Swan River Rowing Club/WAIS
David Watts

Event 5

Under 19 Women's Coxless Pair–8:43.02
Swan River/West Australian
Daisy De la Hunty, Jessie O'Mahony

Event 6

Under 19 Men's Coxless Pair–7:44.78
Bunbury/Swan River/WAIS
David Prosser, Tom Gatti

Event 7

Adaptive Men's Legs, Trunk and Arms Double
Scull–4:43.86
Yarra Yarra/Noosa
Nicholas Bisetto, Peter Siri

Event 9

Adaptive Women's Legs, Trunk and Arms Single
Scull–5:54.07
Mosman Rowing Club
Julia Veness-Collins

Event 10

Under 19 Women's Coxless Quad Scull–6:54.60
Brisbane & GPS/Commercial/Bunbury–QAS
Adelaide Dadic, Jessica Hall, Maddie Edmunds,
Alexandra Hagan

Event 11

Under 19 Men's Quad Scull–7:14.22
Bunbury/Grammarians/Surfers Paradise/Swan River
David Prosser, Benjamin Morley, Thomas McAuley,
David Watts

Event 12

Under 23 Women's Scull–8:47.40
UTS
Katja Hauser

Event 13

Open Women's Single Scull–8:25.94
Sydney University Women's Boat Club
Sally Kehoe

Event 14

Under 23 Men's Single Scull–7:37.02
Murray Bridge Rowing Club/SASI
James McRae

Event 15

Open Men's Single Scull–7:22.34
Mercantile Rowing Club/VIS
David Crawshay

Event 16

Under 23 Women's Coxless Pair–7:51.64
Australian National University Boat Club
Christabelle Northam, Louise Kilby

Event 17

Open Women's Coxless Pair–7:28.05
Mercantile/Melbourne University/VIS
Pauline Frasca, Phoebe Stanley

Event 18

Under 23 Men's Coxless Pair–6:45.01
Melbourne University/Mercantile
William Lockwood, Josh Dunkley-Smith

Event 19

Open Men's Coxless Pair–6:28.04
Melbourne University Boat Club/VIS
James Marburg, Cameron McKenzie-McHarg

2009 Hydro Tasmania Australian Rowing Championships continued ...

Event 20

Under 23 Women's Lightweight Single Scull-7:58.70
University of Queensland Boat Club/QAS
Alison Scobbie

Event 21

Open Women's Lightweight Single Scull-7:44.21
Sydney University Women's Boat Club/NSWIS
Bronwen Watson

Event 22

Under 23 Men's Lightweight Single Scull-7:10.01
Tamar Rowing Club/TIS
Alister Foot

Event 23

Open Men's Lightweight Single Scull-7:19.29
Swan River Rowing Club/WAIS
Todd Skipworth

Event 24

Under 23 Men's Lightweight Coxless Pair-7:04.68
Sydney University Boat Club
Edward White, Charles Budd

Event 25

Open Men's Lightweight Coxless Pair-6:51.84
North Esk/Tamar/TIS
Blair Tunevitsch, Dion Birtwistle

Event 26

Under 17 Women's Coxed Quad Scull-7:25.86
Corowa/Nagambie/ Geelong College
Addy Dunkley-Smith, Jennifer Cleary, Renee Tattersall,
Chloe Williams, Cox: Alex Tattersall

Event 27

Under 17 Men's Coxed Quad Scull-6:39.74
Newcastle Grammar
Tristan Barrie, Matthew Filmer, Jonathan Waugh,
Brandon Brown, Cox: Emily Matheson

Event 28

Under 19 Men's Coxless Four-6:35.43
Swan River/ANA/Bunbury/WAIS
David Prosser, Joshua Hicks, Sam Collins, Tom Gatti

Event 29

Under 19 Men's Coxed Four-7:06.82
West Australian
Zak Campbell, Michael Stott, Matthew Cochran, Sam
Hughes, Cox: Mieke Wevers

Event 30

Adaptive Women's Trunk and Arms Single Scull-5:20.64
The Lakes Rowers
Kathryn Ross

Event 32

Under 23 Women's Double Scull-7:41.63
ANA/University of WA/WAIS
Georgia Baker, Ashleigh Miles

Event 33

Open Women's Double Scull-7:27.24
Sydney University Women's/NSWIS
Sarah Cook, Sally Kehoe

Event 34

Under 23 Men's Double Scull-6:46.87
Adelaide University/Murray Bridge
James McRae, Matthew Bolt

Event 35

Open Men's Double Scull-6:39.32
Sydney Uni/Tamar/NSWIS
Brendan Long, Nicholas Hudson

Event 36

Under 23 Women's Lightweight Double Scull-7:53.21
University of Queensland/QAS
Catriona Rose, Alison Scobbie

Event 37

Under 23 Men's Lightweight Double Scull-7:55.82
Mercantile/Melbourne University/VIS
Angus Tyers, Tommy Bertrand

Event 38

Open Women's Lightweight Double Scull-7:27.11
Sydney University Women's/Melbourne University/
NSWIS
Alice McNamara, Bronwen Watson

Event 39

Open Men's Lightweight Double Scull-7:00.11
University of Queensland
Angus Morton, Chris Bigg

Event 40

Under 19 Women's Eight-7:13.21
ANA/Swan River/West Australian
Maddison Jones, Rosie Burton, Nichola Foster,
Chentelle Jones, Jessie O'Mahony, Daisy De la Hunty,
Jessica Watts, Hannah Jansen, Cox: Hannah Sutton

2009 Hydro Tasmania Australian Rowing Championships continued ...

Event 41

Under 19 Men's Eight-6:26.52
Scotch College
Alistair McLean, Alex King, Andrew Emmett, Henry Thomas, Hamish Houghton, Harrison Casey, Jonny O'Brien, Damien Lipshut, Cox: Stuart Sim

Event 42

Under 23 Women's Coxless Four-8:07.95
Commercial
Charlotte Travers, Clare Gilbride, Fiona Albert, Leah Billing

Event 43

Under 23 Men's Coxless Four-6:19.87
Melbourne University
James Adams, Simon Booth, William Lockwood, Daniel Sweeney

Event 44

Open Women's Coxless Four-7:18.85
Melbourne University/Sydney University Women's/
Mercantile/VIS
Pauline Frasca, Phoebe Stanley, Elizabeth Kell, Sarah Heard

Event 45

Open Men's Coxless Four-6:21.77
Sydney Composite/AIS
Tom Larkins, Tom Swann, Fergus Pragnell, Dominic Grimm

Event 46

Under 23 Women's Lightweight Quad Scull-7:33.76
St George/Nepean/UTS Inc/NSWIS
Katharine McKeever, Laura Dunn, Alison Smith, Jacky Peile

Event 47

Under 23 Men's Lightweight Coxless Four-6:29.57
Mercantile/Melbourne University/VIS
James Wilson, James Osborne, Angus Tyers, Tommy Bertrand

Event 48

Open Women's Lightweight Quad Scull-6:57.45
Melbourne University/Sydney University Women's/
Torrens/NSWIS
Maja Fiddler, Yasmin Burraston, Bronwen Watson,
Stroke: Alice McNamara

Event 49

Open Men's Lightweight Coxless Four-6:59.35
North Esk/Tamar/Lindisfarne/TIS
Nicholas Baker, Shaun Finlayson, Blair Tunevitsch, Dion Birtwistle

Event 50

Under 23 Men's Coxed Four-7:19.53
Sydney Composite-AIS/QAS
Jonathon Trovas, Shane Jackson, Richard Allsop,
Dominic Grimm, Cox: Daniel Licastro

Event 51

Open Men's Coxed Four-7:19.37
Mercantile/VIS
Josh Hooper, Lachlan McKinnon, Christopher Riddell,
Alistar Taylor, Cox: David McGrath

Event 52

Under 17 Women's Double Scull-8:52.90
Bundaberg/Centenary
Chloe Hill, Sophie Jarvis

Event 53

Under 19 Women's Double Scull-8:31.54
Bunbury/Commercial/QAS
Maddie Edmunds, Alexandra Hagan

Event 54

Under 17 Men's Double Scull-8:24.59
Rockhampton Grammar
Joseph McLachlan, Matthew Crouch

Event 55

Under 19 Men's Double Scull-7:57.09
Swan River/West Australian/WAIS
Matthew Cochran, David Watts

Event 56

Under 19 Women's Coxless Four-8:02.96
Torrens/Annesley College
Peta White, Jessica Molsher-Jones, Emma Basher,
Olympia Aldersey

Event 57

Under 23 Women's Quad Scull-7:37.76
ANA/Swan River/UTS Inc/University of WA/WAIS
Georgia Baker, Katja Hauser, Brittany Mann, Ashleigh Miles

2009 Hydro Tasmania Australian Rowing Championships continued ...

Event 58

Under 23 Men's Quad Scull-6:29.84
Adelaide/Adelaide University/Murray Bridge
James McRae, Matthew Bolt, Ned Kinnear, Tom Shelton

Event 60

Adaptive Women's Arms Only Single Scull-10:20.30
Pembroke School
Melissa Leckie

Event 61

Open Women's Eight-7:38.21
Melbourne University/VIS
Alice McNamara, Sylvie Withers, Alexandra Hill, Sophie Robson, Jessica Hill, Phoebe Stanley, Kimberly Crow, Sarah Heard, Cox: Elizabeth Patrick

Event 62

Open Men's Lightweight Eight-6:59.81
North Esk/Tamar/Lindisfarne/Tasmanian University/
TIS
William Rafferty, Mark Rippon, Nicholas Baker, Michael Egan, Alister Foot, Shaun Finlayson, Blair Tunevitsch, Dion Birtwistle, Cox: Nicholas Edwards

Event 63

Adaptive Women's Legs, Trunk and Arms Double
Scull-5:52.82
Penrith/Yarra Yarra
Carol Cooke, Julia Veness-Collins

Event 64

Adaptive Men's Legs, Trunk and Arms Single Scull
Division 2-3:59.65
Nestles
Aaron Skinner

Event 65

Adaptive Men's Legs, Trunk and Arms Single-5:39.21
Murray Bridge
Sam Redding

Event 66

Open Men's Lightweight Quad Scull-6:44.90
Sydney University/University of Queensland
Angus Morton, Charles Budd, Edward White, Edward De Carvalho

Event 67

Open Women's Quad Scull-7:22.06
Banks Composite-AIS/QAS
Megan Bagworth, Sarah Eke, Emma McCarthy, Lisa Szatsznajder

Event 68

Open Men's Quad Scull-6:32.47
Mosman/Tamar/Sydney University/NSWIS
Nicholas Hudson, Kieran Kobelke, Brendan Long, Daniel Noonan

Event 69

Under 23 Women's Eight-7:10.74
Uni WA/Canberra/UTS Inc/Bunbury/Sydney
University Women's/Adelaide University/ANA
Ashleigh Miles, Laura Osti, Charlotte Walters, Georgia Baker, Alexandra Hagan, Katja Hauser, Amy Fowler, Emily Rose, Cox: Connor McCombe

Event 70

Under 23 Men's Eight-6:06.55
Sydney University/NSWIS
Ryan Edwards, Will Gilbert, Mitchell Estens, Andrew Conolly, Nick Purnell, James Goswell, Alistair Matthews, Richard Allsop, Cox: Toby Lister

Event 73

Schoolgirl Single Scull-9:06.91
St Margaret's AGS/QAS
Maddie Edmunds

Event 74

Schoolboy Single Scull-8:09.73
Trinity College/WAIS
David Watts

Event 75

Schoolgirl Coxed Four-8:05.99
Launceston Church Grammar
Elizabeth Archer, Josephine Gibson, Ciona Wilson, Annabelle Gibson, Cox: Louisa Rostron

Event 76

Schoolboy Coxed Four-7:27.49
Ballarat High
Lachlan Meerbach, James Warke, Daniel Hobbs, Matt Jeffery, Tessa Fraumano, Glenn Kallio

2009 Hydro Tasmania Australian Rowing Championships continued ...

Event 77

Schoolgirl Coxed Quad Scull–7:38.51
Sacred Heart College–Geelong
Ailish Ryan, Louise Blake, Julia Amezdroz, Sophie Gove,
Cox: Mietta Bitton

Event 78

Schoolboy Coxed Quad Scull–6:33.41
Canberra Grammar
Daniel Del Rio, Joshua Bruce, Angus Moore, Mathew
Barnier, Cox: Nicholas Purnell

Event 79

Schoolboy Under 17 Eight–6:18.71
Scotch College
Tim Light, Alex Strathmore, Chris Watts, Charlie Booth,
James Croxford, Matt Hancock, Ned Walmsley, Adam
Brown, Cox: Henry Bailey

Event 80

Interstate Women's Single Scull–7:46.46
Queensland
Sally Kehoe

Event 81

Interstate Men's Single Scull–6:54.64
Victoria
David Crawshay

Event 82

Interstate Women's Lightweight Coxless Quad
Scull–6:36.97
Tasmania
Emily Grant, Ella Flecker, Carly Cottam, Ingrid Fenger

Event 83

Interstate Men's Lightweight Coxless Four–6:12.81
Western Australia
Perry Ward, Tom Nicholls, Ross Brown, Todd
Skipworth,

Event 84

Schoolgirl Eight–6:46.56
St Michael's Collegiate School
Georgia Nesbitt, Sarah Marshall, Anna Sansom, Ashlee
Palmer, Georgia Simpson, Charlotte Harvey, Maria De
Groot, Eve Mure, Cox: Alison Herbert

Event 85

Schoolboy Eight–5:49.71
Melbourne Grammar
Jordan Hooper, Sam Hookaway, Benjamin Coombs,
William Hannemann, Matthew Ridgeway, Charles
Risbey, Tim Masters, Stephen Blakeney, Cox: Lachlan
Carter

Event 86

Interstate Women's Youth Eight–6:24.25
Queensland
Leah Billing, Fiona Albert, Charlotte Travers, Jennifer
Krippner, Maddie Edmunds, Hannah O'Loughlin,
Jessica Hall, Francesca Paterson, Cox: Elizabeth
Salisbury,

Event 87

Interstate Men's Youth Eight–5:43.87
Victoria
Lachlan McKenzie, Michael Poulter, Zachary Smith,
Jack Maccioli, Thomas Simpson, Daniel Sweeney, Daniel
Brighthope, Josh Dunkley-Smith, Cox: Amelia Agosta

Event 88

Interstate Women's Eight–6:17.24
Victoria
Sophie Robson, Emy Huntsman, Joanna Gray, Lisa
Szatsznajder, Alison Crowe, Phoebe Stanley, Pauline
Frasca, Sarah Heard, Cox: Elizabeth Patrick

Event 89

Interstate Men's Eight–5:30.80
New South Wales
Terrence Alfred, Richard Allsop, Dominic Grimm,
Nicholas Hudson, Samuel Loch, Daniel Noonan, Fergus
Pragnell, Matthew Ryan, Cox: Toby Lister

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Results and Dividends

The profit after income tax amounted to \$1,778,234 (2008: Loss \$747,556). The Company is Limited by Guarantee and is prohibited from paying dividends. The Company is exempt from income tax.

Review of Operations

During the year ended 30 June 2009 the Company continued to administer the Sport of Rowing in Australia. The profit derived will be utilised in establishing reserves for the current quadrennium and preparing athletes for the London Olympic Games in 2012.

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
- 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 State, Federal or Territory environmental regulation.

Matters Subsequent to Balance Date

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2009, 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.

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 as at the 30 June 2009.

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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 2009.

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

Director:



P J McNamara

Director:



D B England

Dated at Melbourne: 28 October 2009

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**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 year ended 30 June 2009 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

G M STENHOUSE
Partner

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory
Dated: 28 October 2009

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INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
Revenue	4	6,069,903	5,058,815
Administration Expenses		(709,050)	(613,466)
Competition Expenses		(137,600)	(76,201)
Development Expenses		(189,067)	(67,334)
High Performance Expenses		(3,098,147)	(4,866,328)
Rowing Online Management System Expenses		(21,843)	(34,802)
Adaptive Program Expenses		(135,962)	(148,240)
Profit/(Loss) Before Income Tax		1,778,234	(747,556)
Income Tax Expense	7	-	-
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		<u>1,778,234</u>	<u>(747,556)</u>

The Income Statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statement set out on pages 62–75

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	8	1,911,040	901,852
Trade and Other Receivables	9	96,235	63,547
Inventories	10	13,313	24,256
Prepayments	11	730,110	613,823
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,750,698</u>	<u>1,603,478</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	12	26,621	33,108
Intangible Assets	13	22,480	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>49,101</u>	<u>33,108</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>2,799,799</u>	<u>1,636,586</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	14	673,381	1,285,629
Provisions	15	83,982	86,755
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>757,363</u>	<u>1,372,384</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>757,363</u>	<u>1,372,384</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>2,042,436</u>	<u>264,202</u>
EQUITY			
Members' Funds	16	-	-
Retained Earnings	17	2,042,436	264,202
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>2,042,436</u>	<u>264,202</u>

The Balance Sheet is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statement set out on pages 62–75

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	Note	2009	2008
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from Grants		4,680,377	4,433,570
Receipts from Other Organisations and Persons		747,394	993,285
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(4,493,051)	(5,734,271)
Interest Received		82,033	64,781
Net Cash Provided by / (Used in) Operating Activities	21(a)	<u>1,016,753</u>	<u>(242,635)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for Property, Plant & Equipment		<u>(7,565)</u>	<u>(22,049)</u>
Net Cash (Used in) / Provided by Investing Activities		<u>(7,565)</u>	<u>(22,049)</u>
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		1,009,188	(264,684)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>901,852</u>	<u>1,166,536</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	21(b)	<u><u>1,911,040</u></u>	<u><u>901,852</u></u>

The Cash Flow Statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statement set out on pages 62–75

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	Members'	Retained	Total
	Funds	Earnings	Equity
	\$	\$	\$
At 1 July 2007	-	-	-
Accumulated Funds from Rowing Australia Inc.	-	1,011,758	1,011,758
(Loss) for the Year	-	(747,556)	(747,556)
At 30 June 2008	-	264,202	264,202
Profit for the Year	-	1,778,234	1,778,234
At 30 June 2009	-	2,042,436	2,042,436

The Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statement set out on pages 62–75

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1 CORPORATE INFORMATION

The financial report of Rowing Australia Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 30 June 2009 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors ("the Board") on 28 October 2009.

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 SIGNIFICANT 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) Statement of Compliance

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, which include Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ("AIFRS"). Compliance with AIFRS ensures that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and note thereto, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

(c) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

The Australian Accounting Standards Board has issued new, revised and amended standards and interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods. The Company has decided against early adoption of these standards.

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2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(c) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted (continued)

AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 2007-8: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB101, and AASB 2007-10: Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 101 (all applicable to annual reporting periods commencing from 1 January 2009). The revised AASB 101 and amendments supersede the previous AASB 101 and redefines the composition of financial statements including the inclusion of a statement of comprehensive income. There will be no measurement or recognition impact on the Company. If an entity has made a prior period adjustment or reclassification, a third balance sheet as at the beginning of the comparative period will be required.

(d) 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 is initially recognised as income in advance in the balance sheet and revenue is recognised as services are performed or conditions fulfilled.

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 and is included as revenue at the date control of the asset passes to the buyer, usually when an unconditional contract of sale is signed.

(e) Income Tax

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

(f) 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.

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2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(g) Trade and Other Receivables

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

(h) Inventories

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

(i) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation 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.

(j) Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are stated at cost, less any accumulated amortisation and any impairment in value.

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

(k) 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.

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2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(l) 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 within 12 months of year-end are disclosed as current liabilities. 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.

(m) 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 Cash Flow Statement 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.

(n) 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.

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2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(n) Financial Instruments (continued)

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.

(o) 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.

(p) 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.

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2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(p) Impairment of Non-Financial Assets (continued)

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.

(q) Comparative Figures

The financial statements cover the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. The comparative figures cover the twelve month period to 30 June 2008.

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

(r) Economic Dependence

The Company is dependent on the Australian Sports Commission ("the Commission") for the majority of its revenue. At the date of this report the Board has no reason to believe the Commission will not continue to support the Company.

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

The Board 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 trade and other receivables.

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

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	2009	2008
	\$	\$

3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Credit Risk (continued)

The Company has a specific provision of \$35,434 to cover potential losses that may arise from impairment of the trade and other receivable balances. The Board deems this provision to be adequate.

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.

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.

4 REVENUE

Grants

Australian Sports Commission (ASC)		
High Performance	3,606,600	3,606,600
Sport Development	89,400	89,400
Talent Search	140,000	137,000
Beijing Athlete Program	-	110,000
Project Connect	20,000	20,000
Elite Development Coach Program	12,000	20,000
Direct Athlete Support	375,000	-
Australian Olympic Committee (AOC)	222,525	180,000
Australian Paralympic Committee (APC)	191,250	181,250
Australian Institute of Sports (AIS)	23,602	29,320
Accreditation Fees & Education Income	13,327	15,482
Affiliation Fees	89,240	102,444
Beijing Supporters Tour	43,336	-

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	2009	2008
	\$	\$
4 REVENUE (CONTINUED)		
Currency Fluctuations	7,368	3,796
Conference Income	138,211	-
Interest Received	82,033	64,781
International Competition Contributions	638,488	389,284
Insurance Recovery	13,126	14,452
Masters' Regatta Fees & Levies	4,880	3,500
National Championships Hosting Fees	16,756	-
Rowing Online Management System (ROMS) Usage Fees	19,377	15,100
Sales Income	32,968	38,921
Sponsorship Income	-	30,000
Loan Impairment - Australian International Rowing Foundation	284,816	-
Web Hosting Contribution	1,500	4,500
Sundry Income	4,100	2,985
Total Revenue	<u>6,069,903</u>	<u>5,058,815</u>
5 REVENUES AND EXPENSES		
(a) Other Income/Expenses		
Profit/(Loss) on Disposal of Office & Computer Equipment	-	(526)
(b) Finance Income / (Costs)		
Bank Interest Receivable	<u>82,033</u>	<u>64,781</u>
(c) Employee Benefits Expense		
Wages and Salaries	675,193	629,684
Workers' Compensation	14,734	10,108
Superannuation	54,886	49,034
Annual Leave Expense	(21,245)	10,359
Long Service Leave Expense	18,472	-
Total Employee Benefits Expense	<u>742,040</u>	<u>699,185</u>
6 AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION		
RSM Bird Cameron:		
Audit of the Financial Statements	<u>10,900</u>	<u>12,000</u>
7 INCOME TAX EXPENSE		

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

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	2009	2008
	\$	\$
8 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
CURRENT		
Cash at Bank	1,881,659	886,929
Cash on Hand	29,381	14,923
	<u>1,911,040</u>	<u>901,852</u>
9 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
CURRENT		
Trade Debtors	112,891	53,532
Provision for Doubtful Debts	(35,434)	(500)
Other Receivables	18,778	10,515
	<u>96,235</u>	<u>63,547</u>
10 INVENTORIES		
CURRENT		
Coaching Resources	12,179	16,758
Promotional Merchandise	1,134	3,426
Oars	-	4,072
	<u>13,313</u>	<u>24,256</u>
11 PREPAYMENTS		
CURRENT		
International Competition Expenses	713,119	545,362
Other	16,991	68,461
	<u>730,110</u>	<u>613,823</u>
12 PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
NON-CURRENT		
Office & Computer Equipment - At Cost	111,185	103,620
Accumulated Depreciation	(84,564)	(70,512)
	<u>26,621</u>	<u>33,108</u>

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	2009	2008
	\$	\$
12 PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)		
PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT - MOVEMENTS		
Office & Computer Equipment		
Carrying Amount at Beginning of Year	33,108	21,319
Additions	7,565	22,049
Disposals	-	(543)
Depreciation - Written-back	-	18
- Expense	(14,052)	(9,735)
Carrying Amount at End of Year	<u>26,621</u>	<u>33,108</u>
13 INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
NON-CURRENT		
Software Development - At Cost	24,358	-
Accumulated Amortisation	(1,878)	-
	<u>22,480</u>	<u>-</u>
14 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
CURRENT		
<i>Income Received in Advance</i>		
International Competition	463,290	557,934
AOC	-	60,000
Coaches Conference	-	42,346
Other	12,931	23,602
Amounts Payable to Australian International Rowing Foundation	-	259,455
Trade Creditors	103,059	286,791
GST Payable	36,578	25,600
Accruals	46,159	14,344
Other Amounts Payable	11,364	15,557
	<u>673,381</u>	<u>1,285,629</u>
15 PROVISIONS		
CURRENT		
Provision for Annual Leave	65,510	86,755
Provision for Long Service Leave	18,472	-
	<u>83,982</u>	<u>86,755</u>

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	2009 \$	2008 \$
16 MEMBERS' FUNDS		
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 2009 the number of Members was 7 (2008: 7).		
17 RETAINED EARNINGS		
Retained Earnings at Beginning of the Financial Year	264,202	-
Accumulated Funds from Rowing Australia Inc.	-	1,011,758
Profit/(Loss) for the Year	1,778,234	(747,556)
Retained Earnings at End of the Financial Year	<u>2,042,436</u>	<u>264,202</u>
Assets & Liabilities taken over from Rowing Australia Inc. include the following:		
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>-</u>	<u>1,011,758</u>

18 KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL DISCLOSURES

Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel include the Directors as disclosed in the Directors' Report together with the Company Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, Mr A B Dee.

The key management personnel compensation included in employee benefits was:

Short term employee benefits	169,668	161,082
Post employment employee benefits	14,199	13,300
Total	<u>183,867</u>	<u>174,382</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 for services to the Company on normal commercial terms.

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	2009	2008
	\$	\$

19 SEGMENT REPORTING

The Company operates from Canberra in the Australian Capital Territory to administer the Sport of Rowing in Australia.

20 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	1,911,040	901,852
Trade and Other Receivables	96,235	63,547
	<u>2,007,275</u>	<u>965,399</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

The Company has a specific provision of \$35,434 to cover potential losses that may arise from impairment of trade and other receivable balances.

(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 2009	Balance Sheet	Contractual Cash Flows	6 Months or Less	6-12 Months	1-2 Years	2-5 Years
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade and other payables	673,381	(673,381)	(673,381)	-	-	-
	<u>673,381</u>	<u>(673,381)</u>	<u>(673,381)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
30 June 2008	Balance Sheet	Contractual Cash Flows	6 Months or Less	6-12 Months	1-2 Years	2-5 Years
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
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>

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	2009	2008
	\$	\$
20 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)		
(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:		
<i>Fixed Rate Instruments</i>		
Financial Assets	-	-
Financial Liabilities	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Variable Rate Instruments</i>		
Financial Assets	1,881,659	886,929
Financial Liabilities	-	-
	<u>1,881,659</u>	<u>886,929</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.

Fair Value Sensitivity Analysis for Variable Rate Instruments

An increase of 100 basis points in interest rates would have increased the Company's equity and profit by \$18,817.

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	2009	2008
	\$	\$
21 CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
(a) Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Profit/(Loss) after Income Tax		
Profit/(Loss) after Income Tax	1,778,234	(747,556)
Non-Cash Flows and Non-Operating Items in Profit/(Loss):		
Depreciation and Amortisation	15,930	9,734
Doubtful Debts	34,934	-
Loss on Sale of Non-Current Assets	-	526
Impairment of Loan	(284,816)	-
Changes in Assets & Liabilities:		
(Increase) / Decrease in Receivables	(67,622)	27,589
Decrease / (Increase) in Inventories	10,943	12,137
(Increase) / Decrease in Prepayments	(116,287)	30,264
(Decrease) / Increase in Creditors	(144,129)	9,080
(Decrease) / Increase in Income in Advance	(207,661)	405,232
(Decrease) / Increase in Provisions	(2,773)	10,359
Net Cash Provided by / (Used in) Operating Activities	<u>1,016,753</u>	<u>(242,635)</u>

(b) Reconciliation of Cash

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash includes cash and at call deposits with banks, and investments in money market instruments. Cash at the end of financial year as shown in the cash flow statement is reconciled to the related item in the balance sheet as follows:

Cash at Bank	1,881,659	886,929
Cash on Hand	29,381	14,923
	<u>1,911,040</u>	<u>901,852</u>

22 ENTITY INFORMATION

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

23 MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

Since the end of the financial year no matters or circumstances not otherwise dealt with in the financial report that have significantly or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs in subsequent financial years.

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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 5 to 22 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 2009 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
 - (iii) the financial report also complies with International Reporting Standards as disclosed in Note 2(b).
- (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 at Melbourne: 28 October 2009

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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 2009 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 2009 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

GM Stenhouse

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Partner

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory
Dated: 28 October 2009

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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 2009. 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
Chartered Accountants



G M STENHOUSE
Partner

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ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT ADMINISTRATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
SALES REVENUE		
Promotional Merchandise	2,070	7,310
Cost of Goods Sold	2,224	9,515
Gross (Loss)	<u>(154)</u>	<u>(2,205)</u>
INCOME		
Affiliation Fees - State Associations	89,240	90,000
- ROMS	-	12,444
High Performance Recovery	440,000	397,000
Interest Received	82,033	64,781
Beijing Supporters Tour	43,336	-
Sponsorship	-	30,000
Currency Fluctuations	7,368	3,796
Loan Impairment - Australian International Rowing Foundation	284,816	-
Sundry Income	57	632
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION INCOME	<u>946,850</u>	<u>598,653</u>
EXPENSES		
Accountancy Fees	12,212	1,890
Annual Report Production	2,521	5,205
Amortisation	1,878	-
Apparel & Gifts	2,930	2,774
Audit Fees	10,900	12,000
Bank & Credit Card Charges	3,208	4,890
Cleaning Services	3,831	3,754
Computer & Software Expenses	22,918	20,046
Consulting Fees	5,000	-
Depreciation	14,052	9,735
Doubtful Debts	34,934	-
Electricity	3,814	3,238
Entertainment	175	1,536
FISA Congresses	8,021	-
FISA Fees	2,799	1,967
FISA Meetings	3,000	3,000
General Expenses	2,725	1,001
Gross Loss - Promotional Merchandise	154	2,205
Insurance	42,770	37,226
Legal & Corporate Affairs	5,469	6,390

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ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Meals and Catering	2,444	398
Media & Communication	47,887	52,360
Meeting Expenses	49,964	56,611
Photocopier	3,172	2,102
Postage	5,741	4,487
Printing & Stationery	8,598	7,513
Rent	36,000	34,893
Repairs & Maintenance	-	1,285
ROMS Affiliation Fee	-	12,444
Staff Amenities	1,363	1,575
Staff Costs	287,661	247,770
Staff Recruitment	110	210
Staff Training and Development	369	-
Storage	2,922	2,738
Telephone	18,703	18,382
Travel & Accommodation	11,765	19,800
Website	9,395	11,855
Workers' Compensation	14,735	10,108
World Championship Expenses	22,840	17,212
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	706,980	618,600
NET OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) ADMINISTRATION	239,870	(19,947)

This statement has not been audited.

ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT COMPETITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
INCOME		
ASC Grant	29,400	23,000
APC Grant	10,000	-
AOC Grant - Australian Youth Olympic Festival	29,769	-
National Championship - Hosting Fees	16,756	-
Masters Regatta - Staging Fees	4,880	3,500
TOTAL COMPETITION INCOME	90,805	26,500
EXPENSES		
Australian Rowing Championships Review	-	13,577
Australian Youth Olympic Festival	18,865	-
Committee Expenses	439	3,598
Competition Director Allowance	1,000	1,000
FISA Masters Bid	-	9,275
General Expenses	-	53
Masters Regatta	4,873	6,526
National Championship	35,616	26,209
Staff Costs	72,478	13,824
Travel & Accommodation	4,329	2,139
TOTAL COMPETITION EXPENSES	137,600	76,201
NET OPERATING (LOSS) COMPETITION	(46,795)	(49,701)

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ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT DEVELOPMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
SALES REVENUE		
Coaching Merchandise	30,898	31,611
Cost of Goods Sold	16,284	12,205
Gross Profit	<u>14,614</u>	<u>19,406</u>
INCOME		
Gross Profit - Coaching Merchandise	14,614	19,406
Accreditation Fees	13,327	15,482
ASC Grant - Development	60,000	60,000
Coaches Conference	138,211	-
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT INCOME	<u>226,152</u>	<u>94,888</u>
EXPENSES		
Accreditation	2,500	3,127
Coaches Conference	108,819	-
Development Officers' Forum	1,639	-
General Expenses	489	-
NCAS Resource Development	2,035	2,727
NCAS Review Implementation	3,164	-
Staff Costs	52,205	46,078
Travel & Accommodation	1,932	3,197
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES	<u>172,783</u>	<u>55,129</u>
NET OPERATING PROFIT DEVELOPMENT	<u><u>53,369</u></u>	<u><u>39,759</u></u>

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ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT HIGH PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
INCOME		
<i>ASC Grants</i>		
High Performance	3,606,600	3,606,600
Talent Search	140,000	137,000
Beijing Athlete Program	-	110,000
Direct Athlete Support	375,000	-
Elite Development Coach Program	12,000	20,000
AOC Grant	192,756	180,000
AIS Grant	23,602	29,320
Insurance Recovery	13,126	14,452
International Competition Contributions	638,488	385,994
Sundry Income	4,043	2,353
TOTAL HIGH PERFORMANCE INCOME	5,005,615	4,485,719
EXPENSES		
AIS Talent Search Program	140,000	137,073
Beijing Athlete Program	38,557	70,706
Boat Storage & Costs	8,267	7,942
Camps & Regattas	72,991	233,222
Commissions & Committees	28,793	18,320
Direct Athlete Support	116,750	300,850
Donation to the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust	-	50,000
Elite Coach Development Program	7,968	8,367
General Expenses	8,196	1,866
Insurance	21,214	26,400
International Boatman	28,617	27,281
International Competition	1,114,057	2,348,404
International Consultant	-	4,825
International Travel Subsidy - Coaches	29,925	30,100
- Selector	427	4,599
Legal Fees	36,290	34,920
Management & Coaching	469,231	438,191
Motor Vehicle Costs	7,215	17,459
National Elite Development Program	350,878	397,500
National Training Centres	655,458	658,076
Principle Medical Officer	11,800	11,800
Quadrennial Agreement	81,515	47,558
Rower of the Year	22,951	9,267
Selectors' Allowance	3,636	4,870
Staff Costs	263,865	341,597

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DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT HIGH PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Travel & Accommodation	3,936	8,914
World Championships Media Coverage	-	8,316
Youth Cup	15,610	14,905
TOTAL HIGH PERFORMANCE EXPENSES	3,538,147	5,263,328
NET OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) HIGH PERFORMANCE	1,467,468	(777,609)

This statement has not been audited.

ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT ROWING ONLINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Affiliation Fees	-	12,444
Entry Fee	19,377	15,100
Website Hosting Contribution	1,500	4,500
TOTAL ROWING ONLINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM INCOME	20,877	32,044
EXPENSES		
General Expenses	2,286	213
Operational & Administrative Support	15,000	15,000
Repayment of Development Costs	-	12,444
Telephone	1,210	1,125
Travel & Accommodation	3,347	2,448
Website Expenses	-	3,572
TOTAL ROWING ONLINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM EXPENSES	21,843	34,802
NET OPERATING (LOSS) ROWING ONLINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	(966)	(2,758)

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ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT ADAPTIVE PROGRAM

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
INCOME		
APC Grant	181,250	181,250
ASC Grant - Development	-	6,400
- Project Connect	20,000	20,000
International Competition Contributions	-	3,290
TOTAL ADAPTIVE PROGRAM INCOME	201,250	210,940
EXPENSES		
Australian Rowing Championships Classification	420	420
Adaptive Implementation Budget	5,394	-
Camps & Regattas	28,791	58,975
Direct Athlete Support	3,150	-
General Expenses	1,128	166
Head Coach Retainer	3,750	-
International Competition	13,151	54,913
Donation to the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust	43,100	-
Meeting Expenses	283	481
Staff Costs	33,836	32,308
Travel & Accommodation	2,959	977
TOTAL ADAPTIVE PROGRAM EXPENSES	135,962	148,240
NET OPERATING PROFIT ADAPTIVE PROGRAM	65,288	62,700

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**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	Note	2009	2008
		\$	\$
Revenue	3	32,580	32,493
Depreciation		(27,862)	(24,241)
Loss on Sale of Non-Current Assets		-	(3,873)
Other Expenses		(573)	(366)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		4,145	4,013

The Income Statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statement set out on pages 93–97

**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	301,184	286,994
Trade and Other Receivables	5	21,301	3,923
Inventories	6	13,062	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>335,547</u>	<u>290,917</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	7	182,470	135,314
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>182,470</u>	<u>135,314</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>518,017</u>	<u>426,231</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	8	45,267	726
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>45,267</u>	<u>726</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>45,267</u>	<u>726</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>472,750</u>	<u>425,505</u>
EQUITY			
Trust Capital		10	10
Accumulated Funds	9	472,740	425,495
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>472,750</u>	<u>425,505</u>

The Balance Sheet is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statement set out on pages 93–97

**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from Organisations and Persons		24,107	23,717
Payments to Organisations and Persons		(14,361)	(1,942)
Gift from Rowing Australia Limited		-	50,000
Interest Received		5,865	11,283
Net Cash Provided by / (Used in) Operating Activities	10(a)	<u>15,611</u>	<u>83,058</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payment for Property, Plant & Equipment		(1,421)	(80,983)
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant & Equipment		-	27,793
Net Cash (Used in) / Provided by Investing Activities		<u>(1,421)</u>	<u>(53,190)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment to Related Parties		-	-
Net Cash (Used in) / Provided by Financing Activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		14,190	29,868
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>286,994</u>	<u>257,126</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	10(b)	<u><u>301,184</u></u>	<u><u>286,994</u></u>

The Cash Flow Statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statement set out on pages 93–97

**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	Trust Capital \$	Accumulated Funds \$	Total Equity \$
At 1 July 2007	10	371,482	371,492
Profit for the Year	-	4,013	4,013
Accretions to Capital	-	50,000	50,000
At 30 June 2008	10	425,495	425,505
Profit for the Year	-	4,145	4,145
Accretions to Capital	-	43,100	43,100
At 30 June 2009	10	472,740	472,750

The Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statement set out on pages 93–97

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

1 CORPORATE INFORMATION

The financial report of Rowing Australia Limited as Trustee of the Olympic Boat Fleet Trust ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 June 2009 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors on 28 October 2009

The Trust was settled on 16 December 2002 by Mr Peter Antonie with Rowing Australia Limited becoming the Trustee on 29 June 2007.

The nature of the operations and principal activities of the Trust is the ownership, maintenance and provision of boat and boat related assets to Rowing Australia Limited and the internationally competing crews selected to represent Australia.

2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial report of the Trust has been prepared as a special purpose financial report in order to satisfy the financial reporting obligations of the Trustee under the Trust Deed. 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.

No Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied in the preparation of the special purpose financial report.

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) 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(b) Revenue Recognition (continued)

Interest

Revenue is recognised as interest accrues.

(c) Income Taxes

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

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents 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 cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above.

(e) Trade and Other Receivables

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

(f) Inventories

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

(g) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation 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:

Boats and related equipment - 8 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.

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2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(h) Trade and Other Payables

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

(i) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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 cash flow statement 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.

(j) Comparative Figures

The financial statements cover the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. The comparative figures cover the twelve month period to 30 June 2008.

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

**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
3 REVENUE		
Boat Leasing	24,241	21,210
Interest Received	5,865	11,283
Profit on Sale of Non- Current Assets	2,474	-
Total Revenue	<u>32,580</u>	<u>32,493</u>
4 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
CURRENT		
Cash at Bank	<u>301,184</u>	<u>286,994</u>
5 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
CURRENT		
Trade Debtors	15,565	750
Sundry Debtors	1,752	1,721
GST Receivable	3,984	1,452
	<u>21,301</u>	<u>3,923</u>
6 INVENTORIES		
CURRENT		
Oars	<u>13,062</u>	-
7 PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
NON-CURRENT		
Boats & Related Equipment - At Cost & Trustee's Valuation	286,861	215,518
Accumulated Depreciation	(104,391)	(80,204)
	<u>182,470</u>	<u>135,314</u>
8 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
CURRENT		
Trade Creditors and Accruals	<u>45,267</u>	<u>726</u>

**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
9 ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Accumulated Funds at Beginning of Financial Year	425,495	371,482
Profit for the Year	4,145	4,013
Accretions to Capital	43,100	50,000
Accumulated Funds at End of Financial Year	<u>472,740</u>	<u>425,495</u>
10 CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
(a) Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to Profit:		
Profit for the Year	4,145	4,013
Non-Cash Flows and Non-Operating Items in Profit:		
Depreciation	27,862	24,241
(Profit)/Loss on Sale of Non-Current Assets	(2,474)	3,873
Gift from Rowing Australia Limited	-	50,000
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(134)	2,507
(Increase) in Inventories	(13,062)	-
(Decrease) in Creditors	(726)	(1,576)
Net Cash Provided by / (Used in) Operating Activities	<u>15,611</u>	<u>83,058</u>
(b) Reconciliation of Cash		
For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following at year end:		
Cash at Bank	<u>301,184</u>	<u>286,994</u>

11 MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

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

**ROWING AUSTRALIA LIMITED
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TRUSTEE'S DECLARATION

The Olympic Boat Fleet Trust ("the Trust") is not a reporting entity as in the opinion of the Trustee, no users exist who are unable to command the preparation of reports so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. The financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Trustee under the Trust Deed.

In the opinion of the Trustee:

1. The financial statements set out on pages 1 to 9 are drawn up in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 2 to the financial statements, so as to present fairly the state of the Trust's affairs as at 30 June 2009 and the result for the year ended on that date; and
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

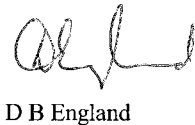
This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Trustee and is signed for and on behalf of the Trustee by:

Director:



P J McNamara

Director:



D B England

Dated at Melbourne: 28 October 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF 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 2009, 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 2009 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 2009

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009**

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AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	Note	2009	2008
		\$	\$
Revenue	3	5	12,450
Amortisation		(9,362)	(11,240)
Bank Charges		(160)	(240)
Donations		(5,047)	-
Impairment Loss on Loan Account - Rowing Australia Limited		(284,816)	-
Trophy and Medal Costs		(10,030)	-
(LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		(309,410)	970

The Income Statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statement set out on pages 106–109

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

	Note	2009	2008
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	-	3,791
Trade and Other Receivables	5	-	271,899
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		-	275,690
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Intangible Assets	6	-	33,720
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		-	33,720
TOTAL ASSETS		-	309,410
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	7	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		-	-
NET ASSETS		-	309,410
EQUITY			
Accumulated Funds	8	-	309,410
TOTAL EQUITY		-	309,410

The Balance Sheet is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statement set out on pages 106–109

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	Note	2009	2008
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Interest Received		5	6
Receipts from Organisations and Persons		12,444	-
Payments to Organisations and Persons		<u>(16,240)</u>	<u>(240)</u>
Net Cash (Used in) / Provided by Operating Activities	9(a)	<u>(3,791)</u>	<u>(234)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Software Development		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Provided by / (Used in) Investing Activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment from Related Parties		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Provided by / (Used in) Financing Activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET (DECREASE) / INCREASE IN CASH HELD		(3,791)	(234)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR		<u>3,791</u>	<u>4,025</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	9(b)	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3,791</u></u>

The Cash Flow Statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statement set out on pages 106–109

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	Accumulated Funds \$	Total Equity \$
At 1 July 2007	308,440	308,440
Profit for the Year	970	970
At 30 June 2008	309,410	309,410
(Loss) for the Year	(309,410)	(309,410)
At 30 June 2009	-	-

The Statement of Changes in Equity is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statement set out on pages 106–109

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

1 CORPORATE INFORMATION

The financial report of the Australian International Rowing Foundation ("the Foundation") for the year ended 30 June 2009 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of Rowing Australia Limited ("the Board") on 27 October 2009.

The Foundation was an activity of Rowing Australia Limited and had no separate legal status.

The Board resolved on 30 April 2009 that the Foundation be dissolved with its non cash assets and liabilities to be transferred to Rowing Australia Limited and for its cash assets to be donated to the Bobby Pearce Foundation.

2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial report of the 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.

No Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied in the preparation of the financial report.

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) Revenue Recognition

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

Interest

Revenue is recognised as interest accrues.

(c) Income Taxes

Under current taxation legislation, the Foundation does not provide for income tax, as any taxable profits form part of the revenue of Rowing Australia Limited.

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$

2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at bank.

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above.

(e) Trade and Other Receivables

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

(f) Intangible Assets

Intangible assets acquired separately are recorded at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment in value.

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

(g) Trade and Other Payables

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

(h) Comparative Figures

The financial statements cover the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. The comparative figures cover the twelve month period to 30 June 2008.

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

3 REVENUE

Contribution for Rowing Online Management System	-	12,444
Interest Received	5	6
Total Revenue	<u>5</u>	<u>12,450</u>

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
4 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
CURRENT		
Cash at Bank	-	3,690
Funds on Deposit	-	101
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,791</u>
5 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
CURRENT		
Trade Debtors	-	12,444
Loan Account - Rowing Australia Limited	284,816	259,455
Impairment of Loan Account - Rowing Australia Limited	(284,816)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>271,899</u>
6 INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
NON-CURRENT		
Software Development - At Cost	-	56,200
Accumulated Amortisation	-	(22,480)
	<u>-</u>	<u>33,720</u>
7 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
CURRENT		
Trade Creditors and Accruals	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
8 ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Accumulated Funds at Beginning of Financial Year	309,410	308,440
(Loss)/Profit for the Year	(309,410)	970
Accumulated Funds at End of Financial Year	<u>-</u>	<u>309,410</u>

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
9 CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
(a) Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to (Loss)/Profit:		
(Loss)/Profit for the Year	(309,410)	970
Non-Cash Flows and Non-Operating Items in (Loss)/Profit:		
Amortisation	9,362	11,240
Impairment Loss on Loan Account	284,816	-
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
Decrease/(Increase) in Receivables	12,444	(12,444)
(Increase)/Decrease in Loan Account	(1,003)	-
Net Cash (Used in) / Provided by Operating Activities	<u>(3,791)</u>	<u>(234)</u>
(b) Reconciliation of Cash		
For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following at year end:		
Cash at Bank	<u>-</u>	<u>3,791</u>

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL ROWING FOUNDATION

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The Australian International Rowing Foundation ("the Foundation") is not a reporting entity as in the opinion of the Board of Directors of Rowing Australia Limited ("the Board"), no users exist who are unable to command the preparation of reports so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. The financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Board.

In the opinion of the Board:

1. The financial statements set out on pages 1 to 8 are drawn up in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 2 to the financial statements, so as to present fairly the state of the Foundation's affairs as at 30 June 2009 and the result for the year ended on that date; and
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Foundation will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The Board resolved on 30 April 2009 that the Foundation be dissolved with its non-cash assets and liabilities to be transferred to Rowing Australia Limited and cash assets to be donated to the Bobby Pearce Foundation. At the date of this statement there were no debts outstanding.

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

Director:



P J McNamara

Director:



D B England

Dated at Melbourne: 28 October 2009

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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 2009, 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

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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 2009 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 2009

RSM Bird Cameron
Chartered Accountants



RODNEY MILLER
Director