

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Sat 30 July 2016

Toowong Rowing Club

Meeting commenced at 8.30am

Present: 60 members

Bellingham, Karen	Schryver, Peter	Musgrave, Elizabeth	Kennedy, Steve	Game, Mark
Coulton, Alan	Bourne, Julie	Vitelli, Brendan	O'Rourke, Kerry	Magnus, Nathan
Gibb, Jim	Dickinson, Helen	Browne, Andrew	Watters, Carol	Price, Jack
Marshall, Donald	Herries, Robyn	Elliott, Marion	Carter, Patricia	Zuk, Noela
Raven, Clare	Mulligan, Terry	James, Amy	Franey, Thomas	
Bianchi, Rudi	Thomsen, Shane	Naylor, Tracey	Killick, Clive	Guest: Nick Parr,
Cripps, Amanda	Brown, Lynette	Wagner, Robyn	Park, Peter	Rowing Queensland
Giles, Kahren	Doring, Alice	Bryden, Michael	Weekes, Penny	
McLean Williams, Andrew	Howden, Katherine	Ellis, Angelina	Coit, Aynslie	
Robson, Ian	Murphy, Michael	Jell, Peter	Gamble, Susan	
Bliss, John	Tynan, Andy	Nugent, Katrina	Lambros, Katherine	
Cryle, Gabe	Brown, Rick	Warren, Heather	Parmenter, Gill	
Grady, Wendy	Dwyer, Keiran	Buchbach, Douglas	Zerner, Margaret	
Milanovic, Alex	Jack, Tom	Filkin, Janelle	Coonan, Madeleine	

Apologies:

Kerry O'Rourke noted Cal Malouf's absence related to his wife's recent ill health and on behalf of the members expressed best wishes to them during such a difficult time.

Anderson, Daniella	Jordan, Lucy	Silcox, Nick	Heath, Tessa
Connolly, Mark	Monks, Deborah	Brown, Katherine	Malouf, Calile
Huggett, Peter	Purcell, Darryn	Gamble, Welwyn	Paterson, Hugh
McDonnell, Tim	Bristow, Steven	Lawton, Tex	Sweeper, Charles
Pettigrew, Paul	Field, Alex	Norris, Harry	Chisholm, Callum
Apel, Elliott	Jowett, Michael	Smith, Oliver	Hockings, Ashleigh
Davidson, Thomas	Moss, Frank	Capper, Brenden	Marler, Bronwyn
Hutchinson, Jack	Serra, Daniella	Gregg, Peter	Pettigrew, Nick
Means, Kath	Brown, Emma	Lethbridge, George	Varendorff, John
Potts, Michael	Frost, David	Parry, Hamish	Wilson, Elizabeth
Armitage, Jack	Karadimitris, Leo	Stephens, Sue	
Doring, James	Norris, Hannah	Case, Norman	

Confirmation of AGM Minutes 2015

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th July 2015 were confirmed by majority vote as correct. Proposed by Janelle Filkin. Seconded by Rick Brown.

Election of Officer Bearers for 2016-2017

Peter thanked the members present for attending and to the 2016 Committee members for their contribution over the past year.

Peter advised that John Bliss (Blissy) was standing down from the Committee after 4.5 years of service to the Club as Club Captain. He thanked him for his outstanding contribution, acknowledging the significant time and energy he gave to the position over many years.

Peter advised that Leo Karadimitris and Peter Jell were standing down from the Committee and thanked them for their contributions, particularly with regards to their efforts to maintain the shed and pontoon often under challenging conditions.

Kerry congratulated Peter and other Committee Members on the running of the Club during the past year. He noted the Chairman's Report within the 2016 Annual Report and the importance for the Club to have leaders who can rally contribution by others and therefore avoid conflict.

The following nominated members were elected unopposed as Office Bearers for the Club for 2016-17.

PATRON: Jack Hutchinson
PRESIDENT: Kerry O'Rourke
VICE PRESIDENTS x 12: Andrew Tynan, Chris Lyndon, Doug Buchbach, Frank Moss, Lyn Brown, Marion Elliot, Peter Huggett, Rob McNeill, Russell Kerrison, Shane Thomsen, Terry Mulligan, Tom Jack

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: Peter Schryver
SECRETARY: Judith Hodgson
TREASURER: Sue Stephens
CLUB CAPTAIN: Jack Price
VICE CAPTAIN: Angelina Ellis
VICE CAPTAIN: Cameron Hall

COMMITTEE MEMBERS x 4: Mark Game, Peter Park, Rick Brown, Tom Franey

Peter thanked the returning Office Bearers, welcomed Tom Franey to the Committee and acknowledged Jack Price's move from Vice Captain to Club Captain, advising the role would be redefined slightly to more evenly spread the workload.

Presentation of Annual Report

Peter presented the annual report to members present, encouraging everyone to read it. He thanked Ange Ellis, Liz Wilson and Gavin Kelly for their individual efforts in producing an annual report of such high quality.

Peter acknowledged the Club continues to be one of the highest performing clubs in the country at both Elite and Masters levels with credit for this due to our dedicated coaches and athletes.

He noted the focus on Revolutionise to manage the membership database has paid off with all new and renewal memberships are managed through the system. He thanked members for getting on board with this and tolerating the initial implementation problems. He advised that the functionality of the system will gradually be increased now across other areas of club management, with safety reporting being a high priority.

Peter stated that the focus on safety has been a key part of the Committee's communications this year and it is hoped that this will eventually allow the boat levy to be removed through less damage to the fleet.

He noted that boat maintenance remains an significant issue for the Club and thanked Peter Park for his tireless efforts in managing fleet maintenance over the past year.

Treasurer's Report

Peter tabled the Treasurer's Report on behalf of the Treasurer, Sue Stephens, noting the full financial accounts of the Club for the financial year ending 31 March 2016 are set out in the annual report.

He noted the Club's healthy financial position given it finished the year with a significant surplus to operating budget and thanked Sue for her tireless efforts in carefully managing the Club's finances, noting she has positioned the Club well for going forward.

Peter noted the newly separated Club/Function Centre accounting regime. He thanked Jim Gibb for his support with the Function Centre operating budget and to Carol Watters and Luella Forbes in their management of the Centre in tough market conditions. He advised that continued improvement in managing the Function Centre finances in the coming year was a priority in order to achieve better results for the Club.

General Business

Peter invited members to present general business items to the meeting.

Honorary Life Membership Nominations:

Jack advised his intent to move a motion to nominate Rob McNeil and Darryn Purcell for Honorary Life Membership for their outstanding contributions to the Club's culture and competitive success as described below.

Robert McNeill:

Rob McNeil (Red) was a member of TRC from the late 1980's until 2009. He rowed competitively for the Club from the time he joined until around 2002. He rowed Senior A for Australia in 1994. He was a volunteer Coach, leading what became the High Performance Program from 2002 to 2009. Red was also Club Captain for some time. He was passionate and absolutely devoted to the Club and its programs and taught a great number of us in the Club to row - in the true sense of the word. He instilled in his athletes a sense of duty and responsibility back to the Club. It is testament to his impact on the Club that when people meet and realise they are formerly TRC members, Red is the common reference point. Red packed a full life time of contribution into half the time and he set the scene for where we are today. His involvement with the Club ended in 2009 when he moved interstate. Life membership is normally reserved to people who have put a lifetime into club but Rob managed to contribute life time in just a few short years. Although he has left club it is appropriate to recognise this.

Darryn Purcell:

TRC boasts continuous Australian representation since 1986 and Darryn contributed to nine of these years - in some years as the sole TRC representative. He was stroke seat of the "for a hat-trick" of Interstate Penrith Cup four wins; the first three of Queensland's wins in this event ever. Darryn also contributed to the Club though committee membership and provided proactive and passionate support within the club. He made a significant contribution to the culture and the success of our shed. Darryn mentored almost all TRC's current successful lightweight men in the current Senior As' and B's. He made himself available to squad members; shared his learnings and helped question and push what we thought was

possible. His training attitude is second to none, and his attention to detail and dedication is something we all aspired and continue to aspire to. What makes Darryn worthy of Life Membership is not a string of representative honours; rather that he achieved these while finding time for mentoring, committee work and a myriad of other things. Darryn left the sport - and principally lightweight men's rowing - with Queensland and Toowong in a substantially better state than when he started. His influence in this is tangible.

Terry Mulligan stated that while he did not question the merit of the nominations, he believes there is a process for life membership nominations involving a sub-committee considering each case of its merit, which was not followed on this occasion. He therefore considers the process of nomination used today is not satisfactory.

Peter responded by acknowledging the point and advising that the current Committee was not aware of a relevant process or protocol. He committed to endeavour to clarify this prior to any future nominations.

In response to a question from Nola Zuk about the constitutional basis of these nominations, Peter stated that the constitution contains no criteria for Life Membership and acknowledged this could be improved.

Kiwi pointed out that the process of nominating members for Life Membership from the floor at an AGM or Special Meeting without a sub-committee process was not unprecedented, citing Wendy Cavell in 2014 and Russell Kerrison in 2009 as examples.

Peter concluded the discussion, noting that a lot of the Club's historical processes have not been recorded and/or centralised which contributes to situations such as this today. He committed to working with the Committee and relevant members of the Club to improve the consistency and continuity of processes applied by each committee.

The motion for recognising the contributions of Rob McNeil and Darryn Purcell by awarding Honorary Life Membership was confirmed by Peter, seconded by Kerry O'Rourke and supported by a clear majority vote of members.

Raffle:

Rick Brown thanked Blissly for his efforts in supporting the raffle this year. He also thanked members who have sold raffle books to date and encouraged others to sell their books as well as to encourage others to do so, noting that the proceeds will benefit all members as they will go towards expanding and improving the fleet.

Senior Membership:

Kerry raised the issue of establishing a special category of membership with a reduced fee for senior members who do not row. He stated that criteria such as age, length of membership and contribution to the Club could be used to determine eligibility. He noted that he had previously described these to the Committee.

Rudy Bianchi voiced support for the proposal on the basis that the cost factor of this group of members is low (as they put no strain on fuel, tinnies etc, use older boats and do most repairs themselves) and that these members have also contributed a lot to the Club over many years.

Michael Bryden voiced his support for the proposal. He stated that he and Terry Connelly had submitted a proposal about senior membership to the Committee some time ago. Michael expressed support for Kerry's and Rudy's arguments, but confirmed his primary motivation for the proposal was to establish process for supporting any older, long term club members who are financially challenged. He stressed the importance of the younger members understanding this and noted that the strength of our club is due to the demographic of young and old.

Several members expressed related views at this point: Karen Bellingham made the point that the demographic of women should also be considered for reduced fees. Nola Zuk recommended an options paper for Club membership fees be prepared for members to consider and offered to assist. Rick Brown suggested the Club consider subsidies for people to stay fit, i.e. try to source funding externally. eg. Bupa. Keiran Dwyer (Kiwi) stated that while genuine financial hardship should be acknowledged and supported by the Club, any fee reduction for financially challenged members should not exceed that set for students as this would create equity issues. Peter noted the relevance of payment options for fees, stating that when Revolutionise started, payment options were limited to credit card and could also be addressed as part of the options put to members.

Peter acknowledged the proposal from Kerry, Michael and Terry submitted to the Committee earlier this year. He stated that it had been carefully considered by the Committee. He then invited members to lodge a formal submission about the membership category to the Committee so it could be further discussed and put to the full Club membership for decision by vote in few months time.

Friends of Toowong:

Blissy noted one of his goals now that he had stepped down as Club Captain is to work with Peter in developing a Friends of Toowong category of membership, eg. people such as Mike Dowd and Peter Huggart. It would be a category suitable for ex-life members and members who were not on Revolutionise. He wants to increase the number of past members linked to Club, communicated to etc. He invited members advise him of anyone they believed could be included in this.

Blissy also thanked Ange, Liz and Gav for producing another high quality annual report, noting the considerable commitment in time and money required to produce it.

Meeting closed: 8:55am.

TRC Financial Members 2017

FINANCIAL MEMBERS

Jack Armitage
Chris Bell
Karen Bellingham
Rudi Bianchi
John Bliss
Dan Boddice
Donald Boshier
Aimee Boulton
Julie Bourne
Julian Braybrook
Denise Brayton
Vincent Brennan
Heather-Ann Briker-Bell
Steven Bristow
Jeremy Brookes
Emma Brown
Rick Brown
Lynette Brown
Katherine Brown
Andrew Browne
Douglas Buchbach
Christopher Bunting
Brenden Capper
Patricia Carter
David Carter
Norman Case
Megan Chen
Callum Chisholm
Shelley Clarke
Jenny Coates
Aynslie Coit
Madeleine Condren
Jenny Conn
Terence Connolly
Mark Connolly
Madeleine Coonan
Lachlan Cornish
Alan Coulton
John Crawford
Saoirse Cruikshank
Gabe Cryle
Thomas Davidson
Elicia De La Paix
Annette De Waal
Troy Deag
Lachlan Dennis
Helen Dickinson
James Doring
Karen Douglas
Katelin Douglas
Makenzie Durbridge
Keiran Dwyer
Thomas Edgecombe
Marion Elliott
Angelina Ellis

Tracey Evans
Anthony Fanning
Andrew Farr
Alex Field
Jaxon Fielding
Janelle Filkin
Tim Foote
Luella Forbes
Maggie Forrest
Scott Foxton
Thomas Franey
David Frost
Brian Gabrielli
Welwyn Gamble
Susan Gamble
Mark Game
Isaac Game
Andrew Gerber
Sophie Gerber
Isobel Gerber
Jim Gibb
Jethro Gifford
Kahren Giles
Wendy Grady
Lori Graham
Stephen Green
Peter Gregg
Robert Gunningham
Nicola Guy
Cameron Hall
Jasmine Halley
Dante Harp
Alex Hartley
Ryan Harvey
Bill Hatfield
Ian Hawke
Robyn Herries
James Hesse
Ashleigh Hockings
Judith Hodgson
Adrian Howard
Katherine Howden
Timothy Hurn
Graham Hussie
Jack Hutchinson
Amy James
Cormac Jarver
Peter Jell
Alexander Jeremijenko
William Johnston
Lucy Jordan
Leo Karadimitris
Gavin Keily
Julie-Ann Kelly
Steve Kennedy
Thomas Kibble

Jack Kibble
Clive Killick
Gavin Kirk-Lauritsen
Jayden Klemenc
Katherine Lambros
Michael Larkins
Robert Law
Geoffrey Lawrence
Peter MacGregor
Ian Mackie
Alan Macsporrnan
Greg Maiden
James Manning
Bronwyn Marler
Donald Marshall
Freya Martin
Andrew WilliamsMcLean
Kathy Mehonoshen
Andy Menzies
Alex Milanovic
Deborah Monks
Anthony Moynihan
Terry Mulligan
Lachlan Munro
Michael Murphy
Elizabeth Musgrave
Tracey Nayler
George Nelson
Harry Norris
Katrina Nugent
Philip O'Dwyer
Mike O'Loan
Patrick O'Neill
Kerry O'Rourke
Luke Palmer
Peter Park
Hamish Parry
Georgia Petersen
Charlotte Petfield
Paul Pettigrew
Nick Pettigrew
Matthew Pettigrew
Alex Pham
Lachlan Phillips
Benjamin Pincus
Liam Piper
Mackenzie Platt
John Price
Jack Price
Simon Pringle
Rhiannon Proper
David Quinn
Brenton Rasheed
Peter Raspotnik
Clare Raven
Mathew Ready

Tyson Rech
David Reece
Andrew Ringwood
Amanda Robb
Ian Robson
Ben Rogencamp
Stefan Roseblade
Peter Schryver
Sam Scott
Daniella Serra
Andrew Sharp
Elisha Silcox
Oliver Smith
Anneka Smith
Sue Stephens
Nick Stevens
Stuart Stevens
Lucy Stevens
Paul Taylor
Chris Thomson
Nathan Thynne
Michael Toon
Andrew Tynan
Robert van Mourik
John Varendorff
Mia Vecchio
Heinrich Venzke
Kirsten Viljoen
Brendan Vitelli
Robyn Wagner
Nick Wallrock
Keeley Walsh
Mackenzi Wareham
Heather Warren
Thomas Waterman
Alistair Waters
Carol Watters
Ray Weekes
Penny Weekes
Craig Whitehill
Diana Wilkinson
Vanessa Williams
Alexander Williams
Thomas Williamson
Elizabeth Wilson
Roger Witham
Margaret Zerner
Noela Zuk

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Donald Boshier (2005)
Wendy Cavell (2014)
Alex Hartley (1999)
Peter Huggett (2004)
John (Jack) Hutchinson (1990)
Tom Jack (1997)
Haimish Karrasch (1997)
Les Keefer (2004)
Russell Kerrison (2009)
Christopher Lyndon (1999)
Ron Mahoney (2004)
Calile Malouf (1976)
Frank Moss (2005)
Terry Mulligan (1979)
Robert (Red) McNeil (2016)
Jim Nunan (1998)
David Orchart (1989)
Ron Ormand (2004)
Kerry O'Rourke (2008)
Darryn Purcell (2016)
Michael Toon (2005)
John Varendorff (2007)

LIFE MEMBERS (deceased)

Austin Asche, Joe Avery,
Jim Cameron, Bill Doherty,
Bill Dowd, Jim Dowrie,
Cec Grimley, Charlie Horn,
Dave Magoffin, John Mayne,
Alec McVinish, Ron Ormand,
George Osbaldiston,
Jack Pritchard,
Bill Strickland, Fred Winter

FINANCIAL LIFE MEMBERS

Christopher Bell
Lynette Brown
Douglas Buchbach
Patricia Carter
William Foley
Stephen Green
Kenneth Hutchinson
Dan Kelleher
Nathan Magnus
Frank Moss
Kerry O'Rourke
Hugh Patterson
Silvio Praedella
Shane Thomson

Chairman's Report

It is my pleasure to report to you on the health and state of our club for the Annual Report.

Our sport is now clearly in a post Olympic phase of review, renew and rebuild. It is unrealistic to say that any review of the sport at the highest level will have minimal or no effect on our club.

From a high performance perspective we have seen Rowing Australia announce a new model for supporting high performance athletes. This now sees many athletes transfer to either Canberra or Penrith to train at the National Training Centre. The trickle down is that many states are reducing funding to their respective institutes and academies and in turn our athletes will see changes in how their pathway through our sport occurs.

Our role now as a leader club in Australia is to step up and provide and home and direction to the athletes wanting to be the best they can be. Our HP coaching team of Keiran Dwyer and Alex Field are adapting to these changes well and are placing our club in a good position for the future.

Our Masters program continues to prove that we have clearly got something right in the structure around this program. Very few clubs anywhere can house two successful programs, being HP and Masters successfully.

My final word on our operational programs is a quote from a mentor of mine.

“ Good people running Good programs”

This for me sums up the success at Toowong Rowing Club.

Many of you will have noticed we have seen some new and secondhand boats placed into our fleet throughout the year. Our focus has been to reduce the average fleet age and in turn reduce the operational cost of running the fleet. The support of our fleet and how well it runs comes down to one man. Peter Park has been once again pivotal in supporting our club. On behalf of every member I cannot thank Peter enough.

Moving into the future however we must ensure that we do not become key person dependant in roles such as boat maintenance and coaching. In the new year we will be looking to underpin these key person dependant roles with more support from members.

The Head of the Brisbane took a change of direction in that we are going to run the event on a consistent date and with a consistent program. The success of other head events is ensuring the competitors have a good experience. That is key to structure moving forward. We look forward to running another great event this year.

Financially our club is in a very sound position. Through good management from our treasurer Sue Stephens we have a clear projected budget to manage our funds throughout the year. You will read further in this report that the Functions Centre has had a good year and is in a sound position. We will have to consider in the future how we manage the appearance of the functions centre to ensure it is fresh and up to date for the market it must serve.

On a personal note I would like to thank the whole management committee for their efforts throughout the year. In particular I would like to thank our Secretary Jude Hodgson and Treasurer Sue Stephens. Both ladies will not be nominating for the committee this year due to travel and personal commitments.

Finally, the process of refining our systems to run our club and provide value for your membership is a long-term strategic goal for myself and for future committees. I look forward to working with you all as we move into the future.

Yours in rowing,

Peter Schryver

Chairman
Toowong Rowing Club



President's Report



Cracker Row guys!

Well, again, Toowong Rowing has produced another stellar year.

Congratulations to Keiran Dwyer, Alex Field and Paul Pettigrew for guiding the high performance athletes to have our club placed within the top five clubs in the Australia. All the outstanding results are recorded later in this report. These young men and women have the discipline to train under direction and to also do all the important activities which happen in their busy lives, study, family, work, socializing and getting on with being useful citizens in the world.

Congratulations also to Terry Mulligan, Ange Ellis, Clive Killick and John Bliss for their absolutely amazing efforts in taking TRC to No. 1 masters club in Australia. With more than 80 clubs from around the country vying to be the best, Toowong came out on top about 150 points ahead of the second placed club.

And what about the 15 gold medals at the World Masters Games in New Zealand.....and what about the efforts at Henley in England??

Again, this does not take place by accident. It takes work and dedication by both the athletes and coaches.

There will be enough space allocated to the individual athletes in this report.

Terry Mulligan at a recent dinner congratulated all the efforts of the very fine athletes we have at our Club.....no Terry, it is you coaches who have given up your time to the Club to achieve what we have. We are in your debt and the members of Toowong Rowing Club have gained skills and accolades which they will cherish for the rest of their lives and their families will be so proud.

We salute you guys, Coaches of Toowong Rowing Club!!!

Well done to Chairman Peter Schryver and our Committee for another great year. It is a pretty tough job running a big, competitive sporting club like ours. Jack Price has eased into the Captain's role and is living up to the high standards set by our past Captains. I would like to sincerely thank our Treasurer Sue Stephens; looking after club finances is a big deal and she has put us in good shape to buy new boats and other assets. We must also acknowledge the excellent work Sue has done together with Carol Watters and Luella Forbes in managing and running the Function Room. This part of our operation is now contributing at new levels. Well done you three super women.

Thanks also to Jude Hodgson for her great contributions as Club Secretary. Keeping on top of committee and club communications is a detailed and demanding job and you have performed this at the highest level.

And new boats you hear where will we put them??....The Committee agreed to sign an "Agreement to Lease" with the Brisbane City Council for the land on which we build the West Shed. Even with this signed, there is still a long way to go. I expect the Development Approval process will take 12 months and construction another twelve. Naturally, I will keep the Committee fully informed on progress. Part of the deal with Council is that a Master Plan be prepared for the whole precinct through to the University. BBC have met with me and are on a mission to get moving with their new Shed as soon as possible. Thank you to Cal Malouf and Russell Kerrison on this redevelopment activity.

Some of you may know 12 months ago, that I was asked to join the Community Reference Group for the University of Queensland. Have no doubt, the University was considering having a bridge constructed over our Shed to Boundary St with a direct connection to the City. I cracked up!!!

At the latest meetings of the CRG, the University has scrapped all plans for all time to build across our Shed. They have put forward Guyatt Park for a pedestrian bridge and now the community is cracking up. There have been many public meetings which I have attended and let me report that the Community generally supports TRC and it is acknowledged as a very important community asset.

In the years ahead, perhaps we could appoint a media officer so that we do get the message out to the public about what we are doing and how we are doing it.

Not much significant stuff happens by accident.....who said that???

Kerry O'Rourke
President



Interstate Lightweight Womens Quad – Gold



Captain's Report

Contained within the following pages is a collection of achievements and triumphs. As you flick through the pages, you will read many of our racing successes.

Some highlights include:

- 1st on Point Score at Queensland State Championships
- 4th on Point Score at NSW State Championships
- 6th on Point Score at National Championships
- 1st place in Victoria Cup, interstate Women's Lightweight Quad.
- 2nd Place in Penrith Cup. Interstate Men's Lightweight Four.
- 2 Senior A Australian Representatives, both in their first A teams.
- 1st on Point Score, Queensland Masters Championships
- 1st on Point Score, Masters Nationals Championships
- 1st place Women's Masters Eight.

I am not going to elaborate on regatta results here but leave that to the squad reports that await you. Instead, I'd like to share some observations and thoughts (not particularly profound) that have taken shape at Toowong over the past twelve months.

I would like to draw your attention to the very conscious effort made to significantly reduce the average age of the fleet. The amount of time and money a boat requires to keep it operational is proportional to its age. Over the last few years, we have sought to lower our fleet's average age which consequently boosts its quality. With a keen eye on the boat market, a keen eye on the finances and a certain degree of good luck, we have made good inroads in cycling out some of our older, well loved- hulls. Over the last 12 months we have advanced this goal with the purchase of two pairs-doubles and a four in the mid fleet. All three are in good condition and should see many years of service on the river. This, while keeping up a solid High-Performance racing fleet replacement plan, is a significant achievement for the club and something I think this year's committee can be proud of.

Our biggest maintenance issue will continue, at the root of it, to be that of corrosion. Our river is poison to the metal fittings of our fleet, and although damage is not always apparent in the short term, it literally eats away at our boats. A lot of time and money is used up replacing boat fittings so it is vital we are mindful of washing all riggers, slides, wheels, nuts and bolts every time our boats come in. Everything metal must be sponged down sprayed directly with water.

Toowong Rowing Club is a place with a million little jobs. Is the bin in the gym bottomless? Does the gym floor just absorb dust and dirt? Where did we get self-filling fuel tanks? How is the grass on what

seems like the entire neighbourhood remain permanently freshly cut? Do washers procreate with nuts to produce those little felt anti-corrosion washers? Who keeps fixing our ergos? What keeps our pontoon free of algae? We have a million little jobs to do to keep the club operational. Many tasks are done silently by members, and we are often not aware of this until that quiet achiever goes on holidays. To the people who have picked up a task or two and made it theirs, I thank you for your contributions to keep our place going. To those dedicated members who fulfill a host of jobs week to week, I thank you for your tireless heavy lifting but beg you give a few up. And to those who are yet to find some way to contribute to your club, I ask you to look a little harder; even the smallest effort helps grease the wheels of progress

Over recent years, I have had the opportunity to 'dip a leg' in the two major pools of our club.

High Performance Rowing, with Kiwi and Alex, is a well-oiled machine. The level of planning and organisation that goes into our big regattas would astonish. The quality of the coaching, and the thought behind it, is far beyond that offered by many paid club coaches. As someone who's been part of TRC for 13 odd years, I would say many of our current young athletes don't yet realise the high standard of our HP scene. My advice - stick around and you'll eventually work out what a good thing you are part of.

HP rowing, in just about all aspects, demands huge discipline. That is not to suggest this isn't satisfying, but being hard and exacting on oneself can sometimes cloud the enjoyment in sport. Our Masters have helped me rediscover the joy of racing and regattas; they take delight in competing hard with a sense of comradeship and belonging. Being part of Toowong at a Masters regatta is a warm experience, even in the middle of winter. What you guys have there is special and something to be valued and fostered. If you have not given masters racing a go, I recommend it. I could have easily overlooked the whole thing but grateful that I was drawn in for the chance.

Toowong Rowing Club is a diverse community with 200+ members all pointing and pulling in slightly different directions. We may certainly have differing aims and motivations for turning up at the shed each morning, but we share much in our drive to better ourselves in rowing. It is a remarkable trait of our club that we can operate side by side to achieve many different goals with a limited pool of resources. This has certainly made my role as Club Captain easier, so I thank all TRC members for their collaboration to enable everyone's participation and success. A wider sense of team that encompasses everyone, is not part of the culture of all sporting clubs, but it is found and valued at ours. It is a pleasure to be able to accompany people along life's path, even if for a short while, so finally I thank you for the opportunity this year.

Jack Price

Treasurer's Report

Cash held across the three accounts at the end of March 2017 was \$211,355.90

This compares	2017	\$211,355.90
	2016	\$174,680.00
	2015	\$99,617.00

Both assets and liabilities have increased slightly over the year bringing the total equity to \$670,434.69 which is an increase of \$25,429.21 over last year.

Our main source of income is membership registrations of course which increased again this year to \$136,594. The number of members currently stands at 221. Profit from the function centre contributed \$42,302.53 and \$40,000 was passed back to the Club. The Head of the Brisbane raised just under \$25,000 in October 2016 which was a great effort. This figure does include significant sponsorship which the Club appreciates greatly.

We have spent \$70,000 on acquisitions this year with six new boats added to the fleet as well as new oars (both sweep and sculling),

a new tinnie and a new motor plus five C2 ergometers and the marquee.

We now require \$14,500 per month to run the Club and cover our overheads (taking the function centre out of the equation). Our main expenditures are repairs & maintenance particularly on boats at \$44,000, Insurance at \$41,000 and coaching expenses at \$13,000 but it also includes rates, utilities, water, fuel, accounting fees, etc.

There is a detailed breakdown of the financials contained within the Annual Report. I would encourage all members to read them to appreciate the many facets of the Toowong Rowing Club.

Accounting and Audit – Best Accounting and Management maintains the Club's accounts and Jason O'Connor is the Club's auditor.

Sue Stephens
(TRC Treasurer)



High Performance Squad Report

The club has had another successful year of racing domestically and internationally. Many new faces have joined, and several have left for greener pastures. Notably, the establishment of the Men's and Women's National Training Centres in Canberra and Penrith as permanent home bases for Australia's best Senior athletes saw Amy James and Hamish Parry relocate in early 2017. The club is proud to have had an active role in supporting their development over the past five years to help them reach higher levels. We thank them for continuing to take an interest in the newer club members at regattas and whenever they can get back to Brisbane. Whilst their presence is missed we wish them luck as they fly the Toowong flag internationally.

On behalf of the Toowong HP group I would like to thank all those inside and out of the club that are essential for enabling us to train and race so well. Coaches Kiwi Dwyer, Alex Field, Paul Pettigrew, Dan Boddice, Andrew Gerber, Harry Norris, Mark Game and John Bliss; Peter Park and the team that do so much unacknowledged work to maintain and repair boats; Peter Schryver and the Committee for their support of the programs and coaches; Carol, Luella, and Kerry for making the shed look so good; Madonna Hockings and all the parents that helped run the biggest meal delivery service at Nationals; and all the club members that have taken an interest or the time to talk to the newest members of the Toowong family.

2016 World University Championships – Poznan, Poland

In September 2016, four members of the Toowong High Performance squad were chosen to compete for Australia in the World University Championships in Poznan, Poland. The athletes selected were Amy James in the LW 1x, Hamish Parry in the LW 1x, and Madeline Coonan in the OW 1x. Alex Field was chosen as coach and manager for the entire Australian squad.

After training through the Australian Winter, once in Poland, the week prior to competition was spent acquainting ourselves with our new boats and learning to row in the tumultuous Poznan conditions. Time off from training was spent getting lost in the countryside and walking our bikes up hills.

The racing was of a high standard, with many teams coming straight from the U23 and Senior World Championships. Working with Alex, all three athletes raced hard and attempted new racing techniques to perform to the best of their abilities. However, Hamish and Madeleine were unable to make the changes required and raced in the B-Finals. Amy raced a spectacular race to win the A-Final, seeing her crowned a World University Champion.

The learning opportunities gained through racing over the week proved invaluable, with all athletes performing to the best of their ability. A huge thanks goes to Alex for his time, effort, patience, and coordination skills with all the athletes over the competition week and in preparation.

By Madeleine Coonan



2016 World Uni Team



HP Dawn

2017 Queensland Rowing Championships – Wyaralong

The 2017 Queensland Rowing Championships were held at Lake Wyaralong on the 21st and 22nd of January. As it was my first ever regatta, I was expecting to feel nervous and overwhelmed, but found all my focus went into staying upright in the boat and in my lane rather than actually placing. The start of the race was challenging as it was difficult to line up my boat on the start line with the wind. I was relieved when I learnt that you had a few warnings when accidentally shifting to other lanes before you were disqualified. By mid-race I was able to relax and find a rhythm. Everyone from Toowong was very supportive and helpful, making the regatta a really enjoyable and exciting experience. A special thanks to John Bliss and Alex Field for taking me on-board and teaching me how to row.

1st Place Results of Toowong Athletes:

1st MU19 4+	Braybrook, Kibble, Gifford, Thomson, Hockings
1st ML 1x	Hamish Parry
1st MU21 8+	Franey, Davidson, Rogencamp, Thomsen, Kibble Bunting, Jeremijenko, Apel, Hockings
1st MU19 1x	Matt Ready
1st MU21 2x	Franey, Davidson
1st MU19 8+	Ready, Braybrook, Gifford, Thomson, Kibble, Bunting, Jeremijenko, Apel, Halley
1st ML 2-	Armitage, Piper
1st WG2 2x	Brown, Coonan
1st M4x	Parry, Johnston, Apel, Doring
1st MU21 2-	Franey, Davidson
1st MU19 4x	Braybrook, Ready, Gifford, Thomsen
1st MU21 4x	Rogencamp, Scott, Edgecombe, Rech
1st MU19 2-	Bunting, Kibble
1st ML 4-	Piper, Williamson, Carter, Jarver
1st MU21 4-	Thomsen, Bunting, Kibble, Gifford
1st MG2 2x	Rogencamp, Scott
1st MG2 4x	Piper, Davidson, Johnston, Franey

Katelin Douglas



Junior 8+ at QLD States

2017 NSW Rowing Championships - SIRC

Twenty-four Toowong athletes ventured to Penrith in February for a key event on the HP calendar as it exposes Toowong to the standard of competition likely to be encountered at National Championships a few weeks later, and it is a Senior selection event. NSW Championships brings together the entire NSW Rowing community with the addition of those from other states who are keen to make an impression of their opposition.

On the first afternoon of racing, the regatta authorities chose to continue with the programmed events despite temperatures in the low-40's. Several competitors were hospitalised for heat exhaustion, with many "acclimatised" Toowong athletes getting sick from heat stress. The second day and third days of racing were started earlier to avoid the heat, and eventually half of the events were cancelled due to the oppressive heat.

Over all I believe that TRC performed to the best of their ability, most of us performing well at QLD championships it was a hard few months of training leading into this regatta as we did not know the full extent of what standard the completion was going to be like. Although I believe we all learned that we can push ourselves more than we thought. Resulting in us being able to train harder and focus on what's important leading into Nationals.

Results of Toowong Athletes:

1st LM8+	Jarver, Tanda [UQBC], Ready, Williamson, Russell [UQBC], Doring, Price, Parry, Serra
1st LM4x	Doring, Jarver, Parry, Price
1st LM4-	Price, Armitage, Doring, Parry
1st M4x	Johnston, Apel, Wruck, Pettigrew
2nd LM1x	Hamish Parry
2nd U19 M2x	Wagstaff [GUSPRC], Bunting
2nd U21 M4x	Rogencamp, Scott, Davidson, Rech
2nd U19 M4x	Williamson, Gifford, Ready, Thomson
3rd U19 M2x	Kibble, Apel
3rd LM2-	Doring, Franey
3rd LW1x	Amy James
3rd U19 M4x	Pincus, Bunting, Kibble, Apel

By Chris Thomson

HIGH PERFORMANCE

2017 Australian Rowing Championships - SIRC

In March, 53 athletes, an entourage of coaches and volunteers and two tightly packed trailers migrated south from Toowong Rowing Club to the Sydney International Rowing Regatta. TRC's representation boasted a full spectrum of age and experience, from Junior and Masters rowers attending their first Nationals to seasoned Australian representatives. For high performance athletes, this regatta is the culmination of months of winter training and competition at the NTC time trials, the Queensland State Championships and the NSW State Championships, and the boat park was buzzing with anticipation as hundreds of trailers were unloaded for the week ahead. Life at SIRR 2017 was both intense and rewarding, with the Regatta Centre turning out still, sunny conditions for most of the week.

Highlights on the water were many and varied, with TRC coming an impressive 6th in the overall medal tally and every athlete walking away with new knowledge and improved skills. Amy James – now rowing for Australia in the Lightweight Women's Quad – took home the bronze medal in the highly competitive Lightweight Women's Single Scull A Final. Madeleine Coonan won two gold medals for the Open Women's Coxless Four and the Eight, while our Lightweight Men - Hamish Parry, Jack Price, Jack Armitage, Tom Franey, James Doring, David Carter and Matthew Ready – earned six silver medals in the Open Lightweight Pair, Four, Quad and Eight and the U23 Lightweight Pair and Four. Elliot Apel and Nick Pettigrew earned a silver medal for the U23 Men's Four, and then combined with William Johnston, Oliver Smith and Jack Armitage – coxed by Daniella Serra – to win gold in the U23 Men's Eight. In the Under 19 events, our Men's Eight - Mathew Ready, Tom Williamson, Jethro Gifford, Christopher Bunting, Jack Kibble, Morgan Apel, Alexander Jeremijenko and Chris Thomson, coxed by Jasmine Halley - took out the silver medal, as did the Men's Coxless Four of Morgan Apel, Jack Kibble, Christopher Bunting and Alexander Jeremijenko. Ashleigh Hockings coxed her Under 19 Women's Eight to a gold medal. Finally, our Under 17 girls showed great competitive spirit throughout the week, with Sophie Gerber coming an impressive fourth in the U17 Women's Single Scull, one of the most heavily populated events of the regatta. Sophie teamed up with Kirsten Viljoen to earn the silver medal in the U17 Women's Double Scull, and they were joined by Makenzie Durbridge and Aimee Boulton to claim bronze in the U17 Women's Coxed Quad, coxed by Georgia Peterson. The final races of the SIRR included club and sprint events, with TRC members Ben Rogencamp, Benjamin Pincus, Sam Scott, Tyson Rech, Jethro Gifford, Tom Williamson, Cormac Jarver and Chris Thomson crossing the line for a bronze medal in the Men's Sprint Eight, coxed by Jasmine Halley, and the U17 Women's Coxed Quad of Makenzie Durbridge, Aimee Boulton, Sophie Gerber, Kirsty Viljoen, Georgia Petersen coming third against much older opposition.

The Interstate Regatta saw an impressive representation from TRC and convincing results from Queensland. William Johnston and Nick Pettigrew represented Queensland in fourth place in the King's Cup, and in the Youth Men's Eight all but one crew member hailed from TRC: Elliott Apel, Morgan Apel, Christopher Bunting, Tom Davidson, Tom Franey, Alexander Jeremijenko and Jack Kibble showed a stellar effort in fourth place. Madeleine Coonan flew the Toowong flag as the Queen's Cup ladies raced for the bronze medal. In the

Lightweight Men's Coxless Four (Penrith Cup), the all-Toowong boat earned a silver medal for Queensland: congratulations to Jack Armitage, James Doring, Hamish Parry and Jack Price. Finally, in what can only be described as a classy row, Amy James called the Lightweight Women's Quad to a stunning win in the Victoria Cup. Well done to all TRC members who represented our state on this final day of racing.

There were also many highlights off the water, not least of which were the nightly dinners - expertly prepared by Madonna Hockings and a team of assistants – and pep talks delivered by Kiwi and Alex. Some were amused by the additional activities of the lightweights, including their obsessive weighing of food, scouring of food labels and nightly walks to Coles from which they would invariably return with ice cream. Kiwi's support and direction of the boat unloading on the first day was so heartfelt that he lost his voice by the second day, but even that didn't stop him from delivering valuable pearls of wisdom throughout the regatta. If you listened closely, you would have heard Alex's calls of encouragement from the bank during almost every race as he repeatedly circled the lake with the peloton. Special thanks go to Kiwi and Alex for their tireless efforts and endless support through the entire season, and for bringing together all of the other coaches and parents who were there to prop us up throughout the Regatta: Madonna Hockings, Andrew Gerber, Dan Boddice, Paul Pettigrew and Mark Game.

Club Point Score

Place	Club	State	Points
1	Sydney Rowing Club	NSW	223
2	Sydney Uni Boat Club	NSW	193
3	UTS Rowing Club	NSW	191.25
4	Mercantile Rowing Club	Vic	182.25
5	University of Queensland Boat Club	QLD	173
6	Toowong Rowing Club	QLD	148.75

Toowong Representatives:

Eliot Apel, Morgan Apel, Jack Armitage, Aimee Boulton, Julian Braybrook, Christopher Bunting, David Carter, Shelley Clarke, Madeleine Coonan, Lachlan Cornish, Tom Davidson, James Doring, Makenzie Durbridge, Tom Edgecombe, Scott Foxton, Tom Franey, Isaac Game, Sophie Gerber, Jethro Gifford, Jasmine Halley, Dante Harp, James Hesse, Ashleigh Hockings, Timothy Hurn, Amy James, Cormac Jarver, Alex Jeremijenko, William Johnston, Jack Kibble, Tom Kibble, Freya Martin, Michael Murphy, Paul Newbon, Hamish Parry, Georgia Peterson, Charlotte Petfield, Matthew Pettigrew, Nick Pettigrew, Lachlan Phillips, Benjamin Pincus, Jack Price, Mathew Ready, Tyson Rech, Ben Rogencamp, Sam Scott, Daniella Serra, Oliver Smith, Lucy Stevens, Chris Thomson, Kirsten Viljoen, Keeley Walsh, Kenzi Wareham, Tom Williamson,

Coaches and Helpers:

Keiran Dwyer, Alex Field, Mark Game, Andrew Gerber, Madonna Hockings, Harry Norris, Paul Pettigrew

Results of Toowong Athletes:

Senior A

Amy James
 Open Women's Quad Scull 2nd
 Open Women's Lightweight Single Scull 3rd
 Open Women's Lightweight Quad Scull 1st

Madeleine Coonan
 Open Women's Four 1st
 Open Women's Eight 1st

Hamish Parry, Jack Price
 Open Lightweight Men's Pair 2nd
 Open Lightweight Men's Four 2nd
 Open Lightweight Men's Quad Scull 2nd

Hamish P, Jack P, Jack Armitage, Tom Franey, James Doring, David Carter, Matthew Ready
 Open Lightweight Men's Eight 2nd

Under 23

Ashleigh Hockings (cox)
Elliot Apel, Nick Pettigrew
 Under 23 Men's Four 2nd

William Johnston, Oliver Smith, Elliott Apel, Nick Pettigrew, Jack Armitage, Cox: Daniella Serra
 Under 23 Men's Eight 1st

David Carter, James Doring
 Under 23 Lightweight Men's Pair 2nd

David Carter, Tom Franey, James Doring, Jack Armitage
 Under 23 Lightweight Men's Four 2nd

Under 19

Ashleigh Hockings
 Under 19 Women's Eight 1st
 Under 19 Men's Four 2nd
 Under 19 Men's Eight 2nd

Under 17

Sophie Gerber
 Under 17 Women's Single Scull 4th

Sophie Gerber, Kirsten Viljoen
 Under 17 Women's Double Scull 2nd

Makenzie Durbridge, Aimee Boulton, Kirsten Viljoen, Sophie Gerber, Cox: Georgia Petersen
 Under 17 Women's Coxed Quad Scull 3rd

Sprints

Ben Rogencamp, Benjamin Pincus, Sam Scott, Tyson Rech, Jethro Gifford, Tom Williamson, Cormac Jarver, Chris Thomson, Cox: Jasmine Halley
 Men's Club Sprint – Eight 3rd

Makenzie Durbridge, Aimee Boulton, Sophie Gerber, Kirsty Viljoen, Georgia Petersen
 Open Women's Quad Scull Sprint 3rd

By Shelley Clarke



QLD states Lightweight Mens 1x



ILW4x



Nothing stops a champion



ILW4x finish



ILW4x coach



Under 23 Mens 8+



Lightweight Mens Eight



2017 Nationals team briefing



Junior 4-



LightweightCamp

HIGH PERFORMANCE

2017 Underage Australian Selection Trials – SIRC

The underage selection trials aim to send competitive U19, U21 and U23 athletes to represent Australia on the global stage. As such, on-water benchmarks are set by selectors and must be attained by athletes.

This year from Toowong, a strong contingent of U19 athletes and an U21 lightweight were invited to attempt these benchmarks. Unfortunately, none of us quite made the cut. In the U19 category, we trialled a coxed and coxless four. Both Toowong boats won their grading races but failed to hit the required time. In the U21 category, Matt Ready put in a gutsy performance but was bested and similarly missed out.

The U19 athletes that attended were Alex Jeremijenko, Morgan Apel, Christopher Bunting, Chris Thomson, Jasmine Halley and Tom Williamson.

Overall, despite a disappointing result, all of us came out of the underage selection trials with a better knowledge of what is required to represent Australia and a desire to meet those demands.

By Alex Jeremijenko

Toowong International Tourist – Amy James

Hamish and I were invited to trials for the World Cup team held Penrith in early March 2017. This consisted of us rowing in various boats sizes and crew combinations. We were both selected to represent Australia in the Rowing World Cup events in the lightweight men's quad and lightweight women's quad. After a week at home preparing with the club for the National Rowing Championships, we returned to Penrith for Nationals. I was based at the National Training Centre in Penrith, training with my crew mates while Hamish went to AIS in Canberra to train with his crew and prepare for competition.

With time, rowing in our crews, we have learnt to move more together and see some faster speeds. As we are based with the other Australian crews, we have had the opportunity to do opposing work and see where we sit in comparison. Prior to our departure to Europe, both the men's and women's centres came together to compete in a replication regatta and practice racing. It was exciting to have some side-by-side races, and get experience racing in our crews.

It was exciting to arrive at the European Training Center (ETC) in Varese, Italy after 20 hours traveling. Not only was the warmer weather nice, the views of the lake were amazing (especially the Swiss Alps). With warmer water, we were seeing faster speeds in training. The crew enjoyed multiple pizzas and gelato and it wasn't long before we were off to Poznan to test out racing skills.

Unfortunately, there are no lightweight quad events at World Cups 1 and 2, therefore the lightweight females raced in the Olympic lightweight double event, and the lightweight males raced in the heavy weight quad event. After being fuelled by dill potatoes (apparently a classic Poznan dish), we all built on each race making technical changes and working at improving starts and building to the line. All crews had good opportunity to work on their boat stability as we challenged 30-40km winds on most days (luckily it was some kind of a tail wind). The sun came out and the wind dropped for the final day of racing. The lightweight men's quad placed 4th in the heavyweight men's quad B-final, and the women's lightweight double placed 2nd in their B-final. After the Chinese took two places on the podium in the lightweight women's double, we decided that maybe the synchronized on land stretching warm up that the 90 odd Chinese team members completed together would be a good edition for our crew at World Cup 3 in Lucerne, to improve performances.

After the week in Poznan, we returned to the ETC and the lightweight women moved out of the doubles and into the quad for preparation for World Cup 3. This training block has seen a variety of weather conditions, including windy, stormy, sunny, and cold. We are currently very excited to see how we can better our performances and race in Lucerne in our selected boat categories.

Toowong International Tourist – Hamish Parry

After having been selected into the Senior Lightweight Men's Quad (LM4X) in early March, I enjoyed a brief period of relaxation, wherein I could concentrate on the Penrith Cup Four, as well as other Club boats. I had a particularly fun week racing in all the same boats as our Club Captain, Jack Price. The prolonged period together in the pair and Penrith Cup, as well as several other boats, was, as always, an invaluable experience. I believe he is one of the best boat movers in the country (hint to all the Masters and Juniors at the shed who want some tips!).

After Nationals in March, it was off to Canberra for me. I traded sun and warmth for clouds and mind numbing cold. The gradual shift in climate was an extraordinary experience as I packed up my little sh#t-box of a 1993 Subaru, and proceeded to make the 16 hour drive to Canberra. Much to Mum's and girlfriend's dismay, I failed to say good bye at 4am as I left. I imagine a typical occurrence in their lives by this point, after having a rower for so long. I gradually moved away from urban spaces, and found parts of Australia I had only seen in holiday getaway shows.

Past Toowoomba the trees and bushland of south-east Queensland gave way to surreal landscapes of vast open plains. I found I had to keep reminding myself to concentrate on my driving, lest I hit a 60 tonne oncoming road-train. Withholding standing on a beach, I had never experienced a horizon so expansive and impressive. The sheer nothingness was genuinely breathtaking. The genuine lack of anything around me lent the opportunity to think about and reflect on where I was going, as well as how I had gotten there. Obviously in a literal sense I was going to Canberra, but I did find that I thought about how the past several years at Toowong had helped me realise my dream of progressing my rowing career into the Senior Team.

Toowong RC from the onset had been a brutal introduction into the world of Elite rowing. The professionalism and work ethic of the members, young and old, the coaching staff, and the high performance squad all pointed towards a common goal. Toowong clearly wanted to be the best Rowing Club in the country. Keiran Dwyer may be one of the hardest men at the shed (for lack of more colourful words), but his dedication to moving this shed towards their common goal was, and is, intimidating. He helped push me

harder than I thought I ever could, with the help of like-minded individuals, such as Jack Price, Leo Karadimitris, Darryn Purcell, and Tim McDonnel, amongst others. Since my membership at TRC, our Masters have raced at Henley, we had a four year Penrith Cup streak, we outright won Nationals and Queensland States as a club, we've had several Australian Representatives, a World University Games winner in Amy James, and more than a handful of great memories along the way. I think it is safe to say that as a shed, we have achieved our goal.

As I type this, I am currently sitting in the kitchen, at the European Training Centre in Varese, Italy, surrounded by Gold medal Olympic coaches, athletes, and young hopefuls. To summarise my time in Canberra succinctly before I made my way here, my time at Toowong prepared me well for the training I have completed. Three sessions a day, every day. No exceptions. A minimum of 200 kilometres of rowing a week, plus weights sessions. I have had several people ask me if training on the Senior team is different, or if the workload is "insane". To be honest, not really. It is simply the natural progression of the workload. I am now a full-time athlete, hoping to win my first international medal at the Lucerne World Cup III on the 8th of July, and it is all a result of the hard work and commitment put in by not only myself, but all the people I was lucky enough to be surrounded by in Brisbane.

Elite athletes, by their very nature, are selfish, uncompromising, hard workers, who take all they can from the people around them without ever repaying them in a substantial or, certainly, materialistic way. As you read this, I hope my brief reflection may incite you to also reflect on what it means to be a part of this amazing Club. Because of all of you, I have been given the opportunity to represent my Country, doing the thing I love. I am racing around the world, doing what I love, and it is all because of you. I would encourage you, whether you be Master, Coach, Junior, or a member of the HP squad to continually strive to be better. Push those around you, lift those around you, and collectively we can reach further than we ever could alone.

Hold it up



Junior Eight

Amy James

2016 Australian University Sports Athlete of the Year



World Uni Games Womens Lightweight W1x Poznan

Formerly of B&GPS and the QAS after racing in the Australian Under 23 LW4x at Amsterdam in 2011, Amy joined Toowong in October 2013. Upon arrival Amy threw herself into the High Performance program but was not able to complete a full training load due to rheumatoid arthritis that attacked her body and often left her unable to walk. Amy remained committed to training, and worked with her coach Alex Field to find solutions that would minimise the impact of the arthritis on her performance. Throughout 2013 and 2014 Amy was able to build up to consistently complete a full training load, but the condition continues to affect her rowing and her general mobility.

Despite the pain from this condition and less than ideal preparation, at 2014 Nationals Amy placed third in the Under 23 Lightweight single and double, and won the Under 23 LW4x. A month later Amy and Alice Doring of Toowong were selected as the Australian Universities Lightweight Women's Double to compete in Gravelines, France at the 2014 World University Rowing Championships. Coached by Alex and using Toowong as a training base, Amy and Alice prepared without the distractions of relocating to another state, and completed solid training through the whole of 2015. Amy worked closely with Alex to increase her lean muscle mass, erg scores, boat speed and psychological approach to training and racing, to be in a strong position leading up to Nationals in March of 2015. Whilst Amy acknowledged that her training and racing speeds were good leading up to the regatta, her cautious nature was apprehensive about competing in both the Heavyweight and Lightweight Under 23 singles. Nevertheless, Amy took some confidence from the preparation she had completed, and from the belief that others around her had, and attacked to execute both events perfectly. Amy won both single finals with a few hours of each other, and to our understanding is the only Australian athlete to have ever won both heavyweight and lightweight titles in the same year. Later in the regatta, Amy would go on to win the Under 23 Lightweight Double and Quad.

Amy's results in 2015 are impressive in their outright speed and domination of her competitors, but were also incredibly impressive to those at Toowong who witnessed her commitment and execution of daily training sessions, day-in and day-out. The HP program at Toowong is demanding and has a large volume of training, but the

dividends of completing a full program of this training were clearly indicated in Amy's racing over the regatta.

A full fifteen seconds faster in a single over 2km than her closest Australian peer, Amy was selected in the Australian Under 23 Lightweight Women's Double to compete at the 2015 Under World Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Alex was chosen to coach the double and worked hard with Amy and her crew mate from Sydney to make a fast combination. It was an enjoyable experience, but unfortunately the double did not find enough speed until they won the B Final, placing seventh in the world. Returning to Australia, Amy's 2015 campaign had provided a solid block of training but she was not fast enough to be selected in Australia's hope to qualify the Olympic Lightweight Women's Double in early 2016.

The other Australian lightweight women were aware of Amy's speed and relentless approach to racing when she was an Under 23, but were distracted by trying to make the Olympic team in 2016, and appeared somewhat grateful that she was in the younger category. At her first Nationals as a Senior in 2016, their fears were realised in the single scull when she blitzed them all by getting out quickly and forcing them to catch her, coming a close second in the final. Without having to trial, Amy was then selected as the Australian Universities Lightweight Women's Sculler to compete at Poznan, Poland at the 2016 World University Rowing Championships.

As she had done in 2014 and 2015, Amy trained through the Brisbane winter from Toowong, allowing her to avoid the distractions of living away from home and her second family at the club. Through 2016 the benefits of the previous two years of consistent training really started to build and Amy kept getting faster and faster, going on to the win the single in Poznan making her a World University Champion. Consequently, Amy was crowned Australian University Sports Athlete of the Year for 2016. Amy is not focused on outright results, and her crowning as World University Champion did not fill her disappointment of not executing the race plan in the final that she thought she was capable of. This attitude resists the influence of distractions but also derives confidence in her ability from her feeling of preparedness and cannot easily be influenced by even those close to her.

By the last quarter of 2017 Amy was fast on the water and fast on the erg, and clearly one of the best picks for the new Women's National Training Centre in Penrith where all Senior Australian representatives would be based through to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Amy moved to Sydney at the start of 2017 and now has an apartment (unfortunately without any cats yet), to train three times a day and receives a stipend as a full time athlete. Through the selection events in 2017 Amy was ranked the top Australian Lightweight Woman and selected into her first Senior Australian team to race at 2017 World Cups 2 and 3 in Poznan and Lucerne, Switzerland, and World Championships in Sarasota, USA in the lightweight double and quad. The move away from Brisbane will allow Amy to train more closely against her peers, and whilst



AUS Lightweight W2x Lucerne

challenging, Amy maintains strong links to those at Toowong. Amy returns to train at Toowong when she can and often enquires about the activities of those at the club, as she likes to see others succeed. Her quiet nature and relaxed demeanour can initially be taken as intimidating by younger athletes, but they quickly learn how supportive she is of them.

One cannot think of Amy but also think of Alex. The talkative pair have worked together closely since Amy's arrival at Toowong and much of Amy's maturation, progression, and improvement can be attributed to Alex's influence. The trust they share is fully warranted, with each side bringing their own unique abilities to the relationship, and the results speak for themselves. Alex's approach to training is holistic and this creates a person who is capable in their sport with a healthy approach to racing, focusing on internal change and eschewing external distractions. Someone like Amy. The effort and hours of (volunteer) work Alex puts in to Amy's training is a testament to his faith in Amy as an athlete and to his person in so generously donating his time and expertise.

Amy's drive to prepare so well and race with such determination stems from her clear idea of what she wants to achieve. Whilst not talkative, Amy demonstrates she is on a path to the highest levels of world rowing, and does everything on and off the water she can to make it happen. This drive makes Amy fast in a boat, but has rubbed off onto how she goes about her university studies in Movement Science at QUT, and has forced her introverted nature to consider new perspectives. Amy plans to finish her degree in Movement Science through QUT in 2018 whilst preparing for the 2018 WC and eventually the Olympics.

TRC Sub Junior Boys Squad Report

2016 Season

Since providing the report for the 2016 AGM squad consisting of the following boys continued to train up to the end of the school 3rd term when all boys then commenced training in their various school programs:

- James Hesse – 2016 Year 11 Churchie (Bow Open 1st VIII)
- Barclay Roach – 2016 Year 11 Churchie (Stroke Yr 11 1st VIII)
- Isaac Game – 2016 Year 10 Churchie (Stroke Yr 10 1st Quad)
- Harry Watt – 2016 Year 10 Terrace (Stroke Yr 10 1st Quad)
- Tom Rogencamp – 2016 Year 10 Terrace (Bow Yr 10 1st Quad)
- James Fallon - 2016 Year 10 Terrace (Two seat Yr 10 5th Quad)
- Tim Hurn – 2016 Year 9 Churchie (Bow seat Yr 9 1st Quad)

Of those boys James Hesse, Isaac Game, Harry Watt and Tim Hurn all competed at the Queensland Schools Championships in Bundaberg in September 2016.

Prior to those Championships James Hesse and Isaac Game trialed for the Metropolitan East Open/U19 Interregional Quad. Isaac Game was successful at that trial being selected in that Quad.

Notable results were: Tim Hurn's 8th in U15 1x final after qualifying through heats and semi-finals out of 64 athletes, Isaac Game's and James Hesse's 5th in Year 11 2x final after qualifying through heats and semi-finals out of 31 crews and Isaac Game's 5th in U17 1x semi-final 2 of 4 and Harry Watt's 4th in U17 1x in semi-final 1 of 4 after qualifying through heats out of 48 athletes.

Following the conclusion of the boys Head of the River (11 March 2017) Isaac Game and James Hesse competed at the Australian National Rowing Championships at SIRC (27 March-2 April 2017) with the HP squad.

Notable result was Isaac Game's 2nd in B Final in U21 Light Weight 1x after qualifying through heats and semi-finals out of 32 athletes

Following the Head of the River and before attending the National Championships, Isaac Game was selected in the Queensland Pathway Eight Squad. After competing at the National Championships Isaac commenced training in that squad and returned to SIRC 3 weeks later with the squad to compete at the National Underage (U19-U23) Selection Regatta.

2017 Season

After receiving a number of enquiries a small squad of Year 9, 10 and 11 boys from Churchie, Gregory Terrace and BBC commenced trialing at the Club from 14 May 2017 and have been attending a series of training sessions each Sunday at 6.30am. The squad at the time of writing consists of the following athletes:

- Angus Hedberg – Year 9 BBC
- Mitch Salisbury – Year 9 BBC
- Liam Audrey – Year 9 Churchie
- Tim Hurn – Year 10 Churchie
- Robert Capstick – Year 10 Gregory Terrace
- Ben Strange – Year 10 Gregory Terrace
- Thomas King Koi – Year 10 Gregory Terrace
- Harry Canfell – Year 10 Gregory Terrace
- James Fallon – Year 11 Gregory Terrace

It is expected that additional athlete will join the squad when term 3 commences.

All present members are very keen to experience Club life (including getting a Toowong zootie) and spending time on the water striving to perfect their skills in this amazing addictive sport of ours. For the year 10 boys this will included being introduced to sweep for the first time in both 2- and 4-.

During these sessions so far the boys have trained, and all very capable, in the 1x and 2x. In the main training sessions have been at T2 with heavy emphasis on technical skills but with and some T3 and T4 work at times.

Unfortunately, during this period there is virtually no opportunity for the boys to compete for the Club at Regatta's because of the way the Regatta calendar is set up, despite their keenness to do so.

The best opportunity for these boys to compete (although not as Toowong) is at the Queensland Schools Championships in Rockhampton in September. Subject to their school's approval some of the boys are likely to compete at those Championships.

Well done to all the boys from the 2016 squad on their achievements and to the new 2017 squad for the effort and commitment they have put into training so far. Also good luck to those that are able to compete in Rockhampton.

Mark Game

Sub-Junior Coach/Coordinator



Sub Junior Boys



Sub Junior Boys Robert Capstick & Liam Audrey



Sub Junior Boys Isaac Game & James Hesse

TRC Sub Junior Women

2016/2017 has proven to be a very successful season for the dedicated women of sub junior squad. While success often measured only by the numbers of medal won, success should also measure personal development, technique development, dedication and enjoyment.

Not only did the sub junior women succeed in standing on the presentation podium on many occasions throughout the season, a number were also rewarded with representative duties. It was also extremely rewarding to observe the satisfaction the athletes achieved after completing a demanding training session, refining their rowing technique or simply enjoying training and racing with their fellow squad members.

One of the main factors I attribute to the athletes success has been the progressive vertical integration of the sub-junior women into the larger, highly successful TRC high performance squad led by Kiwi Dwyer and Alex Field. For the younger athletes, the ability to observe their older peers in training and racing situations clearly demonstrates the dedication that is required to continue the long established tradition of a success that TRC is well known for throughout the Australian rowing community.

Thank-you to my fellow women sub junior coach Harry Norris, HP coaches Alex Field and Kiwi Dwyer, President Peter Schryver, and Club Captain Jack Price for your assistance during the season.

Andrew Gerber

QLD SCHOOLGIRLS PATHWAY CREW REPRESENTATIVES (SIRRC)

Charlotte Petfield, Lucy Stevens, Aimee Boulton, Sophie Gerber

AUSTRALIAN ROWING CHAMPOIONSIPS (SIRRC)

Silver Medal

Women U17 Double Scull
Kirsty Viljoen (str), Sophie Gerber

Bronze Medal

Women U17 Coxed Quad Scull
Kirsty Viljoen (str), Sophie Gerber, Aimee Boulton, Kenzie Durbridge, Goergia Petersen(cox)

Women Club Quad Scull

Aimee Boulton (str), Sophie Gerber, Kirsty Viljoen, Kenzie Durbridge

HEAD OF THE BRISBANE

Gold Medal

Women Single Scull
Sophie Gerber

QLD ROWING CHAMOPIONSIPS (Wyaralong)

Silver Medal

Women Group 4 Single Scull
Kaitlin Douglas

Women U17 Double Scull
Kirsty Viljoen (str), Sophie Gerber

Women U17 Coxed Quad Scull
Kirsty Viljoen(str), Sophie Gerber, Aimee Boulton, Mackenzie Platt, Georgia Petersen (cox)

Women Quad Scull
Kirsty Viljoen

Bronze Medal

Women G4 Double Scull
Kaitlin Douglas (str), Rhiannon Proper

Women U19 Eight
Kenzie Wareham (str), Charlotte Petfield, Lucy Stevens, Sophie Gerber, Rhiannon Proper, Aimee Boulton, Freya Martin, Maddie Condren, Georgia Petersen (cox)

Silver U17 Double Scull
Kirsty Viljoen, Sophie Gerber

U17 Women Coxed Quad Scull
Kenzie Durbridge, Aimee Boulton, Kirsty Viljoen, Sophie Gerber, Georgia Petersen

U17 Women Coxed Quad Medal Ceremony

Competition Finished - Australian Rowing Championships

Aimee Boulton, Kenzie Durbridge, Kirsty Viljoen, Goergia Peterson, Sophie Gerber, Andrew Gerber



TRC Sub Junior Girls Nationals Squad



TRC Sub Junior Girls



Nationals - WU17 Double Scull



WU17 4X+ Sophie Gerber, Kirsty Viljoen, Aimee Boluton, Mackenzie Platt, Georgia Petersen

Masters Rowing 2016/2017

This report covers those competition masters who competed in regattas over the past year. For those members the primary competitions were the Head of the Yarra on 25 November 2016, the State Titles at Coomera on 8/9th April 2017, the World Masters Games for a limited number of members from 24 to 28th April 2017 and the Australian Championships at Nagambie 18th to 28 April 2017.

Head of the Yarra

Toowong was represented by nine crews whilst member Randal Martin competed in a UQBC composite crew which won the masters C division.

The club won the Women's E8, were second in the Mixed D8 and obtained third places in the Men's H- K8, the Women's D8 and the Men's F-G8. The winning crew members were Elliott, Bourne, Herries, Evans, Cruikshank, Warren, Brown, Carter Cox Serra

The win by the Women's E8 was particularly outstanding given their time was the second fastest across all master's divisions being beaten only by the UQBC crew in the C division.



Queensland State Titles Coomera

As with all the Qld. masters regattas this season the titles were conducted in very ordinary conditions at Coomera which made it very hard to evaluate performance in training. Whilst appreciating the very big effort by Rowing Qld in readying the course for the State Titles the fact remains it is at best a third rate course which is quite galling when the Wyarralong course was not available to masters.

The club won 29 gold medals, 18 silver and 7 bronze again a long way ahead of the other clubs. A schedule of the gold medal winning crews is as follows:-

Gold Medals

Men's 4- Law, Reece, Kiley, Manning

Women's F8 Elliott, Bourne, Cruikshank, Kelly, Herries, Carter, Brown, Warren Cox Ellis

Women's A&B 2x Schmeider, Lambros

Men's F2- Keily, Reece

Men's D8 Manning, Keily, Reece, Russell, Bennett, Malakelliss, Wright Law Cox Toon

Men's E2- Keily, Reece

Women's A&B4+ Lambros, Cruikshank, Evans, Filkin Cox Pham

Men's G-K 4+ MacSporran, Wallrock, Jell, Lyndon Cox Toon

Men's C8 Manning, Keily, Reece, Russell, Bennett, Malakelliss, Wright, Law Cox Toon

Women's D8 Kelly, Filkin, Evans, Cruikshank, Taylor, Paynter, Thomasson, Leary Cox Luck

Men's F4+ Jell, Wallrock, Kiley, Reece Cox Toon

Women's E8 Elliott, Bourne, Cruikshank, Evans, Lambros, Kelly, Herries, Warren Cox Ellis

Men's E4+ Jell, Wallrock, Keily, Reece Cox Toon

Mix, G-K 4+ Warren, Elliott, Jell, Wallrock Cox Ellis

Mix C4x Evans, Cruikshank, Manning, Hall

Women's A&B 2- Lambros, Schmeider

Women's D4x Cruikshank, Evans, Thomasson, Leary

Men's G-K 2- Jell, Wallrock

Women's C8 Kelly, Filkin, Evans, Cruikshank, Paynter, Thomasson, Leary Cox Luck

Men's C4+ Hall, Bennett, Law, Schyver Cox Toon

Mix A&B 4x Murphy, Raven, Brown, Price

Men's F8 Law, O'Dwyer, Brooks, Wallrock, MacSporran, Jell, Keily, Lyndon Cox Toon

Women's C4x Holland, Paynter, Evans, Cruikshank

Women's D2x Cruikshank, Evans

Women's G-K 4+ Carter, Brown, Kelly, Elliott Cox Ellis

Men's G-K 8 Hatfield, Gibb, Park, Lyndon, Brooks, Jell, MacSporran, Wallrock

Women's C4+ Holland, Paynter, Evans, Cruikshank Cox Luck

Mens C2- Hall, Bennett

Women's A-K 4- Carter, Brown, Kelly, Elliott

World Masters Games New Zealand

The regatta was conducted on Lake Karapiro in near perfect conditions. Just four men and four women from Toowong participated and won an amazing 8 gold, 5 silver and 1 bronze medal, against an international field.

The gold medal winners were as follows:-

Women's G4+ Elliott, Kelly, Brown, Carter

Men's F4+ Reece, Keily, Wallrock, Jell Cox Webster

Womens G2- Kelly, Brown

Men's F8 Harrison, Shinnars, Lowe, Reynolds, Reece, Kiley, Wallrock, Jell Cox Webster

Men's F4- Reece, Kiley, Wallrock, Jell

Men's G4- Lowe, Shinnars, Wallrock, Jell

Men's E8 Harrison, Shinnars, Lowe, Reynolds, Reece, Kiley, Wallrock, Jell Cox Webster

Women's G4- Elliott, Kelly, Brown, Carter



WMG ME2- Dave & Gav

Australian Masters Championships Nagambie Lakes Victoria

The regatta was held over four days at Nagambie. Although cold and wet at times the on water conditions held up very well over the regatta. The club achieved a total of 44 medals comprising 25 gold, 13 silver and 6 bronze with a number of these made up of composite crews.

The club was crowned Championship Club of the regatta out of 76 competing clubs with a total points score of 541.25 ahead of Power House Rowing Club on 399.25 and Melbourne University Boat Club on 385.75 points. A full report of the results is as follows:-

Gold Medals

MA1x Price

MA4x Murphy, Conn, Goldstein, Price

WB2x Lambros, Schmeider

MB1x Manning

MB2x Hall, Price

MB8 Law, Conn, Hall, Bennett, Howard, Taylor, Price, Manning Cox Halley

WC4+ Cruikshank, Evans, Paynter, Taylor Cox Serra

MD2- Reece Kiley

MD4+ Law, Reece, Kiley, Manning Cox Toon

ME2- Reece, Kiley

WF4+ Warren, Herries, Bourne, Elliott Cox Serra

MF4+ Jell, Wallrock, Kiley, Reece Cox Halley



MF8 Jell, Wallrock, Kiley, Reece, Reynolds, Lowe, Shinners, Harrison
Cox Webster

WG4- Carter, Brown, Kelly, Elliott Cox Serra (Coxed/Coxless events
combined)

WG8 Partridge, Carter, Rodmell, McLauchlan, Warren, Brown, Kelly,
Elliott Cox Serra

MG4- MacSporran, Jell, Lowe, Wallrock

MG8 Blair, Pilmore, MacSporran, McCartney, Jell, Wallrock, Shinners,
Lowe Cox Webster

MH4+ Park, Gibb, Jell, Wallrock Cox Toon

MI4+ Hutchinson, Edgerton, Park, Gibb

MI8 O'Dowd, Gibb, Gibb, Edgerton, Park, Jell, Hutchinson, Gibb Cox
Rhodes

MIXAB4x Evans, Cruikshank, Murphy, Price

MIX E8 Thomasson, Leary, Evans, Cruikshank, MacSporran, Jell, Law,
Taylor, Cox Serra

MIX F-G4+ Warren, Elliott, MacSporran, Jell Cox Serra

MIX F-G 8 Carter, Brown, Warren, Elliott, MacSporran, Jell,
Shinners, Lowe Cox Halley

MClub 8 Law, O'Dwyer, MacSporran, Jell, Brooks, Wallrock,
Keily, Reece Cox Halley

Silver Medals

MA2x Price, Murphy

WB4+ Filkin, Lambros, Paynter, Schmeider Cox Serra

MB2- Hall, Price

MC4- Law, Conn, Hall, Bennett

MC8 Law, Conn, Hall, Taylor, Howard, Reece, Price,
Manning Cox Halley

WD2- Evans, Cruikshank

WD4+ Evans, Cruikshank, Bourne, Filkin Cox Serra

WD8 Filkin, Herries, Kelly, Paynter, Evans, Cruikshank,
Taylor, Spriggs Cox Luck

WE4+ Warren, Herries, Bourne, Elliott Cox Serra

WE8 Kelly, Herries, Warren, Schmeider, Evans,
Cruikshank, Bourne, Elliott Cox Serra

WF2- Warren, Elliott

MG2- Jell, Wallrock

MIX C4x Lambros, Italia, Flockhart, Schmeider

Bronze Medals

WB2- Lambros, Schmeider

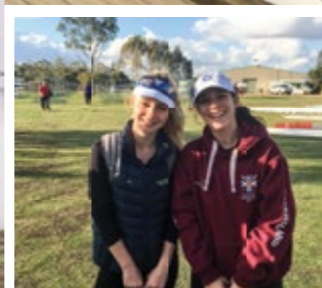
WC2- Filkin, Lambros

MD8 MacSporran, Taylor, Howard, Bennett, Keily, Reece,
Law, Manning Cox Halley

WF2- Kelly, Herries

WF8 Carter, Brown, Warren, Filkin, Kelly, Herries, Bourne,
Elliott Cox Serra

WG2- Carter, Brown

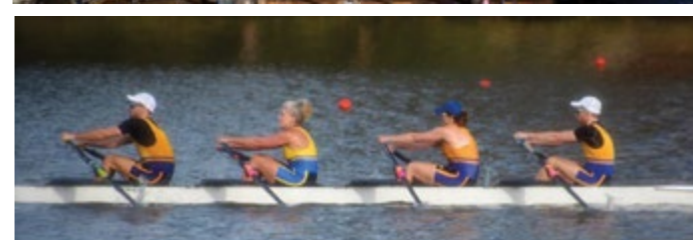


Separate reports are provided for the Men's and Women's Interstate
Eights. The men's 8 placed third whilst the women's crew rowed
magnificently to win by a record margin of eight seconds. A special
congratulation go to the three rowers plus coach in the women's
crew whilst there were four rowers plus cox and coach in the men's
boat.

This season has been a particularly busy one with the World Masters
Games being run just weeks before the National Championships.
It has been a challenging task to manage the programme for the
mental and physical fatigue of those who attended that regatta. That
ongoing challenge has continued with a women's 8 and 2- with a
men's four in the process of leaving for the Henley Masters Regatta
at the time of writing.

The results achieved again this year reflect the strong commitment
to doing the training necessary to succeed not just at a local level
but also at a national and international level. For the third year in a
row since the points score officially began Toowong has been the top
club in Australia for our masters component of the club. Our name
is known across the world with crews this year alone competing in
New Zealand, Australia, England and after the Henley our women will
race in Japan to continue the international exposure.

For the first time the Club won the prestigious Men's Club 8. In
doing so the crew became the inaugural winners of a magnificent
trophy in memory of John Whiting the former head of the Masters
Commission who has passed away with cancer. The trophy was
presented to the crew by his wife Pamela herself a distinguished
masters rower.



On a coaching note I want to thank Angie Ellis for the very high
quality work she is doing primarily with the women's group as
evidenced by the results. It is also gratifying to see Clive Killick
back into coaching after it was looking as if we would lose him
back to his 'homeland'. I also welcome the work now being
done by John Bliss whilst lamenting his decision to limit his
own rowing after such an outstanding career.

It is only appropriate to again finalise my report by thanking
those people who have supported the masters programme
largely behind the scenes. The most obvious one is of course
Peter Park without whom the club would be much poorer both
literally and figuratively. We also are much indebted to Peter
Jell for towing the boats to regattas especially the big one this
year to Nagambie. I also thank again our HP fellow members
for organising the tinnie fuel for us coaches.

My final paragraphs are largely the same as last year when I
observed that there are many others who work hard to keep the
club operating and all crews are obliged to those largely unseen
workers without whose input we cannot succeed on the water.

It has been said before that Toowong is not about the buildings
or the fleet, fantastic though they are. Rather it is about
the people who make up the club. There is no University
Senate or School board who 'owns' Toowong but rather each
individual member from the oldest to the youngest are all equal
shareholders in the club. That pride of ownership across all
programmes is so important and the basis of the club's greatest
strength, the volunteers whose positive input makes the club so
strong.

Terry Mulligan



QLD Masters Men's Interstate 8+



The 2017 campaign for the Masters Interstate 8 was a different campaign from the previous 4 years. Following Ian 'Lux' Luxford and Chip McKibbin's decision not to nominate for the 8, leaving a significant hole in the crew, the selection process was conducted and the crew selected. It quickly became evident that this was a significantly smaller crew than the previous 4 years, with only two of the crew weighing more than 83 kg.

The team selected was:

Bow	Jamie Russell	(Commercial)
	Glenn Wright	(Commercial)
	Michael Malakellis	(Commercial)
	Bruce Bennett	(UQ)
	Gavin Keily	(TRC)
	David Reece	(TRC)
	Bob Law	(TRC)
Str	James Manning	(TRC)
Cox	Michael Toon	(TRC)
Coach	Terry Mulligan	(TRC)
Reserves	Cameron Hall	(TRC)
	Jeff Conn	(UQ)

In addition to club training sessions, the crew rowed together twice a week, mostly on the Brisbane River, with 2 sessions at Lake Kurwongbah. After about 7 weeks training, we headed to Nagambie.

Victoria had again selected a strong crew, while NSW were an unknown quantity and ACT presented a similar crew to 2016. Giving away a significant height and power advantage to the Victorian and NSW crews, we knew that we would have to throw everything that we had at the race.

As the starter's signal turned green, we set off rating 45 spm, settling at 42 spm for the first 300 metres before transitioning to 39 spm. By the 300 metre mark, Victoria had moved away from the field, but we were holding our own with NSW. At the 500 metre mark, NSW put down a powerful surge to challenge Victoria for the lead. NSW (2:59.19), crossed the line less than a second in front of Victoria (2:59.63) with Queensland (3:03.28) in third, followed by the ACT (3:12.56). Congratulations to NSW on a well rowed race.

As we crossed the finish line, and afterwards, everyone in the QLD crew was extremely disappointed at having let ourselves, Terry and others. We gave it absolutely everything that we had but weren't fast enough on the day.

This year's result has lit a fire in many people's stomachs and hopefully 2018 will see a faster crew representing Queensland.

A massive congratulations to the Women's 8+ who dominated their race from start to finish. Congratulations!!

Thanks so much to Peter Park for maintaining the 'Cal Malouf', Peter spent countless hours adjusting and fine tuning the boat as if it was a Formula 1 racing car and he was the chief mechanic. Thanks to the Toowong Rowing Club for letting the crew use the 'Cal Malouf', Peter Jell for towing boats to and from regattas, David Reece's wife for "those" muffins and a massive thanks to the Pine Rivers Rowing Club for their wonderful hospitality and letting us train at Lake Kurwongbah.

Terry put an incredible amount of effort and energy into this year's crew, as he has in previous years, unfortunately we just couldn't reward his effort with the desired result. Thanks so much Terry, once again.

David Reece and Bob Law

QLD Masters Women's Interstate 8+



When the call for nominations goes out for the State Masters Women's 8+ each year, speculation inevitably arises as to who is ready, willing and able. Although some first balked at the challenge news that Fleur Spriggs (now in Victoria) was eligible to trial, and retaining the Pradella Trophy to achieve a maroon 'hat trick', firmed up those in doubt it was time to step up and get ready for Queensland.

Following the ergo and pairs trials in February and March, it was evident (and a relief for selectors) that age and ability were on our side to form a quality D-aged crew. The final line up selected was a youthful and formidable blend of old hands and new from two leading clubs:

Fleur Spriggs	Commerical
Christine Taylor	Commerical
Vicki Leary	Commerical
Alecia Thomasson	Commerical
Andrea Paynter	Commerical
Tracey Evans	Toowong
Saoirse Cruikshank	Toowong
Julie Ann Kelly	Toowong
Edwina Luck (cox)	Commerical
Janelle Filkin (reserve)	Toowong
Angelina Ellis (coach)	Toowong

The first month of training was out of Commerical where our squad was made welcome and Justin's 'combie' coffee provided great recovery after long Saturday sessions. With Fleur in Victoria, World Masters Games in April and National Championship drawn earlier in May, everyone knew this would call for a united and high-quality approach to training on and off the water. "Every training session was focused, but also relaxed and joyful," said Fleur. "At the end of every session I said – well it's a long way to come for a row but it's soooo worth it. These were the best rows of the season for me."

Gains in technique and fitness soon yielded form; however other crew dynamics, founded on mutual respect and trust, created a strong bond that saw these women back one another to 'have a go' and push the boundaries. This attitude, coupled with training adaptability and integrity, were key crew qualities that enabled challenges to be overcome and progress made. Janelle Filkin was kept particularly busy as reserve with her flexibility to fill seats a great asset to our preparation.

After Easter, preparations shifted to Toowong with weekly sessions in the RV Mulligan and three-day training blocks sharpening

skills in readiness for competition. Racing at the State Masters Championships in varying conditions, produced good results and tested contingencies and competitor qualities that would be crucial to reclaim a national title in May.

Early racing on Day 3 at the Australian Masters Rowing Championships did not go to plan. Competing in the WMC8+ final, coxswain Eddie was uneasy as "coming out of the start it felt sluggish". And although she called for sharpness and stride, the women struggled to find their form and went over the line in 4th place. Coming off the water with the mood low and concerns high, calm but earnest team talk followed as to what went wrong. It was no myth that the shallow, cold fresh water of Lake Nagambie was in contrast to our Brisbane river conditions, and options were discussed to adjust the gearing to help boost ratings and speed. A late decision to change oars could have been a big risk had this crew not been so bloody-minded to unite and make this work.

Conditions on sunset were calm and cool as 5 representative crews took to the start of the ISWMD8+ event. Qld was drawn wide in Lane 2 with long-standing rivals NSW and Victoria on the opposite side of the course. Rating furiously out of the start, it was 'game on' for the maroons who wasted no time to set an early lead. "We had a good start and were ahead of the crews next to us very quickly. But NSW were so far away and I had no sense of where we were in relation to them. But Eddie called us as being out in front, but even then, I didn't really know by how much" recalled Fleur. By the 500m mark, Qld had powered away to 4 second lead and continued a relentless attack to the line. Queensland's winning time of 3:28:28 saw a record margin win of 8.26secs over NSW (2nd) and Victoria (3rd) and ecstatic celebrations on the podium that continued into the night.

This year's success has been the culmination of efforts of many parties. On behalf of the 2017 Qld Masters Women's 8+ our thanks to state selectors Brian Parmenter, John McGuinness and Andrew McNicol for giving your time this season. Sincere thanks John for your invaluable help transporting gear and for sharing your astute observations and words from the tinny. Many thanks TRC committee and club members for your continuing support of state masters rowing and especially Peter Park for your help in preparing our winning boat and Terry Mulligan for sharing your coaching wisdom. Finally, my sincere thanks to the ten top women of this year's Qld Masters Women's 8+ whose work ethic and teamwork underpinned their exceptional achievement and class.

Ange Ellis

World Masters Games April 2017– Lake Karapiro NZ

Planning began in earnest for the 2017 World Masters Games after the Australian Masters Regatta at Kawana in 2016. TRC, through Peter Jell, hosted a group of NZ rowers from West End Rowing Club who over the next 10 months, proved to be invaluable with their local knowledge and support, going into bat for us when the WMG committee seemed inflexible and unfriendly.

On April 22nd, a small contingent of Toowong Masters Rowers – 4 men (Peter Jell, Nick Wallrock, David Reece and Gavin Keily), 4 women (Marion Elliott, Julie-Ann Kelly, Trish Carter and Lyn Brown) plus our manager Carol Watters, made the trip across the “ditch” to Lake Karapiro near Cambridge. The ladies stayed at a boarding school, St Peters College Cambridge, about 10 minutes from the course where we thoroughly enjoyed the boarding school environment and prepared meals - at the dining hall we adopted a philosophy of “go early or go hungry” as we needed to beat 200 teenage rugby league players to the buffet. Meanwhile, the men and their wives were slumming it in a luxury farmhouse at Tamahere, complete with very friendly cat.

Weather conditions for the week of the Games regatta were forecast initially to be pretty ordinary - rain, rain, wind and more rain - with the North Island recovering from the remnants of Cyclone Debbie. However, the rowing gods were smiling and we were delighted to experience a week of unparalleled sunshine and balmy conditions. We could not have asked for a better course, a more smoothly-run regatta, or more cordial hosts.

The clubs’ results were exceptional - the decision taken by the men to shelve some pet events in favour of bigger boats proved to be outstandingly successful. The competition was strong, with 3 elite masters clubs from the USA proving to be our main adversaries. The Kent Mitchell men’s contingent, consisting of a cherry-picked group of ex Olympians and World Champions provided the men with some tough competition, but Toowong was able to win the F4-, E2- and combined with Banks and Melbourne, to win the G4-, E8+, F8+, and G8+.

There were many remarkable moments. The win in the E8+ by the “F” crew against the younger “E” Kent Mitchell crew, was the most unexpected and satisfying result for the men considering the age

and credentials of the elite American masters crew. The margin was 0.01 in a photo finish with the Russians coming in 3rd, a further 2.11 sec behind.

For Gav and Dave, one highlight was their win in the E2- after the steering broke on the way to the start. When faced with such misfortune, Gav said he pondered “what would Lux do?” well, divine intervention wasn’t required, their skill prevailed - the final margin was 0.21 sec.

In the women’s events, again the main competition were the selective teams from the USA and Canada; Chinook Performance and Cascadia. In sweep oar, we showed our strength in our age group, winning the G4+, G4- and the G2-. However, the Americans proved to be too strong in the G8+ where we were placed second. Our G4x romped home in the heat but, the finals result was more realistic. We have decided that sculling is not our strong point, and we’re going to either do a lot more training, or leave it to someone else! In the mixed races we gained a 1st and 2nd place in two divisions of the F-G4+, a 2nd in the F-G8+, 2nd in the H-K4x, and 3rd in the H-K2x.

The 10 Gold for Toowong was second on the total medals tally – quite remarkable for 8 members competing and certainly the best gold medals per head of competitors for any club.

We really appreciated having Carol along for the week; she kept us on track with times for races, looked after our gear, and kept a running tally of results. She did have a go coxing during a practice session however, decided the compulsory life vest was a big negative for comfort and is hoping that rule does not take on in Australia! Luckily we were provided with some vivacious school girl coxes from the WMG pool; they could not have been more enthusiastic and friendly.

It really was a memorable regatta; everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience, the camaraderie, and the competition. The generosity of West End RC was outstanding, our loan boats were exceptional and the club members could not have been more helpful to us all. We will all have some special memories of our week in NZ.

Trish Carter and Lyn Brown



WMG Mens F8+



WMG 2017 TRC Team



WGM Ceremony



Champions!

Toowong On High At Henley Masters 2017

In June this year, 10 women and 4 men from TRC competed in the 2017 Henley Masters Regatta. After arriving in London, we collected our boats from Leander Rowing Club and trained on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday. All the TRC crews were scheduled for racing on Saturday, Day 2 of the masters regatta.

The morning program began with Tracey Evans and Saoirse Cruikshank in the women's D2-. After a great start, the girls went on to beat the current British Champions from Ardingly Rowing Club to progress to the final against Runcorn later in the afternoon.

Carol Watters, David Reece, Peter Jell, Nick Wallrock and Al MacSporran then beat Broxbourne to win the gold medal in the men's G4+.

Following this, Marion Elliott, Julie Bourne, Robyn Herries, Tracey Evans, Saoirse Cruikshank, Heather Warren, Lyn Brown and Trish Carter coxed by former British representative Andy Probert, fought off a strong challenge from Marlow to win gold in the women's E8+.

Finally David, Peter, Nick and Al beat Reading in the G4- to progress to the final against Upper Thames in the afternoon.

The afternoon program began with Elicia Delapaix and Julie-Anne Kelly facing tough competition from York Rowing Club with the Brits proving too strong in the women's E2-. Aiming to repeat their qualifying form, Tracey and Saoirse faced Runcorn Rowing Club crew in the final of the WD2- and after a clean start the Toowong pair moved ahead to take out gold in the event.

Our women's F8+ comprising Marion, Julie, Robyn, Julie-Anne, Elicia, Heather, Lyn and Trish, unfortunately could not match a fast-finishing Thames Composite crew in the final. Toowong's Henley Masters campaign concluded with another finals win for our men (David, Peter, Nick and Al) who took on Upper Thames to win gold in the men's G4- event.

The success we achieved at this regatta was due to the help and support we received from others. We would like to express our sincere thanks to: Ange Ellis and Terry Mulligan who extended their season after Nationals to coach the six crews in preparation for competition; Leander Rowing Club, who not only allowed us to hire their boats, but also kindly opened their doors to us during the competition; the coach and boatman at Leander, Karl Reid, who spent many hours adapting the TRC hired boats to suit women's crews, as Leander had been expecting the TRC crews to be heavier men's crews; Andy Probert who coxed the women's E8+ to a win; and to Clive Killick who secured tickets to the Royal Henley Regatta so we could drink Pimms and cheer on the Aussie crews.

Tracey Evans



Henley Preparation at Leander



Henley WM2-



WME8+ Heading To Henley

Bluey's Report

TOP SQUAD HAS A NAME CHANGE

Toowong Rowing Club has encouraged recreational rowing for about twenty years and the leading force in the Club has been the Blueys & Goldies.

With the number of other squads such as

- The Greenies (mix blue and gold you get green...nothing to do with Stephen Green?)
- The Misfits
- Clive's Girls
- Blissy's four or five
- And so on

A new women's squad evolved early this year and the B&Gs offered to split their name and give this lot the name Goldies and we retain the name Blueys.

Yes pretty significant stuff!! We talk about the importance of the squads often and how they contribute to the success of TRC and having a name is also important.

We have a special lady in our Blueys squad. Who in their right mind would get out of bed at 4.00am, drives to the rowing club and coxes some questionable eights three or four mornings a week, all without recompense and without much acknowledgement.

Well Marg Zerner does and has been for over twelve months. This little lady had very little knowledge of rowing when she joined and with a dogged personality she stuck at and learnt a new skill. Well done Marg. Thank you for what you do for our mob and for other squads at TRC.

This year has been somewhat uneventful for the Blueys. We have a steady influx of new and not so new rowers into the squad. We welcomed Maggie Forrest, Nathan Thynne, Karen Douglas and many visitors. We lost many to other squads and all power to them.

An important part of our group is the number of new rowers who come to TRC not having rowed for many years. Knowing that they would not initially fit in with more advanced squads, they row with us until they are fit and appreciate how rowing technique has changed over the years. They will then move on to other squads.

There were no podiums to boast of. No repeating the triumphs of the Head of the Tweed or Head of the Brisbane, but some very pleasant long rows to the Lourdes Hill Shed a round trip of 26kms and trips to the Indooroopilly Bridge. We had one bloke who joined us for one of these after not having rowed for many years, and we asked him how he felt at the end. His reply "I don't go that far on holidays."

Steve Kennedy



TRC OCTOGENARIANS



SENIOR STATESMEN: Tom Jack, Jim Nunan, Cal Malouf, Jack Hutchinson, Frank Moss, Russell Kerrison, Col Brimblecombe, Jim Garner and Don Boshier. Picture: Gary Lynagh. This photo has been reproduced with permission of the photographer.

Meet the redoubtable 'octogenarian eight' from Toowong Rowing Club. All champion oarsmen in their youth, the crew possess one other non-negotiable qualification: they are all aged 80 or more. Russell Kerrison, the self-described 'baby' of the crew at 80, said the group got together on the Brisbane River a decade ago as Toowong's self-styled 'septuagenarian eight'.

"They've been waiting for me to turn 80 so we could morph into the octogenarians", he said. "We don't go out on the river as a crew very often but many of us still try to row regularly, usually with some of the kids in the club who are still in their 70s". Livewire coxswain Tom Jack, who has been a member at Toowong since 1953, said he was determined the club should have a genuine octogenarian eight to silence boasts from Victorian rivals, the Banks Rowing Club. "When I researched their 'octogenarian eight' it turned out not all their crew were aged 80 or over. What they didn't say was their average age was 80. I thought that was pathetic and was determined we'd show them what a real octogenarian eight is all about". Jack, who is 80 and three months older than Kerrison, has vivid memories of his first race victory wearing Toowong colours. "I coxed a state championship winning four at Rockhampton in November, 1953," he said. "It was the first time I had been on a plane trip. We went on a DC3 to Rocky. The heat up there nearly killed me." Most of the crew have been Toowong members for 50 or 60 years but the oldest rower, Don Boshier, 89, is a 'new-comer' with 30 years membership. An Englishman who started rowing on the Thames, Boshier joined Tweed Heads RC when he came to Australia. "I rowed on the Tweed for many years and joined Toowong when I moved to Brisbane 30 years ago," he said. Other crewmen are stroke Jimmy Nunan, 84, Cal Malouf, 87, Jack Hutchinson, 83, Frank Moss, 81, Col Brimblecombe, 83 and Jim Garner, 82. Most were involved in

building the Toowong clubhouse and boatshed after the devastating 1974 flood wrecked the club's headquarters opposite the Regatta Hotel. A group of members driven by the visionary Malouf, the late Jim Dowrie, builder Hutchinson and architect Kerrison, turned the disaster into a rare opportunity to fund, design and build a modern rowing club on a greenfield site near Queensland University. "We started again from nothing. All we had left were a few boats in storage," Kerrison said. "The club's membership rallied and we did it. We paid off the debt in 10 years, mostly from running bingo sessions." Toowong President Kerry O'Rourke said the octogenarians typified the club's history, tradition and spirit. "We are 127 years old and an important part of our culture is history," he said. "Every Saturday morning you see older blokes and younger rowers mixing in the club after being out on the water. A lot of clubs don't foster that culture, but you can almost touch it at Toowong. We didn't buy this club from Bunnings. It took a lot of effort from a lot of people over 127 years to get where we are today and we still have a lot of step to climb." O'Rourke is justifiably proud of Toowong's status as the leading rowing club in Australia. The club has about 250 active members encompassing juniors, high performance, veterans, recreational rowers and social members. Each morning around 5am a diversity of crew boats and sculls set out on the Brisbane River. "In 2016, we were rated nationally as No.1 in masters rowing and No.2 in high performance," he said. "The previous year we were No.1 in both categories. The rowing clubs in the south know we are about. Brisbane's biggest asset is its river and we've taken the challenge by the throat and said 'we are going to be a big, modern sporting club. It just doesn't happen by accident. We set objectives and work towards them. It is an ongoing challenge."

Bernie Pramberg

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Head of the Brisbane



Terry Mulligan Rowing Australia Volunteer of the Year 2016



When Terry Mulligan joined Toowong Rowing Club as a teenager in 1964, little could he have foreseen the impact that rowing was to have on his life, nor the influence he would have upon the rowing community in Queensland.

As a keen young sportsman, Terry's introduction to rowing was at St Joseph College, Gregory Terrace where he rowed in the 1st VIII in his senior year alongside fellow old boy Kerry O'Rourke. Immediately after leaving school, Terry joined Toowong Rowing Club (then located near the Regatta Hotel) where his rowing abilities and knowledge were developed under the guidance of Ron Mahony. In 1969, when injury prevented him from competing, Terry turned his hand to coaching and Toowong crews soon benefited from his keen eye and calls from the tinny.

Over the following years Terry was to hone his coaching skills to elite level to guide many club, state and national representative crews (including Kings Cup and World Championship) to success. In 1996, after coaching Marina Hatzakis to selection for the Atlanta Olympics, Terry retired from high performance rowing scene only to continue coaching in the growing Masters arena. The standards of excellence he has achieved over the past 20 years working with veteran athletes at Toowong and beyond needs little elaboration with his training programs and technical expertise producing countless winning crews at state, national and international level. Toowong's standing as Australia's premiere Masters rowing club this decade is, in no small part, due to Terry's commitment and expertise. His generosity in sharing time and knowledge has also been greatly welcomed and valued by many of his fellow coaches who strive to emulate just a little of his rowing knowhow and wisdom.



Every year Rowing Australia recognises outstanding contributions from athletes, coaches and volunteers whose work embodies excellence in their field. On 28 January in Canberra, Terry's achievements in the sport of rowing were formally acknowledged in being awarded the 2016 Volunteer of the Year. In the company of other distinguished recipients including Kim Brennan (Athlete of the Year) and Lyall McCarthy (Coach of the Year), the Australian rowing community paid tribute to Terry's voluntary work which has continued unbroken for almost five decades, a remarkable association rarely found in any professional or amateur sporting circles.

On behalf of Toowong Rowing Club congratulations Terry on receiving this national honour and our sincerest thanks for the exceptional and ongoing contributions you make to Toowong Rowing Club and the wider Queensland rowing community.

Ange Ellis



Annual Dinner & Awards

The 2016 Toowong Rowing Club Annual Dinner was held on Saturday 22 October 2016 and back on "since 1974 home soil" in our fantastic Function Room and adjoining garden space in the front of the gym. And yet again it was another wild success.

For the second year running, the dinner was 'emceed' by not one but two women. And yes, once again the task was a likened to climbing Everest or tackling a marathon a day for a year. However, the brief was as per 2015 keep it short, sharp, sweet and ensure our illustrious leader and Club President Kerry isn't given the microphone for any length of time.

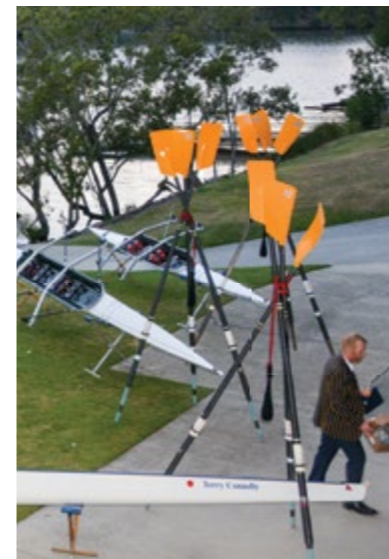
The boat naming ceremony at sunset saw 5 boats commissioned to our fleet in recognition of national representative success and club service. This included Amy James (LWT2x), Jack Price (LWT2-), Terry Connelly (HW2-), Gavin Keily (HW2-) and Angelina Ellis (8+). The McVilly-Pearce Pin, a specially numbered award presented to rowers who have represented Australia at Senior A level, was bestowed to seven Toowong members now belonging to this elite group of athletes. On behalf of Rowing Australia, Club Chairman Peter Schryver presented this highly coveted award to Darryn Purcell, Rob McNeil, Tim McDonnell, Nick Silcox, Bob Hoyes, Jack Price and Michael Toon.

The Annual Dinner is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the Club's extensive history both on and off the water and reflect the achievements of those that have been before us, while excitedly celebrating the next generation of Toowong rowers before the world rowing community finds out about them. The symbolic nature of these presentations, in particular the Club Awards, cannot be stressed enough, as the historically named trophies are handed like torches to the future leaders of Toowong Rowing Club.

- Most Outstanding Athlete (Jack Hutchinson Award) - Amy James
- Most Races Won Open - Callum Chisholm
- Most Improved Juniors - Alex Jeremijenko and Alexandra Muratidis
- Most Outstanding Junior (Tom Jack Award) - Cormac Jarver and Ashleigh Hockings
- Masters Athlete Award - Peter Jell & Nick Wallrock
- Life Membership Award - Darryn Purcell & Rob (Red) McNeil
- Club Service Award - John Bliss
- Australian Representatives (TRC caps) Callum Chisholm, Maddie Coonan, Tom Davidson, Tom Franey, Angus Morrison, Nick Pettigrew, Danni Serra and Ollie Smith

Thank you to all involved behind the scenes, in particular the TRC Dinner Committee, who made the evening a success especially given the new format of upstairs and downstairs dining options. We are back to the TRC Function Room again for the 2017 Annual Dinner, date to be confirmed. We are so looking forward to bringing all our rowers together again in our shared love of flat water, tail breezes, and a bloody good time.

Emma Brown and Clare Raven



McVilly-Pearce Pin recipients: Darryn Purcell, Bob Hoyes, Nick Silcox, Jack Price, Tim McDonnell, Michael Toon and Rob McNeil



TRC Tourers - L'Aviron en Francaise

Bonjour

Wel and Sue Gamble and myself left on 10th May this year, and after 2 nights in beautiful Bordeaux we trained to Aiguillon where we met 12 other rowers from Ireland, Portugal, Germany, Netherlands, England, USA, Japan and our local Frenchmen organisers. We spent 5 days rowing on the Baise river which at times was hardly wider than the oar span. We passed through, and stopped at, Medieval and Roman villages. One day we had lunch at a village called Condom where there was a Battle of the Brass Bands Festival taking place in the streets. It was more a crazy drink fest and people were jumping in the river to try and catch the boat. We visited a cooperage where we were toured the site with next to no safety regulations, but it was fascinating. Another day we visited a prune museum on the side of the river – another interesting experience. It goes without saying that we visited a couple of brandy distilleries as we were in the Armagnac Area of France. We were taken on walking tours of

caves. We left the boat on the river one afternoon and were taken to the medieval village of Pujols perched high above the river which was a fascinating place to explore. Rowing the river at Cahors with it's amazing medieval bridge dating back to 1200s was great experience.

Our hosts organised dinners in lovely French restaurants overlooking the river or in medieval villages, at farmhouses or out in the country, while supporters shopped and provided rustic picnics of crusty French bread, sausage and cheeses, fruit and vegies from the local markets and appropriate local beverages every day.

Over the 10 days we rowed 198 kms and navigated 43 lochs going around weirs on the rivers. One of those was very interesting. It was 13.5 metres deep with the 4 slushes all opened at once which threw the boat around a bit as they bubble up. Most of the lochs were hand operated so a couple of the men would have to open and close the



most towns where we stopped and it was just like taking a walk back in history – walled cities and towns that would have been on the Roman roads. Halfway through the time we moved camp to the hill village of Vers where the view from our room was so picturesque and included houses dating back to 600AD. A few of us walked up behind the village to an old Roman aquaduct where the path of the water was still very evident. From here we were rowing on the upper Lot River which was a little wider in spots but in other places narrow with towering limestone cliffs – some with medieval houses built into the cliffs and others where dwellings were in

gates and then get back in the boat. Cherry laden trees sometimes overhung the river but due to going backwards we always saw it too late. Asparagus was in the fields so was on the menu most nights.

It was sad to say goodbye to the rowing family at the end of the 10 days but we all have wonderful memories and pictures to look back on.

Au revoir,

Aynslie Coit

VETERAN LEAVES A MARK

On May 27th 2017 the Australian Chief-of-Navy Vice Admiral Tim Barrett unveiled a public memorial to honour past and present naval personnel of the Royal Australian Navy. The two metre tall bronze statue of a sailor with his duffle bag and bell bottom trousers, stands proudly at South Brisbane overlooking the Qld Maritime Museum and the historic Dry Dock preserving WWII frigate HMAS Diamantina. The sides of the octagonal plinth feature the naval conflicts and the serving vessels since formation of our maritime forces. And the Toowong Rowing Club connection? Naval Veteran and our own TRC Veteran Rudi Bianchi was a driving force behind a 3 year-long project to erect the first free standing naval memorial of its kind in Queensland.

On behalf of TRC congratulations Rudi for your vision and dedicated efforts to establish this magnificent and permanent tribute to the men and women of the Royal Australian Navy.

Kerry O'Rourke

President



Kibble Cup Winners



Kibble Cup Winners 2016 Tom Edgecombe, Jim Gibb, Katherine Lambros & Chris Thomson.tif

TOOWONG MOWING CLUB

Well, our little band has kept on with the job of keeping our grounds, the open space to the kindergarten, the bike tracks through to the University and the footpath to St Thomas Kindergarten in absolutely top shape. To get an idea, it takes five man hours to do it all!!

You would be surprised at the number of locals on their afternoon walks who pass on compliments to us. We are very much a community club and the community acknowledge the work the Club does in keeping our little part of the world in the best presentation.

Col Brimblecombe reached the end of his mowing career and has hung up a very sensational grassed stained mowing boots. Thank you for the many years you gave to the Club in doing this work once a week all year round.

The Club acknowledges Rob Watters for his skills with the mower. He is mainly responsible for the area outside the Terrace and the river frontage to the lower shed. This is where all the brides have their photographs and Rob's work has featured in some of the most

famous photos in the country. Thank you also to others who have helped through the year including, Stephan Roseblade, Jim Gibb and Andrew Farr. You guys are amazing.

Why do you think I am telling you this?? Well there are some openings in our little team for people seeking fame with grass and powerful machines. Yes, just imagine where your photos of grass could turn up!! WOW!!

Remember five man hours each week to keep the place looking good. We really need three more people to help on a regular basis. Please see me if you would like to join our team. Tracy Evans was the last woman with us and is looking forward to when she retires so that she can come back to mowing. Maybe there are a couple of women out there who would like a change and do something really, really exciting and satisfying???

Kerry O'Rourke



OLD GOLD AND ROYAL BLUE

History has it that sometime back in the 1930s, Toowong RC changed their club colours from purple and white to 'old gold and royal blue'. However, over the years, the gold and blue colours have been subject to compromises due to variations in fabric, print and paint dyes.

Nowhere has the difference in shades been more noticeable than with our club oars. Over the decades, our sculling and sweep blades have been subjected to '50 shades of yellow', often cheap stuff bought on special at the local hardware store.

But thanks to Andrew Farr and a team of hard working helpers, our colour mismatch issues have been fixed and an important part of TRC identity has been restored to original standards. With a bit of investigation, Andrew tracked down quality marine grade paint in true 'old gold' tint. Over many weeks, Andrew led volunteers (too many to list) to sand, undercoat and paint a lot of our blades. A big thanks Andrew and team for a super effort – a very professional job all round. A big thanks also Gavin Keily and Talbot Press for printing TRC crest stickers now uniformly placed on the upper edge of our club oars. Let's hope the remaining blades can be completed by the end of this year.



Happy pair



Paul Pettigrew



Breakfast Men



Pair in Progress



One Of The Boys



Don Boshier



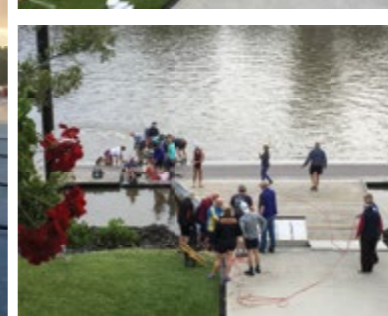
WMD8+ Yarra 2016



Rainbow Magic



Winter Series



Pontoon repair



Greenies at play



Small Boats Session March 2017

Vale Gill Parmenter

17 June 1948 – 12 April 2017

As the partner of a keen rower in what was then a male-exclusive sport, Gill's initial impressions of rowing were not favourable. But she realised that a sport that engendered such fanaticism in its participants must have something going for it. Toowong Rowing Club gave her the opportunity to find out what.

It was all pretty accidental. First, the Browns encouraged me to join TRC when other Brisbane clubs were less welcoming. Then Merv Russell mistook Gill for a member of his learn-to-row program. Then Vanessa Whitehead gave her the confidence to scull on the inhospitable Brisbane River. At her first regatta Swampy told her she had to stroke his mixed four because the boat was bow rigged.

Brian Parmenter

It was my greatest privilege to spend so many kilometres up & down our river in a pair, double, four, quad & eight with Gill. She was our stroke because of her great rhythm.

Gill the leader! She had a knack for selecting our team skills & personalities for training, regattas & head races. EVERY row was considered a way to improve our team skills— Gill was the complete athlete. Paul Cosgrove (TRC masters coach) saw us paddling up & down the river in our pair prior to the 2004 Nationals & suggested

Sue Gamble

Gill and I started rowing together soon after she and Brian moved up from Melbourne. On our first time out, Gill sat behind me in a double as we sashayed up the river and returned precariously to the pontoon. Little did I know what a poor swimmer she was. She astutely decided next time that I should sit behind her and so it continued with Gill setting a natural cadence in the stroke seat. If I complained of boredom in looking at her curls, she would put in a purple dye for relief.

One clear rowing memory was our very first comp in a four with Penny and Pru at Bucca Weir. Was winning to be so easy especially against the crack TRC crew? Discovering their rudder was on backwards was a more likely explanation, still we celebrated with

Helen Case

Gill had a steely determination if she set her mind to something. She was a no nonsense high achiever. She didn't have time for anyone who wasn't intent on improving their rowing, skills or life. She didn't want to be pulling people up the river. She always wanted the best row possible. She was not one to be judgemental or to gossip. She was a person of few words but what she said was thought through before she spoke.

Gill would not let us get away with anything, even right up until the last training session before the Yarra last November. If we thought she was perhaps tiring and called it quits after 5 sets instead of 6, she would say "We have one more of those to do, don't we?". Her only concession to the program was a lower rating

Aynsli Coit

And then there was no holding her back.

Gill excelled consistently at the elite masters level for seven years until she was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma and spent weeks in hospital in Victoria overcoming the initial crisis. A determination to return to at least recreational rowing and the support of her many friends at TRC were crucial to all that she achieved while living with Myeloma. She knew that HOTA 2016 would be her swansong. With that, she showed what can be achieved if your mind is strong enough to overcome the limitations of your body.

Gill loved rowing and TRC. She would be so pleased with the recognition that the Club is giving to her achievements.

a few pointers & helped us practise some starts & took us under his wing so we would look "tidy" in our TRC colours on the Olympic Regatta Course! We went on to win the WE2-, a great triumph.

Over the years we shared a room at camps & regattas but when the serious business was over... the party girl in Gill came out!! She loved music & dancing! Finally, I will always remember her wardrobe of fabulous shoes!

wild dancing at the Bucca pub afterwards. Another great memory was rowing a double together from Yamba to Grafton as we belted out Elvis and Big O hits for kilometres confident of the seagulls' appreciation.

Gill went on to greater rowing successes but we maintained weekly contact through playing bridge together with the "lovely ladies" as her grand daughters called us. Not surprisingly, Gill played cards as she lived her life - with focus and determination, disdain for poor bidding, never conceding to mild conventions and most admirably, always striving for success with a hand she was dealt. I miss her so.

— so that the boat run was more efficient. She never talked of her accomplishments. She did admit to not being good with Macramé when it came to trying to put the "booties" on the riggers.

Gill taught us, by her actions and examples, not to succumb to adversity and not to let it get the better of you. Succumbing to adversity allows it the upper hand. She had a grip on her emotions and reactions. Gill had an outwardly even temperament, but if anyone unjustly crossed her path they knew about it. She would give it thought and in her quiet unpublicised way tell them what she thought, but in a constructive way.

She will be sadly missed by all at TRC but she and her ways will live on in our memories for ever.



Function Room Report

This has been successful year with the function room being able to donate \$40,000 of it's profits to the club.

Again we have had continued bookings from several club members and friends for the use our function room including the wedding of our gorgeous cox Prue Fan, and the wake of our wonderful member who we all dearly miss, Gill Parmenter. We thank them all sincerely for their support.

The number of functions this year has steadied whilst still providing us with a profit which is encouraging. We thank the members, particularly the high performance group who have frequently and graciously turned down their music and kept out of sight when garden weddings and seminars etc are on. This has been an inconvenience for them and I wish to thank them all for their willing co-operation and support.

To grow our business , we have been very active on Facebook, Instagram and Linked In and give our thanks to Cat Brown for her help with this. We also would like to thank our club members for all their likes and shares as this all helps getting more people aware of our wonderful function centre and hopefully more business! We have increased our networking with Brisbane Chamber of Commerce and Wedding suppliers groups by attending regular networking meetings.

The function room website had been up for many years and had become sadly out of date. With the website designer unable to be contacted, updating it was not going to happen. It was always an issue too that we were not able to update it ourselves, so with the help of Squarespace, and at very little expense, I was able to develop a new website with the great bonus that I can change things whenever I need to and stay current! It will be a work in progress and it would be appreciated greatly if you would have a look at our website and provide constructive criticism. Go to toowongrowingclub.com.au or via the club website toowongrowing.com and click on function room for the link.

With garden weddings it is very helpful if you can offer a plan B. Our big wide balcony is ideal for this as well as a great area for seminar participants to enjoy their lunch and for cocktail functions. We have however had a fairly serious problem that in the advent of rain, too much water splashes in off the roof and at times the sun can prove a detraction from the guests enjoyment of sitting outside and looking over the river. We have therefore arranged for the purchase of louvres on the roof to make the area more weather proof without impacting on the river view. These will be installed in the near future.

The venue has now been operating for nearly 10 years and though we endeavour to look after it and keep it clean, it is starting to look a bit tired. We have recently had the misfortune to lose bookings with the comments from prospective clients suggesting that the venue they chose instead of ours was smarter and fresher. Mindful of our limited budget, we have been investigating costs and suggestions to update the décor. It may only be a fresh coat of paint and a new carpet.

As always, the quality of staff, can have a positive or negative influence on a business. In recent years we have endeavoured to employ club members when possible. This has been a great success and we regularly get feedback and thanks from clients and their guests who go out of their way during a function to come to Luella and I to complement our wonderful staff for giving such friendly, efficient and professional service. Mandy Cripps, Ryan Harvey, Brendan Vitelli, Will Starkey, Lachie Cornish, Maddie Charlton and Michael Murphy have all worked at our functions and have all proved to be excellent workers.

I wish to thank our assistant manager Luella Forbes, the committee and other club members such as Jim Gibb for their continued support. We look forward to the continuing success of the function room.

Carol Watters
(Venue Manager)

The function centre's financials are separated now so the results are clearly transparent to Toowong Rowing Club members. If you wish to understand the figures it is best to refer to the separated figures (Venue Profit & Loss Statement) which is included in the Annual Report.

"...We aim to have a productive, profitable business which will not only pay for itself but also in the future be the source of income to maintain and improve the quality of the rowing fleet and clubhouse for all members to benefit." Carol Watters (2008 Annual Report)

The Function Centre made a trading profit of \$46,401.61, so after depreciation and prior year end adjustments to accounts receivables, the profit was \$33,242.46. (The write offs were not bad debts per se; they were as a result of events being cancelled or changed and the information not being passed on to the MYOB accounts)

The Function Centre account transferred \$40,000 into the investment account which is double what they were able to achieve last year.

The Club must give credit to the way our gardens are always so beautifully presented and how everything always looks so clean and tidy. The manicured lawns are thanks to Kerry and his mowing crew but there is such a hidden bonus to the Club that the Function Centre gives us. The maintenance and upkeep of our grounds are thanks to the operation of the Function Centre and they bear the cost.

Thank you to the support I receive, particularly to Jim Gibb. Please continue to support the venue and spread the word.

We are such a lucky club in so many ways and having this venue available to us is just another plus for us.

I hope that the financial results from the Function Centre will continue but it is getting tougher and tougher in the marketplace.

Sue Stephens
(Function Room Sub Committee)



Prue Pham's Wedding



Toowong Rowing Club		
Club Income & Expenditure Statement		
April 2016 To March 2017		
Club Income		
Income from Members		
Membership Fees	\$136,594.11	
Boat Storage Fees	\$8,400.02	
Shed Key & Locker Income	\$227.25	
		\$145,221.38
Donations & fundraising		
Donations Received	\$1,573.54	
Fundraising Income	\$8,577.33	
		\$10,150.87
Head of Brisbane Income		
HOB Registrations	\$13,679.24	
HOB Sponsorship	\$16,818.18	
HOB Other Income	\$2,991.79	
		\$33,489.21
Club Events / Income		
Annual Dinner	\$8,229.40	
Clothing Sales	\$327.29	
Rowing Programs	\$654.54	
		\$9,211.23
Hire		
Hire of Boats	\$2,545.47	
		\$2,545.47
Other Income		
Insurance Recoveries - Boats	\$9,496.00	
Damages recovered from members	\$878.55	
Interest Income	\$826.64	
Sale of Club Assets	\$1,727.28	
		\$12,928.47
Total Income		\$213,546.63

Club Expenses		
Administration Costs		
Audit Fees	\$1,600.00	
Bookkeeping Fees	\$11,624.01	
Computer expenses	\$139.00	
Postage & Stationery	\$382.32	
Printing & Photocopying	\$1,972.00	
Telephone	\$556.56	
		\$16,273.89
Bank, fin. & merchant charges		
Bank Charges	\$16.84	
Merchant Charges	\$402.10	
		\$418.94
Member & coach exp		
Trophies & Medals	\$3,001.14	
Coaching Expenses	\$12,800.00	
Affiliation Fee - Rowing Qld	\$371.82	
Hire of equipment	\$363.64	
Hire of Boats	\$2,672.73	
Fundraising Expenses	\$3,223.73	
Donations	\$1,200.00	
Seat Fees	\$1,453.00	
Other Member Expenses	\$493.49	
		\$25,579.55
Rates, Utilities, Insurance		
Rates & Excess Water	\$6,193.25	
Electricity	\$1,474.82	
Insurance	\$41,176.21	
Registrations	\$499.70	
Fuel & Oil	\$3,826.84	
Security	\$1,597.65	
		\$54,768.47
Club Events / Expenses		
Annual dinner expenses	\$8,998.19	
Clothing Purchases	\$2,934.84	
		\$11,933.03
Head of Brisbane Expenses		
Head of Brisbane expenses	\$9,301.73	
		\$9,301.73
Repairs & Maintenance		
Cleaning/Rubbish Removal	\$560.45	
Rep & Maintenance - Boats	\$26,190.49	
Rep & Maintenance - Boat Shed	\$988.42	
Rep & Maintenance - Trailers	\$208.46	
Rep & Maintenance - Tinnies	\$7,474.19	
Rep & Maintenance - Pontoon	\$138.75	
Rep & small items - Gym	\$2,424.07	
Rep & Maintenance - General	\$6,453.77	
		\$44,438.60
Other Expenses		
Private Boat Replacement	\$7,527.67	
Depreciation Expense	\$51,118.00	
		\$58,645.67
Total Expenses		\$221,359.88
Surplus/ (Deficit) Income over Expenditure		(\$7,813.25)

Toowong Rowing Club
Venue Profit & Loss Statement
 April 2016 To March 2017

Venue Income			
Breakfast Saturday Income	\$14,631.54		
Hire of Venue	\$86,576.66		
Hire of kitchen	\$136.37		
Hire Function Room Accessories	\$1,613.63		
Garden Wedding Set-up	\$12,081.90		
Bar Takings	\$121,866.57		
Catering Income	\$6,354.99		
Sale of Assets - Venue	\$181.82		
Wait staff income	\$27,297.50		
Total Venue Income			\$270,740.98
Venue Expenses			
Admin & bookkeeping Venue		\$11,610.76	
Advertising Venue		\$4,541.21	
Bank Charges Venue Acc		\$444.09	
Breakfast Saturday Expenses		\$3,755.64	
Caterer's Costs		\$5,878.87	
Clean & Rubbish costs Venue		\$10,405.26	
Tableware & Minor equip		\$1,641.59	
Depreciation Equip & Furn		\$7,740.96	
Cost of Drinks Sold		\$34,069.96	
Electricity Venue		\$5,899.32	
Fees/licenses Venue		\$1,164.57	
Function Purchases		\$4,884.44	
Gas Venue		\$666.31	
Hire Costs Functions		\$1,336.73	
Telephone Venue		\$1,565.78	
Printing & stationery - venue		\$663.80	
Rep & Maint Venue		\$6,362.79	
Security Venue		\$1,355.66	
Venue Staff Expenses			
Casual Staff Wages	\$26,410.47		
Venue Assistant - RW	\$9,200.00		
Venue Manager - CW	\$25,825.50		
Venue Assistant Salary - LF	\$53,802.10		
Superannuation Expense	\$9,425.09		
		\$124,683.82	
Workcover Venue		\$3,408.77	
Total Venue Expenses			\$232,080.33
Net Operating Profit			\$38,660.65
Less Extra-ordinary Expenses			
Prior year adjustments to Accounts Receivable			\$5,418.19
Venue Net Profit/(Loss)			\$33,242.46



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FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
INCOME		
Boat storage fees	8,400.02	9,545.48
Catering and functions	190,643.72	188,102.90
Donations received	1,573.54	1,887.00
Interest received	826.64	858.84
Learn to row program	3,200.01	8,937.42
Membership subscriptions	136,594.11	130,186.08
Registrations	13,679.24	13,325.99
Sundry income	41,043.67	34,700.40
Venue hire	88,326.66	90,028.27
Total Income	484,287.61	477,572.38
EXPENDITURE		
Audit fees	1,600.00	1,600.00
Catering and function costs	59,734.51	79,925.83
Coaching expenses	12,800.00	12,759.60
Depreciation expense	58,858.96	38,804.79
Fees and permits	1,664.27	1,824.21
Insurance	44,584.98	35,231.85
Printing, postage and stationery	3,018.12	2,150.69
Rates, water, gas and electricity	14,233.70	19,771.88
Repairs and maintenance	69,704.23	65,607.40
Security	1,597.65	1,524.60
Subcontractors and employees	157,199.66	140,914.15
Sundry expenses	27,913.14	19,586.41
Supplies - fuel and oils	3,826.84	3,285.32
Telephone	2,122.34	2,004.39
Total Expenditure	458,858.40	424,991.12
Surplus before income tax expense and depreciation	25,429.21	52,581.26
Less Income tax expense	-	-
Surplus after income tax expense and depreciation for the year attributable to the members	25,429.21	52,581.26
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to the members	25,429.21	52,581.26

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand		1,066.00	1,181.17
Cash at bank		87,954.16	72,567.46
Cash on deposit		122,335.74	101,509.10
Accounts receivables		9,752.00	24,001.66
Other debtors		518.66	3,358.55
Stock on hand		7,095.87	3,819.84
Total Current Assets		228,722.43	206,437.78
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	3	519,581.62	509,100.28
Total Non-Current Assets		519,581.62	509,100.28
TOTAL ASSETS		748,304.05	715,538.06
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payables		59,153.50	50,058.31
Deposits held		5,785.00	7,000.00
GST payable		7,850.18	8,685.49
Other payables		5,080.68	4,788.78
Total Non-Current Liabilities		77,869.36	70,532.58
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Total Non-Current Liabilities		-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		77,869.36	70,532.58
NET ASSETS		670,434.69	645,005.48
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		670,434.69	645,005.48
Total Equity		670,434.69	645,005.48

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	Accumulated Surplus \$	TOTAL \$
Opening balance 1 April 2015	592,424.22	592,424.22
Plus, surplus attributable to members	52,581.26	52,581.26
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-
Closing Balance 31 March 2016	645,005.48	645,005.48
Opening balance 1 April 2016	645,005.48	645,005.48
Plus, surplus attributable to members	25,429.21	25,429.21
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-
Closing Balance 31 March 2017	670,434.69	670,434.69

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		498,177.15	459,952.61
Payments to suppliers and employees		(395,938.69)	(357,695.90)
Interest received		3,200.01	858.84
Net Cash Provided (used) by Operating Activities	4.a	105,438.47	103,115.55
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of assets		-	-
Payment for assets		(69,340.30)	(27,475.40)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		(69,340.30)	(27,475.40)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities		-	-
Net Increase in Cash Held		36,098.17	75,640.15
Cash at the beginning of the year		175,257.73	99,617.58
Cash at the end of the year	4.b	211,355.90	175,257.73

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

NOTE 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

New, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The incorporated association has adopted all of the new, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

The incorporated association has early adopted AASB 1053 'Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards' and AASB 2010-2 'Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements'. No other new, revised or amending Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have been early adopted.

Any significant impact on the accounting policies of the incorporated association from the adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations are disclosed in the relevant accounting policy. The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not have any significant impact on the financial performance or position of the incorporated association.

The following Accounting Standards and Interpretations are most relevant to the incorporated association:

AASB 1053 Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards

The incorporated association has early adopted AASB 1053 from 1 May 2013. This standard establishes a differential financial reporting framework consisting of two Tiers of reporting requirements for preparing general purpose financial statements, being Tier 1 Australian Accounting Standards and Tier 2 Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements. The incorporated association being classed as Tier 2 continues to apply the full recognition and measurements requirements of Australian Accounting Standards with substantially reduced disclosure in accordance with AASB 2010-2.

AASB 2010-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements

The incorporated association has early adopted AASB 2010-2 from 1 May 2013. These amendments make numerous modifications to a range of Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, to introduce reduced disclosure requirements to the pronouncements for application by certain types of entities in preparing general purpose financial statements. The adoption of these amendments has significantly reduced the incorporated association's disclosure requirements.

Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB'), Queensland legislation the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and associated regulations, as appropriate for not-for-profit oriented entities. These financial statements do not comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB').

Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the incorporated association's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 2.

NOTE 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the incorporated association and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Donations

Donations are recognised at the time the pledge is made.

Grants

Grants are recognised at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attached conditions will be complied with.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Income tax

As the incorporated association is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Trade and other receivables

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment.

Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	5% to 10%	Prime Cost
Plant and equipment	5%	Prime Cost

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the incorporated association. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

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NOTE 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use. The value-in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using a pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the incorporated association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the tax authority, are presented as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.

NOTE 2: CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The incorporated association determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

Impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets

The incorporated association assesses impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the incorporated association and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs to sell or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

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	2017	2016
	\$	\$
NOTE 3: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and Equipment:		
Plant and equipment at cost	638,473.75	580,794.04
less accumulated depreciation	(217,829.13)	(175,159.31)
	420,644.62	405,634.73
Furnishing and fittings at cost	140,582.20	128,921.61
less accumulated depreciation	(41,645.20)	(25,456.06)
	98,937.00	103,465.55
Total Plant and Equipment	519,581.62	509,100.28

NOTE 4: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

a. reconciliation of cash flows from surplus

Surplus attributable to members	25,429.21	52,581.26
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Non-Cash flows

Depreciation	58,858.96	38,804.79
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Changes in assets and liabilities

(Increase) / decrease in accounts receivables	14,249.66	(14,080.05)
(Increase) / decrease in other receivables	2,839.89	(2,680.88)
(Increase) / decrease in stock on hand	(3,276.03)	97.05
Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	9,095.19	33,635.32
Increase / (decrease) in deposits held	(1,215.00)	(10,235.00)
Increase / (decrease) in GST payable	(835.31)	4,314.70
Increase / (decrease) in other payables	291.90	677.86
	105,438.47	103,115.05

b. reconciliation of cash

Cash on hand	1,066.00	1,181.17
Cash at bank	87,954.16	72,567.46
Cash on deposit	122,335.74	101,509.10
	211,355.90	175,257.73
Less overdraft facilities	-	-
	211,355.90	175,257.73

NOTE 5: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Opening balance	645,005.48	592,424.22
Plus, Surplus attributable to the members	25,429.21	52,581.26
Closing Balance	670,434.69	645,005.48

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NOTE 6: EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There are no other matters or circumstances that have arisen since 31 March 2017 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the incorporated association's operations, the results of those operations, or the incorporated association's state of affairs in future financial years.

NOTE 7: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Market risk

Interest rate risk

The incorporated association is not exposed to any significant interest rate risk.

NOTE 8: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The incorporated association had no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2017 and 31 March 2016.

NOTE 9: COMMITMENTS

The incorporated association had no commitments for expenditure as at 31 March 2017 and 31 March 2016.

NOTE 10: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Key management personnel – Committee Members

There were no remuneration paid to any Committee Member for positions held, all Committee Members hold an honorary position.

Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties during the current and previous financial year.

Receivable from and payable to related parties

There were no trade receivables from or trade payables to related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

Loans to/from related parties

There were no loans to or from related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

NOTE 11: COMPARATIVE FIGURES

The comparative figures have been re-instated to comply with the change in the conceptual framework from a special purpose conceptual framework to the Reduced Disclosure Regime conceptual framework.

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

In the members of the committee opinion:

1. the attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with the Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Regime;
2. the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the incorporated association's financial position as at 31 March 2017 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
3. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the incorporated association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the management committee


Chairperson


Treasurer

Dated this 25th day of June 2017.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members of Toowong Rowing Club Incorporated

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of **Toowong Rowing Club Incorporated** (the association) which comprises the statement of financial position as at **31 March 2017** and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 Queensland. This responsibility 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. 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 judgment, 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 committee, 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.

Independence

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

Auditor's Opinion

The financial report of **Toowong Rowing Club Incorporated** is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 Queensland including:

1. Giving a fair view of the Association's financial position as at **31 March 2017** and of its performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
2. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) – Reduced Disclosure Regime and the Associations Incorporation Act Queensland 1981.


Jason O'Connor CPA
Registered Company Auditor (No. 353931)

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation

Dated this *4th* day of *July* 2017.

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