

Toowong Rowing Club



Annual Report and Balance Sheet 2021
incorporating the Toowong Rowing Club Magazine

AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

TOOWONG ROWING CLUB INC.

SATURDAY 31ST JULY 2021 AT 3PM

TRC FUNCTION ROOM AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

- 1 Welcome and introductions **Chairman**
- 2 Apologies **Chairman**
- 3 Acceptance of minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting **Chairman**
- 4 Receiving of the Management Committee's Report **Chairman**
- 5 Receiving of the 2021 Financial Statements **Treasurer**
- 6 Receiving of the 2021 Auditor's Report **Treasurer**
- 7 Proposed resolutions to General Business from Members
(Consideration of Notices of Motion received prior to meeting.) **Chairman**
- 8 Retirement of Management Committee members and other Office Bearers for 2021.
Election and Introduction of Management Committee members and other Office Bearers for 2022. **Chairman**
- 9 Consider and approve Auditor for the 2021/2022 financial year. **Treasurer 2022**
- 10 Meeting close **Chairman 2022**



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TOOWONG ROWING CLUB INC. SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 2020 AT 3PM

Welcome

There being a quorum present, Chairman Peter Schryver opened the meeting at 3pm. He noted that due to current Covid-19 restrictions members had been invited to attend this meeting in person or electronically via Zoom. Additionally, he noted that the Office of Fair Trading had given blanket approval for Incorporated Associations to delay Annual General Meetings and to use online voting unless prohibited by Constitution.

Attendees

John Bliss	Andy Clatworthy	Jim Gibb	Tim McDonnell	Jack Price
Heather-Ann Briker-Bell	Saoirse Criukshank	Peter Gregg	Andrew McLean Williams	Clare Raven
Andrew Brown	Annette de Waal	Robert Gunningham	Alex Milanovic	Peter Schryver
Emma Brown	Austin Dipple	Robyn Herries	Deborah Monks	Paul Taylor
Lyn Brown	Keiran Dwyer	Peter Huggett	Terry Mulligan	Carol Watters
Julie Bourne	Angelina Ellis	Adrian Humphrey	Michael Murphy	Robert Van Mourik
Doug Buchbach	Nicholas Feros	Katherine Howden	Elizabeth Musgrave	John Varendorff
Tim Bugg	Janelle Filkin	Leo Karadimitris	Katrina Nugent	Noela Zuk
David Carter	Luella Forbes	Russell Kerrison	Kerry O'Rourke	
Trish Carter	Susan Gamble	Calile Malouf	Peter Park	
Aynslie Coit	Wel Gamble	Cullum McCracken	Paul Pettigrew	

Apologies

Mark Game
Chris Lyndon
Katherine Lambros
Wendy Cavell
Michael Cavell

Chairman's Report

Peter Schryver expanded, as follows, on his report as published in the Annual Report Magazine:

- 254 members to date, 18% less than 2019. Cancellation of off-season school programs due to Covid restrictions had effect on the membership numbers. Figures are in line with those of most other clubs.
- 28% female members/72% male/27% under 18/26% over 60/ average age 44
- Club closed 23/3/20 due to the Covid19 outbreak.
- Acknowledged the passing of club members Terry Connolly, Tom Jack and from the broader rowing community, Dr Steven Hinchy.
- Club in a financially sound position. Costs decreased significantly during shutdown. Successful grant applications had funded a gym refreshment including new fans for increased air flow and sanitisation products.
- Thanked the Committee for its management of the staged return to rowing explaining the difficulties in meeting the Club's legal obligations in an ever-changing Covid-19 environment.
- Peter Park standing down from Committee. Peter Schryver thanked Peter for his dedication to Toowong Rowing Club and acknowledged his significant contribution as Treasurer and volunteer boatman.
- Paul Pettigrew standing down from Committee. Peter Schryver thanked Paul and acknowledged that he had approached his role as Club Captain with focus, process, drive and passion.
- As with previous years the average age of the club's fleet has decreased.
- Review of the Constitution well underway and feedback had been received from the Membership. A meeting scheduled for interested stakeholders and committee had been cancelled when the Club shutdown in March.
- Planning for the operation of the Function Centre was put on hold due to Covid operating restrictions.
- Committee to review the methods by which it communicates to members noting that during Covid the read rate of some important broadcasts had been worryingly low.
- Acknowledged the assistance of Tim Bugg and Noela Zuk in writing Covid risk assessment plans.
- Thanked Kerry O'Rourke who has resigned as Club President noting his passion, drive and significant contribution to the club.

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman presented the **Annual Report and Balance Sheet/Toowong Rowing Club Magazine** available in both digital and hardcopy form. He thanked all those who had contributed to its pages and in particular Ange Ellis and Liz Wilson who had once again driven the intuitive.

Committee member Deborah Monks thanked Head of the Brisbane sponsors and noted that whilst acknowledgement and appreciation of their contributions had in avertedly been omitted from the Annual Report, it did not lessen the Club's gratitude for their generous annual contribution. Deborah noted that regardless of what eventuated with HOTB 2020 she was keen to work with the sponsors again in the future.

Receiving of Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

Peter Park presented the financial statements and noted:

- Due to the Club's financial year ending 31/3/20 none of the probable effects of the Covid-19 shutdown were reflected in the 2020 figures.
- Club should be conscious of the possible effects of the Covid lockdown period on the next financial year. With no youth programmes during lockdown and expected lower return from HOTB there was a possibility of a reduction of income of \$30000 to \$40000.
- \$88,000 spent on boats, tinnies and gym equipment last financial year. Gym equipment cost was mostly covered by the Play for Purpose raffle organised by Andy Clatworthy.
- Club accounts have been moved to the Zero platform.
- No proposed change in fees for Membership

Peter thanked those who had assisted him during his time as Treasurer.

Club Captain

Paul Pettigrew expanded, as follows, on his report as published in the Annual Report Magazine:

- Paul focused on a simple and efficient clean-up of the boatshed ensuring an optimal operating environment.
- Gym now equipped with twelve new or near new ergometers.
- Boat name and weight class stickers had been added to the boat racks, all boats had been refurbished and were in good running order. Some old boats were decommissioned.
- No new boats had been added to the fleet in 2020.
- Technology and the security system were upgraded. The security system upgrade ensured the club had a reliable camera system for surveillance of valuable assets.
- With the help of other members, a wall to contain boat trolleys had been built parallel to the riverbank.
- Noted with pleasure an harmonious relationship between the different cohorts of the Club.
- Acknowledged Ange Ellis, Club Captain elect, saying she was well equipped for the position.

Thanked the Membership for the support he had received during his time at Toowong Rowing Club.

Retirement of all Management Committee members and other Office Bearers for 2020

Chairman Peter Schryver announced that electronic voting had closed. He noted that there would be no voting for Management Committee positions. Ten nominations received had filled the ten committee positions available. Peter thanked those committee members standing down for their contribution to the management of the Club.

Management Committee 2021

Chairman: Peter Schryver

Club Captain: Angelina Ellis

Vice Club Captain: Leo Karadimitris

Secretary: Katherine Howden

Treasurer: Stuart Stevens

Committee: Janelle Filkin, Noela Zuk, Deborah Monks, David Carter, Mark Game

All electronic voting results:

Scrutineer Paul Pettigrew read results of the electronic vote.

224 members eligible to vote/119 members cast a vote

- 1) Minutes of AGM 2019 to be accepted – votes:
for 117 / against 2
- 2) Life Membership to be granted to Carol Watters – votes for: 119
- 3) Auditor's report to be accepted – votes for: 119
- 4) **Vice-Presidents elected:** Marion Elliot, Lyn Brown, Paul Pettigrew, Terry Mulligan, Jack Price, Doug Buchbach, Shane Thomson, Andrew Tynan, Peter Gregg, Tim McDonnell, John Varendorff, Chris Lyndon

Patron & Vice-Presidents 2020-2021

Patron: Jack Hutchinson

President: Carol Watters

Vice-Presidents: Marion Elliot, Lyn Brown, Paul Pettigrew, Terry Mulligan, Jack Price, Doug Buchbach, Shane Thomson, Andrew Tynan, Peter Gregg, Tim McDonnell, John Varendorff, Chris Lyndon

Peter Schryver acknowledged and thanked outgoing Vice-Presidents Russel Kerrison and Peter Huggett for their longstanding commitment to Toowong Rowing Club.

Angelina Ellis congratulated newly inducted Honorary Life Member Carol Watters. She summarised her significant contribution and commitment to Toowong Rowing Club, both on and off the water, over the last 24 years. Ange noted that Carol had been a successful competitor at all levels, had been a cox and was an active supporter and mentor of rowing at this club and beyond. She also noted that Carol had managed the Function Room in a professional manner for more than 10 years saying that under her leadership a construction debt of \$350,000 had been paid off.

Carol responded with thanks and appreciation for the inspiration and support she had received during her nearly 25 years as a member of Toowong Rowing Club. She acknowledged outgoing Vice-President Kerry O'Rourke and thanked him for his significant contribution to the club during his time a President.

General Business

Safety on Water

Club member Saoirse Cruikshank was asked to speak to the meeting from her perspective and experience as a City Cat Ferry Master and club member. She drew our attention to a Brisbane City Council, Transdev Brisbane Ferries and Rowing Queensland initiative to supply reflective orange caps to rowers. Saoirse emphasised the importance of rowers being visible on the river and strongly encouraged members to use the caps.

Electronic Voting

Andrew McLean Williams noted the success of the electronic voting model which was brought about because of Covid-19 restrictions. He said it had allowed all members regardless of their situation to cast a vote and would, if used in the future, overcome the problem of the divisive nature of proxy voting. Both Peter Schryver and Paul Pettigrew agreed on its effectiveness and fairness. Following positive feedback from the membership, Peter Schryver believed committee would be in favour of its adoption in the future.

Paul Pettigrew assured the membership that he had researched the integrity, audibility and security of the system and was satisfied that it was suitable for purpose in every aspect.

Peter Schryver flagged the National Redress Scheme which is being rolled out by the Federal Government. He noted that in the future it may affect the governance structure of the Club.

Head of the Brisbane

Chair of the HOTB sub-committee Janelle Filkin reported that her committee were committed to proceeding with the HOTB on 17/10/21 albeit under Covid-19 safe conditions. Janelle advised that racing conditions and the course would be unaltered however there would not be an after party or merchandise available on site.

Before meeting close Terry Mulligan drew attention to the significance of having, for the first time in the Club's history, a female Club Captain and President.

Meeting closed at 4.10pm



TRC Job done

Toowong Rowing Club Membership 2021

Alfredson, Justin
Anderson, Daniella
Apel, Elliott
Araujo, Miguel
Babkov, Anton
Baildon, Tony
Bailey, Clayton
Barber, Ryan
Bartley, Paul
Bedgood, Bruce
Bell, Chris
Bennett, Bruce
Beresford, Grant
Bettenay, Trevor
Bianchi, Rudi
Bliss, John
Bourne, Julie
Bowes, John
Bowser, Jack
Brahmanayagam,
Subramanian
Bridge, Mitchell
Briker-Bell, Heather-Ann
Bristow, Steven
Brookes, Jeremy
Brown, Rick
Brown, Emma
Brown, Lynette
Buchanan, John
Buchbach, Douglas
Bugg, Tim
Burr, Bradley
Capper, Brenden
Carr, Mitch
Carter, Patricia
Carter, David
Case, Norman
Cavell, Wendy
Chancellor, Laura
Clarke, Shelley
Clatworthy, Andrew
Clements, Todd
Clough, Andrew
Coit, Aynslie
Colquhoun, Matthew
Conn, Jeff
Conn, Jenny
Connolly, Mark
Cooney, Hamish
Coulton, Alan
Crawford, John
Crowe, Maximilian
Cruikshank, Saoirse
Cryle, Gabe
De Waal, Annette
debruynne, Yannick
Dipple, Austin
Doneley, Tyson
Douglas, Katelin
Douglas, Alex

Douglas, Karen
Dwyer, Keiran
Edgecombe, Joe
Elliott, Marion
Elis, Angelina
Evans, Tracey
Farr, Andrew
Feros, Nicholas
Filkin, Janelle
Foote, Tim
Forbes, Luella
Foxton, Harold
Freney, Nicholas
Frost, David
Gabrielli, Brian
Gamble, Welwyn
Gamble, Susan
Game, Mark
Gasteen, Chris
Gerber, Sophie
Gerber, Andrew
Gerber, Isabel
Gerber, Nicole
Gerber, Stephanie
Gibb, Jim
Gifford, Jethro
Gould, Roger
Grady, Wendy
Green, Stephen
Gregg, Peter
Gunningham, Robert
Gunningham, Richard
Hammer, Stephen
Hart, Michael
Hatfield, Bill
Hawke, Ian
Hawke, Michael
Herries, Robyn
Hocking, Emily
Hockings, Ashleigh
Hope, Lucy
Horder, Dean
Hoskins, Simon
Howard, Adrian
Howden, Katherine
Humphrey, Joel
Humphrey, Adrian
Hurn, Timothy
Hutchinson, Jack
Hutchinson, Alexander
Jell, Peter
John, Gus
Jones, Morgan
Jordan, Lucy
Karadimitris, Leo
Keily, Gavin
Kelly, Julie-Ann
Kennedy, Steve
Kenny, Samuel
Kerrison, Russell

Kirk-Lauritsen, Gavin
Kriticos, Alexander
Lambros, Katherine
Law, Robert
Lawrence, Geoffrey
Leddie, Hamish
Logan, Peter
Lyndon, Chris
MacGregor, Peter
Mackie, Ian
Macsporrnan, Alan
Magnus, Nathan
Maiden, Gregory
Malouf, Calile
Manning, James
Marler, Bronwyn
McCracken, Callum
McCracken, Cam
McDonnell, Tim
McIntosh, Andrew
McLean Williams, Andrew
McRae, Stephan
McStea, Connor
Mehonoshen, Kathy
Milanovic, Alex
Monks, Deborah
Morgan, James
Moynihan, Tony
Mulligan, Terry
Murphy, Michael
Musgrave, Elizabeth
Nugent, Katrina
O'Dwyer, Philip
O'Keeffe, Frances
Ocora, George
Ocora, James
Park, Peter
Parker, Kylie
Parry, Hamish
Pedersen, Ander
Pettigrew, Paul
Pickett, Samuel
Pincus, Benjamin
Place, Christian
Plume, Katherine
Poiner, Richard
Price, Jack
Price, John
Raven, Clare
Reece, David
Reynolds, Katrina
Ridgway, Sadie
Ridgway, Sadie
Robinson, Phoebe
Robson, Ian
Roebuck, Philip
Rogers, Joshua
Ross, Reece
Runge, Jonathon
Ryals, Tom

Schryver, Peter
Sharp, Susan
Sharp, Andrew
Shepherd, James
Silcox, Nick
Smart, Simon
Smith, Riley
Smith, Cameron
Somerville, Robert
Stevens, Stuart
Stevens, Nick
Stump, Nick
Taylor, Paul
Theodore, Lucy
Thomas, Daniel
Thomsen, Shane
Underhill, Asha
van Duyn, Ian
van Mourik, Robert
Varendorff, John
Vikulov, Svetlana
Wallrock, Nick
Warren, Heather
Watter, Darcy
Watters, Carol
Williams, Ryan
Williamson, Thomas
Wilson, Elizabeth
Witham, Roger
Woodman, Tim
Zerner, Margaret
Zuk, Noela

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Wendy Cavell (2014)
Alex Hartley (1999)
Peter Huggett (2004)
John (Jack) Hutchinson (1990)
Haimish Karrasch (1997)
Russell Kerrison (2009)
Christopher Lyndon (1999)
Ron Mahony (2004)
Calile Malouf (1976)
Terry Mulligan (1979)
Robert (Red) McNeil (2016)
David Orchart (1989)
Kerry O'Rourke (2008)
Darryn Purcell (2016)
Michael Toon (2005)
John Varendorff (2007)
Carol Watters (2020)

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS (Deceased)

Joe Avery
Donald Boshier
Jim Cameron
Bill Doherty
Bill Dowd
Jim Dowrie
Cecil Grimley
Charlie Horn
Tom Jack
Les Keefer
Dave Magoffin
John Mayne
Alec McVinish
Frank Moss
Phil Millingen
Jim Nunan
Ron Ormand
George Osbaldiston
J.Peacock
Alex Petrie
Jack Pritchard, Bill
Strickland

FINANCIAL LIFE MEMBERS

Robert Armstrong
Christopher Bell
Lynette Brown
Douglas Buchbach
Robert Carroll
Patricia Carter
Charles Clarke
Peter Croagh
Martin Doyle
William Foley
Rupert Graff
Stephen Green
Peter Griffiths
Alex Hartley
Richard Holt
John (Jack) Hutchinson
Kenneth Hutchinson
Dan Kelleher
Chris Lyndon
Nathan Magnus
Richard Magnus
Calile Malouf
Peter Martin
John Massey
Terry Mulligan
Kerry O'Rourke

Chairman's Report

It is my pleasure to be able to present to you on behalf of the committee of management the 2020-2021 Toowong Rowing Club Annual Report.

As I write this report our club has come out of another Covid-19 closure due to the ongoing pandemic. Once again, the boatshed sits silently awaiting our members to return.

Unfortunately, this has been the case for the majority the year so far with restrictions changing constantly. I wish to sincerely thank the membership for their cooperation in working within the guidelines set out by government authorities and I would like to congratulate the committee on working together to ensure we were able to comply with this ever-changing environment.

What has been amazing to observe is once our club was open was the renewed enthusiasm all members across the club had for their rowing. Our 2021 membership year numbers have seen significant growth in several key demographics across the club.

This has put some short term pressure on boat usage across the HP Fleet and our master's men. Our Club Captain, Ange Ellis, has been exceptional in managing and coordinating the best use of our fleet in conjunction with our volunteer coaches.

Our membership numbers overall are consistent with our historical averages for the AGM reporting cycle with the exceptions being some of our junior programmes being delayed or postponed.

The 2021 National championships ventured away from the Sydney International Regatta Centre for the first time since 2013. Tasmania hosted the event this year after it was cancelled last year due to the evolving Covid situation at the time. A smaller

group of athletes made their way to Tasmania as always supported by Coaches Kieran Dwyer and Leo Karadimitris.

Our performance as a club was once again consistent and high performing. Several national champions from our club were crowned. More detail can be read in the High-Performance report later in the annual magazine.

Another standout moment was the return of the Penrith Cup to Qld. An all Toowong team led the charge to secure an amazing win for the state and our club.

The 2021 National Masters Championships had a rocky start with the event moving from Sydney to Adelaide due to water quality issues at the Sydney International Regatta Centre.

By all reports the team at Rowing SA and Rowing Australia put on an amazing event at short notice. Our athletes, led by our volunteer coaches Terry Mulligan and Ange Ellis, performed incredibly well and secured the overall points win for the club.

Our finances are in a very good position at this point. Our 2020 Head of the Brisbane made a sound profit with thanks going to Janelle Filkin and the organising team. The Function room has seen minimal use due to Covid restrictions and moving into the future will need a clear guide to managing the ever-changing restrictions on gathering to see constant bookings return.

Finally, I would like to thank the club for allowing me to be Chairman for the last 6 years and on the committee for 9 years. To be able to support such a great club with a long and rich history has indeed been an honour.

Yours in rowing,

Peter Schryver



Rigging

Captain's Report

Despite the unpredictable throws of COVID-19 this past year, Toowong RC has forged on with high morale and success. In a sport where we join forces and submit to rhythm and run in the boat, not surprisingly our club has adapted to the bumpy ride of lockdowns and restrictions and can rebound in stride. Both on and off the water, we have done well to keep things steady and strong on our patch and if Toowong's membership, weekly rowing participation and regatta outcomes are measures of success, then we're going alright.

In a year of uncertainty and change, TRC squads persevered and shone in all arenas. Our HP athletes performed strongly at Qld States with 10 TRC athletes and coach selected in Qld crews. A small but dedicated team travelled to Tassie in March to produce a stellar result on the medal tally. The "all-Wong" Interstate Mens LWT 4- crew, coached by Leo Karadimitris, were outstanding in taking out the Penrith Cup. U23 athletes Tom Williamson, Jack Bower, Sophie Gerber and Sadie Ridgeway, together with Leo, achieved Senior B Australian selection. Hamish Parry's dream for Olympic selection was not to be this year but we are evermore inspired by his accomplishments and character. In Hamish's own words 'the journey was bloody terrific'.

TRC masters continued to dominate at State and National level with an exceptional #1 point score result at the AMRC in Adelaide. A comprehensive win by our Men's Club 8+ and interstate podium results by 4 TRC athletes and coach were notable successes. We are indebted to Terry Mulligan for his coaching expertise, a dedication that spans 50 years at our club. I am grateful to all fellow masters who are at the ready to lend a hand with special thanks to Peter Park, Tim Bugg, John Bliss, Nick Ferros, Lyn Brown and Marion Elliott for their contributions.

Whilst the club has made no new boat purchases since last annual report, our fleet stands in good shape with investment in maintenance and repairs. Priority will now shift to fleet enhancement supported by boat acquisition and refurbishment plans. With both sheds at capacity, it is critical we monitor & audit our boat usage for optimum gain in accord with club policy. In consensus with fellow club coaches, I am in favour of maintaining our Sykes-based fleet to facilitate best results on the water and efficacy in boat maintenance. In addition to a full set of S39 Arrow sculling oars, two top NK GPS coxboxes were purchased this year with another to come later this year.

We can be rightly proud of both the quality and quantity of what's housed in our shed, however it remains incumbent on us all to make time each month to maintain our fleet and gear. To achieve the best performance outcomes and safety standards we want, our discipline on the water must be matched with routine attention to the fleet. I propose to drive a whole club initiative on this with revision of the boat management system (introduced by Paul Pettigrew) to be supported by an online boat allocation/booking system and squad-based maintenance sessions over the coming year.

Our team of dedicated coaches continued to drive engagement and results across all squads. The development and wellbeing of coaches however, can often be overshadowed by the needs of athletes. In October 2020, our club coaching group met to discuss areas of concern and development. Since then, I have taken steps to improve communication, resources and safety for our volunteer coaches. Considerable effort has been committed to the upkeep of our powered fleet and our tinnies and safety management system received high commendation when audited by Maritime Safety Queensland this month. We will soon see delivery of a new fuel-efficient centre console punt to replace our oldest coaching vessel. Ongoing investment in these model tinnies will promote coach wellbeing, training efficacy and river safety.

2020-21 has been a year of improving systems and safety around the shed with a number of upgrades now implemented:

- New bulk fuel delivery and storage facilities (2x200L drums, hand pump, fuel spill kit and light)
- Pontoon carpet replacement with metal trims & tinny launch mat
- New trailer box installed with emergency parts and tools
- Tinny safety boxes containing emergency equipment and contacts
- A new 2x/2- mobile trolley and replacement wheels and locks on existing trolleys

Under the auspices of TRC, partnerships with BBC Old Collegians and St Peter's Lutheran have continued for mutual benefit in rowing. My thanks to Adrian Humphreys, Nick Ferros and all Old Collegian rowers together with SPLC Director of Rowing Peter Hicks and his team for enabling successful collaborations at Keith St again this year.

On behalf of the club, I thank former Club Captain Paul Pettigrew for his committed leadership and support. My sincere thanks to outgoing Chairman Peter Schryver whose vision and actions over the past 6 years have steered the committee and club to greater success. Our management committee has worked diligently to drive club operations with special thanks to club Secretary Kathy Howden who has gone above and beyond in her duties this year. Vice Captain Leo Karadimitris has been a dependable support, thanks Leo. Acknowledgement must go to our Club President Carol Watters and Vice-Presidents who continue as cultural custodians. Many thanks Peter Park and Bliss for your time and care of our fleet, Lyn and Carol preparing Saturday breakfasts and our trusty mowing team for keeping the grounds in great shape.

Whilst I have acted in other committee positions over the last 20 years, the step up to captaincy was a daunting prospect knowing it comes with added responsibilities, expectations and scrutiny. It has been my good fortune to build many new relationships and strengthen old ones this year and I sincerely thank the members for their support and the opportunity to serve our great club.

Ange Ellis



On The Job - Alan Coulton, John Bliss, Peter Park and Steve Bristow

President's Report

As the first female president elected for Toowong Rowing Club I thank you all for voting for me and your trust in my fulfilling this role. I acknowledge the prestige of immediate past President Kerry O'Rourke and all previous presidents and the high esteem by which they are all remembered.

This past year has been eventful in several ways.

The Covid pandemic has posed many challenges and it is reassuring to see how well the committee and all club members have managed and adhered to all the restrictions, cancellations and endured the frustrations and disappointments that have occurred. The club management committee has been fantastic – with Chairman Peter Schryver continuing to keep control while half the time being in Quarantine as well as being on the other side of the country and Ange Ellis and Kathy Howden in particular keeping the club and the function room running like clockwork.

Again our competitive rowers have excelled at National Level. This year we have 3 Australian representatives selected from our High Performance Squad and again our Masters Squad topped the medal tally at the recent Masters National Championships in Adelaide. All rowers are to be congratulated and also our amazing coaches – Kiwi Dwyer, Leo Karadimitris, Mark Game, and for the masters Ange Ellis and Terry Mulligan. A special congratulations to Ange for her wonderful contributions with the Qld Women's State Eight winning now 6 years in a row.

We now have a Toowong Rowing Club Foundation! I acknowledge all the work to set this up by Robert Van Mourik, Robert Gunningham and Russell Kerrison and the very generous contributions by Cal Malouf and Silvio Pradella to give the account a healthy start up. We now have over \$120,000 invested and more contributions coming in steadily from members – some of whom have set up direct monthly deposits that also go through the Australian Sports Foundation allowing them a tax deduction as well. Club fundraising continues and is very important for the ongoing running of the club. The foundation adds another dimension to the club's ongoing financial security.

At the last AGM, the process of election of our Vice Presidents was changed and resulted in two very old and respected members losing their position and a subsequent resignation of three other vice presidents in protest. Yes, the club has a constitution which I fear many members have never read! The role of the President and Vice Presidents is not mentioned – the only mention is that they are office bearers who are nominated and voted in at each Annual General Meeting. After speaking with many older members and our past President Kerry O'Rourke, it was revealed that the 'unwritten' role, is to continue to be involved with the club and with their experience and wisdom, be there to offer support and advice to the committee and all members should the need arise to maintain the security and integrity of all. Traditionally, that election was an honour for life or until they resigned. Vice Presidents in the past who met the criteria of membership longevity, seniority, loyalty and support were selected by existing vice presidents and invited to nominate when a position became vacant. In the past, before an AGM, the president submitted a list of nominees that were seconded to the AGM. Maybe sadly, as no one really knew what the Vice Presidents did or who they were, the election went ahead without question.

Last year, the constitution was taken literally and all positions of Vice President were open for nomination. As many of our younger club members had not met or even knew who several of the Vice Presidents nominees were, it was understandable that they did not vote for them. Hence these long standing and respected members suffered disappointment and embarrassment.

Going forward, as President, I would like to formalise the role and selection of the vice presidents – and include this role, the selection of nominees that meet a criteria for vice president – to be added in the constitution.

If successful in being elected again this year, I look forward to proudly being President of a wonderfully strong group of the rowing fraternity at Toowong Rowing Club.

Carol Watters



No row everyone

Treasurer's Report

Financial Year 1st May 2020 – 30th April 2021

The club's income for the financial year was down on recent years, mainly due to the impact of COVID 19 with reduced membership fees, venue hire and Saturday breakfasts. COVID 19 also reduced our operating expenses, mainly due to the reduced activity for part of the year resulting in significantly less maintenance costs and other sundry expenses. The overall net deficit of \$20,718 was down compared to last year and cash generated from our operations down to \$64,458.

While our financial position is down on last year, the result is pleasing given the challenges that COVID has had on our club.

With ongoing COVID restrictions, Venue Hire has been impacted, however there is continued use by members and external hirers.

The table of Acquisitions details the \$19,456 spent on new equipment for the club.

The club remains in a strong position financially with a cash balance of \$213,383 and total assets of \$642,739 with total liabilities of \$23,203.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL POSITION

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Club	194,221	229,150
Venue	7,910	22,581
Income	202,131	251,731
Maintenance	24,915	47,918
Depreciation	82,881	65,280
Insurance	44,991	42,229
Venue	3,225	12,134
Other	66,837	89,106
Total Expenses	222,849	256,667
Net Deficit	(20,718)	(4,937)

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL CASH POSITION

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Income (receipts)	214,784	247,943
Payments	(150,354)	(145,200)
Other	28	233
Total Cash from Operations	64,458	102,976
Acquisitions	(19,456)	(88,577)
Total Cash Surplus	45,001	14,399
Cash at beginning of Year	168,382	153,983
Cash on Hand	213,383	168,382

INSURED VALUES

	\$
Fleet and Equipment	607,350
Pontoon	180,000
Buildings and Fittings	3,600,000
Trailers	21,000
Public Liability	20,000,000

HP Report



The 2020-21 season had its highs and lows more than any other in recent memory. The adaptation to the cancellation of Nationals in 2020, and immediately followed by a lockdown period of training alone hardened our athletes for the season to come. This did not come without its casualties. We saw athletes burn-out, sapped of motivation with questions of whether it was worth continuing.

By the time the new year rolled in, our training group had condensed. Our men's and women's eights were no longer filled with 7 or 8 full time athletes. While our form at the HotB in October was strong, the months leading into Queensland States were tough. The eights were punished in January. Crew boat results had, at least for me, overshadowed the solid scull and pairs results. For the wheels to have come off as they did, we had done something wrong as a squad collective. It was time to lick our wounds.

We saw our top trainers make QLD crews, which along with their respective small boats classes would be prioritised for Nationals in March. The training load increased on the lead into nationals. 18 hours, 20 hours, 22 hours... Once again, we entrusted the Kedron Brook and Wyaralong for the group's final racing preparation before Nationals and underage trials, which would this year be immediately after the regatta.

For the small but committed group that raced at Nationals, and beyond in underage teams – a big kudos for your achievements. There are many listed below. These successes are directly attributable to the hard work that is put in to complete the program, a student-like dedication to the technical model, and a ferocity to get out in front and stay in front. Nationals had redeemed our QLD States campaign. Reward came with relief.

I would like to thank the coaching team for the season that was – Kiwi, Andrew, Hawkey, Mark, and Servo. As a volunteer group it was imperative to have this mutually supportive network to keep the squad functioning. Similar can be said for Peter S, Ange, and Peter P. Thank you for all your help throughout the season.

Well done to the high-performance squad for the season. Onwards and upwards for the next one!

Leo Karadimitris

Covid-19

As a community, all Toowong athletes and coaches have embraced and pushed through what seems to be the new reality of life, through social distancing, lockdowns and many more changes. For many of us training during the current pandemic has challenged us both physically and mentally forcing us to explore outside our comfort zones and incorporate new techniques into our training. However, through thick and thin we have always had the support of everyone at the club, particularly the coaches whose guidance and training regime allowed us to maintain focus as we worked towards our end of season goals.

Covid-19 first affected the rowing community with the cancellation of the 2020 Australian Rowing Championships closely followed by an immediate state lockdown in March 2020. Despite the lockdowns and the restrictions, we have grabbed at every opportunity to train whether that be training by ourselves at home on the ergo, doing a spin session or running or training in a group environment where possible. Covid-19 has taught us many lessons including the importance of grit, mental toughness, and the ability to adapt under uncertain circumstances. Although us athletes and coaches have faced many challenges during these times, it makes the times we spend out on the water that much more important not only perfecting our technique but also the importance of a cohesive community.

Sophie Gerber

2021 Queensland State Championships

Back out at everyone's favourite course for Queensland states, the hot and humid Wyaralong dam saw the Toowong squad put on a strong performance with most notably the lightweight squad taking away the top 5 positions in the open Lightweight scull (From first to fifth) Tom Williamson, David Carter, Jack Bowser, Christian Place, Austin Dipple. The Championship Mens Pair also saw Toowong present for the minor with Ben Pincus snagging silver just ahead of club mate Elliot Apel. The Men's eight defending champions from the year previous were unable to hold onto trophy in a hard-fought race they were only able to come home with silver behind UQBC. The female high-performance athletes also showed strong form with Sophie Gerber leading the charge taking out both the u21 women's single scull and the

open lightweight women's single scull. Sophie continued to add to the gold collection winning the u21 quad scull with crew mates Laura Chancellor, Lucy Hope and Phoebe Robinson. In summary, Queensland states put the Toowong high performance squad in good stead for further selection into state team boats and setting the athletes up for a strong national's campaign down in Tasmania.

Jack Bowser

2021 National Championships – Tasmania

Due to a combination of distance and cancellation risk, a smaller squad was sent to Tasmania for 2021 nationals. Those lucky few were just glad to be putting oar to water in memory of last year's cancellation. From QAS and club accommodation on either side of Devonport, each day included a beautiful descent into the valley where Lake Barrington lay. Our armada of small boats began the week. Whilst our numbers were small, our swords were sharp and boats swift, picking up 3 gold across U23 and open lightweight pairs and the U21LM1x. Standards were monumentally high with every A-final being made bar two. As the weekend drew near, so did the larger boats. Amongst notable achievements of bronze in the heavy and light quads, the U23LW4x secured a win with Sophie Gerber. The open lightweight eight was also won by the blue and gold with the five Toowong men of Tom Williamson, Jack Bowser, David Carter, Austin Dipple and myself. This was done so on fine coxing by Sadie Ridgeway. By tradition, the tail of nationals week is the herald to the interstate regatta. Toowong and Queensland pride was intertwined with Hamish Parry in the President's cup, Sophie in the Victoria cup, the entire Penrith cup of Wilo, Dave, Jack and myself, Phoebe Robinson in the youth eight and Elliott Apel and Ben Pincus in the King's Cup eight. The eight fought hard for a bronze, the Lightweight quad ran down for silver and the all-Wong Lightweight four claimed the Penrith Cup! A fantastic display of professional oarsmanship and athleticism! I hope that the photos and Livestream were an adequate translator for all the emotions experienced that week.

Christian Place

2021 U21 and U23 Australian Representatives

Four Toowong athletes and one coach were selected on Australian underage rowing teams in 2021. Sadie Ridgeway and Sophie Gerber were selected on the under 21 team, Sadie as the cox of the women's eight and Sophie as the stroke of the women's quad. Tom Williamson and Jack Bowser were selected in the U23 lightweight men's double with Leo Karadimitris appointed as the coach.

The underage athletes were pitted against the open team in a series of domestic World Cup simulation regattas in lieu of international competition. This afforded RA the opportunity to select a large team of pathway athletes who would be given the unique experience of racing Australia's Olympic crews.

World Cup 2 simulation was the first event that the underage teams were invited to, held in our own backyard, Wyaralong. A steady tail wind for the duration of the regatta made for

some quick racing. A highlight of the regatta was watching the open women's eight go above 99% of world's best time down Wyaralong. Out TRC athletes took full advantage of the home field advantage, laying down some credible prognostic scores across the regatta.

WCIII was held at West Lakes in Adelaide. For all of our athletes, it was their first time competing in South Australia, and the athletes were faced with a mixed bag of conditions across the week, fortunately flattening out for the tail end of the regatta. To assist the open team in their Olympic preparation, proper COVID protocol was followed for the duration of WCIII, with masks mandatory for all athletes and staff around the boat park. All athletes raced as if they were competing on the international stage and laid down some admirable performances across the 3 days of racing. Sadie's crew, which was reduced due to Covid restrictions to the Victorians, ended up racing very respectably in a 4+ against their U23 counterparts. Sophie's 4x had stiff competition against the U23s, and by the end of the regatta managed to outmuscle the U23 lightweight women in one of the tightest races of the regatta.

Tom Williamson

Senior LM2x

Despite everything, I had a great season. I went to the Final Olympic Qualification regatta in Lucerne in the LM2x. I needed top 2, and I got fifth. Olympic dream brought to an abrupt end. How might that be a great season you ask? Well because the journey was terrific bloody fun.

Covid lockdown in 2020 was the first time I had spent any prolonged time at home since 2013. My days were structured to my liking, and I could support my partner as she coped with working on the front lines at Logan hospital. I would roll out of bed, make her a coffee, do 20ks on the erg, go back to bed, do another 10-15ks on the erg, or maybe a ride on the Gold Coast, or a swim at south Straddie (tinny ride took 20min across the channel). Pretty sweet setup.

When I went back to Sydney for the 2021 season, in September of 2020, I went to work with two of the best people I had ever met. Don McLachlan, who in my opinion is the best coach in Australia, and deserves a sainthood, and Sean Murphy. Don is like that man you meet maybe once or twice in your life. He just gets it, and simply being around him is a joy. Sean is a surfer, sleep in his car, vegetarian type, who has an amusing relationship to hard work given his serious international achievements. He taught me to go with the flow, follow your instincts, and above all; enjoy life. We three will no doubt be lifelong friends.

My rowing career has finished for now. I missed out on Tokyo, which, in spite of the situation in the world, I believe will be the most spectacular sporting event of my lifetime (so far). As I missed the opportunity to race in Tokyo, and finish that fairy tale, I have entered an Ironman Triathlon in December. I could not have that moment of glorious suffering in Tokyo, so I will manufacture one in Western Australia. It's hard to explain, but if you know you know. After that, who knows if I'll be heading to Paris in 2024. It is only 3 years away after all...

Hamish Parry



2021 LWT Men's 8+ Champions - Lake Barrington



Sophie Gerber LWT 1x



U23 LM4- Win



U21 LM1x Christian Place



AUS U21 LWT4x - Sophie Gerber (stroke)



U23 LM2- Win



Austin Dipple
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HP Training Magic Rainbow



AUS U23 LWT Mens 2x Tom Williamson and Jack Bowser



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AUS U21 Womens LWT4x Good Time



Open Womens 8+ HOTB



Open Mens 8+ HOTB



HOTB



Asha Underhill & Fan



Post Race



TRC AUS Reps 2021 Sadie Ridgeway, Jack Bowser, Sophie Gerber, Tom Williamson and Leo Karadimitris



Sadie Ridgeway with uncle Chris at QLD States

Masters Rowing 2020/21

This report covers those competition masters who competed in regattas over the past year. For those members, the primary competitions were to have been the Head of the Yarra in November 2019, the Scenic Rim Regatta on 4 February 2021, the RQI Regatta on 7 March, the GPS regatta on 17 April, the State Titles on 1st and 2nd of May and the Australian Titles from 27 to 30 May 2021.

Head of the Yarra

For the record, this regatta had to be cancelled because of the covid epidemic raging through the community and the world.

Queensland State Titles Wyaralong Dam

The regatta was held over two days with the club trying out various combinations in order to finalize our entries for the National Championships. The club won 30 gold medals. A schedule of the gold medal winning crews is as follows:-

Gold Medals

Men's D8	Reece, Manning and Howard as members of the State 8
MG-M 2x	Gunningham, Bliss
Mix. E 4-	Evans, O'Connor*, Carr, Taylor
W G-M 2-	Warren, Elliott
MF 4x	Gunningham, O'Dwyer, Bennett, Bliss
M A/B8	Reece, Manning, Howard as members of the State 8
M G-M 4-	Park, MacDonald,* Jell, Wallrock
M F4-	MacSporran, Gould, Carr, Taylor
M A/B 1x	Manning
M G-M 4x	Gunningham, O'Dwyer, Jell, Bliss
W E8	Filkin Conn as a member of a UQBC 8
M E4-	Car, Conn, Keily, Taylor
Mix G-M 4-	Kelly, Brown, Gasteen, McRae
Mix E8	J.Conn, Filkin, Bourne, Herries, Keily, Conn, Pettigrew, Bennett, c:Underhill
M A-M 4+	Howard, Reece, Pettigrew, Manni,g, c: Underhill
M G-M 2-	Jell, Wallrock
M C4-	Bugg, Hammer, Howard, Stevens
Mix D4-	Evans, O'Connor*, Bugg, Hammer
W F4-	Kelly, Herries, Bourne, De La Paix*
W D2-	O'Connor,* Evans
M F8	Carr, Wallrock, MacSporran, Reece, Keily, Gould, Pettigrew, Taylor, c: Underhill
M A & B 2x	Murphy, Price
MD4-	Conn, Keily, Hammer, Bugg
W E2-	O'Connor*, Evans
M E8	Araujo, Taylor, Carr, Conn, Keily, Gould, Pettigrew, Bennett, C Underhill
W A&B 8	Lambros as a member of a UQBC 8
W G-M 4-	Kelly, Herries, Bourne, Brown
M G- M 8	Park, Gasteen, McRae, Gould, MacSporran, Jell, Keily, Wallrock, c: Underhill
M C2-	Hammer, Bugg
WA-M 4+	Warren, Herries, Bourne, Elliott, c: Underhill

Australian Masters Championships West Lakes Adelaide

The regatta was held over four days on the man-made A. M. Ramsay Regatta Course located at West Lakes, approximately 9km from the city Centre. A total of 623 athletes participated in 197 events over the regatta. Apart from some strong winds on the last morning, the conditions for racing remained quite good for the regatta for a course known for being wind prone, being quite close to the sea. The club achieved a total of 38.375 medals comprising 21.125 gold, 10.875 silver and 6.375 bronze with several of those made up of composite crews as shown below. Toowong entered 85 crews, either as full club crews or in composite combinations.

The club was crowned Championship Club of the regatta out of the 78 clubs winning medals, with a total point score of 1672 ahead of Melbourne Rowing Club on 1586 and Mosman Rowing Club on 1315 points. The 'big' three finished a long way ahead of fourth spot, North Shore Rowing Club on 856.25 points. The points and medals are allocated on a pro rata basis for composite crews, hence the schedule below will be slightly different from the figures above. This year the Master's Commission introduced a different points schedule in order to encourage club rowing.

GOLD MEDALS

M I4+	Xouris*, Park, Jell, Wallrock, c: Underhill
W D4+	Conn, Monks, O'Connor*, Evans, c: Luck*
M G4+	MacSporran, Gould, Jell, Wallrock, c: Underhill
M E2-	Conn, Keily
M C4+	Colquhoun, Horder, Pettigrew, Manning, c: Underhill
M Club 8-	Jell, Park, MacSporran, Wallrock, Keily, Gould, Reece, Pettigrew, c: Underhill
M F4-	MacSporran, Gould, Carr, Taylor
M F4+	Keily Conn, Shinnors*, Lowe,* c: Webster*
M B4-	Bugg, Hammer, Howard, Stevens
W E2-	O'Connor,* Evans
M B1x	Manning
Mix C8	Gardener*, Connolly*, Taylor*, Vedelago*, Russell*, Reece, Howard, Manning, c: Luck*
Mix E8	Kelly, O'Connor* Evans, De La Paix*, MacSporran, Stevens, Bugg, Hammer, c; Dixon*
Mix HM 8	Hall*, Mussared*, Sandow*, White*, Park, McRae, Jell, Wallrock c: Webster*
M F8	Carr, Wallrock, MacSporran, Horder, Keily, Gould, Pettigrew, Taylor, c; Underhill
MD4+	Howard, Reece, Pettigrew, Manning, c; Underhill
W G2	Kelly, White*
M H4+	Jell, Wallrock, Shinnors*, Lowe*, c; Webster*
M A8	Araujo, Horder, Feros, Smart, Bugg, Hammer, Colquhoun, Stevens, c: Underhill
WF4-	Kelly, Bridgeford*, White*, De La Paix*
M G8	MacSporran, Wallrock, Pilmore*, Conn, Keily, Gould, Shinnors*, Lowe,* c: Webster*
Mix D4+	Conn, Monks, Keily, Conn, c: Underhill
Mix FG 8	Hall*. White*, Kelly, De La Paix*, Shinnors* Lowe*, Wallrock, Jell, c: Webster*
MB2-	Bugg, Hammer

M H8	Park, McRae, MacSporran, Wallrock, Jell, Gould, Shinnners*, Lowe,* c: Webster*
ME4+	MacSporran, Reece, Pettigrew, Bennett, c: Webster*
M C8	Colquhoun, Horder, Araujo, Smart, Bugg, Hammer, Howard, Stevens, c: Underhill

SILVER MEDALS

ME 2-	Reece, Pettigrew
Mix C4+	O'Connor*, Evans, Hammer, Bugg, c: Webster*
MB4-	Horder, Colquhoun, Feros, Smart
MI 8	Gibb*, Wilson*, Park, Pilmore*, Jell, James*, Shinnners*, Lowe,* c: Webster*
WD2-	O'Connor*, Evans
ME8	Araujo, Gould, Carr, Conn, Keily, Taylor, Pettigrew, Bennett, c: Underhill
Mix E8	Forbes, De Waal, J. Conn, Monks, Keily, Conn, Pettigrew, Bennett, c: Underhill
MH4-	Park, McRae, MacSporran, Gould
MI2-	Park, Jell
MB2-	Feros, Smart
MG2-	MacSporran, Gould
ME4-	Carr, Conn, Keily, Taylor

BRONZE MEDALS

WF 2-	Kelly, White*
MA 2-	Hammer, Bugg
WG4x-	Kelly, Deguara*, Hall*, White*
MC 4-	Bugg, Hammer, Howard, Stevens
MH2-	Jell, Wallrock
WF8	Forbes, De Waal, Hall*, Bridgeford*, Kelly, White*, Evans, De La Paix,* c: Luck
MB8	Colquhoun, Horder, Feros, Smart, Bugg, Hammer, Pettigrew, Stevens, c: Underhill
MISD8	Russell*, Reece, Malakellis*, Finch*, Hobart*, Manning, Howard, Finnimore,* C Klemenc*
MD8	Araujo, Bennett, Keily, Conn, Howard, Reece, Pettigrew, Manning, c: Underhill
Mix D8	Petley*, Plummer*, Kinkead*, Skidmore*, Carr, Inglis*, Jones*, Harper*, c: Harper*
C of C1x	Manning

*Denotes a member of another club rowing composite.

For the Interstate racing three club members represented in the Men's 8 being David Reece, James Manning and Adrian Howard. The crew finished third in their event.

For the women's crew Tracey Evans was the sole representative whilst Angie Ellis our Club Captain was the coach. The crew once again won their event which represented the sixth year in a row for Queensland. Both the crew and Angie as coach of five of those winning crews are to be specially congratulated.

This past season has been a difficult one in which to maintain focus with all the uncertainty caused by the virus pandemic. When the Sydney International Rowing Course as the original venue for the Nationals' had to be ruled out because of an infestation of blue green algae, it proved to be a step too far for some members. The new venue in Adelaide proved a great choice and Rowing South Australia are to be congratulated on conducting such a great regatta at only a few weeks notice.

The outstanding results reflect the strong commitment to doing the training necessary to succeed at National level. To again win the club premiership minus a big cohort of our women's group was a great achievement.

There were several highlights which stood out for me. It was a highlight on day one to win the Championship men's Club 8 by a stunning margin of 9.06 seconds. It has proved a hard race to win for such a magnificent trophy in honour of John Whiting. The last and only time we have previously won this event was the inaugural race for this trophy in 2017. Commercial won the women's race displaying their depth in having two crews in the race.

It was satisfying to note that in the men's eights races, Toowong raced crews of all Toowong members in the A, B, C, D, E, F races and composite in the G, H and I divisions, winning medals in most of them.

Other great moments were seeing Jenny Conn and Deborah Monks win their first Nationals gold medals in the D4+ with Tracy Evans and Linda O'Connor in a high-quality race against a full field. It was a great spectacle to see a fierce battle in the men's E2- with two Toowong crews battling it out with Gavin and Jeff coming out on top by just half a second ahead of Paul and David. The last day was memorable for the C8 race where Toowong rowed down a quality Tasmanian crew to win by .3 of a second. The crew were unanimous in attributing the win to Asha Underhill our cox, for her fantastic calls over the latter stages of the race. It really did cap a quality regatta for Asha and we are very grateful for her valuable contribution to our success.

As with past years the results do not just rely on the work done by athletes and coaches but also most importantly on those who work behind the scenes. Deborah Monks and Janelle Filkin were looking after regatta entries for the women, whilst Robyn Herries has continued to act as communication officer for the women.

Bob Law has been sidelined this past season recuperating from knee surgery but obviously missing active rowing, has been of hugh assistance in looking after the men's entries and in playing a significant role in managing an evolving schedule of entries for the Nationals considering performance, race schedules and age issues. Clearly to the relief of both of us the results speak for themselves.

In some ways the most important thank you must go the Gavin and Sandra Keily for driving the trailer full of boats to Adelaide. In what has become a somewhat unwelcome tradition the trip was not without its travel adventure when one of the trailer springs failed. Fortunately, prescient Peter Park provided Gavin with a spare spring before departure which Gavin, displaying mechanical skills we did not know he had, was able to replace it and proceeded on his way.

I conclude my report using the same last paragraph I have used in the past as follows: -

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 programs is so important and the basis of the club's greatest strength, the volunteers whose positive input makes the club so strong.

Terry Mulligan



James Manning 1x Champion



Brown Snake 2020 WMD8+ Winners!



Janelle 1x Wyaralong



WMG2- Marion Heather Lyn and Julie Ann



Ladies at Wy Regatta



MME8+ Champions!



Maryborough Bridge To Bridge August 2020



AMRC 2021 MMC8+ Champions



Mixed E8+ Racing Wyaralong



AMRC MME2- Gavin Keily & Jeff Conn



Scenic Rim Regatta Tent Time



Sunrise Squad MW 2021



Winter Series 2020



AMRC MME2- Paul Pettigrew & Dave Reece, Gavin Keily and Jeff Conn



Deb and Jen - Winners are Grinners



Coach helping out



AMRC 2021 Mens Club 8+ Champions

Composite Crews: one medal per crew (pro rata)

Rank	Club/School	State	Gold G	Silver S	Bronze B	Total Medals
1	Toowong	QLD	21.125	10.875	6.375	38.375
2	Port Adelaide	SA	14.5	5.375	3	22.875
3	Melbourne RC	VIC	12.125	14.25	14.5	40.875
4	Melbourne University	VIC	9.75	4.875	1.625	16.25
5	Mosman	NSW	9.25	13.25	8	30.5
6	Uni of QLD	QLD	8.75	4.625	1	14.375
7	Commercial	QLD	8.375	5.5	5.375	19.25



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Queensland Interstate Men's Masters 8+



The 2021 Men's Masters Interstate Eight Campaign was defined as much by the challenges that were overcome as by the result. Toowong Rowing Club were strongly represented with three selected in the crew: David Reece, James Manning, and Adrian Howard.

The campaign commenced with the obligatory ergo and pairs trials. TRC was represented by eight athletes in total. Along with the three aforementioned were, Paul Pettigrew, Tim Bugg, Steve Hammer, Dean Hoarder and Matt Colquhoun. The Selectors were left in a challenging position with all data suggesting that the athletes were difficult to separate. Balancing the trials data and age requirements, the final crew was selected to be coached by Martin Rabjohns, coxed by Jayden Klemenc (UQBC) and crewed by Ben Finemore (CRC), Adrian Howard, James Manning, David Hobart (UQBC), Robert Finch (UQBC), Michael Malakellis (CRC), David Reece and James Russell (CRC).

The timing of the Australian Masters Rowing Championships allowed for a longer preparation than recent years. It soon became apparent that the additional time would be needed. The squad established itself out of the St Joseph's Gregory Terrace (Terrace) Rowing Sheds with equipment supplied by UQBC, Terrace and CRC and water conditions expected to be similar to SIRC. However, David Reece quickly fell ill with a viral infection that he could not shake, and it kept him off the water for over six weeks. With the support of Matt Colquhoun and Glenn Wright (CRC), the squad did not lose a session. The torrential rains came, and the river came up, followed by the debris coming downstream, followed by two lost fins, but the Terrace boatman Ben Toomey was unwavering in his support to keep us afloat.

The crew competed at the lead-in regattas. A clear message was sent to rivals as the crew consistently clocked very competitive times in variable conditions. Dave Reece managed a remarkable recovery and was warmly welcomed back with a very sharp crew performance at the Queensland State Championships.

A highlight of the campaign came in the following weeks when Andrew Service from RQ and coach Marty arranged access to Lake Wyaralong for a long morning of apposed race pieces against the Qld Kings Cup Development Squad. Ten sets of 500 metres was on the agenda. The "old fellas" held our own and even

managed to produce a few surprises. We came away exhausted but aware of our potential.

The squad did not flinch when the venue changed from SIRC to West Lakes. Marty already had a lot of shape around the back turn to stay clear of any bad conditions. We enjoyed a few more big training sessions and the support of Ivan Hooper, Nick Parr and Chip McKibben who all came out in the tinny in a show of solidarity.

The West Lakes conditions were cold, the water was heavy and tidal. It was shaping up to be a longer race. We had confidence in our fitness and our process and knew we could deliver the extra strokes.

The competition was expected to come from the locals and SA did not disappoint. They exploded out of the blocks clocking around 50 strokes per minute with NSW - stroked by former TRC Captain Rob McNeil - and Qld in hot pursuit. SA and NSW were separated by less than 0.8 seconds through the 500 metres with Qld 1.8 seconds behind in third. We stuck to our process, delivering our length and a strong and fast rhythm. However, the race for first played out between SA and NSW with the South Australians prevailing for their first Interstate victory in front of a boisterous home crowd. NSW came second and Qld third.

On behalf of the three TRC oarsmen I express our gratitude and honour in representing Qld at the Interstate Regatta. We thank our coach and fellow athletes and our sponsor, Monochrome Bitcoin Fund.

The clear take-away from the campaign was that the IS8+ has evolved again and SA has taken a grip on the agenda. We warmly congratulate them on their achievement. TRC representatives past and present know how hard earned it is. Throughout the 2021 Nationals campaign, new athletes have emerged and announced their readiness for representative honours. Many of them from TRC. We look forward to being a part of the campaigns taking up the fight in future years.



Queensland Interstate Women's Masters 8+



Six pairs competed in the time trail at Lake Wyaralong on the 14th of February, hopeful of selection to row for Queensland in the 2021 Women's Interstate Masters D8+. Rowing Queensland announced the crew of Georgie Gardener (CRC), Linda O'Connor (RCWRC), Tracey Evans (TRC), Andrea Connolly (CRC), Christine Taylor (CRC), Nadia Vedalago (CRC), Rachael Kininmonth (UQBC), Margot Draydon (UQBC) and Edwina Luck (CRC), with Ange Ellis (TRC) as coach, on the 22nd of February to begin the 14 week campaign to compete in race 244 at the 2021 Australian Masters Rowing Championships.

Our crew of 10 bonded quickly with the realisation of the amount of work and commitment that lay ahead. With Queensland taking the title the previous 5 years in a row, we knew the target was on our back as the IS crew other states wanted to beat. In preparation for the event we completed 20 on-water training sessions and competed in the International Women's Day, Brisbane and GPS Rowing Club and Queensland State Masters Championship Regattas. Throughout the season we were privileged to have the expertise and committed coaching of Ange Ellis who prepared our full season training program and directed our twice-weekly coaching sessions. Unfortunately, Ange was unable to travel with us to Nationals due to a family wedding on race day but we knew she would be with us, each and every stroke.

Undeterred by days of torrential Brisbane rain, COVID-19 outbreaks around the country and a blue-green algae infestation at Sydney International Regatta Centre resulting in a change of venue only 3 weeks prior to the national regatta, we arrived at West Lakes, South Australia, to find out if we had done enough to bring the trophy home to Queensland again. Finally, sitting in lane 7 at 4:55pm in the last race of the day, our question was ready to be answered.

As expected, the start was fast and furious with cox Eddie calling we were at the 250 after what seemed like only a few seconds. At the 500 we held a narrow lead of 0.84 seconds to the New South Wales crew who were narrowing the gap with each stroke. At the 750 the commentator was calling NSW in the lead. My distinct memory of the race was at that 750 mark. Everything was hurting giving it our all but we just had to dig deeper knowing as much as it hurt now, crossing the line behind NSW from here would inflict a greater pain of disappointment. It was at that moment the Queensland spirit to 'unite and fight' took hold to boost boat speed and race across the line 1.33 seconds ahead of New South Wales to the commentator yelling "Queensland's going to hold onto it and make it 6 in a row, it's going to be Queensland across in first!". Our question was answered, our journey complete and the trophy was home. On behalf of this year's ISWM8+ crew, thanks to Rowing Qld, UQBC and Toowong Rowing Club for their combined support in our campaign.

Tracey Evans



Blueys and Goldies Report

The Blueys managed to retain a regular squad for most of the year and this seems to have contributed to a much improved quality of the rowing, although this improvement is probably more to do with the coaching provided by Paul Cosgrove. Fitness also appears to have improved and there are now few overt rumblings when the coach or cox calls for a long, sustained effort. We are all grateful for the work Paul has put in to iron out our bad habits and instill good ones.

Joining the squad this year was Steve Bristow, returning after a few years away from the sport. He has fitted in well to the crew and brings his knowledge and experience with him.

The squad decided to purchase a dedicated cox box for Margie and she has made good use of its many functions to provide

the crew with lots of information on how well or poorly they are rowing. It's amazing how well the crew picks up the pace when told meters per stroke or split times have slackened off.

As you probably know, the partner of Rudi, a long-time member of the Blueys squad, sadly passed away recently, so the squad decided to take him to lunch to lift his spirits. Ten of us turned up at the Breakfast Creek hotel ready for good feed and lots of jokes, but there was just one problem – the guest of honour got his dates mixed up and didn't turn up! Oh well, the food and company were good, and all agreed we should try again to organize another lunch for Rudi, plus another two or three for good measure!

Steve Kennedy



Vale Don Boshier

13.01.1928 – 23.06.2021

Don was born in Staines in England where he rowed and coxed as a member of Staines Rowing Club. He came to Australia in 1955 working as a carpenter in the country, mainly in Mt Isa. After separation from his first wife he came to Cleveland to look after his two daughters. Being a single dad he had to go to the School P&C meetings, where he met the Secretary of the P&C, Ethel, who he later married and they spent the rest of their years living in Cleveland.

Don was still working as a builder started working for a company owned by a Mr Scott who then sold his business to Jack Hutchinson Builders. He worked for Hutchies until his retirement joining Toowong Rowing Club in the late 1980's. At the age of 63 he retired and instead of a gold watch, Don was presented with a Toowong Rowing Club blazer which he recently gave to Carol Watters.

In 1990 he began coaching the inaugural St Aidan's and All Hallows Rowing squads out of Toowong Rowing Club with both schools competing in an open quad sculls at the first School Girls' Head of the River in 1990. His passion for rowing and coaching continued with St Aidans for nearly 20 years. He also coached the boys at State High and BBC in the summer months.

My first memory of Don was when I received a phone call one night with this gentleman introducing himself as Don Boshier coach of the Year 8 girls squad saying he had 11 girls and needed one more and would my daughter be interested. Fond memories are of Don and his squad of little girls out in sculls all in yellow T-shirts so they wouldn't get lost in the mangroves and for the gravel barges to see them.

Don continued to coach St Aidan's girls well into his 80's and had the admirable distinction of teaching every St Aidan's rower how to row.

Meanwhile Don also encouraged St Aidan's mums to row and Marion Elliott and Peggy Potts were his first pupils. Being a 'baby boomer' and watching my daughter row, I too wanted to learn. Eventually he suggested that Marion and I get nine St Aidan's mums together. This came about in late 1996 when we all came down on a Sunday morning when no one else was around. In those days no one rowed at Toowong on a Sunday. After 6 months he informed us that technically we were now competent but needed to join the club and row at least 3 times a week to get fit if we wanted to race! - hence the beginning of a Veteran women's squad at Toowong.

Since then Don has been a constant support of Toowong women's vets as well as the club in general. His skills as a carpenter were put to good use with his mate Jimmy Nunan. They used to row together in a double and then come back to the shed and spend the rest of the morning working on repairing and maintaining the boats. One of Don's wishes was that the club have a flagpole and thanks to the work of Rudi Bianchi, Peter Gregg and Jack Hutchinson the flagpole and Toowong Flag came about in 2020.

His passion and support of rowing never waned. Well into his late eighties he would be at the school and club regattas. And though his body eventually 'ran out of puff', his mind and memory stayed as sharp as a tack. We owe thanks to his stepson Rod who drove him from Cleveland, up to the club so he could join us at Saturday breakfast. Conversations with him proved his memory of peoples' names and rowing details were amazing. At the age of 93, Don was still on his ergo every day.

The women of Toowong owe so much to Don, for getting us started and his ongoing interest and encouragement.

Carol Watters & Marion Elliott

I got to know Don mainly during his years in the famous TRC Septuagenarian and then Octogenarian Eights. Up to about 2012 he and his good mate Jim Nunan would row a 2X on a Tuesday morning then join the Tuesday morning working bee and cuppa where their speciality was working on anything wooden.

A couple of magic moments for me – In 2009 the Club purchased a brand new 2X for two young girls training with Tom Jack. In my role at the club, I oversaw this purchase and was able to keep it under wraps insisting Don and Jim were on board for its maiden voyage. That Tuesday morning they were so nervous yet so excited to row the boat – after they returned they both commented "Greggee, that was the first brand new boat that we have ever rowed in".

In later years when it was difficult for Don to visit the Club, I visited him at his home in Thorneside, servicing and upgrading his ergo. (Thanks to Peter Park for the bits). In his early nineties he was still doing an eight-minute session daily if his health could cope and was mighty proud of his results.

I feel honoured to have known this knowledgeable rowing gentleman.

Peter Gregg





Don Boshier & Jim Nunan - great mates



Don Boshier & Jim Nunan - great mates



Noela, Don and Marion 2021



Boatmen - Don & Stef



TRC flagpole



Don & Peter

VALE Jim Garner

6.10.34 - 11.11.20

James Garner was born in Colac Victoria in 1934 and spent his formative years in and around his hometown in country Victoria. As a young boy Jim loved spending time fishing and boating on Lake Colac and at 14 he left school to take up a trade in carpentry. A year later Jim and a few school mates joined Colac Rowing Club (founded 1876) where he quickly developed his rowing skills and became a handy help around the clubhouse and gained the knowhow to repair the timber boats in the fleet. It wasn't long before Jim became Club Captain and set about building the fleet and recruiting more local youngsters to enable Colac RC to become one Victoria's most successful regional clubs in the 1950s.

In 1960 Jim headed north to take up the often dangerous work on oil rigs in western Queensland. He later settled in Brisbane where his daughter Pauline and son Greg were born living in Toowong and later Sunnybank.

In 1991, after wandering into the Keith St clubhouse to have a chance meeting with the then Club Captain, Jim joined Toowong RC and quickly renewed his love of the sport. He soon regained his oar skills enjoying regular early morning training and camaraderie in veteran's crews.

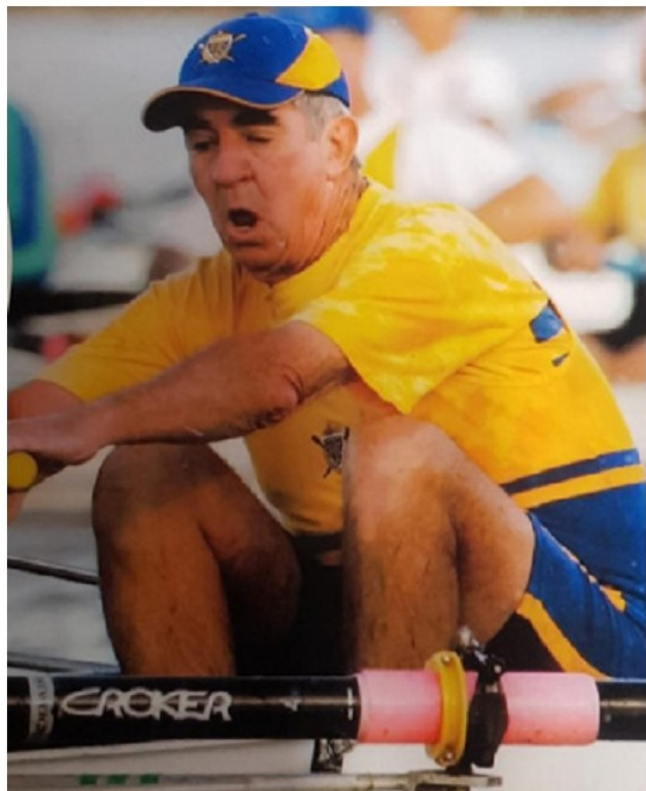
Over the next 12 years Jim was a regular competitor on the master's regatta circuit and the haul of medals that hung proudly in Jim's flat attested to his success on the water. Jim was often wingman with Peter Jell towing our boats to interstate regattas and helped out with carpentry repairs around the shed.

Jim once reassured me that the women's toilet doors (hung by him) were there to stay and would never let us girls down! Together with club mates Jim Nunan, Don Boshier, Peter Gregg and John Bliss, Jim enjoyed sessions working on boats and the obligatory coffee and biscuits afterwards.

Together with son Greg, Jim was always willing to offer advice and help with home renovations for others in the club.

At aged 82, Jim Garner was bestowed the honour of 2 seat in the Toowong Rowing Club 'redoubtable' octogenarians 8+ and he will be fondly remembered as an honest, friendly and generous member of our rowing community.

Ange Ellis



Tom Jack Memorial

On Sunday 13 December 2020, family and friends gathered at the club to farewell and celebrate the life of Tom Jack. Tom was a passionate and dedicated member of Toowong Rowing Club for nearly seven decades and represented Qld and Australia as a team manager and coach. Tom was bestowed honorary life membership of the club in 1997 and a member of the inspirational Octogenarians crew. The naming of the 'Tom Jack' - a new BBC 8+, was a surprise and fitting tribute in his honour that day.



Randall Martin, Dorothy Jack and Paul Pettigrew BBC boat naming



Tom Jack Boat Naming



Ashes Ceremony



Tom Jack Memorial Crew



2020 Head of the Brisbane



2020 was all about COVID-19 and the beginning of the HOTB themed t-shirts. With the upheaval caused by COVID, my mantra from now on is if you can't beat it, embrace it, and commemorate it on a t-shirt.

The marshals stood out in their bright orange t-shirts: mission accomplished. No crew could complain that they didn't see the marshal's boat. Let's all agree that orange is Clare Raven's colour.



I naively thought that without all the on-premises fanfare, the 2020 HOTB would be easier to organise. Reality slapped me in the face. The time and energy we saved on vendor, catering, musicians, etc. arrangements went into COVID preparation. However, COVID did not stop the coffee van!!!n!!!



Our COVID plan (15 pages) was well received by Rowing Queensland and MSQ, and all the rowing clubs were fabulous in their compliance. The majority of TRC people followed the rules, although some pushed hard against the boundaries and broke through. I'm looking at you, Kerry O'Rourke. 😊

The silver lining was that we were able to focus on the race format. I don't believe the format has changed significantly in years. In 2020, we decided that due to the lack of off-water frivolity, it was time for an overhaul:

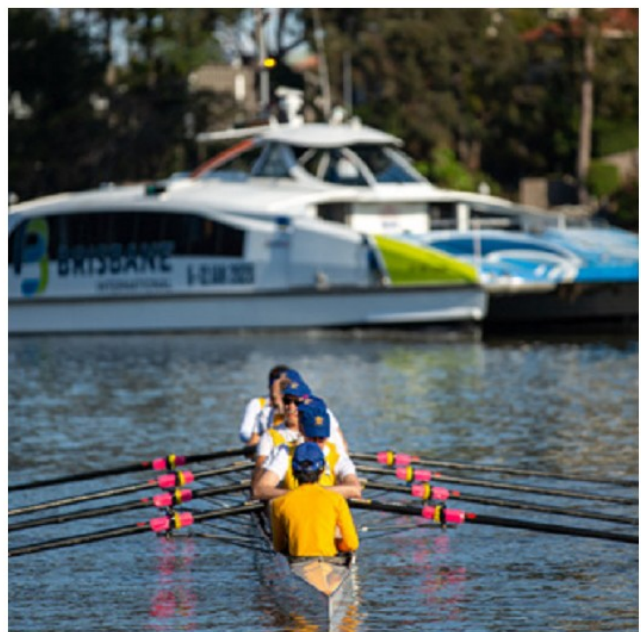


1. We reduced the time between crews in a race from 30 seconds to 10 seconds. The general feedback was that the racing was more exciting.
2. We swapped around some races so that faster crews could chase down other crews in similar boat categories.
3. Due to social distancing rules, we had more small boat entries, which was fabulous. I hope to see the trend continue.

Speaking of increased smaller boat entries in the HOTB, I'm **putting the challenge out now to the TRC C-E men**. You compete against each other in pairs at training, racing well over 16km. **I challenge you to compete in the men's 2- in the 2021 HOTB; it's only 9.5 km. Who's up for it?**

Back to the 2020 HOTB. We had been considering phasing out the HOTB medals, and COVID presented the perfect opportunity. In the past, we had to order the medals 6-8 weeks in advance because they came from overseas. Crazy. Having to order that early, we couldn't accurately predict how many we would need and tended to order too many. We had a boatload of silver and bronze medals,

so we awarded those to crews. Because we didn't have enough gold medals to cover a quarter of the races, we were able to transition to "merch for gold medals", and first placegetters won the hot pink HOTB visor. Some school crews still wanted a medal, and that is fair enough. Kids love a good medal, especially when it's their first Head race.



We were lucky enough to have Jeremy from MSQ visit us on the day. Jeremy has been involved with HOTB for a while now, helping us with the paperwork and making sure we were compliant with the regulations. Jeremy got to see how crews play with the Kitty Cats and random jet skiers. He had some useful feedback for us, which John Price has taken on board (pun intended). These changes will make HOTB safer and fun for everyone...probably not the jet skiers, though.

We made a profit of \$18,951, down significantly (30%) compared with 2019. This reduction was due to several factors:

- We dropped the price of entry to encourage more crews to participate. In hindsight, we didn't need to do this. Queenslanders were champing at the bit to race. Income on seat fees: \$14,760 (incl. GST) in 2020 compared with \$19,125 (incl. GST) in 2019.
- We didn't have out-of-state crews, so no income from boat hire.
- Because the function centre was closed, there were no bar takings; they typically generate over \$2,000.
- Sponsorship was down, understandably. Deb will report more on that.

As mentioned earlier, because we had enough silver and bronze medals in stock, our expenditure on medals was down \$2100. That included the cost of the winner's visors. Medals are ridiculously expensive, which is one of the reasons we are moving to merchandise.

We kept the dream alive with the Emergency Services race—albeit a cut-down version. Instead of 8+s, the crews raced in 2x. The rules were that an Emergency Services person had to stroke it, and a TRC person sat in the bow. Fire won, Police second, and Ambulance came in a very close third. A massive shoutout to Bec Smith (Police), Jack Price (Ambulance), and Gabe Cryle (Fire) for jumping into the bow seats for this race. After a couple of sessions on the scullulator (the sculling version of the ergolator), Mat the



Ambo was ready for his on-water training session with Jack Price. Jack was most gracious, as Mat had never sculled before. Mat's only on-water experience was a few training sessions in the 8+ in 2019. He had one more session with me where I took him through coping with washes (5 Kitty Cats and 4 jet skiers helped us out with that training session) before his big debut.

For more HOTB photos, please head to the Head of the Brisbane website, and click on photos:

<http://headofthebrisbane.com/photos>.

All credit to Mitchell Anderson.

All in all, we did not let COVID dampen our spirits; Mitchell's photos can attest to that.



Looking forward to everyone volunteering to help make 2021 a roaring success.

Janelle Filkin
HOTB Committee Chair.

2020 HOTB Sponsorship

Even with the pressures of COVID, our sponsors came out in force and continued supporting our club. We simply wouldn't run without the generosity of these people! Our sponsors are varied ranging from small businesses to large corporations and long-standing benefactors to those starting their relationship with the club. Despite this diversity, our sponsors are united in their dedication to our club. As the impact of COVID continues to be felt, we recognise that some of our sponsors may not be able to continue. Please know that we continue to value your relationship with TRC, no matter what form that takes.

For those of you who might be interested in becoming sponsors, please feel free to contact Deborah on 0420370631 to discuss options. This year, we're looking to extend some options for donations 'in kind'.

For those that are already sponsors, you have the gratitude of your club.

Deborah Monks

HOTB Sponsorship

2020 HEAD OF THE BRISBANE

SPONSORSHIP

**HUTCHINSON
BUILDERS**



**CALILE MALOUF
INVESTMENTS**



**PHD
PRE HUNG DOORS**



B BRISBANE BIRD & EXOTICS
VETERINARY SERVICE
Quality Care in Sickness and in Health

D DIRECT LANDSCAPE
SERVICES
CONSULT | CONSTRUCT | MAINTAIN



Mitchell Anderson
Photography

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The Toowong Rowing Club is a community focused organisation that has existed since 1889 providing social, physical and mental health benefits to its members through a shared passion for rowing. It has a proud history, having survived the loss of its clubhouse to floods and loss of membership to two world wars. The Toowong Rowing Foundation shares this passion and exists to provide long term financial security for the rowing club.

The foundation was established at a meeting on 21 November 2020. It is a trust fund with the rowing club as its beneficiary and is managed by its board of directors comprising Robert van Mourik (Chair), Russell Kerrison, Peter Macgregor and Andrew McLean Williams; Robert Gunningham is secretary. Together they have broad experience in business, legal and governance matters with a deep understanding of the social and cultural history of the club. The foundation's website has further information including the legal structure of the foundation, the experience of its board of directors and more information on its mailing list, donations and bequests.

The foundation's capital fund was seeded with a \$50,000 donation received from Silvio Pradella, a past president and club benefactor. Over \$100,000 has now been received from over 30 donors. In a two-minute video available on the website, Silvio discusses the importance of the foundation to the club.



Silvio Pradella with TRF Chair Robert van Mourik

“The foundation is the solution to the need to provide long term financial certainty for the Toowong Rowing Club. It enables people to contribute when and as they are able. For those who have benefited from their association with the club, it is an opportunity to give back.”

Silvio Pradella, Past President and major donor

The foundation board's immediate objectives are to leverage its skills, connections and available funds to undertake much larger fundraising for the long-term benefit and financial security of the Toowong Rowing Club. It is also seeking to recruit additional directors with appropriate skills and experience.



TRF Formation Management

Kibble Cup 2020

Club spirits were high to wrap up 2020 at the club Xmas BBQ Breakfast and Kibble Cup on Saturday 19 December. Dating from 1891, TRC Kibble Cup holds pride of place as one of Qld's oldest rowing trophies. Mixed 4- racing amongst our HP and masters was hotly contested with the winning crew of Jack Bowser, Tim Bugg, Christian Place and Daniella Anderson taking out the final by 2 boat lengths.



Kibble Cup 2020 BRO



Kibble Cup 2020 Winners.



Kibble Cup 2020 Winners.



Carol Watters (Club President) presents Kibble Cup

Saturday Breakfast

Things are slowly getting back to normal up on the deck on Saturday mornings, after a long hiatus due to Covid 19.

We were unable to offer our usual Saturday morning breakfast for many months because of the restrictions put in place by the government, but now that these have been eased, we are again open for business, offering our rowers and social members the opportunity to get together over breakfast on Saturday morning.

We have a strong group of senior masters who enjoy the opportunity to catch up every week, plus a moveable feast of women who come and go depending on other commitments. It would be great to see

more people join us to make this a viable fund-raising event – the more the merrier.

Many thanks to our barista, Carol, and to Marion, who is always on hand to help with the clean-up after breakfast.

Lyn Brown



TRC Club Breakfast June 2021 Blissly and Lyn Brown



TRC Club Breakfast June 2021 - New Recruits



TRC Mowing Managers Roger Witham and Kerry O'Rourke

Again this year we had a fine group keeping our grounds in tip top shape.

It is not a difficult job, but it certainly shows the locals that we have a club with members who care about its presentation in the local community. There would be a couple of hundred people pass our club house every day and whenever we are doing the mowing, we get compliments about how well the place looks. Keeping our grounds in top shape is also much needed for the function room events we host.

Thank you to our mowing people, particularly Jim Gibb and Alex Milanovic who have been helping for some years. Thank you also to Peter Logan, Andrew Farr and Roger Witham who pitch in very often through the year.

A couple of years ago we had a couple of women who joined with us but now it is just a "boys' club". Wouldn't be great to change this? Ladies you are all very welcome to join the crew.

And what about Terry Mulligan? This "coach extraordinaire", in his spare time, trims the hedges bushes and shrubs and removes all the excess cuttings also adding to the appearance of our Club House. Thank you Terry.

Kerry O'Rourke
Past President

Toowong Rowing Club
Club Income & Expenditure Statement
 April 2020 To March 2021

Club Income			
Income from Members			
Membership Fees	\$123,153.67		
Boat Storage Fees	\$12,180.22		
Miscellaneous Income			
Shed Key & Locker Income	\$36.36		
		\$135,370.25	
Donations & fundraising			
Donations Received	\$2,620.00		
Fundraising Income	\$2,954.55		
		\$5,574.55	
Grants			
Covd Safe - Qld Government	\$2,000.00		
Brisbane City Council	\$10,000.00		
		\$12,000.00	
Head of Brisbane Income			
HOB Registrations	\$15,359.12		
HOB Sponsorship	\$12,136.37		
HOB Other Income			
		\$27,495.49	
Club Events / Income			
Saturday Breakfast	\$1,221.81		
Annual Dinner			
Clothing Sales	\$367.09		
Rowing Programs	\$816.80		
		\$2,405.70	
Hire			
Venue Hire	\$6,688.65		
Hire of Boats			
		\$6,688.65	
Other Income			
Insurance Recoveries - Boats	\$8,900.00		
Damages recovered from members			
Interest Income	\$60.46		
Sale of Club Assets	\$3,636.36	\$12,596.82	
Total Income		\$202,131.46	
Club Expenses			
Administration Costs			
Audit Fees	\$1,600.00		
Accounting Fees	\$7,852.50		
Administration Expenses	\$149.81		
IT Subscription & Licences	\$723.90		
Minor Equipment	\$585.78		
Printing & Photocopying	\$714.00		
Telephone & Internet	\$1,950.51		
		\$13,576.50	
Bank, fin. & merchant charges			
Bank & Finance Charges	\$162.82		

Merchant Charges	\$52.23	
		\$215.05
Member & coach exp		
Trophies & Medals	\$1,540.95	
Conference & Seminar		
Coaching Expenses	\$3,548.51	
Coaching Remuneration	\$10,000.00	
Affiliation Fee - Rowing Qld	\$2,200.00	
Hire of Boats		
Fundraising Expenses	\$50.00	
Regatta Expenses	\$424.59	
Seat Fees	\$1,939.51	
Other Member Expenses	\$999.09	
		\$20,702.65
Rates, Utilities, Insurance		
Cleaning & Consumables	\$1,256.97	
Gas	\$180.00	
Rates	\$1,766.55	
Water	\$3,793.19	
Electricity	\$2,328.58	
Insurance	\$44,990.65	
Permits/Licences & Fees	\$57.60	
Security	\$3,024.85	
		\$57,398.39
Club Events / Expenses		
Annual dinner expenses		
Saturday Breakfast Expenses	\$110.00	
Clothing Purchases	\$670.71	
		\$780.71
Head of Brisbane Expenses		
Head of Brisbane expenses	\$10,316.67	
		\$10,316.67
Asset Maintenance		
Damage repair - Oars & Boats	\$3,310.75	
Maintenance - Boats	\$17,588.69	
Maintenance - General	\$2,750.20	
Maintenance - Shed	\$3,510.82	
Maintenance - Trailers	\$1,065.59	
Maintenance - Tinnies	\$175.18	
Maintenance - Pontoon	\$1,911.99	
Maintenance - Gym	\$936.46	
Maintenance - Venue	\$3,115.13	
Registrations	\$917.75	
Fuel & Oil	\$1,662.70	
		\$36,945.26
Other Expenses		
Interest Expense	\$32.67	
Depreciation Expense	\$82,881.47	
		\$82,914.14
Total Expenses		\$222,849.37
Surplus/ (Deficit) Income over Expenditure		(\$20,717.91)

Club Boat Fleet 2021

USE	BOAT NAME	TYPE	MAKE	BUILT
R	Pradella, Silvio	8+	Sykes	2017
R	To be named	8+	Empacher	2015
R	Malouf, Cal	8+	Sykes	2009
R	Mulligan, Terry	8+	Sykes	2009
Y	Jack, Tom	8+	Sykes	<2000
Y	O'Rourke, Kerry	8+	Sykes	2006
Y	Ellis, Angelina	8+	Sykes	2000
G	Cavell, Wendy & Michael	8+	Sykes	2004
8				
G	Jell, Peter	4+	Carmody	2012
Y	Tynan, Andrew	4-	Carmody	2009
R	Dagge, Greg	4+	Sykes	2001
G	Warren, Heather	4+	Sykes	1995
R	Lyndon, Paula	4+	Sykes	<2000
G	Edmonds, Graham	4+	Sykes	<2000
R	Bliss John	4- / 4x	Sykes	2016
R	Park, Peter	4- / 4x	Sykes	2013
R	Dwyer, Kiren	4- / 4x	Sykes	2009
R	Hutchison, Jack	4- / 4x	Sykes	2009
R	Parmenter Jill	4- / 4x	Sykes	2004
Y	Thomsen, Shane	4- / 4x	Sykes	2003
Y	Toon, Michael	4-	Sykes	1999
G	Buchbach, Doug	4x	Sykes	1995
Y	Lyndon, Chris	4x	Sykes	1995
15				
R	Peter Schryver	2- / 2x	Sykes	2017
R	Jack Price	2- / 2x	Sykes	2016
R	Amy James	2- / 2x	Sykes	2016
R	Parry, Hamish	2-/2x	Sykes	2015
R	McDonnell, Tim	2- / 2x	Sykes	2013
R	Silcox, Nick	2- / 2x	Sykes	2013
R	Conelly Terry	2- / 2x	Hudson	2012
R	Bailey, Clayton	2- / 2x	Sykes	2010
G	Gregg, Peter	2x	Carmody	2008
Y	Carter, Trish	2-	Sykes	2007
R	Purcell, Darren	2-	Sykes	2006
Y	Varendorff, John	2- / 2x	Kirs	2006
Y	Carol Watters	2- / 2x	Kirs	2006
Y	Bosher, Don	2- / 2x	Ausrowtec	2006
Y	Keily, Gavin	2-	Sykes	2005
Y	Hoyes, Bob	2- / 2x	Sykes	2005
Y	Dowrie, Jim	2- / 2x	Sykes	2004
R	Pritchard, Jack	2- / 2x	Sykes	2003
Y	Mahony, Ron	2- / 2x	Sykes	2003
G	Hooper, Ivan	2- / 2x	Sykes	2003
G	Russel Kerrison	2- / 2x	Sykes	2002
Y	Magoffin, Dave	2-	Sykes	1998
G	Hartley, Alex	2x	Sykes	<2000
G	MacPherson, Allen	2x	Sykes	<2000
Y	Huggett, Peter	2-	Kirs	<2000
G	Brown, Lyn	2-	Sykes	<2000
G	Orchert, David	2-	Sykes	<2000
26				
G	Sculls - 14 No.	1x	Various	2000 - 11
14				

2020 - 21 Major Acquisition Report

Security Cameras and wyfy equipment (Excludes wiring)	\$7,320
Double Scull / Scull trolley	\$1,200
Mowing edger	\$560
Centre Console 3.5 Seejay (deposit paid) (deposit only paid to date - Deliver in July 2021)	\$13,350
TOTAL	\$22,430

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FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members of Toowong Rowing Club Incorporated

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of the **Toowong Rowing Club Incorporated** which comprises the statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position as at the **31 March 2021**, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statement, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Statement by the Members of the Committee.

In our opinion the financial report of the **Toowong Rowing Club Incorporated** has been prepared in accordance with Associations Incorporation Act 1981, including.

1. giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as of **31 March 2021** and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. comply with accounting policies to the extent described in Note 1, and the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) 1981 and regulations.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist for the purpose of fulfilling the Association's financial reporting responsibilities under the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) 1981. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Committee Members' Responsibility for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) 1981 and to meet the needs of the members. The management's responsibility also includes such internal controls as the officers determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, Management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Management either intent to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Management is responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report. A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.



Jason O'Connor CA
Chartered Accountant

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Dated this 9th Day of July 2021.

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
INCOME			
Boat Storage Fees		12,180.22	12,461.33
Donations Received		2,620.00	13,954.00
Grant #1 Covid Safe - Qld Government		2,000.00	-
Grant #2 Brisbane City Council		10,000.00	-
Hire of Boats		-	4,000.00
HOB Other Revenue		-	3,564.17
HOB Registrations		15,359.12	14,278.74
HOB Sponsorship		12,136.37	13,636.37
Insurance Recoveries		8,900.00	509.36
Membership Fees		123,153.67	152,834.51
Rowing Programs		816.80	5,629.94
Sale of Club Assets		3,636.36	-
Saturday Breakfast		1,221.81	10,353.45
Sundry income	3	3,418.46	8,281.10
Venue Hire		6,688.65	12,227.29
Total Income		202,131.46	251,730.26
LESS EXPENSES			
Accounting fees		7,852.50	8,918.76
Coaches' remuneration		10,000.00	13,612.58
Coaching expenses		3,548.51	4,512.36
Damage repair - oars and boats		3,310.75	-
Depreciation		82,881.47	65,280.54
Electricity		2,328.58	6,179.10
Head of Brisbane expenses		10,316.67	9,073.99
Insurance		44,990.65	42,229.32
Maintenance - boats		17,588.69	34,899.17
Maintenance - general		2,750.20	3,666.44
Maintenance - shed		3,510.82	4,918.05
Maintenance - trailers		1,065.59	4,434.49
Maintenance - venue		3,115.13	8,094.62
Security		3,024.85	3,153.14
Sundry expenses	4	22,771.77	42,791.37
Water		3,793.19	4,903.28
Total Expenses		222,849.37	256,667.21
Net Deficit		(20,717.91)	(4,936.95)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on hand		1,000.00	1,000.00
ANZ business account		129,411.75	66,644.50
ANZ online saver account		20,386.37	95,350.55
ANZ venue account		64,182.67	5,420.59
ANZ visa business one account		(1,596.99)	(33.22)
Accounts receivable		7,500.00	-
Prepayments		-	44,990.65
Total Current Assets		220,883.80	213,373.07
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment at cost	2	421,855.78	485,281.15
Total Non-current Assets		421,855.78	485,281.15
Total Assets		642,739.58	698,654.22
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable		13,238.84	51,471.60
Deposits received		900.00	900.00
GST payable		9,064.81	6,028.78
Total Current Liabilities		23,203.65	58,400.38
Net Assets		619,535.93	640,253.84
EQUITY			
Accumulated surpluses		640,253.84	645,190.79
Current year deficit		(20,717.91)	(4,936.95)
Total Equity		619,535.93	640,253.84

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		214,784.15	247,943.48
Payments to suppliers and employees		(150,354.46)	(145,200.74)
Interest received		60.46	233.32
Interest paid		(32.67)	-
Net Cash Provided (used) by Operating Activities	5	64,457.48	102,976.06
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of assets		-	-
Payment for assets		(19,456.10)	(88,577.00)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		(19,456.10)	(88,577.00)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
Repayment of borrowings		-	-
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities		-	-
Net Increase in Cash Held		45,001.38	14,399.06
Cash at the beginning of the year		168,382.42	153,983.36
Cash at the end of the year	5	213,383.80	168,382.42

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

NOTE 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Queensland 1981.

In the opinion of those charged with governance, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored to satisfy all their information needs. The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not consider changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

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.

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 include 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.

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Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are 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.

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.

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Note 2: Plant and equipment		
Furnishing and fittings at cost	140,789.12	136,151.20
less accumulated depreciation	(130,998.96)	(123,739.96)
	9,790.16	12,411.24
Property and equipment at cost	155,443.25	153,975.07
less accumulated depreciation	(90,430.19)	(74,611.82)
	65,013.06	79,363.25
Rowing shells at cost	555,570.38	555,570.38
less accumulated depreciation	(270,799.38)	(226,813.08)
	284,771.00	328,757.30
Oars at cost	63,949.87	63,949.87
less accumulated depreciation	(38,280.87)	(30,446.07)
	25,669.00	33,503.80
Tinnies at cost	60,757.08	47,407.08
less accumulated depreciation	(24,144.52)	(16,161.52)
	36,612.56	31,245.56
Total Plant and equipment	421,855.78	485,281.15

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	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Note 3. Sundry income		
Interest revenue	60.46	233.32
Clothing sales	367.09	243.64
Shed key revenue	36.36	499.96
Miscellaneous revenue	-	1,689.18
Grant #3 other	-	2,365.00
Fundraising revenue	2,954.55	3,250.00
	3,418.46	8,281.10

Note 4. Sundry expenses		
Administration expenses	149.81	-
Affiliation fee - Rowing Qld	2,200.00	2,367.27
Audit fees	1,600.00	1,800.00
Bank and finance charges	162.82	1,203.26
Cleaning and consumables	1,256.97	1,251.08
Clothing purchases	670.71	-
Fuel and oil	1,662.70	2,804.67
Fundraising expenses	50.00	-
Gas	180.00	535.72
Interest expense	32.67	-
IT subscriptions and licences	723.90	-
Legal costs	-	535.00
Maintenance - gym	936.46	973.74
Maintenance - pontoon	1,911.99	5,460.79
Maintenance - tinnies	175.18	7,531.15
Merchant charges	52.23	-
Minor equipment	585.78	-
Other member expenses	999.09	2,764.24
Permits, licences and fees	57.60	423.02
Printing and photocopying	714.00	2,767.31
Rates	1,766.55	3,195.30
Regatta expenses	424.59	-
Registrations	917.75	1,536.45
Saturday breakfast expenses	110.00	-
Seat fees	1,939.51	-
Telephone and internet	1,950.51	1,487.83
Trophies and medals	1,540.95	2,114.82
Venue expenses	-	4,039.72
	22,771.77	42,791.37

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	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Note 5. Cashflow information		
a. reconciliation of cash flows from surplus		
Deficit attributable to members	(20,717.91)	(4,936.95)
Non-Cash flows		
Depreciation	82,881.47	65,280.55
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) / decrease in accounts receivables	(7,500.00)	-
(Increase) / decrease in prepayments	44,990.65	(3,553.46)
(Increase) / decrease in stock on hand	-	3,357.01
Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	(38,232.76)	39,344.42
Increase / (decrease) in deposits held	-	400.00
Increase / (decrease) in GST payable	3,036.03	3,220.64
Increase / (decrease) in other payables	-	(136.15)
	64,457.48	102,976.06
b. reconciliation of cash		
Cash on hand	1,000.00	1,000.00
ANZ business account	129,411.75	66,644.50
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	213,383.80	168,382.42

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Members of Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Members of Committee the Statement of Income and Expenditure, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flow and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of the **Toowong Rowing Club Incorporated** as of **31 March 2021** and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Members of Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Members of Committee by:



President Treasurer on behalf of the President.





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