



TRC BoatShed Bulletin

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Planning Workshop A Success!

TRC now has a Strategic Plan.

On Sunday November 17th & 24th, the Club held two half day strategic planning sessions to review the Club's current situation, look at what opportunities or threats exist or are likely to arise and then map out a future direction for the Club. It was great to see so many members there contributing their time and ideas. A lot of progress was made and a full report of the day and the plan is now available.

The renovations are still very much a part of the future plans for the Club and the plan will look at mapping out how the renovations will contribute to the future success of the Club.

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TOMS Donation

The Torrens Old Members donated \$600 towards the cost of new sculling blades. Thank you!

Centenary Dinner

We are now in our Centenary year.

Now is the time to book your table or seat at the 2003 Torrens Rowing Club Centenary Dinner on May 3rd at the Stamford Plaza on North Terrace. Expressions of interest show numbers close to 200. With a seat limit of 250, tickets will sell fast. Invited dignitaries include the Premier, the Governor, and the Adelaide City Council Lord Mayor.

Wine Fundraiser

The Club is conducting a wine fundraiser to help with the purchase of new equipment. For those that haven't had a chance to taste it, the wine is very good, with excellent reviews after the wine tasting held at the Christmas reunion. The fundraiser is on-going throughout the season, however we will be putting in an order at the end of January, so if you want your wine back reasonably soon, please have all orders back to Bianca Halliday or Leigh Chapman by Sunday 26th January.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thursday 13 February (at the Torrens Boatshed).

Thursday 13 March.

Thursday 10 April.

**7.30PM AT THE QUEEN'S
HEAD HOTEL IN NTH ADELAIDE**

Boatshed Bulletin Feedback

This is the third BoatShed Bulletin for 2002-2003.

What do you think?

Is it worth the effort?

Do you read it eagerly from cover to cover or throw it on the re-cycle pile after a cursory glance?

Have you something to say?

What else would make it more interesting and relevant?

What might look better?

Should we put all our efforts into the website and forget about a hard copy newsletter?

Is the website a better way of communicating with all members?

BoatShed Bulletin can only meet members' needs with comments, criticism and suggestions from you.

Contact the editor through the website newsletter@torrenrowingclub.com

Or GPO Box 512 Adelaide SA 5051.

Regatta Report

Leigh Chapman

On the first weekend in December the Club sent a strong contingent of members (close to 40) to Renmark and Berri for the 2 days of racing which is traditionally more of a 'relaxed' weekend for rowers than serious racing. As a Club we performed very well on water winning too many races to list here.

The highlights were winning the Open Men's 8+ and Open Women's 4x, with a special mention for the Masters Men who weren't to be outdone by the younger ones and competed very well in numerous events.

Off the water the youthful energy continued with some 'eyebrow raising' stories surfacing on the Sunday

morning from the night before in Renmark. It was lucky that the idea to travel to the nightclub in Berri was discarded by the rowers, as it became apparent that having someone nearby with a digital camera can make for some very incriminating evidence later on!!

A great time was had by all. Many comments were made from other rowing clubs on the strength of Torrens Rowing Club's performance on and off the water, and all are looking forward to a bigger and even more successful regatta next year.

Thanks to Mark Shepherd and Phil Blesing for towing the trailer and to Mark Sparnon for taking the digital camera.

Plans for the 2003 Berri/Renmark weekend involve better organisation of transport and accommodation that will result in more squads attending, including a Masters Women's crew. More parents will be able to attend over the weekend to enjoy the regatta and mix with other rowing parents.

Thank you to Wendy Tims who facilitated our strategic planning workshop. She took on the daunting task of pulling together ideas from many Club members and then getting them into a coherent form. She did a great job. Wendy's contact details are;

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Facilitation services, one-on-one coaching, skills training in customer service, communication, writing, time management etc.

POSITIONS VACANT

Boat Race Official

If you are an interested follower, a parent, a partner of a rower, perhaps a retired competitor, perhaps not actively rowing full-time, one of our Masters, even a part-time social rower or a part-time coach and want to continue with or be more involved in and around the sport, then consider becoming an Official.

Please give this your serious consideration and if you wish to discuss the role further, don't hesitate in contacting Paul Hogan, SARA Umpires Commissioner on 08 8339 3625 (h), 08 8343 2097 (w), one of the other BRO's or the SARA Volunteers Commissioner, Penny Halliday on 0407794640 or through the SARA website.

Coach - Several Positions

The Club urgently requires coaches for numerous crews and squads ranging in age and ability. If you have any time to help out a crew, please contact Leigh Chapman.

Some of the crews requiring coaching are:

- * WEA 'Learn To Row' - 4 x 2 hour sessions every 3 months or so
- * Beginner Crews - have just completed 'Learn to Row'
- * Masters Women - once a week to give advice on training and technique
- * Masters Men - as with Masters Women.
- * 2nd/3rd Grade Men's 8+ - 3 times a week to assist in development of training, crew selection, technique etc.

Working Bee - January 18th

On Saturday January 18th at 10am, the Club is holding a working bee to clean up the boatshed on the Torrens. Even if you are a member who mainly uses the West Lakes shed, your attendance will be a great help. The more people to help out, the easier and quicker it will be done. After the clean up, a BBQ will be cooked and the bar will be open. So come along, do a little bit and enjoy some lunch and drinks.

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Centenary Dinner- Book Now!

The Centenary dinner on 3 May 2003 is being held at the Stamford Plaza Ballroom.

Your ticket includes a 3-course dinner, some drinks, TRC History booklet with an entertaining night of Club Awards and an auction.

Tickets are \$80 per person and being quickly booked.

You need to book through one of the Table Captains, who are:

Leigh Chapman	Marco Lippis
Lu Lippis	John Tonkin
Bob Russell	Phil Blesing
Marlene Chapman	Bryan Draper
Dianne De Bellis	

You can also contact Anne Lippis on 8373 0859 or get an order form from the website.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TRC WORKING BEE

TORRENS CLUBROOMS

10.00 AM SATURDAY 18 JANUARY 2003

≡ General Clean-Up of the Shed ≡ Some Boat Maintenance ≡ BBQ Lunch and Drinks

FIRST SARA REGATTA FOR 2003

MANNUM

MURRAY RIVER AT MANNUM

SATURDAY 25 JANUARY 2003

TORRENS ROWING CLUB REGATTA

WEST LAKES

Saturday 15 February 2003

LOTS OF HELPERS NEEDED

TRC CENTENARY DINNER

STAMFORD PLAZA HOTEL

Saturday 3 May 2003

100th Season Wine Fundraiser

Polish Hill Riesling
Barossa Cabernet/Shiraz

The wine will be labelled with the Club's Centenary logo.

A unique memento for years to come.

The white wine is great to drink now
The red will be even better with a few years cellaring.

A WINE FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM CAN BE FOUND ON THE CLUB'S WEB-SITE

A reminder to all members who row from the West Lakes shed that everyone must have an exemption to row on the lake. If you do not have a permit and would like one, contact the Captain, Leigh Chapman immediately. They are only issued periodically, so patience is required.

All boats must be washed down in front of the SASI sheds on the Northern lawns. Department of Fisheries inspectors have been down at West Lakes enforcing these rules and anyone found washing the boats in the incorrect area or without a permit is up for a \$600 fine.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that you or your business can sponsor a race for \$50 at the TRC Regatta on 22 February 2003?

What do you get for your \$50?

- The race named after you.
- Mention of your business on the Regatta program.
- Your business promoted during the Regatta commentary.
- An ad or article in the TRC BoatShed Bulletin.

There are other sponsorship opportunities

- Boat naming
- Logo or name on oars.
- Logo on racing suits.
- Promotion of your business to TRC members through the web-site and the BoatShed Bulletin.

Captain's Report

We are now well and truly into 2003. I hope all members and their families had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Years period.

The second half of the season will be kicking off with the Mannum Regatta on January 25th followed by the 1st Grade State Champs in early February. The Club is performing well so far in the Senior Men's, Senior Women's and Masters Men's categories in domestic regattas. Now that they have built a firm foundation for the season, I look forward to these squads capitalising on their start and continuing their great results.

In early January a number of our athletes attended the Youth Olympics being held in Sydney with the rowing at Penrith. Following this regatta some of these athletes have joined the SASI training camp in Jindabyne to join many of our more senior rowers.

Following the strategic planning sessions held in November, the Club committee is now in the process of implementing some of these great ideas that members put forward. This strategic plan has given us a map of where we are, and where we want to go. It is crucial that as much support as possible is given to the Committee by members of the Club to implement this plan, as it will be of great benefit to all members for next season and for many more seasons to come.

The Club has already initiated some strategies to raise more money for equipment and the renovations. The wine fundraiser will also mark our Centenary year. A flyer is included with this newsletter, or it is available online at www.torrensrowingclub.com. Corporate rowing is being looked at as a regular source of income. We have also applied for a grant from the Department of Recreation and Sport to assist in the purchase of a new boat. In addition to this we have some very enthusiastic people who will be working on ways to make the social atmosphere of the club just that bit better and hopefully raise some money along the way.

The Christmas Reunion saw the highest numbers that many older club members can recall. It was a great social event where a lot of old friends of the club came by to have a drink and catch up with old and new friends. Thank you to all who attended, I enjoyed having a chat with you and I look forward to seeing you again at other events.

Finally, don't forget the Club's Centenary Dinner on Saturday 3rd May at the Stamford Plaza, North Terrace. Numbers are limited to 250, and from what I have been told unofficially, numbers are getting close to the 200 mark already, so it would be wise to confirm your seat soon.

Leigh Chapman