



Torrens Rowing Club Inc
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FROM THE CAPTAIN

Thanks to everyone who attended TRC Opening Day, and especially to Hamish for running the morning, Beau for a delightful report on the Youth Cup, Helena for a motivating Opening Day address, the usual group of dedicated members who provided nibbles, and John for running an exciting first round of the Walsh Shield. It has been many years since we have had five crews for this fun-filled event. Defending champion, Adam Savis revealed his intention of going “back-to-back” with a good early-season win.

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Over the last couple of years the club has been fortunate to have a group of masters women dedicated to increasing the number of social functions and giving these events a touch of class. The benefits to our members include friendship, discovering and understanding what is happening with other members and teams, and opportunities to bring friends and family into the club. At a time when everyone leads a busy and exciting life, I'd ask all members to help to make these events successful by simply attending some of the functions on offer and sharing a little of your life with others.

Apart from special functions, members can enjoy regular Wednesday morning and Thursday night social gatherings at the Torrens boatshed.

Following an initiative of the Anti-Cancer Foundation, some of our members last week shared a Girls Night In at the boatshed. On seeing the feast being prepared, a few of the blokes felt somewhat envious before politely exiting the clubhouse. A speaker from the Anti Cancer Foundation shared thoughts on good health with the Torrens rowers and a number of invited friends. Thanks to the dynamic organizing team and to the bar staff, Lui and Rodney, the girls raised enough funds to buy another coxing sound system, as well as making a donation to the Foundation.



I'd like to welcome to Torrens a dynamic young bloke called Josh Whitwell, who is taking on the senior coaching position for the TRC masters rowers. You will be able to see Josh from way off with his shock of white hair. He is running a new rowing development program for SARA in the Riverland and will be available to all TRC masters on most Sunday mornings at West Lakes.

The first regatta of the new season, Henley on the Torrens, was also the dawning of the new Rower Score variable-status system and the beginning of ROMS, the new online regatta entry system. Both systems worked beautifully for our rowers, and Torrens was clearly well-organized thanks to our regatta-entry team. There were many helpers among the 30-or-so rowers who took part, with special thanks to Chris "Heater" for towing the boats.

The regatta had many TRC highlights, with our Senior Men's squad giving strong performances in 1st and 3rd grade eights, and good wins to several of our Masters crews who retained the Lord Mayor's Trophy for mixed eights. Gentle giant, Jared Schar scored a few giggles by volunteering to cox, but then had the last laugh by combining a steady rudder with iron-fisted control of his crew to bring Torrens their first win of the season. Another highlight was the combining of masters and senior rowers in several of our boats, an aspect of the new Rower Score system that will no doubt help to foster good relations between young and old in our club.

The Head of the Yarra on the 25th of November will feature three TRC masters crews all of which have worked hard throughout winter preparing for the grueling 8.3km event. Part of their preparation has been an intense weekly paddle around Delfin Island, and more lately, participation in 4.8km time trials run by the Union of Masters Rowers. We wish all three crews the best of luck in a stunning regatta, run over four hours and featuring some 200 eight-oared crews....what a sight!
Women's Eight – Ali, Janet, Michelle, Terri, Correne and four ladies from PAC.
Mixed Eight – Donatella, Leanne, Felicity, Lorna, Michael, Peter, Rodney, and Loch.
Mixed Eight – Terry, Carmel, Henni, Helena, Ian, Sean, Chris and Roly.

The forthcoming double-header regatta at Berri on December 9 and 10 will no doubt be an attraction for our younger members, especially following exams. Hamish will be coordinating these regattas and the accommodation is already booked. There will be a full program on offer including masters events, for those who have recovered from the Head of the Yarra.

2006/.....the season in which everyone at TRC takes that little extra care to look after equipment...no prangs....no insurance claims....already a quarter gone.

Regatta entries These are the people who will be looking after your entries....

Senior Women	Camille Walker	Deb Gent
Senior Men	Chris StJack	Hamish McWhirr
Masters Women	Alison Robertson	Leanne Sandow
Masters Men	Peter Busby	Rod Munro
Signing off	Hamish McWhirr	Roly Dankbaar

Boat allocations will be done with a mind to the relative size of the crews, priority of the events, and relative RowerScore crew-average.

Crew selection and boat allocation are open to friendly negotiation.

The club is planning to attend the following Regattas leading up to Christmas.

Nov 11	WL	Round the Island 8500m	All 8+ 4+ 4x
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Nov 12	WL	Time Trial <i>Union</i>	4800m Masters only
Nov 25	Murray Bridge	Make A Wish	All events
	Melbourne	Head of the Yarra	8300m
Dec 9/10	Berri	SARA	All events
Dec 16	Torrens	Adelaide RC	Twilight (afternoon)
			All + full Masters

We are holding a short “rowing technique” workshop for all TRC coaches from 6.30-7.00pm on Thursday 9th of November, led by Phil Blesing and Hamish McWhirr. This session for any coach of any TRC crew and interested rowers will give an opportunity to stay in touch with current teaching trends.

FROM THE SECRETARY

Your rowing club never stops !. Ok, so you are “up to speed” with the “on-water” side of things, now lets fill in the gaps on the admin side for you.

Since the first meeting of the season, your committee has been engaged in the serious matter of the quarterly review of the budget and revisiting our business plan. As you are aware, the club has embarked on a major recruiting drive, which, thanks to the efforts of Roly and Hamish is now starting to bear fruit, with increased revenue through membership and member participation.

This is of course just one part of a concerted campaign to (a) increase our income and (b) demonstrate to the S A rowing community that we are indeed a club catering to all – i.e., from the beginner to the elite athlete.

The TRC has for some time enjoyed a successful partnership with Sportsfit, with benefits flowing to both parties. At a special committee meeting in early November, the matter of the lease was the sole subject for discussion, given the relative importance of the relationship between the two parties. I can now advise you that your committee has decided not to renew the lease beyond the 30th June 2007.

This decision was not taken lightly – but given that we are focusing on the development of the function side of the club business, it was felt that the demands placed on a small band of volunteers was fast exceeding their enthusiasm, particularly in the preparation of the floor space, function administration and the desire to offer the club as a venue during the week. Your committee wishes to place on record, our thanks and appreciation to Anton Lippis and Sportsfit, who went way beyond the normal commercial relationship in their dealings with the club and members. the TRC wishes Anton every success for the future.



Phew, that was heavy – but important !!.

Now, we have just been advised of the list of scholarship holders at SASI for 06/07 and as usual your club has featured in the awards

Alana Monson – SASI scholarship up to 40%
Maja Fiddler – SASI/Club associate scholarship up to 30%
Beau Gora - SASI/Club associate scholarship up to 30%

Jarrad Schar - SASI/Club associate scholarship up to 30%

On behalf of the all members we congratulate these athletes and wish them every success for the forthcoming season. Of course, your club, goes further than that !. As part of our elite support program, the club will reduce the club membership fee of the abovementioned by a similar amount.



What's coming up, you ask – our Xmas reunion of course on Sunday 17th December, commencing at 10.00am – so come along, have a bit of Chrissie cheer, and tell everybody (or anyone who will listen), just how fast you are/were in the boat !!

Having a party-looking for a central and convenient location ? – be it family or work – why not have it at the best venue in town – contact the Secretary on 82234428 or email – secretary@torrensrowingclub.com to discuss your next function.

NEW MEMBERS – Say Hi, and please make them feel welcome

Andrew Holt
Fiona Walters
Milli Marryat
Amelia Hawke
Jess Molsher-Jones
Peta White



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