



TRC BoatShed Bulletin

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Miranda Brings Home Gold!

Lightweight Women's 4X win at Munich.

Miranda Bennett stroked the LW Women's 4X that won at the recent World Rowing Championship in Munich.

Captain's Focus is on Winning

The recently elected Captain is Leigh Chapman.

Leigh has been a committed and reliable member of the management committee for the last two years. Leigh has coached at Scotch College and rowed for Scotch and Torrens as a schoolboy. "It will be a challenge and how boring would life be without challenges?" said Leigh after his election. "I think this year will be a good year, we have a coaching strategy in place and a new committee". *continued on page 2*

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S.A.R.A. IN 2002-2003

Lindsay Southcott is the new President of S.A.R.A. and Bob Pennington is the new Chairman.

The TRC Delegate to S.A.R.A. is Dianne De Bellis.

The TRC Delegate to the Masters Commission is Julie Haynes.

The S.A.R.A. race registration fee is now \$140.

Centenary Getting Close

Only a few months until we are in our Centenary year.

In 2003 Torrens Rowing Club is 100 years old. Plans for celebrations are being talked about and it will be a year long awareness campaign to remember our history and think about the next 100 years!

New Committee full of Enthusiasm

Members of the 2002-2003 TRC Management Committee were elected by members at the recent AGM.

The Committee is headed up by the President, John Tonkin, now serving his fourth year as President.

Other elections were Helen Sheppard as Secretary, Anne Lippis as Treasurer and Marco Lippis as Vice-captain. Continuing members Luigi Lippis and Dianne De Bellis were voted in as Committee members. Bob Russell agreed to be the Centenary Coordinator.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Phil Blesing as Coaches Representative is a newcomer to TRC. Phil comes to us from Port Adelaide and is the coach responsible for developing our athletes. Watch out for a profile of Phil in the next edition of *TRC BB*.

Bianca Halliday, Scott Harris, Rob Curkpatrick and Tim Donaldson are all welcome additions to the Committee.

The Committee meets once a month, every second Thursday at 7.30pm at the Queen's Hotel in North Adelaide. Members are welcome to any meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thursday 10 October.

Thursday 14 November

Thursday 12 December

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As Captain, I want to focus on ensuring that we have lots of people rowing, racing and WINNING!" said Leigh. The newly elected Vice-Captain, Marco Lippis has stated his commitment to the same vision.

Check out the new Captain's report in this Bulletin.

Boatshed Bulletin to be Bi-Monthly

As Editor for 2002-2003 I am aiming for six issues a year. Leigh fully supports this and wants the newsletter to act as a tool to keep members better informed. Nathan Gogoll, Marco Lippis, Julie Haynes and Juris Svilans will be regular contributors of news and columns. I hope to be able to put in feature articles, regatta news, personal profiles of prominent members and lots of Club news. If there is anything in particular that you want please let me know. I am also playing around with the look and style and I would especially appreciate any artwork.

Dianne De Bellis

Captain's Report

Leigh Chapman

Since being elected captain at the beginning of August I have been kept busy with preparations on and off the water for the coming season. With some solid off-season recruiting our active membership numbers could be the highest for quite a few years. There is still activity at the Clubrooms with people using our gym and ergos while they avoid the cold waters of West Lakes and the Torrens. Members are also returning to the shed at West Lakes.

Meanwhile it seems development and pollution is plotting against us as we try to go for a row. West Lakes may be closed for a significant period as it is treated to battle the noxious weed that threatens to destroy our waterways and the Gulf. Water levels are still very low at the Torrens Lake due to the development going on around near the Festival Theatre. Completion of this development is expected to be late October.

The new Management Committee held its first meeting on the Thursday following the AGM. Positive progress was made to prepare the club for the season ahead. I would like to welcome the new committee members in Rob Curkpatrick, Bianca Halliday, Scott Harris, and Tim Donaldson. We have a new, enthusiastic committee and look forward to the fresh injection of ideas and energy. This year the committee will be looking to address a number

of issues. Firstly, our on-water performance has been lacklustre in recent years and we will be working hard to improve this situation. Our Clubroom renovations will continue to be a priority in order for the club to remain viable. Fundraising will of course be another cornerstone to the Club's survival and we need to be innovative to improve the attendance at some functions.

Our 100 year celebrations have arrived and this will give rise to activities which will mark our entrance into our 2nd Century of existence. In the committee I see a broad range of ages, experiences and opinions that will ensure that the wider membership is well represented, and with the enthusiasm I have seen thus far the current committee should be a productive one.

Welcome to Phil Blesing and Andrew Stunell to the coaching ranks of Torrens Rowing Club. Phil has come to us from Port Adelaide Boat Club. He has coached a number of women's crews over the years and took a crew to the National Championships early this year with some positive results. Phil will be working as our Head Women's Coach.

Andrew "Mav" Stunnell, when not flying planes or creating computer games, will be working as our Head Men's Coach. Mav has had an illustrious rowing career, the highlight being a silver medal in the lightweight men's four at the 1994 Senior World Championships in Indianapolis. He has had coaching success since, coaching the Prince Alfred College boys 1st VIII in back to back victories in 2001/02.

The upcoming season will see us with a total of more than 30 active senior rowers, as well as the various masters' crews training and racing at different levels. As such I, will be putting in place a boat allocation to deal with the increased usage.

"Members must be more accountable for the boats they use, and the condition they leave them in."

In past years we have seen a situation where members were able to go to West Lakes or the Torrens and take out whatever boat they felt like as it was unlikely that anyone else would be using it. This contributed to the deterioration of many of our boats as people would put boats back on shelves with worn gates, missing nuts etc. This style of usage will not be allowed any longer. Members must be more accountable for the boats they use, and the condition they leave them in. Those who are continually negligent in their care for our boats will have their access to boats severely restricted. I invite you to contact me at captain@torrensrowingclub.com with your opinions and requests for boats.

The only member from Torrens to make an Australian team this year was Miranda Bennett. I would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the best. Miranda has thoroughly deserved her position in the crew and we look forward to hearing her results. □□

THE BOAT, THE OARS, THE ROWER AND THE WATER

NATHAN GOGOLL

The proud Torrens Rowing Club, in its Centenary year, finds itself at the crossroads. A talented committee for the next year has been elected and has begun to meet. An opportunity to bring our club rooms up to a much higher standard lies at our feet. Coaching staff have been appointed to ensure our rowers begin to turn their potential into results.

Yet divided the club will fall - if we let it.

There is not one person that reads this that wants to let this happen. But one person will not stop it on their own. Just as our rowers encourage each other to stay motivated, we must encourage our committee to be motivated and pro-active. Just as the same rowers rely on the facilities of the club, the committee must rely on the members to support them. All members have an opportunity to lighten the load of the committee, so stick your hand up whenever you can. As each individual is responsible for training for the success of their crew so we as club members, working on individual roles, must combine for success.

We can search for success. On the water we search for consistency throughout the season, and ultimately we search for premierships. The club must search for funding to make successful renovations, and we must search to succeed for the future of the club, for its next 100 years – and beyond.

We can rebuild a club spirit. As members we could all be in the clubrooms throughout the week, to see what is happening, chat with new faces or lift some weights with old friends. We must support the club not just with our pockets but with our presence. We must show a need and a desire to renovate, there is little point in rebuilding our home if none of us end up living there, and to be honest not enough of us are living there now.

It will take club spirit to breed success. Success on the water, in the committee room, and in the development of our clubhouse will come, as we stand united.

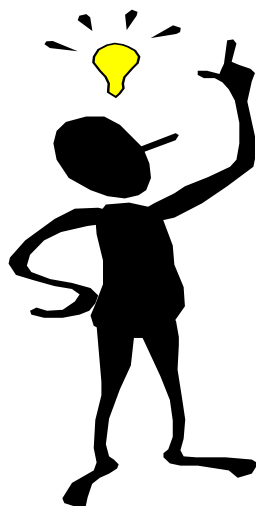
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Masters News

There will be Masters events at most regattas this season. They will be scheduled immediately after third grade races, giving Masters rowers the opportunity to row in either category but not both.

One of the highlights for some Torrens Masters this season will be participation in the Royal Flying Doctors' Rowathon on November 2. The rowathon is 92 km from Boundary Bend to Robinvale with three well-organised rests along the way where crews can be substituted. It is a good long row, non-competitive (for most participating crews), lots of fun and raises money for a very good cause. More information will be available soon but at this stage, please mark Friday November 1 to Sunday November 3 in your busy diaries as ROWATHON TIME.

The S.A. Masters Championships are scheduled for 10 May 2003. Good Luck to all those that are competing in Victoria in the next few months.

Julie Haynes

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TRC OPENING DAY

TORRENS CLUBROOMS

10.00 AM SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER

The Club 2002-2003 Season Opening.

≡ Boat Christening ≡ Row Past ≡ Morning Tea

≡ Special Auction for Row Past Seats in the new 8+

SARA SEASON OPENING REGATTA

THE CITY OF ADELAIDE HENLEY-ON-TORRENS

TORRENS LAKE

SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

RFDS ROWATHON

ROBINVALE

November 1, 2 & 3.

TRC CHRISTMAS REUNION

TORRENS CLUBROOMS

10.00 am Sunday 22 December 2002

≡≡≡ TRC OPENING DAY ≡≡≡

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≡ Centenary Photos ≡
This is the opening to our Centenary Season

Dear Marco

I want to improve my rowing - should I wear the sports bra or the black, lacy up-lift bra? Pert & Pretty.

Dear Pert & Pretty - Black lace bra for sure! They are aerodynamically better for rowing. I'll be happy to do an inspection!

Dear Marco

My parents are complaining about taking me to rowing at 6am each day. What should I do? Keen As.

Dear Keen As - GET NEW PARENTS.

Dear Marco

There is a strange smell in the Mens 8+. What is it? Bow Seat.

Dear Bow Seat - Try not to think about it, you'll only make yourself sick.

Club President - John Tonkin
Club Captain - Leigh Chapman
September 2002 Newsletter Editor - Dianne De Bellis

