

**ROWING**  
Australian Capital Territory

2021  
ANNUAL REPORT



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His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)  
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

## **Rowing ACT Annual Report 2020/21 Patron Message**

**His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) and  
Mrs Linda Hurley**

After a difficult 2020, 2021 has been an exciting year for the ACT rowing community and Australian rowing more broadly! Well done to rowers, coaches and officials from ACT schools and clubs who have competed so well this year. Congratulations also to our ACT Olympians, Caleb Antill and Luke Letcher, and Paralympians Kathryn Ross, Nikki Ayers and Renae Domaschenz. It was certainly exciting to watch our rowers compete at the 2021 Tokyo games with such success and great to know that the Men's National Training Centre trains here on Lake Burley Griffin.

Linda and I enjoyed the opportunity to join the ACT rowing community at events during the year including the 2020 Disher Cup, observing a Winter Time Trial from the umpire launch, the ACT Veterans and Families Indoor Rowing competition, hosting members of the ACT rowing community at Government House late last year and attending the 2021 ACT Schools Head of the Lake and ACT Junior Rowing Championships. We are delighted to see rowers of all ages and abilities participating in the sport and we particularly appreciate the volunteers who make it possible for the rowers to train and compete.

The Brisbane 2032 Olympics is ten years away and there are rowers, coaches and officials who competed this year who have the potential to represent Australia and the ACT in 2032 – we know that the ACT rowing community will continue to encourage participation and competition at all levels and we wish you well!

# PATRON MESSAGE

## – KIM BRENNAN AM

As I reflect on the last year I am impressed with the ACT rowing community's response to the challenges of 2020 and 2021. Your enthusiastic return to competition in the summer regatta and Winter Time Trial seasons is terrific and is reflected in the ACT's great results at local, state, national and international regattas. I am particularly impressed with the calibre and performance of ACT schools, clubs and the **ACT High Performance Program** in all forms of competition where there were stellar performances this year across the ACT rowing community – well done to those who made State and National teams and congratulations to all who contributed to terrific point score rankings in the local, state and national regattas. Of course, these performances don't happen without coaches, race officials, supporters and our families and I want to congratulate and thank our volunteers for their support in achieving these great results.

I would also like to congratulate **Caleb Antill** and **Luke Letcher**, born and bred Canberrans, for their Bronze medal row at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. I'd also like to acknowledge their Australian Men's Quad teammates **Jack Cleary** and **Cameron Girdlestone** and their **National Training Centre** colleagues who trained towards Tokyo on Lake Burley Griffin.

Good luck to our ACT Paralympians **Kathryn Ross**, **Nikki Ayers** and **Renae Domaschenz** as they head to Tokyo. We wish you every success!!

### Kim Brennan AM



# ROWING ACT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

That was one of the first things I learnt when starting at Rowing ACT. Having never been to a regatta before 2018, I had no idea what was going to happen. Was there an official kick-off, a Boat Race Official sounding a siren or blowing a whistle to let the games begin? Did I have to officially declare the regatta open? And what exactly were those volunteers from **Black Mountain Rowing Club** actually going to do all day?

The answers were; no kick-offs, I didn't have to do anything, and the volunteers had plenty to do. The regatta – like most in the ACT – began with a soft “and race 1 is underway” over the radio. So what volunteers make up a regatta? Firstly there's the Boat Race Officials (BROs). Some regattas we've got over 20 of these, fulfilling roles like starters, timing controllers, judges, drivers, and umpires. You'll find them scattered around Weston Park, the starting platforms, and the finish from well before 7am until long after the last race is run. They're always looking for new BROs, so if spending the day in a boat during summer appeals then get in touch! If you're someone like **Edwin Bien** you're not only doing one of those roles, but you're also setting up the sound systems at the finish and Weston Park so everyone can hear the commentary when they can't always see what's going on.

Speaking of, commentary is one of those roles that is harder than it looks. We're lucky at Rowing ACT to have **Tim Gavel**, the voice of Canberra sport, call at our regattas. It can be difficult to process what you're seeing and describe it in something resembling clear English when there's six boats within a couple of boat-lengths of each other; but I can personally vouch that it is a lot of fun in the sun sitting at the finish and telling everyone about it.

You'll find some of the host club volunteers at the finish too. They're pressing the buttons as each lane crosses the finish; without them we don't have our race times and potential personal bests. Also out near the finish is the crossover buoy marshall, who makes sure rowers enter and leave the course correctly and gives warning when a ferry/police boat is coming.

Back down at Weston Park the pontoon marshalls help people get on and off the pontoons in a timely manner; there's also the people tracking the results and bagging the medals at the Rowing ACT tent. At any one time a host club has around 10 volunteers chipping in and doing their part to make the regatta run smoothly. There's also the photographers like **Graham Letcher**, **Vicki Newman** and **George Nattey** lurking along the course, snapping the action then going home to pick and edit the best pictures for everyone to admire post-regatta.



But let's go back a step, because **you need volunteers before you even get near a regatta**. Our clubs are completely reliant on them: the coaches, the presidents, the captains, the committee members. Volunteers each and every one of them. Then there's the school parents who help feed the hungry hordes each morning, provide the regatta lunches, and chaperone at the interstate regattas. It's hard work, but one the rowing masters and coaches couldn't do without. The Rowing ACT Board? Again, all volunteers.

It astounded me at first why so many people volunteer their spare time for the sport. But then you realise a couple of things:

## Number 1 - Volunteering is rewarding.

It might not seem that way when it's 10 degrees and raining, but the regatta doesn't happen, or the club doesn't run without you giving up your time.

## Number 2 - Volunteering can be a lot of fun.

You only had to hear the chatter around the table at the Rowing ACT BRO and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to know that there's more than a few friendships formed during the regatta season. At a time when it's easier than ever to cocoon yourself from the world, getting out in the sun with your friends is a great way to improve your physical and mental well-being.

**So yes, rowing needs volunteers. Lots of them.**

**Come join us?**



## Rowing ACT would like to highlight some of our volunteers that work behind the scenes to ensure our sport can run and continue to improve.



**Andrea Parsons** is a member of the CGS Masters Rowing Club and is an active Boat Race Official. What people may not know is that Andrea does an incredible amount of volunteer work for Rowing ACT behind the scenes. For the past few years,

Andrea has provided valuable administrative support to Rowing ACT. She assisted in the transition of the accounting system from MYOB to Xero, quality controls transactions (including ensuring proper documentation), reconciles bank statements and runs payroll. Andrea has applied her professional IT background in producing and maintaining a user manual, something most similar-sized organisations lack. This has facilitated the training she provides to new employees. Rowing ACT would be lost without her.

The **Canberra Grammar School Code Cadets** provide all the live streaming for Rowing ACT regattas. Over the past three years the Code Cadets have been perfecting their live streaming system workflow allowing them to provide a cost-effective and high quality solution for Rowing ACT. Each rowing regatta consists of three cameras: a land based camera at Weston Park, a land based camera on the finish line, and a DJI Inspire 2 drone to provide the aerial shots. The vision is then transmitted back via bonded 4G (a system which uses the Telstra, Optus, and Vodafone networks to aggregate 4G signal together for both speed and reliability) to the School to their studio where all the vision is mixed together, along with commentary, graphics overlays, music, etc. is added and then broadcast to the Rowing ACT YouTube channel. With COVID-19 restrictions in place and limits to numbers of spectators at Weston Park, the live streaming was a valuable asset to our regatta season. It enabled family and friends of our local and interstate rowers to view the racing from their home. A big thanks goes to Matthew Purcell, Head of Digital Innovation at the Canberra Grammar School for his role in leading the code cadets through this process.

**Cameron Zellner** is a para-rower with CLRC and has been rowing since 2013. He is a friendly young man who likes to help people and happens to have autism and an intellectual



disability. Volunteers at CLRC and Rowing ACT have worked with Cameron and his team to build his rowing skills and develop valued roles where he can give back to his club, and the rowing community. Since the start of 2019/2020 season, Cameron has been going out in BRO boats to increase his familiarity with the summer regatta environment and raced his first regatta in February 2020. In 2020/2021 he has been sorting medals at the RACT tent for all our regattas. This season, BRO volunteers have taken Cameron out to familiarise him with the WTT course and processes during these events. Cameron competed in his first two WTT in the 2x with Cormac Hayes. Cameron's mother Karen has been instrumental in organising the logistics to ensure they were a successful and a positive experience for everyone. Rowing ACT would like to acknowledge the contribution Cameron is making to our sport, and to everyone who has helped make his goal of competing in the WTT happen.

### **Rodney Palmer was awarded the 2021 Cliff Hill Shield**

which recognises those who have made, over time, a significant contribution to our sport. Since Rodney arrived in Canberra in 1986, he has contributed as a rower, administrator, boat race official and coach. Rodney has been in most volunteer roles in our rowing community over many decades. All these roles are critical to sustaining our sport. He has served on local rowing club committees, often in important office-bearer positions. Rodney has been a regular and dependable Boat Race Official at regattas on Lake Burley Griffin for both summer regattas and winter time trials. Teaching people of all ages to row is another of Rodney's passions. Many rowers would not have had the opportunity to participate in our sport if it wasn't for Rodney and the other tireless club level coaches at our clubs.

Rodney started his volunteer roles from the beginning of his club rowing and has continued right through to this season. Rodney was also a very competitive soccer player in its early development in Australia. He has shown the same level of dedication and involvement with soccer in Canberra as he has rowing. Rodney coaches soccer and is a referee coordinator of Kanga Cup.

Our sport needs people with Rodney's commitment and passion for it to work for all of us. So, for this, we whole heartedly thank Rodney for his contribution to our sport over many decades.

**On behalf of Rowing ACT, thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. We could not run this sport without you.**

### **Stuart John**

*is a former Rowing ACT Executive Officer who now volunteers as Regatta Secretary, commentator, and on the ANU Boat Club Committee.*

**57th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ROWING ACT INCORPORATED**  
**Monday 27 September 2021 at 6.00pm**

*This will be a remote meeting, Presidents are to contact the office for the meeting link.*

# AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
3. PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT
4. RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF ROWING ACT FOR 2020-2021
5. RECEIVE THE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2020-2021
6. SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO ELECT LIFE MEMBERS TO ROWING ACT
7. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
8. OTHER BUSINESS



*Early morning coaching*

# MINUTES OF THE 56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ROWING ACT INCORPORATED HELD AT THE YHUURAMULUM BUILDING, ALEXANDRINA DRIVE, YARRALUMLA ON

Monday 21 September 2020

## MINUTES

### PRESENT:

A. Creagh – Chair, L. Stevenson (ADFA), V. Hayward (ADF Rowing), N. Hunter (ANU), D. Bagnall, L. Letcher, V. McMahon (BMRC), C. Pijpers (CGGS), K. Peters (CGS), C. Bowyer (CLRC, remote), N. Smith (CLRC), A. Chinn, P. Davoren, T. Trobe (CRC), A. Baker (LTRC), S. Dunphy (Marist), D. Styman, C. Garrington, D. Fraumano, S. John, Ben Page (remote).

### 1. APOLOGIES:

M. Capon (Daramalan), V. Spencer (Radford), J. Watson (RMC)

### 2. MINUTES:

Minutes from the 2019 Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2019 were read and confirmed.

*Moved: T. Trobe; Seconded: C. Pijpers*

### 3. ANNUAL REPORT:

The 2019-20 Annual Report was presented to the Member Clubs for consideration. The chair thanked the rowing community for their efforts during a tricky season, particularly with regards to the weather, bushfires, smoke and Covid-19. A number of options were discussed throughout the season to keep competitions running where possible. Rowing ACT worked closely with ACT Health and ACT Sport and Recreation throughout the pandemic to help keep competitions going. The High Performance squad were kept engaged during the COVID-19 lockdown with successes in competitions throughout the year.

D. Bagnall asked about the development of a new strategic plan to replace the existing one that expires at the end of 2020. The Chair informed the meeting that the new plan was being developed in conjunction with Rowing Australia's new strategic plan. V. McMahon asked about whether the High Performance partnership was being extended; the Chair informed the meeting that it was being extended until the end of the 2021 Olympic cycle.

*Moved: P. Davoren; Seconded: T. Trobe*

### 4. AUDITED ACCOUNTS:

Director of Finance K. Peters thanked the auditor, accountants, and staff (Andrea, Stuart, Katrina) for their work, as well as thanks to former Director of Finance Vince McMahon for his support and assistance. Thanks were also given to member clubs.

The overall balance is at a historic high, with ACT & Federal Government assistance contributing. A gap in the High Performance program with the length of time in the changeover from Nick Garratt to Dave Fraumano a factor in lower than expected expenditures.

*Moved: N. Hunter; Seconded: V. McMahon*

### 5. SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO CONFER LIFE MEMBERSHIP ON DAVID BAGNALL

P. Davoren spoke to the Special Resolution acknowledging David Bagnall's long contribution to rowing in the ACT. This includes his involvement with ANU, Black Mountain and Radford College, with particular note of the achievement of organising a successful Australian Masters Rowing Championships in 2013.

*Moved: P. Davoren; Seconded: N. Hunter – unanimous, all in favour*

### 6. SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO CONFER LIFE MEMBERSHIP ON VINCENT MCMAHON

A. Chinn spoke to the Special Resolution acknowledging Vince McMahon's contribution to rowing in the ACT. That work included 11 years as Treasurer/Director of Finance, increasing the equity of Rowing ACT by more than sevenfold to over \$570,000, and putting in place strict record management and twice changing accounting systems.

*Moved: A. Chinn; Seconded: K. Peters – unanimous, all in favour*



## 7. SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO CONFER LIFE MEMBERSHIP ON ALISON CHINN

N. Hunter spoke to the Special Resolution acknowledging Alison Chinn's contribution to rowing in the ACT over a span of 35 years. Alison began the Winter Time Trial Series along with partner Mark Kwiatkowski in 1986, and acted as both Secretary and Treasurer for Rowing ACT from 1988 to 1997, before again serving on the board from 2016.

*Moved: N. Hunter; Seconded: T. Trobe – unanimous, all in favour*

## 8. SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE RULES:

38.1 With the exception of Rule 38.2, the funds of Rowing ACT shall be derived from annual subscriptions of Members, sales, donations, sponsorship and, subject to any special resolution passed by Rowing ACT in general meeting and to the provisions of the Act, such other sources as the Board determines.

*Moved: K. Peters; Seconded: C. Pijpers*

## 9. CONFIRMATION OF EXISTING ROWING ACT CLUBS AND SCHOOLS

Given the variety of regimes under which clubs and schools have been admitted as members of Rowing ACT, we seek to confirm that the following clubs and schools are officially recognised as member clubs of the association.

- Australian Defence Force Academy Rowing
- Australian Defence Force Rowing Club
- Australian National University Boat Club
- Black Mountain Rowing Club
- Canberra Girls Grammar School
- Canberra Grammar School
- Canberra Rowing Club
- Capital Lakes Rowing Club
- CGS Masters Rowing Club
- Daramalan College
- Lake Tuggeranong Rowing Club
- Marist College Canberra
- Radford College
- Royal Military College Rowing Club

*Moved: V. McMahon; Seconded: S. Dunphy*

## 10. ELECTION TO THE BOARD

Nominations were received from L. Letcher, C. Pijpers and N. Smith for 2 Board vacancies. L. Letcher and N. Smith were elected to the board.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

# BOARD MEMBERS

The Board includes six elected directors and up to three appointed by the Board to supplement its skills, outlook and diversity, addressing matters such as gender equity, governance, audit and risk. Directors hold office until the second Annual General Meeting following election or appointment. Directors may be re-elected for consecutive terms, up to five times (10 years). The current directors and their terms of appointment are listed below.

POSITION	ELECTION/ APPOINTMENT	EXPIRES AT AGM
<b>President</b>		
Alison Creagh AM CSC	Sept 2018	2021
<b>Elected Directors:</b>		
Kent Peters	Sept 2019	2021
Deb Styman	Aug 2017	2021
Ben Page	Sept 2019	2021
Neil Smith	Sept 2020	2022
Luke Letcher	Sept 2020	2022
<b>Appointed Directors:</b>		
Ben James	Sept 2019	Feb 2021 (resigned)
Tobias Wehr-Candler	March 2021	2022
Alison Chinn	April 2016	2022
Catherine Garrington	Sept 2019	2022

**The Board met 11 times over the year in regular monthly meetings. Attendance was as follows:**

A. Creagh	11	B. Page	9	T. Wehr-Candler	5	L. Letcher	9
K. Peters	9	N. Smith	11	A. Chinn	9		
D. Styman	10	B. James	4	C. Garrington	9		

<b>Rowing ACT Officer Bearers and Officers:</b>	
Director of Finance:	Kent Peters
Secretary:	Deb Styman
Public Officer:	Patrick Davoren
Executive Officer:	Stuart John (until November 2020) Katrina Wiseman (Acting from December 2020 until February 2021) Sally Clark (from February 2021)
High Performance Coordinator:	Katrina Wiseman (until February 2021) Sarah Davoren (February 2021 to June 2021)

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## Rowing ACT Life Members:

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**Alison Chinn (2020)** – Alison's contribution to event management and the administration of Rowing ACT spans 35 years. From 1988 to 1997 she held the demanding positions of Secretary and then Treasurer, often holding these positions concurrently with Canberra Rowing Club board positions, whilst also competing at the elite level (as well as working full time!).

**Dr David Bagnall (2020)** – David joined the Australian National University Boat Club upon arriving in Canberra during the 1974-75 season and soon became the Boat Club's delegate to the ACT Rowing Association. Thus began a long record of service to the Association as an Executive Committee member, Senior Vice President (1976-77) and President (1985-88 and 2010-19).

**Vince McMahon PSM (2020)** – Vince is a member of Black Mountain Rowing Club and was its club president from 2008 to 2011 and a committee member for a couple of years previously. In 2011 Vince published the History of Black Mountain Rowing Club in the context of the ACT Rowing community, which took several years of research and interviews to compile. Vince served on the Rowing ACT Board from 2010 to 2019 and continues to provide governance and finance support Rowing ACT.

**Patrick Davoren PSM (2018)** – in recognition of his long service as an administrator. He first served as a club delegate to the ACT Rowing Association in the late 1960s and has since taken on a wide range of committee roles for the Association including 14 continuous years as Honorary Secretary.

**Roger Grylls (2011)** – in recognition of his long and distinguished service as a boat race official. He also played a significant part in the Association's adoption of software necessary to overcome long standing issues with the Association's accounts.

**Mark Kwiatkowski (1990)** – in recognition of his contribution to ACT Rowing as the creator, organiser and administrator of the Winter Time Trials for 15 years.

**Dr Robert (Bob).J Porra (1984)** – As Honorary Secretary Bob led a complete review of the ACT Rowing Association's rules that became necessary before the Association became an incorporated body in 1978.

**Paul Duncan (1984)** – As Secretary of the Association, Paul lifted the standard of ACTRA processes for regatta promotion and management and closer engagement with the NSW Rowing Association.

**David Walters (1981)** – David was best known for his service as the diligent Treasurer of the Association from 1973-1979.

**Malcolm Lamb (1981)** – Malcolm served as Honorary Secretary from 1972-1975 and as Vice President from 1975-1978 and in 1979-80.

**Rod Freeman (1981)** – Rod remained a leading member of the Union of Boat Race officials for over twenty years.

**Cliff Hill (1973)** – recognising his service as an administrator and boat race official including the President role from 1967 to 1973.

**Brian Martyn (1973)** - in recognition of his service to the Association as an administrator, boat race official and coach.

**William (Bill) O'Brien (1972)** - ACT Rowing Association's first Life Member, this honour recognised Bills' leadership in establishing rowing in the ACT.

Further information on all Rowing ACT Life Members can be found on our website:

[www.rowingact.org.au/life-members](http://www.rowingact.org.au/life-members)

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**This report addresses Rowing ACT's performance from 22 September 2020 to 27 September 2021.**

It has been pleasing to see the enthusiastic return to rowing across the community after the challenges presented by the previous year. Thank you to all the volunteers across the community for supporting our sport and encouraging participation. Through the efforts of many including club committees, school rowing programs, the **ACT High Performance Program**, coaches, race officials, regatta volunteers and our supporters we have seen strong performances from ACT rowers throughout the year including great results at local and state regattas, the **2021 Australian Indoor Rowing Championships**, the **2021 Australian National Rowing Championships** and the **2021 Australian Masters Rowing Championships**. The ACT rowing community is immensely proud of the impressive results from the Australian Rowing Team who competed in Tokyo with many of the team living and training in Canberra. Particular congratulations to Canberra rowers, **Caleb Antill** and **Luke Letcher**, for their Bronze medal at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics and thank you to those in the ACT rowing community who supported Caleb and Luke throughout their early rowing years. We are also excited and proud that members of the ACT rowing community will compete at the 2021 Tokyo Paralympics. Congratulations to **Nikki Ayers**, **Kathryn Ross** and **Renae Domaschenz** on selection as part of the Australian Paralympic Team.

Rowing ACT continues to operate with a small staff supplemented by many volunteers. I'd like to thank the Board of Rowing ACT for their work throughout the year in developing rowing in the ACT. I'd also like to thank Head



Sunset ergs - CLRC

Coach, **Dave Fraumano**, and welcome and thank our Executive Officer, **Dr Sally Clark**, who took over mid-season and has quickly adjusted to the role. Behind the scenes **Andrea Parsons** and **Vince McMahon** continue to provide invaluable assistance to Rowing ACT's financial management and governance. **Stuart John**, **Katrina Wiseman**, **Renae Domaschenz** and **Sarah Davoren** finished their roles with Rowing ACT during the reporting period and their contribution to Rowing ACT has been important and appreciated. I'd also like to congratulate **Rodney Palmer** who was awarded the **Cliff Hill Trophy** this year and **Martin Sessions** who was awarded **Boat Race Official of the Year**. You can read more about our award winners and other volunteers in this Annual Report.

Rowing ACT continues to appreciate the continued patronage of **His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)**, **Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley** and **Kim Brennan AM**. In December 2020 ACT rowing community representatives were privileged to attend a function hosted by Their Excellencies to recognise and thank the ACT rowing community. Their Excellencies also had the opportunity to attend a **Winter Time Trial** and the **ACT Veterans and Families Indoor Rowing program** in October 2020 and the **2021 ACT Junior Championships**. We were fortunate to have **Kim Brennan** present zooties and awards to recognise our Interstate Teams and winners from our Summer Season. We very much value the support from our patrons and their continued interest in the ACT rowing community.

## Governance

The Board has met monthly throughout the reporting period and has convened working groups to consider improvements to governance, safety, by-laws and to develop plans for possible future sponsorship. The Board continues to develop strategies to support the community including the need for improvements and upgrades to the rowing course, regatta infrastructure and our fleet of race official boats. There will also be the need for an improved High Performance Boatshed in the future. These initiatives will require financial support and the Board continues to assess Rowing ACT finances, seat fees, regatta costs and sources of future funding to look for ways to provide these upgrades.

A decision was made by the Board to extend the existing Rowing ACT Strategic Plan until the Rowing Australia Strategic Plan has been agreed. The Board continues to review the existing plan with the aim of developing a new strategic plan by end 2021. The Board established a working group which has proposed and developed a Governance Sub-Committee, comprising members of the

Board, to continue to enhance Rowing ACT governance processes. A Safety Sub-Committee, comprising members of the ACT Rowing community, has also been proposed to enhance community safety and this is expected to be established in late 2021. A Sponsorship proposal has been developed and will be progressed in late 2021. The Selection Policy for State selection has been reviewed and the Masters Selection Process will be reviewed.

### Engagement

Representatives from Rowing ACT have participated throughout the year in Rowing Australia initiatives including development of a revised Rowing Australia strategic plan, indoor rowing and coastal rowing working groups and through participation in Rowing Australia's Athletes, Umpires and Masters Commissions.

Rowing ACT continues to work with the National Capital Authority to manage the Yarramundi Reach Course and Weston Park Pontoons and progress water safety issues with lake traffic management. Rowing ACT also made a submission to the Public Inquiry on Seaplane Use on Lake Burley Griffin and we have participated in Lake User Group meetings throughout the year.

We continue to engage with ACT Sport and Recreation on issues associated with our sport including COVID Safe Management for the rowing community.

### High Performance

Throughout the reporting period Rowing ACT has worked to support and develop high performance rowing in the ACT with assistance from Rowing Australia and the Australian Capital Territory Academy of Sport. The partnership with Rowing Australia and ACTAS is essential for our high performance program and work has progressed in high performance, pathways and talent identification. Our **High Performance Program** has also been supported by coaches, clubs and schools throughout our community. The collegiate approach to developing the **ACT High Performance Program** is appreciated and we thank all involved for their support. Head Coach, **Dave Fraumano**, supported by **Renae Domaschenz** for much of the year, achieved strong results for the **ACT High Performance Program** and the results are presented later in this Annual Report. A number of club and school coaches assisted with the Pathways Program with good participation and promising results from our junior rowers. The efforts of all who have supported the ACT Pathways development is appreciated. Some talent identification was conducted during the year with good results from the young athletes who participated in the program. Further opportunities for talent identification will be explored within the capacity of the ACT program.

### Regattas

Rowing ACT continues to develop our regatta program and management of regattas. Each year there are changes to our regatta program and events as we endeavour to respond to the needs of the community. The Regatta Sub Committee has provided a useful forum to contribute to this development. Thank you to **Adrienne McKenzie** for chairing this subcommittee and thank you to our Clubs and Schools for participating in this important forum to develop competition in the ACT.

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This year our regatta and winter time trial programs had some weather disruptions but most events were successfully conducted. The new format for the **ACT Head of the Lake** and **ACT Junior Championships** appeared to be a successful model with interstate attendance along with great representation from the ACT schools. Congratulations to all who participated and competed this year.

### Indoor Rowing

Rowing ACT continues to develop indoor rowing. The **2020 Australian Indoor Rowing Championships Canberra** event once again had the strongest participation across Australia. Thanks to **Vicky Spencer** and **Radford volunteers** who made significant effort to run a safe and fun event where competition was fierce and World records were broken. ACT Government grant funding also supported a **Veterans and Families Indoor Rowing program** and further funding has been granted for a **Para Indoor Rowing program** and a second **Veteran and Families program** which will be run later this year. Indoor Rowing presents new opportunities to connect people to rowing and Rowing ACT has a representative on the **Rowing Australia Indoor Rowing Working Group**.



### Coastal Rowing

Rowing ACT has also progressed work to understand and develop coastal rowing participation and competition in the ACT although further development is required. Rowing ACT has representatives on the Rowing Australia Coastal Rowing Working Group.

### Staffing

Rowing ACT continues to employ two full-time staff to fill the Executive Officer and Head Coach positions. Part-time staff are employed to support the High Performance Program and administration of Rowing ACT. Rowing ACT has undertaken recruitment activities during the reporting period to address staff vacancies.

**Dave Fraumano** has been Head Coach throughout the reporting period. Both **Renae Domaschenz** and **Katrina Wiseman** elected to leave their High Performance Program roles in February/March 2021 to take up other employment outside rowing. Thank you to both Renae and Katrina for the important contributions made to our athletes over a number of years. **Sarah Davoren** supported **Rowing ACT** as High Performance Coordinator from March to June 2021. Rowing ACT has carried vacancies whilst recruitment for the roles of Assistant Coach and Coordinator has been conducted. **Dave Fraumano** has arranged suitably qualified casual coaches to assist with program delivery.

**Stuart John** departed Rowing ACT in November 2020 to take up a role outside rowing although he remains active in the ACT rowing community in a number of volunteer roles. Thank you to Stuart for his valuable contribution to our sport. **Katrina Wiseman** acted as Executive Officer until early February 2021 until **Dr Sally Clark** commenced as Executive Officer.

On behalf of the ACT rowing community I'd like to recognise and thank our staff for their valuable contributions.

### Facilities and Infrastructure

Improvements have been made to the Yarramundi Reach course by the National Capital Authority after flood events damaged the infrastructure. Rowing ACT also partnered with the NCA to improve the safety of the Weston Park pontoons. Our buoy maintenance team of **Maxine James** and **Scott Pagan** finished their role earlier this year and we appreciate the support they made to maintaining the course. We have not yet found a replacement team and currently rely on the NCA to support course maintenance.

Work is underway from volunteers to upgrade some of our Race Official pontoons with ACT Government grant funding supporting this task.

ACTAS continues to manage the Rowing ACT/ACTAS Boatshed and has funded significant repairs and maintenance over the last year. Rowing ACT recognises that the Boatshed will require replacement in the future.

### Thanks

Thanks to **Kent Peters** and **Deb Styman** for their preparation of reports throughout the reporting period.

Rowing ACT acknowledges and appreciates the support and enthusiasm of our clubs, schools, coaches, officials and volunteers who support our regattas, promote participation, develop performance and encourage growth in the sport.

Rowing in the ACT would not be possible without our volunteers and this year's Annual Report seeks to recognise the many volunteers who make a difference in our sport every day. Thank you for what you do for rowing and in support of all who row.

**Alison Creagh AM CSC**  
President, Rowing ACT

Australia's Bronze Medal winning Men's Quadruple Sculls, Luke Letcher and Caleb Antill from the ACT



# DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

I submit to the Members the 2021 Audited Financial Statements. I would like to thank our Auditor, **Steve Maginnity** from Mainsail Accounting Solutions, **Warrick Maddocks** from Dot Advisory, and our accounts team comprising **Andrea Parsons** and **Sally Clark**. I also wish to acknowledge the ongoing support and assistance being provided by **Vince McMahon** which I value immensely.

Thanks also to **Alison Creagh** and the Board of Rowing ACT for the work that each one contributes to the life of Rowing ACT.

But the vote of most thanks must go to all the Clubs, club members, school rowers, volunteers and many others that have all contributed to the ongoing success of rowing in the ACT.

## Background

This year has been another year of unique challenges that continue to arise from the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and the challenges that this continues to present us all. It has been a year that whilst having an ever-present sense of uncertainty it has seen us able to resume more normalised operations in terms of our regatta program and High Performance Operations.

This year has seen the winding back of much of the government assistance that was provided to entities during the previous year and the reduction in this support and the impact on some of the regatta entry levels has impacted our overall financial result. As we approach the new regatta season and as I write this report, we have

three States currently under stay at home orders and the ACT, whilst not directly impacted by the current outbreaks, is seeing the impacts in the wider dimensions of day to day life. In the light of this I am pleased to report that Rowing ACT and the ACT Rowing community has continued to embrace the new normal and rowing as a sport is vibrant in the ACT.



## Financial Outcomes

2021 is the third year that the Financial Statements have been prepared on a July – June basis.

The profit of \$33,139 is significantly less than the historically high profit of 2020 being \$91,932, but more in line with the profit of 2019 being \$40,318. It comprised \$25,753 (\$57,368 2020 and \$10,300 2019) profit from the High-Performance Program and \$7,385 (\$34,379 2020 and \$30,080 2019) for the Rowing ACT's general business.

2020-21 Profit and Loss by Business Centre							
	Admin	Development	Events	HP	Marketing	Venues & Facilities	Total
<b>Revenue</b>	125,051	2,873	70,239	265,114	2,651	3,650	469,578
<b>Expenses</b>	109,424	13,911	58,129	239,361	620	14,993	436,438
<b>P&amp;L</b>	<b>15,627</b>	<b>(11,038)</b>	<b>12,110</b>	<b>25,753</b>	<b>2,031</b>	<b>(11,343)</b>	<b>33,140</b>



The High-Performance profit was reduced mainly due to the ability for the athletes to compete in the Nationals held in Tasmania and the costs associated with this. During this season the lease of the Sykes equipment came to a conclusion and a new lease was entered into with WinTech which saw both an increase in the cost of the lease but also in the quality of the boats provided. The staffing levels of the program have continued to be difficult to maintain but with the Head Coach being established the program has continued to grow. We continue to strive to strike the right balance in terms of the ongoing staffing levels in order to provide the best opportunity for the program to flourish.

The profit in general business largely arises from a combination of both grants received from the ACT Government, seat fees, and member affiliation and registration fees. During the current year the most significant impact has resulted from the reduced government business relief that was associated with the COVID-19 stimulus in the previous year. Whilst there was a 7% increase in the revenue contributions from registration, affiliation and seat fees this has been offset by the reduction in extraordinary Government support.

We continue to feel the impact of the historic low interest rates with our income from our investments falling from \$5K in 2019 to \$91 in 2021. This despite our cash reserves having increased to \$544K as at 30 June 2021. We also continue to feel the impact of the loss of the \$10K hosting subsidy from Rowing Australia which has underwritten profit for a number of years.

During the current Financial Year there has been some extraordinary expenditure items that were incurred. These included erosion protection works on the Weston Park pontoons due to trip hazards where the carpet meets the concrete footing – the cost of this was shared with NCA and the Rowing ACT contribution was \$5,280; we also

undertook a significant refurbishment of the box trailer that is essential to the running of successful regattas. During the 2021 Financial Year we also incurred an expense of \$13,358 in the biennial purchase of medals (compared to a cost of \$1,517 in 2020).

All business units contribute to the objectives of Rowing ACT, but business unit profit and loss outcomes vary, and will continue to vary significantly. Venue and Facilities, which are driven by depreciation, are obviously necessary to run regattas but Events earn the regatta revenue. Admin shows a profit, mainly because it contains the core grant and registration and affiliation fees.

The Board has been giving significant consideration to reviewing the ongoing profitability of the Rowing ACT business units and work is currently being undertaken in reviewing our current revenue and expenditure platforms. This review and its recommendations will be presented to the wider Rowing ACT community once completed and endorsed by the Board. One area of focus for the coming year will be looking to increase the level of external sponsorship of Rowing ACT and to this end work is underway in compiling a sponsorship package that can be provided to potential sponsors. Development, in the absence of significant sponsorships, could be expected to continue to run at a loss but represents an investment in the future of ACT rowing.

### Fees and Charges

Fees have remained unchanged again in this current season. Ongoing fee levels form a significant component in the operational review that is currently being undertaken. It remains that all participants in rowing events run by Rowing ACT must be registered on Rowing Manager. Registration fees are not applied to rowers who only row in the **Winter Time Trial series**, the **Col Panton Regatta** and the short-course regatta.

## Accounts Receivable

The level of accounts receivable remains very good. At 30th June the accounts receivable were \$10K. Pleasingly, there are no amounts that are outside of the 30-day payment period. This reflects the good invoice issuing practice by Rowing ACT, responsiveness by Member Clubs and the follow-up practices adopted.

## Financial Goals

Rowing ACT seeks to achieve a high-level of corporate governance and to ensure that the financial operations run profitably to allow for the accumulation of funds that will be necessary to both meet current infrastructure needs but also allow for the further development of the sport within the ACT. The Board is currently undertaking a corporate governance review that is looking at benchmarking the Board's operations in terms of best practice and looking to provide further enhancements for the continuing improvement in its ongoing operations and processes.

Investment in fixed assets during the 2020/2021 Financial period has seen the purchase of a 250LT Safety Cabinet for Flammable Liquids and Ergs for the veterans indoor rowing programs with these purchases supported by ACT grants. A new leasing agreement for the provision of single sculls for the HPP has been finalized with Wintec.

The cost of insurance has been maintained at levels which the Board consider are adequate to preserve the assets of Rowing ACT. Staffing levels have remained consistent with last season although during 2021 we saw the departure of some longer-term employees being **Stuart John** (Executive



Officer), **Katrina Wiseman** (HPP Admin Support), and **Renae Domaschcz** (Assistant HPP Coach). We have welcomed our new Executive Officer **Sally Clark**.

It remains a priority for the Board to continue to work towards the goal of the acquisition and fit out of a suitable facility to not only house the HPP but also the operational base for Rowing ACT. It remains that at present there have not been any viable alternatives identified but nonetheless the work continues to achieve this long-held goal as soon as practicably possible.

Rowing ACT is also considering other infrastructural proposals with the goal to ultimately enhancing the rowing experience for all involved with Rowing ACT, as well as looking to ensure the ongoing maintenance and replacement of existing facilities as these needs arise.

Whilst 2020/2021 has produced a satisfactory financial result the Board remains acutely aware of the ongoing need to ensure that the long-term financial stability of Rowing in the ACT remains one of its primary goals. The Board is committed to a process of continuous improvement to best be able to serve the community of Rowing ACT.

## Form of the Financial Accounts

The presentation of the Financial Accounts is in a simplified format with the detail and explanation contained within the footnotes provided. The 2020-2021 year provides us with the opportunity to be able to compare the full result from 2019-2020 and as a result continue to provide more meaningful information to members.

## Assistance of Member Clubs

I again thank all Member Clubs for their support and co-operation during the 2019-20 Financial Year in what has truly been a year where the challenges faced have been significant but during all that this has brought, the ACT Rowing community has risen to the challenges involved.

Rowing ACT remains committed to prompt invoicing allowing clubs to raise any concerns when the issues are current and for any disagreements to be resolved expeditiously. Rowing Manager continues to provide a very effective platform based on data that has been entered by the clubs themselves.

**Kent Peters**  
*Director of Finance*

25th July 2021

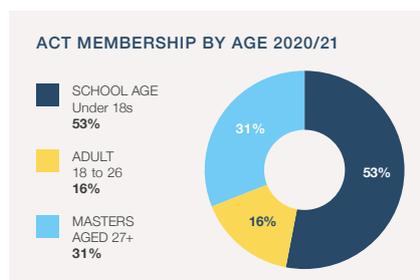
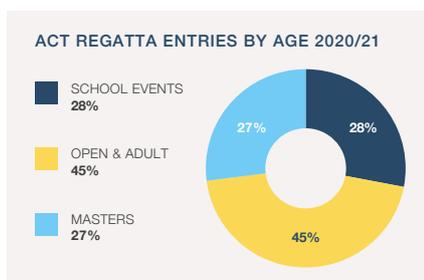
# REGATTA ADMINISTRATION



The start of the 2020/21 Regatta season was delayed with COVID-19 restrictions still in place. After the cancellation of the **2020 Australian National Championships** and the **Australian Masters Championships** our ACT rowers were keen to get back on the water when restrictions were lifted. The **Winter Time Trials** were reduced to a series of three (compared with the usual five). The summer regattas took on a different feel, with many clubs boating from their sheds, and a low number of spectators at Weston Park. This did not detract from the quality of racing. With the fantastic contribution from the **Canberra Grammar School** students (code cadets), Rowing ACT were able to provide state of the art live streaming services at all our regattas so that friends and families could watch from the comfort of their homes.

Once again several of the clubs and schools took turns to host the regattas. After observing my first regatta (from land) at the end of January, the remainder of the season was in my hands. Luckily, I had both **Katrina Wiseman** and **Stuart John** who had either done most of the leg work or were there on the day to hold my hand. The **ACT Junior Championships** were well attended and the decision to run it as a double header with the **Head of the Lake** resulted in a great outcome. Our **Open** and **Masters Championships** had lower numbers, partly as a result of our NSW residents being nervous to travel south due to COVID 19.

Congratulations to **ANUBC** for winning the **Phere Niki Trophy** (Bring Victory) for the most successful club at the **ACT Championships**. The **Men's Premiership** and the aggregate **Point Score competition** was won by **Canberra Rowing Club** and the **Women's Premiership** was won by **ANUBC**.



## Col Panton Memorial Marathon

This event is held each year in memory of **Colin Leslie Panton** and his son **Colin Stuart Panton**. This handicapped marathon runs from the eastern end of Lake Burley Griffin to the 600-metre mark of the Yarramundi Reach course. This year 34 boats raced.

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### Major trophy winners:

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**Col Panton Memorial Shield**  
(first boat across the line)

**ANU W4x**  
Charlotte Ryan, Nikki Greenland, Anneka Reardon, Alexandra Moylan

**Skipper's Trophy**  
(fastest crew)

**Composite M4x**  
Damien Schroder, Hamish Harding, Harry Glackin, Luke Letcher

**David Stegeman Cup**  
(first coxed four across the line)

**ANU Mixed 4+**  
Alexander Migdelias, Sam Boland, Luca Hehir, Lucas Hempton, cox Sarah Davoren

**Cootapatamba Cup**  
(first quad across the line)

**ANU W4x**  
Charlotte Ryan, Nikki Greenland, Anneka Reardon, Alexandra Moylan

**Black Pete Plate**  
(fastest women's club crew not receiving financial support)

**ANU Wx-**  
Catherine Khan, Jana Pretorios, Lilli Reardon, Harriet Wallace



## Head of the Molonglo

The **Head of the Molonglo** was held in October and is limited to big boats. The course is from outside the **Burley Griffin Canoe Club** in the Molonglo River to the end of Black Mountain Peninsula. Being later in the year than previously, entries were up, and 22 boats raced in this event. **ANU** took out the fastest men's and women's quads. **CRC** had the fastest men's 8+ and the **ADF** composite crew won the fastest women's 8+ race.

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### Major ACT trophies were won by:

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#### **Uriarra Cup**

(Ch M8+)

#### **CRC**

Jaedon Peters, Matthew Norton, Ethan Peters, Raf Priest, Cormac Hayes, James Waldersee, Tom Perry, Nick Barnier c Sasha McDonagh  
*Coaches: Mark Kwiatkowski, Geoff Brown*

#### **Jubilee Cup**

(Ch W8+)

#### **ANUBC**

Ella Beniamini, Ellie Barr, Elisabeth Gregory, Catherine Khan, Lilli Reardon, Harriet Wallace, Sophie Jerapetritis, Anneka Reardon, c Vinhara Goonesekera  
*Coaches: Nigel Harding and Renae Domaschenz*

#### **Banjo Cup**

(Ch M4-)

#### **CRC**

Cormac Hayes, James Waldersee, Tom Perry and Nick Barnier  
*Coaches: Mark Kwiatkowski and Dave Fraumano*

#### **Greg Welsh Cup**

(Ch Sch 8+)

#### **CGGS**

Neve James, Lauren Goldie, Olivia Natty, Charlotte Grose, Georgina Wallace, Jenna Oerder, Ashleigh Burns, Madeline McGinness c Andrea Newham  
*Coach Caroline Pjpers*

#### **Westbourne Woods Plate**

(Ch Sch 8+)

#### **CGGS**

Neve James, Lauren Goldie, Olivia Natty, Charlotte Grose, Georgina Wallace, Jenna Oerder, Ashleigh Burns, Madeline McGinness c Andrea Newham  
*Coach Caroline Pjpers*

#### **Fraser Cup**

(HOL SchB 8+)

#### **Radford College**

A.Roberts, J.Weber, C.Garrett, C.Jacopino, H.Roberts, J.Scheman-Rogers, O.Fox, H.Jolly, Cox: H.Shaw  
*Coaches: M.McCormack, C.Gil*

#### **Scullers Trophy**

(Ch W1x)

#### **C. Grzeskowiak (CRC)**

#### **Bruce Hick Trophy**

(Ch W1x)

#### **Harrison Glackin (CLRC)**

#### **Veteran Plate**

(Master 4-)

#### **BMRC/ADF**

Henry Bridgewater, Jeremy Lawrence, Stephen McGlynn, Ian Mongan

#### **Tarcoola Trophy**

(Ch U19 M1x)

#### **A. Holtheuer (Redlands)**

#### **Grevillea Trophy**

(Ch U19 W1x)

#### **M. Vagg (CGS)**

#### **Porra Cup**

(Ch U19 M2x)

**Redlands** - A. Verschoor, A. Holtheuer

#### **President's Shovel**

(ACT Championships  
2nd Grade 8+)

#### **CRC**

James Robinson, Angus Garraway, Sam Goldspring, Aaron, Granham, Zak Levine, Alvar Closas, Jonathon Cooper, Nicholas Latimer, c Jess Winnall.  
*Coaches: Geoff Brown and Mark Kwiatkowski*

#### **Steve Fairbairn Cup**

(Highest pointscore at  
ANU regatta)

#### **CRC**

## Winter Time Trials

The Winter Time Trials run over a 4km course from Scrivener Dam to the white poles near Orana Bay. With COVID-19 restrictions in place, the series was held over three weekends instead of the usual five. **Zoe Bond** (CGS) and **Luke Letcher** (BMRC) were successful in taking out the **Lyn Cirulis Plate** and **Mark Kwiatkowski Cup** respectively.

Congratulations to the following rowers for setting course records this year; **Luke Letcher** (BMRC) in the M1x in a time of 14:23.93, **Cara Grzeskowiak** (CRC) in the W1X in a time of 15.59.47 and **Cormac Hayes** (CRC) in the Junior M1XC in a time of 15.04.74.

## Sprint Regattas

Unfortunately, the **LTRC sprint regatta** was cancelled this year as a result of bad weather. The **CLRC sprint regatta** saw a small turn out, but saw the opportunity for competitors to have a go at rowing a Coastal Boat.

## Head of the Lake/ACT Junior Championships

The **Head of the Lake** was a big success this year after the heartbreaking decision to cancel it the night before in the previous season. Rowers from our local schools and visitors from NSW, including **Kinross-Wolaroi School, Redlands,** and **Cranbrook** resulted in 678 competitors taking part.

**Canberra Grammar School** won the girls pointscore and **Cranbrook** won the boys pointscore. Following on from the HOL, competitors backed up with the **ACT Junior Championships**. Rowing ACT Patrons, **Their Excellencies General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC and Mrs Linda Hurley** were in attendance. After following the last race of the event in a boat official boat, Their Excellencies presented the rowers with their trophies and spent time chatting to the rowers and partaking in plenty of photo opportunities.

## Volunteers

The number one lesson I learnt in my first season of being the Executive Officer is how much our sport of rowing relies on an army of volunteers. From the BROs that help out at our major regattas, to the volunteers on the finish line and the pontoons at Weston Park, the commentators who provide informative commentary, parents of our school rowers, our wonderful photographers, the list goes on. I would like to make a special mention to **Cameron Zellner** who volunteered in the RACT tent to sort out our medals at nearly every regatta.

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## 2020/2021 Point Score

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CLUB	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
Canberra Rowing Club	222.3	146	367.83
Radford College	185	114	299
ANU Boat Club	83.83	189	273.13
Canberra Grammar School	91	101	192
Black Mountain Rowing Club	88.83	51	139.83
Canberra Girls' Grammar School	0	66	66
Capital Lakes Rowing Club	41.5	46.8	88.3
Australian Defence Rowing Club	18	10.8	28.8
Marist College Rowing Club	67	0	67
Daramalan College	9	14	23
Shoalhaven Rowing Club	2.5	2.5	5
Toowong Rowing Club	2	0	2
Corowa Rowing Club	1	0	1
Lake Tuggeranong Rowing Club	0	1	1
Cranbrook	8	0	8
Redlands	42	34	76
Newcastle Rowing Club	11.5	1.5	13
North Shore Rowing Club	26.5	32.5	59

## Sally Clark

*Rowing ACT Executive Officer*



## VALE PIETER ARRIENS

The rowing community was saddened to hear of the death on 13 July 2021 of Dr Pieter Arriens, a significant figure in the establishment of rowing in the ACT.

Pieter came to Canberra in the early 1960s to take up a research fellowship at the Australian National University. He brought with him a wealth of experience as a coach and competitor at Cambridge University (UK) that led him to join the "Tentative Committee" of the ACT Rowing Association in December 1963.

The Committee's first responsibility was to stage the 1964 National Rowing Championship and Olympic Selection Regatta. Pieter was a boat race official at this event. At the Association's first Annual General Meeting, Pieter was elected as Vice President and Honorary Recorder, positions he held for two years.

In addition to Committee roles, Pieter was the founding President of ANU Boat Club and served that club as an oarsman and coach. His rowing skills were displayed by his victory as a single sculler in the inaugural Panton Memorial Marathon on 4 December 1965. Pieter coached the first ACT crew to compete in the NSW Championships to a strong win in the Maiden IV at Penrith on 22 January 1966.

Pieter's enthusiasm for our sport and generosity in imparting his knowledge will be remembered by all who knew him.



# BOAT RACE OFFICIALS

ACT Boat Race Officials officiated at 11 Rowing ACT regattas for the 2020-21 season, comprising:

- **5 one-day regular point score regattas**
- **2 two-day championship regattas**
- **1 Schools Head of the Lake regatta**
- **2 Head of the River long-course races**
- **1 sprint regatta**

There was also one sprint regatta (Lake Tuggeranong) that was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions in consideration of the competency of the entrants (novice).

The capacity and capability of the BRO workforce was maintained at a healthy level throughout the season. Some BRO participation metrics are presented in the list below (for reference):

Number of BROs officiating at a regatta during the season	33
Number of BROs that officiated at 6 or more regattas:	19
Average number of BROs officiating at a regular regatta	20.9
Number of FISA umpires	3
Number of National Level 3 umpires (not including FISA umpires)	2
Number of National Level 2 umpires	3
Number of National Level 1 umpires	25
% of female BROs	42%

Noting that a BRO workforce of at least 18 is required to comfortably run a regular regatta safely, the level of participation by BROs over the season was very healthy. It is also notable that **19 BROs participated at six or more regattas**. This is a significant increase on previous seasons.



Three BROs have expressed interest in gaining Level 2 accreditation, and each is being supported with a view of gaining Level 2 accreditation during the off-season. Rowing ACT BRO, **Jacqui Williams** was financially supported by Rowing ACT to attend the **National Rowing Championships** at Lake Barrington to assist in her development to achieve Level 2 accreditation, and ultimately Level 3 accreditation. The experience at Barrington was invaluable for Jacqui, providing her with experience at officiating at a national and international level.

A shift in the make-up of BROs was observed in this season, with the balance of BRO pool strength being drawn from non-school clubs and independent BRO participants. The biggest contribution was from the **ANU Boat Club**, which has significantly increased its BRO numbers this season. One of the contributors to this increase was the **BRO and Row initiative**, which encouraged greater participation of ANU rowers as BROs. The contribution of BROs from schools has declined significantly. This is an area of concern as schools have been significant contributors in the past.

Significant inroads have been made in increasing the participation of female BROs, with **the proportion of female BROs now at 42%**. This is higher than in any other season over the last decade. The focus on improving female participation will carry through to next season.

Increasing the number of Level 2 umpires is also a priority, both for the future health of the BRO pool and to provide development opportunities to realise the potential for Rowing ACT BROs to attain national and international accreditation.



Recognition of BROs is an important element in retaining our BRO volunteer workforce. This year **Martin Sessions** was recognised as the BRO of the year, acknowledging his tireless participation as a BRO for over a decade, and his work in developing and maintaining finish line electronic systems that underpin the reliability and efficiency of sound regatta management. Martin has also ensured that critical knowledge of regatta management systems and procedures has been established in a number of BROs to maintain the depth of competencies necessary for endurance of this important capability. **Rodney Palmer** was also recognised for his long and significant contribution to Rowing ACT through the award of the **Cliff Hill trophy**. This award was made in recognition of his contribution as an official, as a coach for many ACT rowers, and as an active member of the rowing community over many decades.

**ACT Government sports grants** were sought and awarded for the replacement of the current floating starter platforms. One of the platforms is in poor condition and unsuitable for continuing use, and the fibreglass pontoons on the other two platforms are deteriorating with age and damage from contact with the aluminium-hulled catamarans. Materials to build replacement platforms have been obtained, and efforts to assemble the new platforms are expected to be completed in time for the coming season.

A replacement BRO trailer was also procured, and this has improved the ease with which finish line equipment is assembled and packed up at each regatta. A fuel locker was also procured through a Government grant to allow fuel storage at the Triathlon ACT compound in Deakin. This new locker allows fuel to be stored with the umpire boats at Deakin, and simplifies the preparation and launch of umpire boats by our retired volunteer group organised by **Michael McMahon**.

The BRO equipment holdings were maintained at adequate levels for the season, although the condition and reliability of umpire megaphones is now marginal due to water and other physical damage. Arrangements have been made to procure five new megaphones with a more robust design for use in umpire boats. There are growing issues with the reliability and serviceability of radios installed on platforms and umpire boats. Investigations are underway to determine the causes of current radio issues so that adequate remediation work can be undertaken before the start of the next season.

**Geoff Northam**  
*Rowing ACT Chief BRO*

# HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

Off the back of the 2020 cancelled nationals and national selection trials, the Rowing ACT/ACTAS Performance Pathways squad spent the first couple of months training in their own homes, with training delivered online. When the athletes regained access to the shed and water, they had made big strides with their 2020/21 season training. The athletes presented stronger, fitter and more flexible than prior to lock down. The consistency of training demonstrated through lockdown persisted into the time trial season, highlighted by strong performances in the winter time-trial series by **Cormac Hayes** and **Luke Letcher** who both set new benchmark times for their events.

National time trials; strong performances were seen from all athletes, with many PBs recorded on our 5.3km course. During this period **CRC** hosted the King's Cup training on Friday mornings and the Wednesday morning monitoring seasons where our young HP athletes got to go head to head with **Luke Letcher** and the strong CRC scullers of **Tom Perry** and **Nick Barnier**.

In November, the **Australian Indoor Rowing Championships** were held at Radford. **Olly Moran** was second in the U17 girl's 2000m event and it took a WR performance to beat her for the gold. **Kathryn Ross** also bettered her own world record. The **2020 Time Trial** season culminated with Australian National Team's invitation only Time Trials and Selections in December held in Sydney. **Luke Letcher, Harry Glackin, Kathryn Ross, Nikki Ayers, Renae Domaschenz** and **Anneka Reardon** (coached by **Nigel Harding**) were all invited to this event and all put in a strong showing which was a very positive sign for their national team ambitions in 2021.

The 2021 calendar year started with our January rowing camp being held in Canberra, rather than Jindabyne because of COVID-19 concerns. All athletes approached this as an opportunity and did an exceptional training block, inclusive of heat training at the University of Canberra. The January training period led to strong results at NSW Championships for our entire group with all athletes who attended the December National Time Trial in Sydney being invited to Olympic/Paralympic trials based off their NSW State Championships performances.

For underage athletes, the showing was equally strong. A highlight was **Alex Moylan** in her best race to date resulting in a bronze in the **LWs U23 1x**, Alex was only 0.6 of a second behind silver. At **NSW State Championships** there were exceptional ACT results with crews from **ANU, Radford** and **CGS** having multiple medal performances.

We then pushed on with preparations for our upcoming selection events. For our potential Olympians, this included the **Olympic Selection Trials** held in Penrith. This was an exceptional week for ACT rowing with **Kathryn Ross, Nikki Ayers, Renae Domaschenz, Caleb Antill** and **Luke Letcher** being successfully selected into the Olympic and Paralympic teams. It was also great experience for **Harry Glackin** and **Anneka Reardon** as they got their first taste of an Olympic selection trials. This is where our Rowing ACT/ACTAS Performance Pathways Program said goodbye to Luke Letcher as he re-joined the NTC. His crew included fellow Canberra **Caleb Antill**, the rejuvenated **Jack Cleary** to train the selected men's quad and new father **Cam Girdlestone** while our para athletes continued to train with



Men's Quad with Tokyo tickets



Kathryn Ross Women's PR2 2000m Indoor Rowing World Record

Paralympic rowers Kathryn Ross, Nikki Ayers and Renae Domaschenz on their way to Tokyo



ACTAS. Throughout this time, **Kathryn Ross** additionally **broke her own world record for 2000ms**, setting a time of 8:03.2. Further evidence that Kat 'is like a fine wine' and is getting better each year she competes.

The underage members of the squad pushed on towards Nationals with some great training and fun racing. A highlight of the domestic regatta season was **Hamish Harding's** performance in the **HW MU23 1x** at the **Sydney Rowing regatta** where he defeated all heavyweight hopefuls to take out an emphatic victory. The only set back of the time, was a late injury to **Alex Moylan** which ruled her out of nationals and trials, despite her career best form.

The whole squad (including **Alex Moylan** as support) journeyed to Tasmania for the first Nationals at Lake Barrington since 2009. Our U23 and U21 HP athletes ventured south a week early to do a mini camp as a chance to familiarise themselves with the Lake Barrington course. This proved a worthwhile venture as our U23 and U21 High Performance athletes either won gold or silver medals in their small boat events at the national titles. This form continued throughout the regatta with multiple medal winning performance across the HP group in all our able bodied and Para athletes. **Nikki Ayers** won the Interstate PR3W1X, **Nic Neales** placed 3rd in the Interstate PR3M1X and **Luke Letcher** placed 3rd in the Interstate M1X. Once again the whole. Once again the whole of the ACT demonstrated our exceptional talent in schoolboy and schoolgirls rowers and their respective coaches. Highlights include CGS having multiple medal winning performances including a gold medal to **Maddi Vagg** and a silver to **Zoe Bond** in the U191x coached by **Sarah Cook**. **CGGS** won a silver medal in the U19 Women's 8+, coached

by **Caroline Pijpers**, and **Radford College** under the leadership of **Vicky Spencer**, winning the overall schoolboys pointscore competition and were equal first in the schoolgirls competition.

U23 athletes **Harry Glackin** and **Hamish Harding** then remained in Tasmania for U23 trials. Both athletes shone in their respective categories winning 5 out of their 6 seat races and gaining selection in the U23 team. **Cormac Hayes** was pre-selected for the U21 team based off his gold medal in the U21 1x at Nationals. Junior trials were held in Canberra and **Zoe Bond** and **Maddi Vagg** were selected in the W U194x to be coached by **Sarah Cook** and **Ben Heatley** was selected in the M U19 8+.

During this period, **Kathryn Ross** teamed up with **Simon Albury** from SA to head over to Italy to qualify the **PR2 Mixed 2x** for the Paralympics in Tokyo. This was a very successful journey for the crew. Kathryn's leadership and experience have been inspirational to assist Simon to complete in his first international regatta, and first race in the double scull.

All selected Olympic Team and Underage athletes competed for the Australian Rowing Team, in a World Cup simulation regatta in Adelaide. This was a fantastic learning opportunity for our young athletes as well as our Olympians.

The final adventure for the 2021 season, was the **Pathways 8s competition** that was due to be held in Adelaide in July. The ACT was looking strong for this event. We had Men's and Women's 8s selected and with thanks to **CGS**, we had been able to hold trainings consistently leading into the event. However the competition was then cancelled, due to COVID-19 outbreaks. The experience has set the scene for interstate team trainings for the 2021-2022 season. Tuesday mornings will now be used consistently throughout winter for a variety of U21 and other interstate crews to hit the water.

Our Olympians are all in fantastic shape before the games. Despite having all planned camps and national team activities cancelled for the Paralympic PR3 4+, **Nikki Ayers** has been fantastic throughout this training block and has driven her training with utmost professionalism and resilience. The Men's quad has been consistently near the top of the prognostics and **Kathryn Ross** just keeps going from strength to strength with continual support from **Renae Domaschenz**. I can't wait to see them all in action.

I would like to thank **Alison Creagh**, **Kent Peters**, **Tobias Wehr-Candler** and the Rowing ACT Board, **Sarah Davoren** and **Sally Clark**, and RA and ACTAS for their ongoing support. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first two seasons and I look forward to assisting the ACT rowing community to go from strength to strength.

**Dave Fraumano**  
High Performance Program Head Coach



## **APPENDIX A**

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2020-21

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

**Year ended 30 June 2021**

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## Financial Overview

The pandemic, along with the bushfires, and the subsequent recovery are the dominating profitability influences over 2020 and 2021. 2020 saw a record profit of \$91,747 driven by government business relief and reduced *High Performance* activity. Profit in 2021 fell by 64% to \$33,139, following reduced government business relief payments and restored *High Performance* activity. *General business* profit for 2021 was \$7,385 and \$25,753 for the *High Performance* Program. General Business profit is well below historical levels and with a further drop of \$24K in business continuity payments in 2022, even maintaining a profit will be a challenge under current settings. The performance by business group is analysed below.

	Admin	Development	Events	Marketing	Venue & Facilities	General Business	HP	RACT P&L
	<b>2020-21</b>							
Revenue	125051	2873	70239	2651	3650	204463	265114	469577
Expenses	109424	13911	58129	620	14993	197077	239361	436438
P&L	15626	-11038	12110	2030	-11343	7385	25753	33139
	<b>2019-20</b>							
Revenue	146203	836	62352	5056	0	214448	308956	523403
Expenses	101915	18678	46557	1316	11603	180069	251588	431657
P&L	44288	-17842	15796	3740	-11603	34379	57368	91747
	<b>Change</b>							
	-28662	6804	-3686	-1709	259	-26994	-31614	-58608

**Admin** saw an increase of 7% in member contributions through registration and affiliation fees and a similar increase in seats fees. This was more than offset by business relief payments falling by over \$15K, ongoing salaries increases of around 19% over two years and the effective loss of interest income. Interest has fallen from over \$5k in 2019 to almost nothing, despite bank holdings increasing by around a third over this period.

**Development** is a very small business unit with reduced apparel purchases in 2021.

**Events** was mainly affected by the biennial medal purchases of some \$12K, accompanied by an increase of some \$4k in function expenses. The loss of the \$10k hosting subsidy in 2019 continues to be felt.

**Marketing** is a challenging business area given the competition for sponsorships and under current subdued sporting conditions.

**Venue and Facilities** is chiefly driven by depreciation and repairs and maintenance, with some offsetting grant revenue. By its nature, this business unit will never see a profit.

The 55% fall in **High Performance** profit is a positive sign of a re-invigorated program. There were matched falls of nearly \$27k in revenue and expenses following the 2020 insurance payout for the fleet hail damage and the consequent repairs. Accommodation, airfares and travel costs increased by over \$20K reflecting ongoing activity. The *High Performance* Profit and Loss statement is at Appendix 1.

## Profit and Loss Statement: 2020-2021

Account	2021	2020	Change
<b>Trading Income</b>			
ACTPP	265114	265114	0
Government Business Relief (1)	24390	39886	-15496
Grants (2)	54392	69445	-15053
Insurance payouts (3)	0	26647	-26647
Interest & Dividends (4)	91	4444	-4353
Member Contributions (5)	53082	49623	3459
Member Support	2873	836	2036
Seat Fees	66671	62352	4319
Sponsorship	2560	5056	-2496
Other Revenue	91	0	91
Membership/attendance fees	313	0	313
Total Trading Income	469577	523403	-53827
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>469577</b>	<b>523403</b>	<b>-53827</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Accommodation & Travel (6)	24119	2260	21859
Advertising	529	794	-265
Affiliation Fees Rowing Australia	7184	6592	592
Assistance to Clubs (7)	0	1818	-1818
Audit & Accounting	2658	1936	722
Bad Debts	0	1176	-1176
Boats (3)	18786	43451	-24665
Depreciation	22323	24812	-2489
Elite Athlete Support	4704	6853	-2150
Equipment	3948	10187	-6238
Fees and charges	0	0	0
Lease of Equipment (8)	9495	5100	4395
Functions	6514	3257	3257
Insurance	19321	18393	929
Member Support	0	51	-51
Member Training	612	682	-70
Office (9)	3566	5375	-1809
Regatta (10)	35618	23139	12479
Repairs & Maintenance (11)	7567	491	7077
Representative & Officials' Uniforms (12)	11402	17085	-5682
Staff & Officials	242605	237467	5138
Subsidy ACTPP	6000	6000	0
Telecommunications (12)	2289	6474	-4185
Vehicle	5481	5784	-303
Website Expenses	539	875	-336
Other Expenses	1175	1605	-430
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>436438</b>	<b>431657</b>	<b>4781</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>33139</b>	<b>91747</b>	<b>-58608</b>

## Balance Sheet 30 June 2021

Account	30-Jun-21	30-Jun-20	Difference
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Bank</b>			
Cash Reserve	193,149	343,100	(149,951)
Cheque Account	95,626	132,361	(36,735)
Debit Card	5,735	7,479	(1,744)
Short-term deposit	50,000	0	50,000
Term Deposit	200,000	0	200,000
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>544,510</b>	<b>482,940</b>	<b>61,570</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Accounts Receivable (13)	9,875	21,086	(11,211)
Prepayments (14)	11,345	2,907	8,438
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>21,221</b>	<b>23,994</b>	<b>(2,773)</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(130,761)	(124,149)	(6,612)
Plant & Equipment	308,505	316,207	(7,701)
<b>Total Fixed Assets (15)</b>	<b>177,745</b>	<b>192,058</b>	<b>(14,313)</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>743,475</b>	<b>698,991</b>	<b>44,484</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	6,806	542	6,264
Grants Received in Advance (16)	34,750	28,050	6,700
GST	2,206	3,468	(1,261)
PAYG payable	2,894	3,252	(358)
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>46,657</b>	<b>35,312</b>	<b>11,345</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>46,657</b>	<b>35,312</b>	<b>11,345</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>696,818</b>	<b>663,680</b>	<b>33,139</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Current Year Earnings	33,139	91,747	(58,608)
Retained Earnings	663,680	571,933	91,747
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>696,818</b>	<b>663,680</b>	<b>33,139</b>

## Footnotes to Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet

- (1) Government business relief has terminated and no payments are expected in 2022.
- (2) In 2020 there was a grant of \$17.2K for the purchase of the Nick Garratt double.
- (3) Reflects hail damage to the HP fleet matched by boat repairs.
- (4) Despite increased bank balances, little interest has been paid on our bank holdings.
- (5) Reflects increased affiliation and registration fee collections.
- (6) Mainly reflects restoration of activity under the HP program.
- (7) One-off pandemic assistance.
- (8) Lease of equipment relates to the HP fleet. The cost of the Sykes lease had been reducing for a number of years as it was rolled over at an increasingly depreciated value. The lease was refreshed with WinTech Racing with newer more expensive boats.
- (9) Rowing ACT still enjoys free office accommodation with Rowing Australia resulting in reduced office costs compared to previous years.

<b>Office</b>			
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Diff</b>
Computer	2182	2949	-767
Printing, Postage & Stationary	965	1683	-718
Rent and Utilities	378	705	-326
Other Office Expenses	41	38	2
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>3566</b>	<b>5375</b>	<b>-1809</b>

- (10) The main change in regatta expenses is the biennial purchase of medals.

<b>Regatta</b>			
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Diff</b>
Equipment	8591	9408	-817
Graphic Design	620	473	148
Gifts and Memorabilia	193	0	193
Regatta Expenses	5503	7424	-1922
Services	7353	4317	3036
Trophies, Medals and Prizes	13358	1517	11841
<b>Total Regatta</b>	<b>35618</b>	<b>23139</b>	<b>12479</b>

- (11) Increase mainly results from hazard reduction work at Weston Park pontoons but also box trailer repair.
- (12) Variations reflect the timing of staff turnover and therefore fitting out and their equipping.

- (13) Accounts Receivable may vary up or down at the end of each financial year. It is not the level which is important but the nature of the debts themselves and the length of time they have been outstanding. There were no amounts more than 1 month overdue.
- (14) The prepayments are High Performance advance accommodation bookings.
- (15) There is a small discrepancy between fixed assets in the balance sheet and fixed assets in the depreciation schedule. This is not an error but is governed by Note g) of our *Significant Accounting Policies*. This states that depreciation commences from the time the asset is held ready for use. The capital expenditure on the starting platform has commenced but it is not operational. When it becomes operational, which is expected in the September quarter, then an asset will be created and they will again align.
- (16) Refer to Note a) of *Significant Accounting Policies* below. Revenue is not brought to account until the underlying liability is discharged.

Grants in advance as at 30 June 2021	Remaining Liability
<b>Veteran's grant</b>	<b>5000</b>
<b>Starting platform ACT Government Grant</b>	3300
Less timber brought to revenue	-1864
Less steel brought to revenue	-102
<b>2020CAP042 Residual</b>	<b>1335</b>
<b>Platform Repair and OH&amp;S ACT Government Grant</b>	7600
less fuel storage cabinet	-1684
<b>2021CAP056 residual</b>	<b>5916</b>
<b>Half 2021 core grant</b>	<b>22500</b>
<b>Grants in Advance at 30 June 2021</b>	<b>34750</b>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year ended 30 June 2021

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (ACT)*. The Board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not adjust for 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 stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of the financial statements.

- a) **Accounting Standards:** Accounting standards have been followed closely over time. AASB 15 came into effect for 2020, which relates to Revenue from contracts with Customers & AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities. Its impact would have been to treat grants as revenue even if the obligation had not been discharged. This can lead to unrealistic profit outcomes and obscure future liabilities. To continue to align expenses with the revenue, grants in advance are treated as a liability and will be brought to revenue as the obligation is discharged. As a Not for Profit organisation, AASB 15 is not binding. For clarity, 'grants in advance' have been footnoted to show its composition.
- b) **Cash and Cash Equivalents:** Cash and cash equivalents include deposits held at call with banks and term deposits or other short-term, highly liquid investments.
- c) **Goods and Services Tax (GST):** Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). 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 ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.
- d) **Income:** Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after allowing for any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue. Interest revenue is recognised at the time it is paid. Revenue from membership subscriptions is recognised over the financial year. Grant income is recognised at the time of receipt but, where there are attached conditions, when those conditions are met. (Please refer to footnote 'a'). Donations and bequeaths are generally recognised as revenue when received unless the donations are for a specific purpose recognised by the Board. Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

- e) **Inventories:** No inventories have been held since 2012-13. This mainly reflects the nature of the inventory which has little if any resale value, relating as it does to medals, prizes and representative uniforms.
- f) **Leasehold:** Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation. Fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements, were they to apply, are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.
- g) **Property, Plant and Equipment:** Plant and equipment purchases are treated as capital where an individual item costs \$1,000 or more. All assets are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation or amortisation. All assets are depreciated over their useful lives. The depreciation method and useful life used for items of property, plant and equipment reflects the pattern in which their future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by Rowing ACT. Depreciation commences from the time the asset is held ready for use. The useful lives used for each class of depreciable asset are considered to fall within standard parameters. Standard rates of depreciation have been used for each class of asset. The carrying value of plant and equipment is reviewed annually to ensure it does not exceed the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is assessed as the expected net cash flows that will be received from the asset's employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted in determining recoverable amounts.
- h) **Provisions:** No provisions have been included. Were they to be included, they would be recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits would result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.
- i) **Trade and Other Payables:** Trade and other payables represent the liabilities at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Association that remain unpaid. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. Trade payables are obligations on normal credit terms.
- j) **Trade and Other Receivables:** Trade receivables are recognised initially at the transaction price (i.e. cost) and are subsequently measured at cost less provision for impairment. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets. At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amount of trade and other receivables are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the amounts are not recoverable. If so, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in income and expenditure statement.
- k) **Rounding:** Rounded figures are used including the totals so that the summation of individual figures may result in a small difference to the total.

## Rowing ACT Board's Report

The Board submits the financial report of Rowing ACT Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

### Directors

Board members were:

- Alison Creagh, AM, CSC President
- Deb Styman, Secretary
- Kent Peters, Director of Finance
- Alison Chinn
- Catherine Garrington
- Ben James (part)
- Luke Letcher
- Ben Page
- Neil Smith
- Tobias Wehr-Candler (part and current)

### Principal Activities

- To foster, promote and develop rowing in the ACT.
- Play a strategic role at the national level, in conjunction with Rowing Australia, to promote the sport and to achieve consistency, economies and good governance.
- Organise & conduct regattas and run them equitably.
- Ensure the continued growth and viability of the Boat Racing Official (BRO) network.
- Promote rowing safety.
- Manage talent identification and elite rowing within the ACT in partnership with Rowing Australia and the ACT Academy of Sport.

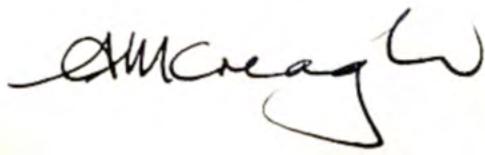
### Significant Changes

The widespread bushfires and impact of the measures taken to stem Covid-19 had dramatic impacts on the rowing community and the on-water delivery of the *High Performance* program within the ACT. 2021 saw a recovery in the delivery of programs but revenue fell as ACT and Commonwealth Government financial assistance tapered off.

## Operating Results

The Rowing ACT profit for the year ended 30 June 2021 was \$33,139, comprising \$7,385 for our General Business and \$25,753 for the High-Performance Program.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board.



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Alison Creagh AM CSC  
(President)

Dated: 1 September 2021



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Kent Peters  
(Director of Finance)

Dated 1 September 2021

# Independent Audit Report to Members of Rowing ACT

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## **Auditor Report on the Financial Report**

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Rowing ACT Association, known as Rowing ACT or the Association in this report, comprising the balance sheet *as at 30 June 2021*, and the income statement, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the Board.

### Board's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board of the Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Notes to the Financial Statements to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act A.C.T. and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Board's responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Notes to the Financial Statements, are appropriate to meet the needs of members. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require compliance with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Board's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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I believe that the audit evidence I obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

#### Independence

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

#### Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Rowing ACT Association presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rowing ACT as of 30 June 2021, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Notes to the Financial Statements to the financial statements.

I note that the Association has well maintained accounting records which have allowed me to review its position and that I received all the necessary assistance to form a considered judgement.



.....  
Stephen Maginnity  
2021

Dated

13 September

BComm (Accountancy), MComm (Professional Accounting), FIPA, FFA

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## Appendix 1 – High Performance Profit and Loss

Account	2021	2020	Change
<b>Trading Income</b>			
ACTPP	265114	265114	0
Grants	0	17195	-17195
Insurance payouts	0	26647	-26647
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>265114</b>	<b>308956</b>	<b>-43842</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>265114</b>	<b>308956</b>	<b>-43842</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Accommodation & Travel	21568	-945	22514
Advertising	0	322	-322
Bad Debts	0	1176	-1176
Boats	15778	38378	-22600
Depreciation	8109	9778	-1668
Elite Athlete Support	4117	6853	-2736
Equipment	1844	3826	-1982
Lease of Equipment	9495	5100	4395
Insurance	9624	10644	-1020
Member Support	0	51	-51
Member Training	612	0	612
Office	757	1988	-1231
Regatta	552	47	505
Repairs & Maintenance	244	313	-70
Representative & Officials' Uniforms	3896	1450	2446
Staff & Officials	155437	161884	-6447
Telecommunications	1844	5065	-3222
Vehicle	5481	5607	-126
Other Expenses	0	50	-50
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>239361</b>	<b>251588</b>	<b>-12228</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>25753</b>	<b>57368</b>	<b>-31614</b>

\* See overall Profit and Loss Report for explanations.

## Appendix 2 – Depreciation Schedule

Asset name	Cost	Opening Value 1-Jul-20	Purchases	Disposals	Depreciation	Closing Value 1-Jun-21
1 SL70.Y Solar Marine light	487	63	0	0	13	<b>50</b>
250LT Safety Cabinet Flammable	1684	0	1684	0	99	<b>1586</b>
3x SL60.Y Solar Marine Light	1150	147	0	0	29	<b>118</b>
4 x SLB600.Y Marker Buoy	663	85	0	0	17	<b>68</b>
4x4 Bow Bimini	1615	146	0	0	29	<b>117</b>
Aluminium Punt (course)	700	203	0	0	20	<b>183</b>
BF60A Honda Motor	9207	64	0	38	25	<b>0</b>
BRO Radios and speakers	882	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Canopy, liner etc	2706	1447	0	0	289	<b>1158</b>
Catamaran Package 1 - Redco Trailer - T5108E	15000	11763	0	0	1470	<b>10293</b>
Catamaran Package 2 - Mayfair trailer - T6760E	15000	11763	0	0	1470	<b>10293</b>
Ergs for veterans indoor rowing program	4765	0	4765	0	658	<b>4107</b>
Generator	1753	25	0	0	10	<b>15</b>
Honda 40 hp motor	6909	547	0	366	180	<b>0</b>
Honda Inverter generator	1545	75	0	0	30	<b>45</b>
HPP Sykes Double	17753	14416	0	0	2883	<b>11532</b>
Nissan Navara - ute/car	29933	12109	0	0	3027	<b>9082</b>
Oartec	4091	2163	0	0	433	<b>1730</b>
PA System	3119	108	0	0	36	<b>72</b>
Pontoon - moorings	45718	31028	0	0	2482	<b>28546</b>
Pontoons - 2012 - Connect-a-Dock	68023	34128	0	0	2730	<b>31397</b>
Pontoons 2018	64949	58615	0	0	3908	<b>54707</b>
Ruffie Tent	3290	1655	0	0	331	<b>1324</b>
Suzuki 15 HP Motor 01504F-911941	3409	2865	0	0	573	<b>2292</b>
Suzuki 15 HP Motor 01504F-912419	3409	2865	0	0	573	<b>2292</b>
Suzuki DF8AS (course)	2818	148	0	0	49	<b>99</b>
Trailer - boat - T2984F	3633	1347	0	0	337	<b>1010</b>
Trailer - boat - Yarramundi - T7793A	1000	83	0	0	21	<b>62</b>
Trailer - box lockable - T7548E	3545	1000	0	0	200	<b>800</b>
Trailer - Resort - T8083F	3900	3201	0	0	400	<b>2801</b>
<b>Total Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>322656</b>	<b>192058</b>	<b>6449</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>22323</b>	<b>175779</b>

Note. Fixed assets on this Depreciation Schedule are \$1965 less than Fixed Assets listed on the balance sheet. This is because capital expenditure has taken place on the building of a start platform but in accordance with our accounting policy, it will not be recognised as an asset until it becomes operational i.e., held ready for use. The platform is due to be operational in the 2021 July Quarter.



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