

2023/24 ANNUAL REPORT



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Notice is hereby given that the 88th Annual General Meeting of the Members of Rowing South Australia Incorporated ("RSA") will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday 19 August 2024 at OAR Café, Rowing SA, 100 Military Rd, West Lakes Shore.

All RSA registered members are welcome to attend.





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VISION AND MISSION



OUR VISION

Connect, Drive, Thrive

OUR MISSION

To grow, lead and develop a safe, inclusive, and sustainable rowing community in South Australia.

OUR VALUES

Respect: Value all contributions and treat each other with kindness.

Integrity: Be accountable, fair, honest, ethical and inspire community confidence.

Diversity: Celebrate the diversity of our people and programs, and value inclusion for all.

Excellence: Support achievement at all levels.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Infrastructure

Improve and maintain facilities and infrastructure to ensure accessibility and sustainability for the future.

- Secure funding to improve the West Lakes facility.
- Work in collaboration with key stakeholders to ensure satellite facilities are fit for purpose.
- Identify, purchase, and maintain equipment.
- Leverage technology to support the operations of Rowing SA.

Governance

Implement good governance principles to ensure compliance and sustainable best practice.

- Identify and optimise revenue sources to ensure financial sustainability and affordability.
- Implement ASC's Good Governance Principles.
- Enhance Board effectiveness through best practice.
- To support clubs in understanding and meeting compliance requirements and best practice governance.

Participation & Performance

Increase participation and revenue streams by offering enjoyable, high-quality, and sustainable programs that enhance retention and support participants in reaching their desired skill levels.

- Create, manage and support programs that are safe, organised and cater for different ability levels and interests.
- Foster pathways for members to progress to high-performance levels and improve connections from schools to clubs.
- Support rowers, coaches, and officials to achieve success in high performance programs.
- Actively connect with both internal and external stakeholders through relevant content, platforms, and timely updates.

People & Culture

Communicate and collaborate with key stakeholders to develop our clubs and people to foster a positive and thriving club culture.

- Support clubs to grow and develop.
- Support the development of our rowers to embrace rowing as a lifelong pursuit.
- Invest in the recruitment, training, retention, and recognition of workforce.
- Develop and maintain strategic partnerships to increase revenue opportunities, enhance programs and drive growth.





Rowing South Australia would like to thank our affiliated clubs for their support during the 2023-24 season.

AFFILIATED CLUBS AND SCHOOLS



ADELAIDE ROWING CLUB



PHOENIX ROWING CLUB



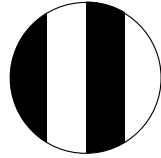
ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB



PORT ADELAIDE ROWING CLUB



BERRI ROWING CLUB



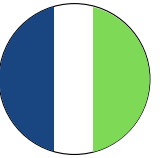
PORT PIRIE ROWING CLUB



GOOLWA ROWING CLUB



REMARK ROWING CLUB



LIMESTONE COAST ROWING CLUB



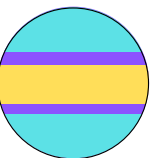
RIVERSIDE ROWING CLUB



MANNUM ROWING CLUB



SCOTCH OLD COLLEGIANS & COMMUNITY ROWING CLUB



MAWSON BOAT CLUB



TAILEM BEND ROWING CLUB



MURRAY BRIDGE ROWING CLUB



TORRENS ROWING CLUB



PEMBROKE MASTERS ROWING CLUB

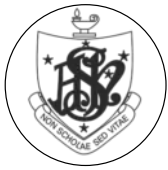


WAIKERIE ROWING CLUB



Rowing South Australia would like to thank our affiliated Schools for their support during the 2023-24 season.

AFFILIATED CLUBS AND SCHOOLS



ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL



SCOTCH COLLEGE



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE



SEYMOUR COLLEGE



LORETO COLLEGE



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLEGE



NORWOOD INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



ST PETER'S COLLEGE



PEMBROKE SCHOOL



ST PETER'S GIRLS' SCHOOL



PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE



UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL



PULTENEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL



WALFORD ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE



WILDERNESS SCHOOL



Rowing South Australia Inc.

Incorporated 10th March 1936

PATRON

Her Excellency the Honorable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia

VICE PATRON

Mayor of the City of Charles Sturt, Angela Evans

PRESIDENT

Phillip Mangelsdorf

VICE PRESIDENTS

Lou Crotti, Michael Eastaughffe, Rod Elleway, Robert Russell, Penny Halliday, Paul Logan, Steve Pennington

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr Greg Keene, Kathryn Presser AM, Shannen Graham, Catherine McDougall, Fearnley Szuster, Anna Tree,
Jo Malcolm, Bill Marmion



GOVERNANCE

Rowing SA follows the governance platform provided by Rowing Australia through the Rowing in Australia Framework and Whole of Sport Policies. As a Member Association, it is our responsibility to be compliant with the Governance Principles and continue to provide the underpinning framework from which rowing in Australian can grow and achieve sustainable success.

Rowing SA adopts the relevant required governance to comply with both the Australian Sports Commission's requirements and good governance principles.

The Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction of Rowing SA and has oversight of its activities. Each member of the Board is elected to serve terms up to 2-years. At least 3 Elected Directors are subject to re-election annually. Once nominations are received, board members are elected by the Rowing SA membership by way of secret ballot conducted at the AGM each year.

The Staff of Rowing SA, led by the CEO, are responsible for the day-to-day management and operation of Rowing SA in achieving the strategic direction set by the Board.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



GREG KEENE | BOARD CHAIR & ELECTED DIRECTOR

Attended 10 of 10 Board meetings

Greg's involvement with rowing began at Pulteney Grammar School, where he competed in both the 2nd and 1st eights. He then went on to coach winning junior and senior crews at Pulteney including the undefeated 1st eight of the 1977 season and was a former Chair of the Pulteney Boat Club Rowing Parents Committee.

Greg is a Foundation Life Member of Rowing SA.

Outside of rowing, Greg founded Sportsmed, which is now the largest sports medicine/specialist/hospital complex in Australia. He recently retired from his practice as a specialist knee surgeon at Sportsmed. Greg's experience as a board member of SCIG Hospitals, Sportsmed (Dep Chair), Pulteney Grammar School (previous Chair) and multiple committee positions covering Finance, Governance, Marketing, Standards and Building Development are among the key qualities that Greg brings to the Rowing SA Board.



KATHRYN PRESSER AM | BOARD DEPUTY CHAIR & ELECTED DIRECTOR

Attended 9 of 10 Board meetings

Kathryn has an extensive background in Executive Roles in several industries including resources, aviation, hospitality, banking, finance and accounting advisory and audit firms. In addition, Kathryn is an active rower at Torrens Rowing Club and former Chair of the Walford Rowing Parents Committee from 2020-2022 after having been actively involved with Walford Rowing for over 10 years.

Notably Kathryn had over 20 years' experience in ASX Top 200 listed Oil and Gas Company – Beach Energy as the Chief Financial Officer / Company Secretary until 2016, where she directed large financing transactions, major capital raising and a number of mergers and acquisitions.

Kathryn was awarded the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2022 Australia Day Awards for her commitment to Accounting and Community.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



FEARNLEY SZUSTER | ELECTED DIRECTOR

Attended 10 of 10 Board meetings

Fearnley has been involved in rowing since his school days at Pulteney Grammar School, continuing his involvement as an athlete at AUBC into the 2000s. Since the early 1980s, he has coached at various South Australian and interstate schools and clubs, as well as coaching both SA and NSW state teams, with many of his rowers gaining national selection and becoming national standard coaches.

Fearnley is a Foundation Life Member, and was previously the Treasurer of the SA Rowing Association and more recently, he has been a SA State Team Selector.

Professionally, Fearnley is a retired statistician with an honours degree in mathematical statistics, a masters degree in Applied Social Research, national statistical accreditation and a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society. He was employed in the SA and National Governments before working for over 20 years as a health statistician at Adelaide University. In his professional background as a statistician, he has shown that he has an independent mind, combined with a thoughtful and diligent work ethic.

In his role as a SA State Team Selector, he has demonstrated that he is able to fulfil the obligations and duties of an elected Director to the Board of Rowing SA.



SHANNEN GRAHAM | ELECTED DIRECTOR

Attended 7 of 10 Board meetings

Shannen has been working in an Accounting Practice for 10 years and has been CA qualified for 7 years and has learnt skills such as management of workflow, clients and team members, teamwork and communication. It is not just the numbers in accounting that she enjoys, Shannen's passion lies in analysing the reports and assisting clients in understanding what this means to their business, how to budget, and most importantly how to grow their business and meet their goals.

While she has not been involved in rowing personally, Shannen competed at a national level in equestrian (horse riding) for 10 years. This sport taught her to understand the real meaning behind discipline and allows her to appreciate the dedication and hard work involved in a high-level sport such as rowing. Shannen has not just applied her financial knowledge, but also the other skills she has learnt along the way to the Board of Rowing SA and has contributed positively to the growth and development of the sport.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



CATHERINE MCDUGALL | ELECTED DIRECTOR

Attended 10 of 10 Board meetings

Catherine developed a passion for rowing at Wilderness School as schoolgirl. This passion grew as she became a coach where she found her true love of the sport in inspiring the next generation. As a coach Cath believes in fairness, optimism and teamwork. With these values she has been successful in working and running school programs and recently stepped down from her role as the Head of Rowing at Seymour College.

Cath has been involved in the South Australian rowing community through the Pathway and State Teams from 2014 until 2019. She has also been a member of the Adelaide Rowing Club Committee for the last 3 years.

It is through Cath's varied involvement that she is able to provide the link between the South Australian Directors of Rowing and the Rowing South Australia Board. This helps support our athletes throughout their rowing journey, whether it be at state level, school level or club level.



BILL MARMION | ELECTED DIRECTOR

Attended 5 of 10 Board meetings

Bill graduated from Murdoch University 1979 with BSc in Veterinary Biology and graduated in 1981 with Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and & Surgery. In 1990 completed post-graduate study and examination to become a member of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists. He has also become a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors by examination.

Dr Marmion is a founding partner of HorsemadSA, which under his leadership and management, has grown to 14 veterinarians. With over 40 years of extensive business experience and Directorship of many boards Dr. Marmion has founded and developed many companies in addition to his Veterinary business and he is still involved in a Barossa Winery and a Distillery in Brompton.

He rowed as a schoolboy culminating in winning the 1976 Head of the River (the last on the Torrens) and has continued rowing over the last 15 years by competing in State, National and World masters Regattas. He is a life member and previously the treasurer of Riverside Rowing Club and a life member of the Blackmore Club.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



JOANNE MALCOLM | ELECTED DIRECTOR

Attended 9 of 10 Board meetings

Jo has been an engaged member of the South Australian rowing community over the past 20 years. Beginning at Pulteney Grammar School in the 2000s, she has represented school, club (Adelaide University Boat Club and Phoenix Rowing Club) and State as a rower at both state and national competitions.

Jo is an active athlete and coach in South Australia, and has connections with the club, school and masters communities. She has also worked at an administration level at both Rowing SA and Rowing Australia from 2018-2022 within communications and development.

Employed as the Rowing Coordinator at Adelaide High School and a qualified Secondary School Teacher, Jo has a vested interest in young people in the community and providing a strong environment that supports the transition of athletes from school to club rowing. She has a passion for athlete retention and inclusion in all programs, with pathways for athletes at a social, club and elite level.



ANNA TREE | APPOINTED DIRECTOR

Appointed November 2022

Attended 9 of 10 Board meetings

Anna has a detailed understanding of the development of the sport of rowing locally, nationally & internationally across almost 30 years of involvement, particularly as it relates to girls & women, school rowing, masters & para-rowing. She has medalled at various Junior World Championships as both an athlete and as a coach.

Anna currently works for SA Health, and in the past has worked for the Minister for Health and Wellbeing, the Office of Hon Kelly Vincent MLC, Dignity for Disability, and the Australian Democrat SA Parliament. Her experience working in politics brings very high level policy and strategy development and consultation skills.

STAFF AND OFFICE BEARERS

CEO
ANDREW SWIFT

OPERATIONS MANAGER
CHRISTINE NEWBERRY

REGATTA OPERATIONS MANAGER
BEC LANNAN

FINANCE OFFICER
TONI RYAN

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE
BARNY CUNDELL
TIM WARD

COURSE MANAGER
BRETT RALPH

ROWING AUSTRALIA COUNCILLOR - SA
FEARNLEY SZUSTER

ROWING SA AUDITOR
BENTLEYS

STATE TEAM SELECTION PANEL
NICK MITCHELL (HEAD COACH)
BRYNLEY MILLWARD
EMMA HALL-CRAGGS

ATHLETE COMMISSIONERS
ANNA TREE
FEARNLEY SZUSTER

**MASTERS STATE TEAM
SELECTION PANEL**
ANNA TREE
PHILLIP MANGELSDORF

HONORARY & FINANCIAL LIFE MEMBERS

(*DECEASED)

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

1929	Marcus J P *	1960	Bollen J H *	1974	Coldwell G D OAM*
	Wallman R H *		Botroff A A *		
	Sharp J J *				
	Kitson J *		1961		Forwood K B*
	Clouston J H *				
	Gepp C A *		1963		Pennington H G *
	Goss J H *				
	Grayson A J *		1965		Lodge F N *
1938	Grummet L T *	1967	Laughton B C*		
				1981	Draper B S OAM
1950	Amiel C *	1969	Clarke R D*		
	Baumann C *			1984	Carter R D *
	Menz H V *	1970	Southcott A L *		Webb R S *
	Butterworth C R *				
		1971	Higgs E*	2001	Russell R J
1952	Qurban T K*				Watts R F *
		1973	Baulderstone D *		
				2005	Southcott L AM

ROWING SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2012	Ward T J	2017	Halliday P
2013	Eastaughffe M P	2021	Cundell B M
			Talbot J K
2014	Pennington R T (Bob) *	2022	Clayton D E
			Cheesman R D AM
			Elleway R F





FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBERS

(*DECEASED)

Amiel C W *	Coldwell G D*	Elleway R F	Jarvis R F	Madsen K *
Anderson J	Collins N M	Emery C P	Jeffries P W *	Magarey M
Baciarelli V *	Cooper C	Evans M J *	Jeffries P C	Maguire G
Baumann C *	Crompton D O	Farrar G C	Jones A G	Mangelsdorf P
Beauchamp H J *	Crotti L R	Ferris F R	Keane P J	Mangelsdorf J
Bertram K R	Cudmore P D *	Fitzgerald R	Keene G	Mannum RC
Birks P J	Cudmore PM *	Footer G L	Kernot G J	(President)
Black R C	Culver R	Gardiner L H	Keynes R J *	Mathews R M P *
Blank J	Cummins L	Gebhardt P	Keynes G R	Mathews C S
Blank P W	Cundell B M	Giacchino P	Keynes R B	McCabe D M
Bodger R A	Cyclone K M	Gibson R J	Krichauf G F *	McCoy J W
Bollen J H *	Dalton B F	Gigney R P	Kutcher D B	McCoy W K*
Bolt J W	Dankbaar W *	Gill R C	Lang R	McCullough P A
Bond B T *	Dankbaar R	Glazbrook D	Langlois L R *	McIlwain J F
Booth R	Davies D *	Goldsworthy W R	Langlois S	McLean A K
Borman N W	Davis A *	Goodenough L S	Lansen C T *	McLoughlin M A
Bradley R *	Davis L S	Gregory A J *	Lawrence R G	McNiel G
Brice C	Delbridge R M	Grummet L T *	Lenihan W *	McQuillan A F
Brooks D E *	Diben F A	Guterres E *	Lickie W J	Mead R
Brown T	Dickson P R	Hamilton I	Lippis L	Meathrel R R
Burchell G R	Dorsch A W	Hannaford B D *	Lippis A U	Melbourne G
Burfield G D	Douglas S J	Harrison S J	Lippis M P	Menz W O *
Burgess E F	Draper J W	Harrison J C *	Lippis D J	Menz W J *
Burgoine G	Draper B S	Harvey D J *	Lippis N	Menz H V *
Buys K	Draper M A	Haynes F K	Lockwood J D *	Michell E
Calandro R	Draper M G	Haynes T	Lodge F M *	Milne F K *
Campbell R M	Dring M	Hebblewhite G K *	Lohmeyer R A *	Mitchell P G *
Carroll L V	Duncan H J	Hebblewhite M	Lohmeyer M J	Mobbs B
Carter D R *	Dunn J A	Henderson D W	Lord P A *	Moore R L*
Carter R D *	Earl D	Higgins J M	Lott C W	Moore B J
Cheesman R D	Earl W D *	Hislop D	Lowe A	Morelli P *
Cheesman D T	Eastaughffe M	Holland R F	Lowen G T	Morphett H C *
Cheesman W D	Eaton F *	Horlin-Smith B M	MacDonald C G	Morrison E M *
Christensen D	Edmonds F R *	Howell R E	MacKenzie B M	Morton W L *
Clayton D E	Edmonds D B	Hughes J L	MacKenzie R W *	Motteram J P *
Clode G D*	Edwards J R	Humble D S *	Mackie H K	Mould R G
Coldwell R K *	Edwards M J	Hussey D J	Madsen C	Muecke T R
Coldwell K L	Elleway S F	Ingham J C *	Madsen C T *	Muscat J J

FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBERS

(*DECEASED)

Muscat A C	Quigley J D	Smith J A	Wade D *
Neall D	Quigley F	Smith R	Walker P T
Nurk A *	Quigley P A	Smith G B	Wallman R H
Ninnis W K	Quigley G C	Southcott B P	Ward J*
O'Brien F G	Ramsay A T	Southcott L AM	Ward T J
Osis M	Ramsay J K	Southcott A L *	Warne R J
Osman R V	Ramsay A J	Southcott E K	Watts R F *
PAC (Headmaster)	Raymond D	Steer P G	Watts W *
PARC (President)	Resting Rowers Consortium	Sullivan T D	Way K *
Parham A J *	Richards R C	Swan D *	Webb R *
Parr A W	Richardson R W *	Szuster F S	Welch J*
Parsons B	Roberts B	Talbot N	West Lakes Ltd
Pearce J L *	Robertson B W	Thewlis P	White D J
Pembroke (Headmaster)	Roosken H A	Thomas E G	Whiteford J W
Phillipson E	Rose S A *	Thornquest C	Whiteford A D
Place B	Rowe J A *	Tolley S W	Williams C *
Pike H R	Runge C E *	Trickett A *	Williams D
Potter R B *	Russell I W	Trinne D J	Williams J K
Potter R W	Russell R J	Trowbridge D E	Willia Wills W J
Potter M I	Sarah D	Turnbill R K	Winter N W *
Prescott R C	Scroop I M	Turnbull J M	Woodhead Hall et al
Prescott C B	Sellick J G *	Union of Old Oarsmen	Wride R H J
Price E A	Simmons D	(President)	Young W S
Prior G	Simpson R	Unley High (Headmaster)	
Puddy A G	Skuce F C	Vahl Meyer E	



RSA ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

PREMIRESHIPS

MEN'S PREMIERSHIP (WEST END TROPHY)	ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB
WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP (FLORENCE EATON TROPHY)	ADELAIDE ROWING CLUB
MASTERS MEN'S PREMIERSHIP	ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB
MASTERS WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP	ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB
COUNTRY MEN'S PREMIERSHIP	MURRAY BRIDGE ROWING CLUB
COUNTRY WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP	MURRAY BRIDGE ROWING CLUB
SCHOOLBOY'S PREMIERSHIP	PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE
SCHOOLGIRL'S PREMIERSHIP	SEYMOUR COLLEGE

ROWING SA AWARDS

MEN'S SA ROWER OF THE YEAR	JED ALTSCHWAGER (TRC/SASI)
WOMEN'S ROWER OF THE YEAR	OLYMPIA ALDERSEY (ARC/NTC)
PARA MEN'S CHAMPION	JED ALTSCHWAGER (TRC/SASI)
PARA WOMEN'S CHAMPION	NOT AWARDED 2024
SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPION	HUGO WURM (AUBC)
SENIOR WOMEN'S CHAMPION	MIEKA WEBB (ARC)
JUNIOR MEN'S CHAMPION	FINN REDMAN (AHS)
JUNIOR WOMEN'S CHAMPION	GIA RINALDI (WILDERNESS SCHOOL)
MASTERS MEN'S CHAMPION	KEVIN TANKARD (TRC)
MASTERS WOMEN'S CHAMPION	SYMONNE ELLIS (TRC)
CHAMPION MALE COXSWAIN	NICK MITELOUDIS (PAC)
CHAMPION FEMALE COXSWAIN	MADDISON NEWLAND (AUBC)
CHAMPION SCHOOLBOY CREW	SCOTCH COLLEGE YEAR 10A 4x+
CHAMPION SCHOOLGIRL CREW	SEYMOUR COLLEGE 1ST 8+
COACH OF THE YEAR	SAM MORTON (AUBC)
BOAT RACE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR	DR RICHARD SAWERS AM
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR	GRAHAM MARKHAM
COMMUNITY CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR	ANNSLEY KERR (TRC)



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Photo: SPC



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INTERSTATE TEAM

QUEENS CUP - WOMEN'S 8+

Emma Venus (Cox) Scotch College	Ella Bramwell ARC/SASI
Georgina Taeger ARC	Joyce Jollands ARC
Olympia Aldersey ARC/SASI/NTC	Mieka Webb ARC
Victoria Binns AUBC	Anna Collins ARC
Celia Cowan ARC	Christine MacLaren (Coach) SASI
Erica Webb ARC (Reserve)	Ron Mobbs (Coach) ARC



Place: 5th
Time: 6:45.19



Place: 3rd
Time: 5:42.99

KINGS CUP - MEN'S 8+

Maddy Newland (Cox) AUBC	Alex Hill OAM ARC/SASI/NTC
Angus Dawson ARC/SASI/NTC	Mitchell Reinhard ARC/SASI
Adam Holland ARC/SASI	Ross Hamilton AUBC
Thomas Liubinas TRC	Oscar McGuinness ARC/SASI
Nick Blackman AUBC/SASI	Sam Morton (Coach) AUBC
Oscar Moore AUBC (Reserve)	

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INTERSTATE TEAM

BICENTENNIAL CUP - WOMEN'S YOUTH 8+

Sophia Tayeb (Cox) Wilderness School	Daisy Holland Seymour College
Grace Barrera Seymour College	Zara Hoadley AUBC / SASI
Deanna Macolino AUBC / SASI	Felicity Cox Unley High School
Tamara Bates Unley High School	Caroline McNally AUBC / SASI
Poppy O'Mahony Pembroke School	Christine MacLaren (Coach) SASI
Fearne Rosenbauer Loreto College (Reserve) Emily Laing Loreto College (Reserve)	Jo Francou (Coach) Seymour College



Place: 5th
Time: 6:53.56



Place: 4th
Time: 5:58.94

YOUTH NOEL WILKINSON CUP - MEN'S YOUTH 8+

Anand Holloway (Cox) St Peter's College	Jake Nesbitt AUBC
Adam Holland ARC / SASI	Edward Chipperfield AUBC
Henry Belcher AUBC / SASI	Jasper Boyce AUBC / SASI
Max Henry AUBC	Arthur Drayton AUBC
Jude Schirmer AUBC / SASI	Brigette Carlile (Coach) St Peter's College
Cooper Hoskin ARC / SASI (Reserve)	
Finn Redman Adelaide High School (Reserve)	

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INTERSTATE TEAM

PENRITH CUP

Hugo Wurm
AUBC

Thomas Osborn
Unley High School

Joshua Lasscock
ARC (Reserve)

Kyle Miller
AUBC

Beacher Ross
AUBC

Brenton Terrell
(Coach) Norwood
International High
School



Place: 6th
Time: 6:28.28



Jed Altschwager
TRC/SASI

PR3 Mix

Place: 1st
Time: 7:48.88

Christine MacLaren
(Coach) SASI

PRESIDENT'S CUP Mix

Alex Hill OAM
ARC/SASI/NTC

Place: 1st
Time: 6:59.61

Nick Mitchell
(Coach) SASI



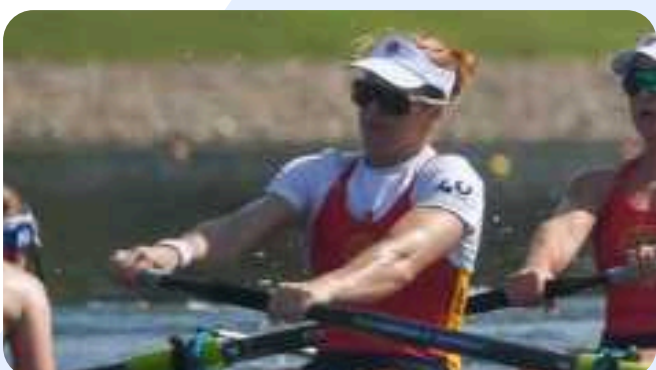
NELL SLATTER W1x

Place: SCR

Ella Bramwell
ARC/SASI

Nick Mitchell
(Coach) SASI

Ron Mobbs
(Coach) ARC



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PATHWAY STATE TEAM



WOMEN'S EIGHT

ELEANOR ARUNDELL

SCOTCH COLLEGE

ELEANOR NETTLEFOLD

UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL

FEARNE ROSENBAUER

LORETO COLLEGE MARRYATVILLE

FELICITY COX

UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL

GIA RINALDI

WILDERNESS SCHOOL

MARJORIE TUCKER

WILDERNESS SCHOOL

POPPY O'MAHONY

PEMBROKE SCHOOL

TAMARA BATES

UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL

COX: JAMES APPLEBY

SCOTCH COLLEGE

MEN'S EIGHT

ALEX LEE

PEMBROKE SCHOOL

HUNTER INGHAM

ST PETER'S COLLEGE

LAURENCE ANDERSON

ST PETER'S COLLEGE

MARCUS PICKARD

ST PETER'S COLLEGE

NATE LESSUE

UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL

NICKOLAS HALOULOS

NORWOOD INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

OLIVER EVANS-WOOD

NORWOOD INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

THOMAS OSBORN

UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL

COX: TIM SILCOCK

ST PETER'S COLLEGE



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PATHWAY STATE TEAM



WOMEN'S QUAD

GEORGIA TWELFTREE

UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL

MIA CHAPMAN

PEMBROKE SCHOOL

OLIVIA MASTERS

WALFORD ANGLICAN SCHOOL

STELLA SPALVINS

SCOTCH COLLEGE

MEN'S QUAD

BLAINSON BLAAUW-ROBINSON

SCOTCH COLLEGE

NICHOLAS CHRISTENSEN

PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE

SEBASTIAN WILLIS-HELL

PEMBROKE SCHOOL

THOMAS KING

SCOTCH COLLEGE



PATHWAY COACHES

CHRISTINE MACLAREN

SASI

HEAD COACH

THOMAS BERESFORD

ST PETER'S COLLEGE

PM8+

TOM MERRIGAN

SCOTCH COLLEGE

PM4x

DANIEL RALPH

UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL

PW8+ | PW4x

JON TROVAS

WILDERNESS SCHOOL

PW8+ | PW4x

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MASTERS STATE TEAM

Our Masters State team competed at Lake Barrington in Tasmania. Competing with over 800 Masters athletes from all over Australia. The feature events were the Interstate races where the SA men's and women's coxed eights defended their Interstate titles.

The men's victory is the first time any SA State rowing crew has won four in a row in Interstate rowing. The race saw the SA crew only able to break clear of the field in the last 300 metres to win by 2.80 seconds in a time of 2minutes 57.61seconds from NSW.

The SA Women's Masters eight won by over a boat length, in a time of 3minutes 23seconds. 3.28 seconds ahead of NSW who finished in 2nd place, then 2.80 seconds back to Qld, and the Victorian crew in 4th position.

We are incredibly proud of the dedication and hard work displayed by our state team members and look forward to seeing their continued success in the future. We would like to thank all of our State Team Selectors, State Team Coaches, ombudsman and volunteers who have played a crucial role in helping our state team achieve their goals.

Rowing South Australia is committed to providing our athletes with the support and resources they need to succeed, and we are excited to see what the future holds for rowing in 2025.

MASTERS WOMENS EIGHT

Alisha Berginetti (cox)
Symonne Ellis
Alison Smith
Angie Francou
Chris Bursill
Jo Malcolm
Kate Tebneff
Natasha Vassos
Susi Ross

Coaches: Daren Potts and Jo Malcolm



Place: 1st

Time: 3:23.53



Place: 6th

Time: 3:43.67

MASTERS WOMENS QUAD

Collette Barry
Kate Holland
Melanie Innes

Robyn Grey-Gardner

Coaches: Daren Potts and Jo Malcolm

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MASTERS STATE TEAM

MASTERS MENS EIGHT

Bonnie White (cox)
Alex Silz
Bill Natt
David McLeod
Greg Walters
Kevin Tankard
Ross Hamilton
Thomas Liubinas
Uwe Dombrowski

Coaches: Rob Cheesman and John Bentley
Reserves: Andrew Tidemann and Ryan Thomas



Place: 1st
Time: 2:57.61



Place: 4th
Time: 3:12.94

MASTERS MENS QUAD

Anthony Lee
Damien Derlique
Nick McDonald
Rob Ellis

Coaches: Rob Cheesman and John Bentley
Reserve: Matt Russell



REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF ROWING SA

Board & Staff

It is an absolute honour for me to be your RSA Board Chair. Thank You. More importantly I wish to give my very sincere thanks to our Board members – Shannen Graham, Jo Malcolm, William (Bill) Marmion, Catherine McDougall, Kathryn Presser, Fearnley Szuster and Anna Tree. Kathryn has been superb as Deputy Board Chair. Similarly, our CEO Andrew Swift with his staff, Bec Lannan & Christine Newberry work tirelessly on your behalf. In fact in my long experience with Boards, CEO's and business staff, we have a group of people running our sport that are simply the best: very skilled, very committed and a delight to work with. Please always show them the respect and gratitude they deserve. For a variety of important reasons, both Shannon and Bill are unable to continue on the Board and we all wish the best in their future and say thanks.

Subcommittees

Our committees and their members also work very hard for our sport. The 5 committees are Finance, Audit & Risk: Environment, Social & Governance: Masters: Clubs & Schools: Inclusion, Diversity & Wellbeing. Fearnley as South Australia's Councilor representative on the Rowing Australia Council reports on national matters to the Board. Thanks all.

Volunteers & BRO's

Our sport would not exist without this very important group. On behalf of all of you I say a very big thanks. Please everyone make sure you always show how much you appreciate them and show respect for their work and decisions.

Rowers congrats

Season 2023/24 has seen a lot of great racing at all levels of our sport. Naturally we in SA need to feel very proud of our Masters rowers' achievements on the national stage being 2 times National 8+ Women's Champions and 4 times National 8+ Men's Champions in consecutive years. Congratulations to the rowers, coaches and supporters. I am on the RA Masters Commission and the other states truly envy our success.

RSA Strategic plan

We recently completed the development of a new 2024-27 Strategic Plan. The Plan has been developed through consultation with relevant stakeholders including the Rowing SA Board and Staff, Clubs, Schools and members. The strategic review process has highlighted the need for increased engagement and communication by Rowing SA and the rowing community and the need to inform its members of the successful initiatives that are already being undertaken across the community. It has also identified where Rowing SA needs to improve its key offerings and where it needs to dedicate resources.

We are appreciative of the constructive feedback received during the consultation phase which will shape the future focus of our sport. Our current and future members are our priority to ensure that our sport and its offerings exceed their expectations. Rowing SA will lead the delivery of our strategies as a community by instilling our values into everything we do.

We encourage our Rowing SA community to engage with this 4-year plan so we can collectively create a safe, inclusive and sustainable rowing community in South Australia.



REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF ROWING SA

Sponsors

Our Corporates Partners are: Perfect Balance Rowing, Eastern Equity Insurance Brokers, Nelson Teamwear, Statewide Plumbing & Maintenance. Our Official Partners are: Fulham Funerals, Gentle Touch Orthodontics, Hayley Turner (Harris Real Estate), Matrix Solar Solutions, Mosaic Hotel, Phoenix Lending, Seaton & Largs Bay Swim School, Tapp Electrical and Tweak Physio. Thank you to all these rowing supporters. Please use their services/product when you can.

Redevelopment plans

The West Lakes RSA facility is nearing 50 years old and is in need of an upgrade. We are very excited to inform the rowing community that the Board has established a Redevelopment Committee, and it has been quite active already in progressing this much needed upgrade which will be a major project for the future of rowing in SA. We will keep you informed so 'watch this Space' on our new home.

RA Strategic Meeting

In June 2024, Andrew Swift, Fearnley Szuster and I attended the RA Strategic Forum in Brisbane to represent RSA. It was an education for me to gain further knowledge of how RA works and interrelates with the States. It became more obvious how the division of responsibility between RA and the State bodies (RSA) was clearer to me and works well. The meeting was cordial, and no states had any major negatives with RA. I spent some time talking with Sarah Cook (RA CEO) regarding our new responsibilities for Coastal Rowing and Indoor Rowing. I think with Sarah and the new RA Board Chair Stephen Donnelley, the future of rowing in Australia is solid.

Finally

I wish to reassure all South Australian athletes and supporters that we (your Board and Office Staff), do welcome and seriously consider all your respectful questions and suggestions, AND we are absolutely united in our desire and obligations to work hard to make rowing even more popular than it is today. It is the world's best team sport for Women and Men of all ages.

Dr Greg Keene

Rowing SA Board Chair (on behalf of our Board and Office Staff).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Rowing SA's competitive membership has been steadily growing every year and it became apparent in the 2022/23 season that some of our regattas had reached their capacity. If we progressed under the traditional regatta season schedule and continued experiencing membership growth, the experience of our competitors would rapidly decline. With several significant changes made last season to address these challenges, it was pleasing to see the acceptance and positive feedback from the 2023/24 season.

The updates to the premiership points system was another important aspect needing improvement, and these changes addressed the equalisation between our different competitive categories and harnessed the premiership points system as an incentive mechanism. I would like to thank our new sponsor for the Senior Premiership Series, Perfect Balance Rowing for their significant contribution in raising the profile of our Premiership Series.

Overall, our membership numbers remain steady. I thank all clubs, schools and members for working with Rowing SA during these well needed changes, and in achieving the season's results.

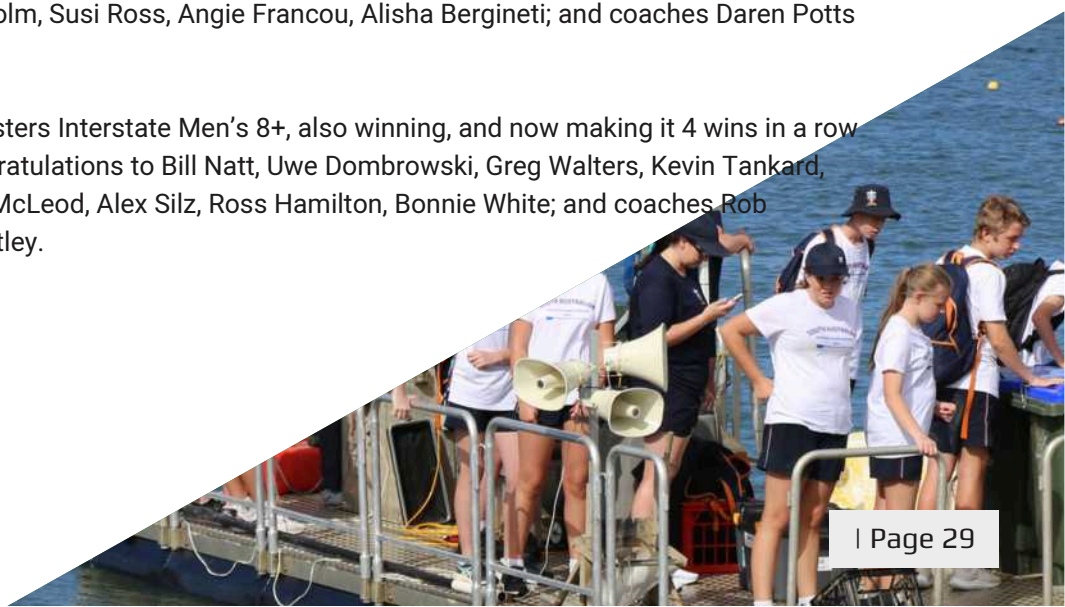
The continued commitment and dedication of our volunteers throughout the season is inspiring and appreciated. We have hundreds of people from our sport who volunteer every week, and their support has not been unnoticed – thank you. I would also like to acknowledge the Board members and the staff at Rowing SA, through Bec Lannan, Christine Newberry, Toni Ryan, Lili Keene and Brett Ralph for going above and beyond in delivering the services to our members.

Jed Altschwager and Nikki Ayers, with the support of their coach Christine MacLaren have been training for the Paris Paralympic Games as the Australian PR3 Mixed Double Scull out of West Lakes for well over a year. It has been an amazing opportunity for our community to be a part of their pathway to Paris. They are remarkable athletes, and their recent outstanding achievements include:

- 2023 World Rowing Para Crew of the Year after a stunning 2023 season.
- Twice they broke the World Best Time.
- Gold at the 2024 World Rowing Cup 3 Regatta.

South Australia saw many successes from our community throughout the season, including:

- Adelaide University Boat Club finishing 2nd on the medal table from the 2024 Australian Masters Rowing Championships and Torrens Rowing Club finishing in 11th position.
- The South Australian Masters Interstate Women's 8+, winning their event, making it a back-to-back performance. Congratulations to Alison Smith, Kate Tebneff, Natasha Vassos, Symonne Ellis, Christina Bursill, Jo Malcolm, Susi Ross, Angie Francou, Alisha Berginetti; and coaches Daren Potts and Jo Malcolm.
- The South Australian Masters Interstate Men's 8+, also winning, and now making it 4 wins in a row for South Australia. Congratulations to Bill Natt, Uwe Dombrowski, Greg Walters, Kevin Tankard, Thomas Liubinas, David McLeod, Alex Silz, Ross Hamilton, Bonnie White; and coaches Rob Cheesman and John Bentley.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

South Australia many successes continued:

- The South Australian Pathway Men's Quad, Women's Eight and Women's Quad, all winning their events at the 2024 Interstate Pathway Regatta. Well done to Eleanor Arundell, Eleanor Nettelold, Fearne Rosenbauer, Felicity Cox, Gia Rinaldi, Marjorie Tucker, Poppy O'Mahony, Tamara Bates, James Appleby, Blainson Blaauw-Robinson, Nicholas Christensen, Sebastian Willis-Hell, Thomas King, Georgia Twelftree, Mia Chapman, Olivia Masters, Stella Spalvins; and coaches Christine MacLaren, Tom Beresford, Tom Merrigan, Daniel Ralph and Jon Trovas.
- The 2024 Australian Rowing Championships saw 17 South Australian athletes winning GOLD, 53 athletes winning SILVER, and 26 athletes winning a BRONZE medal.
- In the 2024 Interstate Regatta, there were Gold medal performances from Jed Altschwager, Alex Hill OAM, and a Bronze from the South Australian Kings Cup coxed Eight, made up of, Nick Blackman, Oscar McGuinness, Thomas Liubinas, Ross Hamilton, Adam Holland, Mitch Reinhard, Angus Dawson, Alexander Hill OAM, Maddison Newland; and coach Sam Morton.
- 13 South Australian's were selected in Australian Teams, including:
 - Senior Australian Team: Olympia Aldersey, Molly Goodman, Angus Dawson, Alex Hill OAM, Jed Altschwager, and Christine MacLaren.
 - Australia A Team: Ella Bramwell, Oscar McGuinness, and Mitch Reinhard.
 - Australian Under 23 Team: Nick Blackman, Jeremy Beale and Nick Mitchell.
 - Australian U19 Team: Alex Williams.

There have been many other success stories along the way, including many competitors who did not win, but achieved a personal best, did better than their previous race, or who simply completed the racing distance. We share our congratulations to you on your personal achievements.

We look forward to welcoming all new board members who are successful in their election at the 2024 AGM and I thank outgoing Board members Shannen Graham and Bill Marmion for their significant contributions. I acknowledge and thank the Board for putting themselves forward to serve the diverse needs of our community and to ensure the sport grows and complies with all required governance standards.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK

The audited financial statements are available for all members to view. The association remains in a strong position, however with an ageing facility at West Lakes Shore it is critical that the revenue generated by the facility continues to be invested back into the asset.

With this, it is important to draw your attention to Note 1(e) of the Financial Report. The buildings and structural improvements have historically been depreciated over 100 years at 1% of original cost. During our planning discussions with the auditors, it was raised that the useful life was too long with possible replacements likely within the next 10 years. Rowing SA determined that the remaining written down value of the buildings and structural improvements should be depreciated at 10% on a diminishing value basis. This therefore increased the depreciation expense from \$24,426 to \$195,979 and caused a deficit of \$75,178 to be reported. It is likely future deficits will also be incurred due to this change in depreciation rate.

At the 2023 AGM, I presented the 2024 budgeted result to be a \$55,000 surplus and a \$155,000 cash profit. Due to the significant change to the depreciation value, we report a deficit of (\$75,178). However, with the 'depreciation, amortisation and impairment' amount of (\$271,250) considered, Rowing SA generated a cash profit of \$196,072 for 2024.

This result shows that the association has been managing its expenses extremely well in what is a challenging financial environment with increasing costs to many of the services it engages with.

The committee has updated the Delegations Policy and has formatted its reporting through Xero over the past 12-months to increase operating efficiencies. There have been several Policies and Procedures that have been implemented and reviewed over the past 12-months, not just finance related. More are needed for review over the next 12-months to maintain compliance.

Rowing SA continues its partnership with Eastern Equity Insurance Brokers, who provides Rowing SA and its members with a superior insurance program. We did however seek another quote from V-Insurance to ensure that our statewide insurance program is the best and most cost effective it can be. We will therefore be continuing discussions with V-Insurance as we progress to the next Policy renewal in May 2025.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

We remain committed to ensuring that the infrastructure at West Lakes is well positioned to meet the needs of rowing into the future.

Through the Facility Sub-committee, several important discussions have taken place over the past 12-months which will help the Board reach a decision on the best direction to take for the future of the facility and for the benefit of the sport and its members.

Rowing SA continues to manage and make extensive use of its property at West Lakes, and the Alex Ramsay Regatta Course for year-round rowing and other activities. The non-rowing activities include Canoeing, Dragon Boating, Triathlon, Surf Life Saving and Open Water Swimming. Additionally, over the past 12-months over 15,000 school students used the facility as part of the West Lakes Aquatic Centre program (under the State Government's Department of Education & Child Development) – a tenant at Rowing SA's West Lakes facility.

Thank you to Brett Ralph, Barny Cundell, Peter Young, Dennis Cooper and Tim Ward for their assistance in the maintenance and in completing ongoing tasks at the West Lakes facility.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

PARTNERSHIPS & COMMUNICATIONS

Rowing South Australia is extremely grateful for the continued support and partnerships that we have with various organisations. Our stakeholders play a crucial role in helping us achieve our goals and to promote the sport. Rowing SA is committed to supporting all members of the rowing community, including grassroots rowers, regional clubs, school rowers, indoor rowers, coastal rowing, elite rowers, para rowers, and our volunteers.

Through our partnerships we can generate the required funds to develop our sport further, while promoting our partnerships with our members. By supporting Rowing SA, sponsors have access to a range of advantages, from increased brand visibility at local, national and international competitions. Sponsors can leverage this exposure to reach a broader and more diverse audience. Our elite athletes are among the best athletes in the world and our partners have the opportunity to associate their brand with excellence, dedication, and success.

Rowing is a resource-intensive sport, requiring specialised equipment, coaching, and facilities. Sponsorship funds can help Rowing SA access the resources we need to support the rowing community and help with growth and development of the sport.

Thank you to our key corporate sponsors Eastern Equity Insurance Brokers, Nelson Teamwear, Perfect Balance Rowing and Statewide Plumbing and Maintenance. Our official partners are Drakes Supermarkets, Fulham Funerals, Gentle Touch Orthodontics, Hayley Staltari, Largs Bay and Seaton Swim Centres, Phoneix Lending, Matrix Solar Solutions, Tapp Electrical, Tweak Physio and the Mosaic Hotel.

Our partnership with Surf Life Saving SA continues with the provision of on-water safety at our major regattas, and expanded to first aid coverage on the land at our State Championship regatta. Thank you to the team at Surf Life Saving SA.

Rowing SA also thanks the State Government through the Office of Recreation, Sport & Racing, along with the Department of Planning, Transport & Infrastructure who continue to provide funding and support to maintain our operational services and management of the Regatta Course at West Lakes. Our strong relationship continues with the City of Charles Sturt Council and we thank them for their support provided at our large events as well as their ongoing maintenance of the surrounding areas to our facility at West Lakes.

Rowing Australia continues a focus on collaboration with the State Associations and we will continue working closely with RA CEO Sarah Cook to ensure South Australia's voice is heard. We look forward to continuing our strong relationship in growing the sport in SA.

Andrew Swift
RSA CEO

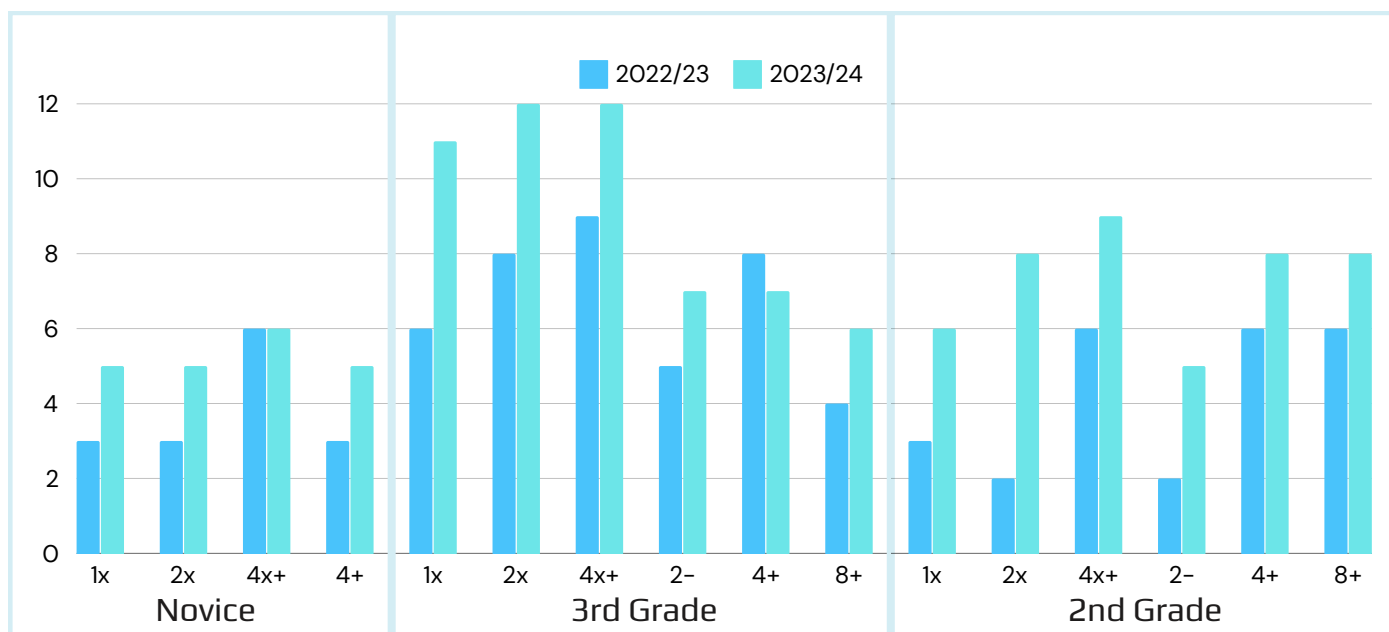
COMPETITIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

The 2023/24 season saw significant changes to the Rowing SA regatta calendar and racing structures aimed at providing better development opportunities for aspiring performance athletes, a regular and coherent competition for grade athletes, and more space in the season for resource sharing and multi-level involvement of members.

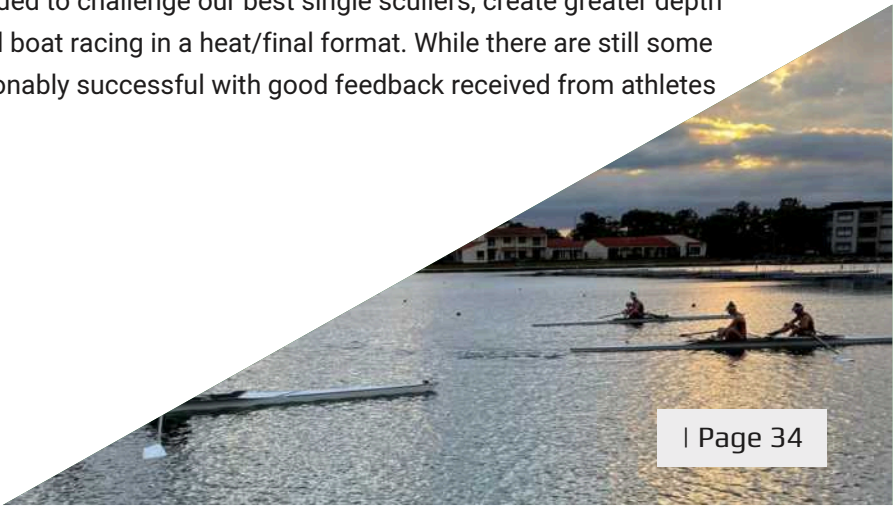
The first of these was the change of timing of the Grade Season which saw the Grade Season begin in August with 4 x West Lakes Grade Regattas and concluding with a dedicated 3rd Grade and Novice State Championships in mid-November and the 2nd Grade State Championships at the Riverland Regatta. This allowed for a much more regular grade season with a wider range of events available at more regattas – rather than being limited or squeezed in among other events.

While acknowledging that this is a significant change that will take our clubs and members some time to adapt, we were reasonably satisfied with the response to these changes.

TABLE 1 - A comparison of Grade Events available throughout 22/23 vs 23/24 Season.



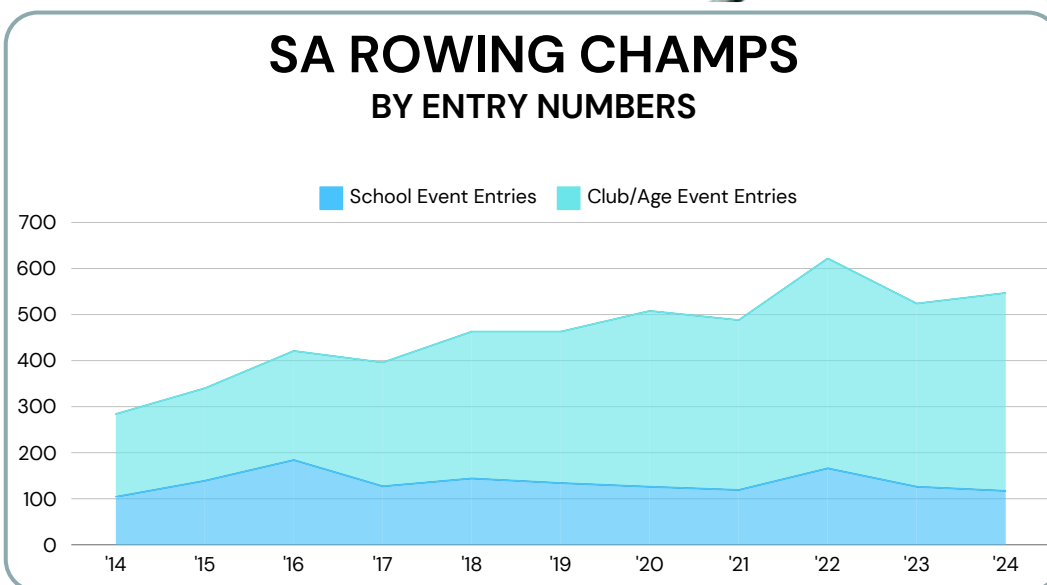
The restructuring of the grade competition also freed up space in the West Lakes Regattas to implement the Small Boat Combine as a regular competition opportunity for development or performance athletes. The Small Boat Combine sees athletes and crews in the 1x and 2- compete together in heats for places in a final determined by race time. This structure is intended to challenge our best single scullers, create greater depth in pair fields, and expose more athletes to small boat racing in a heat/final format. While there are still some wrinkles to be worked out, the format was reasonably successful with good feedback received from athletes and coaches.



COMPETITIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

A general review of our Premiership Points System led to a new model being introduced for the 2023-24 season. The new model sought to address equalisation issues (with new athletes eligible for significantly more events than high performance athletes), support the changes to the Grade Season, and the introduction of a more frequent small boat combine (which replaced traditional U19, U21 and Open, Single Scull & Pair events). The new points system introduced points for 2nd & 3rd placed finishers, for long distance events, and included a points framework which allowed points in the small boat combine to be allocated to entries that won their category in each age grade and boat class, with bonus points available to overall winners. While we will require more data, the new points season looks to have worked well, remedied the identified issues, and delivered appropriate winners in all categories.

TABLE 2 - Participation in the SA Rowing Championships by entry numbers.



From an overall perspective, membership numbers remained steady through the 2023/24 season and entries at events were healthy. The SA Rowing Championships continue to go from strength to strength with entries up on the previous year and more activation and engagement with the event and within the community.

Throughout the 2023/24 season Rowing SA held 32 events, including the introduction of a new event - the Waikerie Omnium - which we hope to see grow in future seasons.

As always, a huge thank you must go out to the Boat Race Officials and Regatta Volunteers that make it all happen.

Bec Lannan
Regatta Operations Manager



DEVELOPMENT AND PATHWAY REPORT

One of the highlights of the year for Rowing South Australia was the successful results from the Pathway Regatta taking place in Penrith in April 2024. This trip provided young rowers with the opportunity to develop their skills and gain experience in racing and training. Almost 70 athletes nominated for consideration for the team which consisted of male and female coxless quads and coxed eights.

Competing against the other States provides an excellent learning opportunity for our athletes and the results of the team were the best experienced for SA at this regatta's history. Congratulations to all who were involved.

Rowing SA hosted the 2023 Australian Masters Games Indoor Rowing competition on 10th & 11th October 2023. We received a great amount of positive feedback from participants, AMG management and volunteers. Some key notes from the event included:

- Over 7,200 competitors competed in this week-long event, held in Adelaide with almost 50 sports involved.
- Rowing SA hosted the Indoor Rowing event which has been growing in popularity in these Games.
- 103 competitors were involved over the 2-day competition.
- The promotion that the sport got over the 2-days was significant, with many people walking past the Adelaide Train Station stopping to watch the competitor's race.
- It was an exciting 2-days with many of our community offering to volunteer during the event.
- There were three world records broken over the 2-days, creating some good publicity on Channel 7 and other media streams.
- Only a handful of competitors were Classic rowers, so just like Coastal Rowing, this is another great opportunity to engage new members into our sport.

Coastal rowing (Beach Sprints) was officially announced by World Rowing as an event on the Olympic program for Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. Rowing SA has developed a framework and program for our fleet of coastal boats. These boats were purchased by Rowing SA and our fleet consists of 4 solos and 2 doubles. The equipment is available for clubs and schools to borrow with specific guidelines regarding their use given these are primarily for ocean use.

Rowing SA is collaborating with Surf Life Saving South Australia (SLSSA) to reach agreement on a state Memorandum of Understanding that will benefit both Rowing SA and SLSSA. We are looking at SLSSA to support our events with the provision of water cover personnel and equipment, assistance with course setting and will look for their expertise in terms of water safety and risk assessment in the ocean environment. In return, we are providing surf athletes with a high-performance pathway for national and international competition.

We are looking forward to seeing this sport grow and be supported by our athletes. Additionally, we hope to tour our coastal boats allowing users to enjoy the beauty of South Australia's coastline while developing their skills on the water.

Next season we will be hosting coastal rowing events, and we are excited to see the continued growth of this discipline in South Australia and look forward to expanding our program even further every year.

Christine Newberry
Operations Manager

COURSE MANAGER REPORT

The 2023/24 season has seen approximately 1200 hours of labour to maintain the course to its current international standard. Rowing SA has been entrusted to run and maintain this facility, with aim to keep costs to an absolute minimum for all users, thanks to the valuable time from volunteers.

Please note that Lane 4 (indicated by yellow buoys), has a dual purpose. On Regatta days it easily identifies Lane 4 for both competitors and spectators. While in training, it will act as the neutral or safety lane that will separate rowing traffic. Please DO NOT row in this lane during training. Always refer to the 'Rowing Training Map' displayed on the finish pontoon. It clearly explains traffic flow and general rowing rules on the course. These are here for everybody's safety, so please follow diligently.

Rowing SA will continually reinforce DPTI Marine Rules for lighting that must be displayed on your boat during early morning /evening, and poor light conditions. There has been a fantastic response from the rowing public, so keep up the great work. There is a light sensitive Red light on the top level of the Finish Tower balcony, and also above the digital clock, that will indicate when you should have lights on your boat, i.e. If the Red light is ON, you MUST have lights on your boat. Don't forget to replace your batteries when they start to dim, remembering that these lights need to be seen from 1km away.

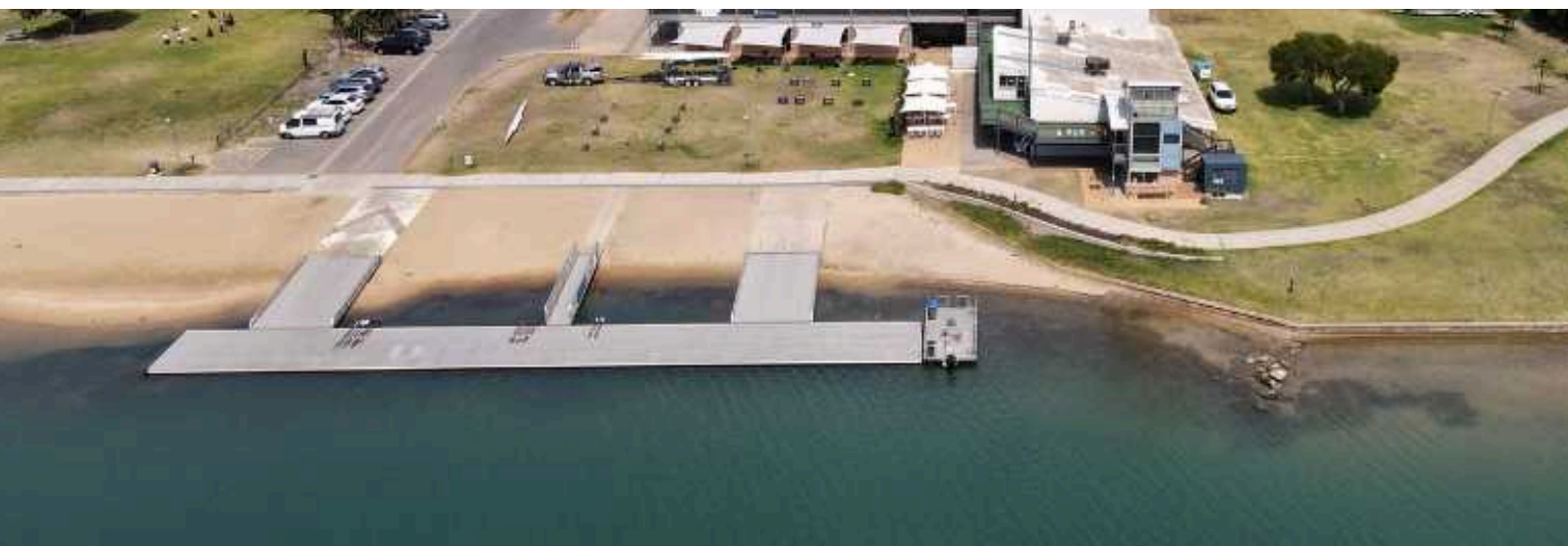
Major Events held on the AM Ramsay Rowing Course in the 2023/2024 season were:

- 2023 Paddle Australia GP2
- 2024 State Rowing Championships
- 2024 State Canoe Championships
- 2024 Senor Schools Head of the River
- 2023 SA Swimming Long Distance State Championships
- 2024 SA Dragonboat Championships

A huge thankyou to all the volunteers for their contributions last season, your help was invaluable. We look forward to your continued efforts and also any new 'recruits' for next season. Special mentions to Jeff Erikson, Peter Young (BRO), Barny Cundell (BRO), Dennis Cooper (BRO) , Ross Moffet (BRO), John Asenstorfer (BRO) who have all contributed more than 10 sessions this season. More than 50 separate volunteers have contributed approx. 800 hours last season! Thank you to all, I'm sure all rowers appreciate your efforts.

Brett Ralph

Course Manager



UMPIRES AND VOLUNTEERS REPORT

Once again we wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our small team of Boat Race Officials and skilled volunteers. These people make themselves available week after week, regardless of sunshine, wind, storm or rain and are essential to the safe and fair conduct of the regattas, head races and time trials that our rowing community enjoy so much. Their contribution can be easily overlooked so we again acknowledge and thank our Boat Race Officials and Volunteers.

The Rowing SA Board and Staff have continued their ongoing and steadfast support of the Boat Race Officials throughout this season, a contribution to us which is greatly appreciated.

The duties of President of The Jury were shared throughout the season between Paul Knight and Steve Pennington with John Asenstorfer stepping in to the role for the last few regattas including the State Masters Championships. We are looking at developing other BROs towards the President of The Jury role through the coming season.

Season 2023/24 was back again a full racing schedule with winter racing in August, followed by time trials, head Races, the mix of club, school & masters regattas, our Second Grade Champs and State Champs over 2 days, HoR and the Masters & Third Grade State Champs. Officiating over all of this kept the BRO team very busy. We also had officials selected by Rowing Australia for the Nationals, the Masters Nationals and several National Team selection trials and the Coastal & Beach Sprints Nationals in Mooloolaba in July. Our FISA race officials had additional commitments to attend as well.



UMPIRES AND VOLUNTEERS REPORT

This season the BRO Advisory Group continued the “BRO Exchange” program as a development opportunity for our Level Two officials. This saw Christina Morner officiate over three days of racing at the RVIC State Champs, and in turn, we hosted a Level Two official from Victoria, Barry Wright, at our RSA State Champs. Kristin Alford was also at the Nationals again this year where she gained her RA National accreditation as a level 3 BRO. Congratulations to Kristin.

All of this was achieved by our relatively small team of race officials. This season we had a pool of sixteen BRO’s to draw on to try to cover all regattas, with a further three or four occasionally available. Sadly, we have lost one of our most experienced BROs with John Asensdorfer retiring. He will be sorely missed.

Some regattas were a challenge from a manning perspective. For context, a typical club/school/masters regatta at West Lakes requires a dozen BRO’s to fill all roles. More are required if we are to provide beach marshals, athlete weighing, held starts etc. In addition, there are the dedicated half dozen skilled volunteers who routinely attend and are critical to the successful operations of a regatta, i.e., regatta control, timing & camera operation, boat launching & recovery, barge driving, marshalling, catering and logistics.

So clearly the challenge for season 2024/25 is the continued recruitment and retention of Boat Race Officials – your sport needs you!

Paul Knight and Steve Pennington,
Boat Race Officials and BRO Advisory Group



CLUBS AND SCHOOLS REPORT

The 2023/24 season has been a remarkable period for the clubs and schools of South Australia, witnessing tremendous success at local, national, and global levels. This year has set a new benchmark for participation and achievements, particularly among school-aged athletes.

One of the standout achievements of the season has been the record number of school-aged athletes competing in regattas. This surge in participation is a testament to the growing interest and dedication among young rowers in South Australia. However, while the increase in participation is encouraging, there is a pressing need to focus on retaining these athletes as they transition from school to club rowing.

Retention of school athletes into the club system has been a focus, especially in light of the concerning dropout rates highlighted in the AusPlay survey data from 2022-23. The survey indicated that the dropout rate among school-aged athletes from club participation remains a significant issue. Despite a resurgence in sport-related activities among children aged 0-14 post-pandemic, participation levels have not yet returned to their pre-pandemic heights. Regular participation, defined as engaging in sport-related activities at least once per week, saw a notable decline during the peak of COVID-19 restrictions and is only gradually recovering.

In response to these challenges, we launched the Year 12 Survey: Continued Participation in Rowing. This initiative aims to gather insights into the post-school plans of our young athletes. By understanding their aspirations and barriers, we hope to develop strategies to improve retention rates. This survey will be an annual endeavour, enabling us to track trends and make data-driven decisions to support our athletes better.

Another significant achievement this season was securing a grant and approval from the Board to provide free sanitary products for women at our West Lakes facility. This initiative addresses a basic necessity and represents a step towards promoting inclusivity, equality, and overall well-being. By removing barriers and ensuring that women have access to necessary products, we empower them to participate fully in the sport, promoting both their physical and mental health and fostering a more inclusive society.

Overall, the 2023/24 season has been a great success, with numerous achievements and milestones. Looking ahead to the next season, our primary goals include improving retention rates and working closely with clubs and schools individually to ensure their needs are met and their voices heard. By continuing to support our athletes and fostering a supportive and inclusive environment, we can build on this season's successes and look forward to an even brighter future for rowing in South Australia.

Catherine McDougall

Clubs and Schools Chair and Board Director

ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

As the RSA director chairing the Environmental, Social and Governance Subcommittee, which reflects the responsibilities the Board recognises in our role to members and the community, I am pleased to report a positive year to you this year.

The ESG subcommittee with the help of the CEO and advisors have adopted the new constitution of the association as passed by the SGM last year and it has been registered as the Association's constitution.

During the year a review has been commenced to look at any impact the new constitution has on the Association's current guidelines. With the assistance of Bill Othams the guidelines are being corrected if necessary to reflect the new constitution and I thank him for his assistance.

In our modern society there are many new issues that the RSA Board and the ESG committee are reviewing. I am happy to report that the RSA Board has been very professional and diligent, achieving a high level of compliance in all areas during the year.

I thank Andrew Swift and Bec Lannan for their help and diligence during the year and I welcome all members to provide feedback to me or the Board at any time. Due to personal circumstances, I am not offering myself for re-election at this AGM but I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the board and wish the new members and the new ESG subcommittee all the best for the future.

Bill Marmion

Director and ESG Committee Chair



MASTERS REPORT

The overall participation and performance of our Masters athletes at local and national competitions throughout the 2023/24 season has been a standout.

We continue to see growing entries in Masters events from August to May each year, and the increased competition in regular regattas at West Lakes has helped generate successful crews at the Australian Rowing Championships.

Limited feedback has been received from requests sent by RSA for input by Clubs on Masters activities, however following a review of all data from the recently promoted RSA Community Survey, the Committee will meet to discuss the feedback specific to Masters activities.

On behalf of all Masters rowers, we thank our hard-working volunteer Boat Race officials and ask all of our Masters rowers to continue to show them respect and thanks. We also thank the Masters State Team Selectors Anna Tree and Phillip Mangelsdorf who did a great job working with the State Team Coaches, Daren Potts, Jo Malcolm, Rob Cheesman and John Bentley in selecting and training the crews for the competition in May 2024 in Tasmania.

It was an honor to be at the 2024 Australian Masters Championships in Tasmania and I was impressed with the number of South Australian athletes who made it on the podium. I was overjoyed to be able to witness to convincing wins in both the Men's and Womens' 8+'s for South Australia. Well done to everyone involved in the Team this year.

Greg Keene

Masters Subcommittee Chair



SASI REPORT



With the focus in 2024 on the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, five athletes will be representing South Australia on the world stage and at the highest level. Another 6 athletes from SA will be competing at World Rowing Championship regattas this year.

2024 Australian Olympic and Paralympic team

Molly Goodman	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI Graduate	W4-
Olympia Aldersey	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI Graduate	W4-
Alexander Hill OAM	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI Graduate	M4-
Angus Dawson	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI Graduate	M8+
Jed Altschwager	Torrens Rowing Club/SASI	PR3 Mixed 2x
Nikki Ayers	Capital Lakes Rowing Club/SASI	PR3 Mixed 2x
Christine MacLaren	SASI - Coach	PR3 Mixed 2x



Australian Senior Team 2024 Final Olympic Qualification Regatta

Oscar McGuinness	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI	M1x
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Australian Senior Team 2024 World Cup 2

Oscar McGuinness	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI	M2x
Ella Bramwell	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI	W4-/W8+
Mitchell Reinhard	Adelaide Rowing Club /SASI	M2x



Australian Underage Teams- U19, U21 and U23

Australian underage team selection ran alongside the senior team selection in early March. This has given the crews a long preparation time in the lead up to the combined U19 and U23 World Championships in St Catharine's, Canada in August 2024.

U23 Australian Team

Nick Blackman	Adelaide University Boat Club /SASI	M2x
Nick Mitchell	SASI - Coach	M2x

Based in Adelaide, the M2x coached by Nick Mitchell SASI Head Coach, with Dom Federico relocating to Adelaide for the preparation period.

Jeremy Beale	Adelaide University Boat Club /UCLA	M8+
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Based in the US, Jeremy Beale was successful in selection through the US College based selection system.



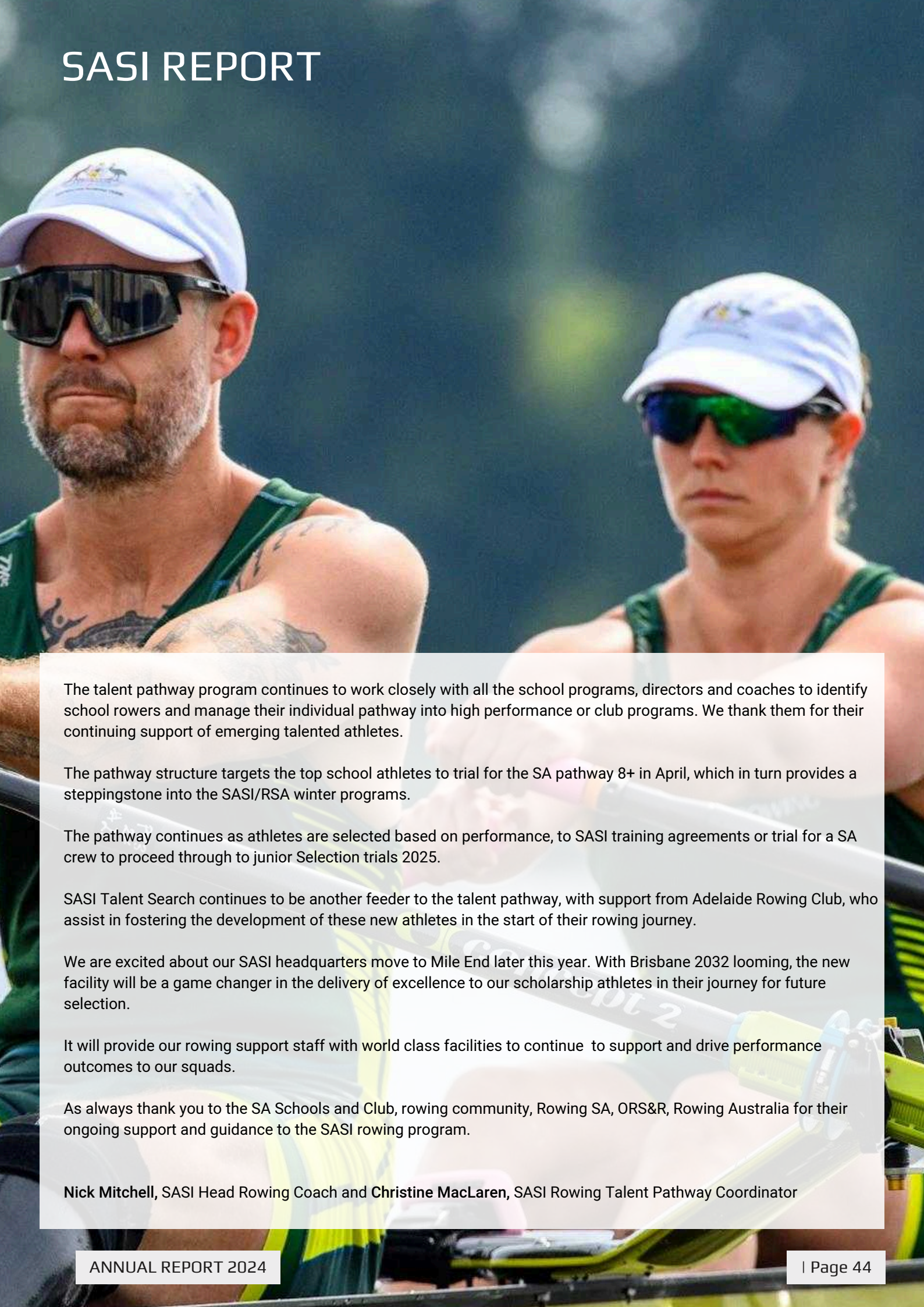
U19 Australian Team

Alex Williams	Adelaide University Boat Club /SASI	M2x
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Alex Williams moved to Adelaide from Corio Bay for University in February. He has travelled up and down to the Gold Coast for camps in the 2x, where his partner Luca Free, and coach Chris Holliday are based.



SASI REPORT



The talent pathway program continues to work closely with all the school programs, directors and coaches to identify school rowers and manage their individual pathway into high performance or club programs. We thank them for their continuing support of emerging talented athletes.

The pathway structure targets the top school athletes to trial for the SA pathway 8+ in April, which in turn provides a steppingstone into the SASI/RSA winter programs.

The pathway continues as athletes are selected based on performance, to SASI training agreements or trial for a SA crew to proceed through to junior Selection trials 2025.

SASI Talent Search continues to be another feeder to the talent pathway, with support from Adelaide Rowing Club, who assist in fostering the development of these new athletes in the start of their rowing journey.

We are excited about our SASI headquarters move to Mile End later this year. With Brisbane 2032 looming, the new facility will be a game changer in the delivery of excellence to our scholarship athletes in their journey for future selection.

It will provide our rowing support staff with world class facilities to continue to support and drive performance outcomes to our squads.

As always thank you to the SA Schools and Club, rowing community, Rowing SA, ORS&R, Rowing Australia for their ongoing support and guidance to the SASI rowing program.

Nick Mitchell, SASI Head Rowing Coach and **Christine MacLaren**, SASI Rowing Talent Pathway Coordinator

OUR SUPPORTERS

The Office of Recreation, Sport & Racing (ORS&R) is a government agency that helps develop, support, and invest in sport at all levels. Rowing South Australia works closely with ORS&R to develop rowing from community participation to high-level performance. Rowing South Australia would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the South Australian Government, through the Office for Recreation, Sport & Racing, for the continued support provided to rowing in our state.



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