



THE BOW-BALL BULLETIN

Information from the sharp end of our activities

Newsletter of Hawthorn Rowing Club

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CLUB EVENTS: HRC AGM

Held Friday 20th July at the clubhouse

Representatives of Boroondara City Council presented to the HRC committee and AGM briefly at the commencement of the meeting the key points of the BCC plans for Burwood Rd Reserve. They were careful not to over promise; HRC view is that timelines given are unrealistic, and hurdles to yet climb do not make anything a fait de complete.

Reports from President, Treasurer and Captain were presented. The full Annual Report can be found on the HRC website.

HRC Committee for 2007 / 2008 season:

President	Pat Freeland-Small
Captain	Josh Cannane
V-Capt	Fiona Hilbert
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Jim Breen
Vice President	Jim Boston
Committee	Peter Halliday
	Mal Coe
	David Coe
	Neil Courtney
	Andrew Carson
Immediate Past President	Denis Bourke

Life Membership:

James Boston and **Rupe Horsburgh** were each honoured with HRC life membership – Congratulations to both Jim and Rupe!

HRC Awards 2006/2007 Season:

The following awards were presented at the AGM:

Most Improved Rower of the Year: **Andrew O'Halloran**

Coxswain of the Year: **Tanya Newman**

Masters Rower of the Year (Ken Limbrick Memorial):

Shane O'Connor-Smith & Tanya Newman

Rower of the Year: Shane O'Connor-Smith

Club Person of the Year: Mal Coe

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOAT CHRISTENING & HRC RE-UNION

Sunday 12th August
@ 12.30

2 new sculls will be christened the Geoff Code and Frank B Dennis

A re-union of members of HRC has been initiated by some former members from the 1960's. All past and present members are invited.

Lunch provided – cost \$15.00 – drinks at bar.

RSVP for lunch required for catering purposes to Denis Bourke or David Deeble.

A note from the editor: If you wish to offer information, suggestions or any other comments to be included in, or about the BBB please email hrc@hawthornrc.inter.net.au

REGATTAS

VSA Winter Sculling Series Yarra River

HRC had 4 regular competitors for the series including Pat FS, Shane O'CS, Simon Spriggs & Max Rowan. 3 of these made the final of the Herald Shield! – Shane, Simon and Max. Shane O'Connor-Smith, 2nd, Max Rowan, 4th, Simon Spriggs 8th – final standings in the overall points! Max who joined us from Xavier was acquitting himself well throughout the series with times beyond his experience, recording around 8 minutes for the 2000m course on one occasion. Congratulations to all competitors! It is great to see Shane and Pat and our very own Junior Rowing Program Coach Simon competing, and Max - who recently began rowing with Simon's Junior Rowing Program.

UPCOMING REGATTAS

18/08/07 Scullers Head of the Yarra

For those who are considering racing, please contact the captain – boats are usually at a premium during the sculling series, and may have to be shared!

For those who are new to Regattas and would like to compete, please contact the Captain. We would like to enter as many people as we can so everyone can enjoy the season. Even if you are unable to compete you (and family and friends) are most welcome to join us at regattas and soak up the atmosphere.

Don't forget your subs - you will only be able to compete if you are a financial member! If you have not raced before (or not in the last 4 years), you will also have to supply a photocopy of your drivers licence, birth certificate or passport. RV will not enter new competitors (not raced in last 4 years) on their racing database until they have received a copy of this. All other competitors also need to supply this asap, but it is not as critical. Be sure to do this early.

Happy Training!!

HRC RUGBY TOPS

We recently had some rugby tops made in HRC colours, logo embroidered on the front and Hawthorn printed under the collar. All are sold, however another order is about to be placed. Sizing is as follows:

Female:	Male:
XXS (size 8)	XS (50kg)
XS (size 10)	S (60kg)
S (size 12)	M (70kg)
M (size 14)	L (80kg)
L (size 16)	XL (90kg)
XL (size 18)	XXL (100kg), XXXL (110kg)

Contact Tanya by Sunday 12th August to place your order – leave a message on 9819 3243.

HEAD OF THE YARRA

RESERVE THE DATE NOW!

BOOK IN YOUR ANNUAL LEAVE, SICK LEAVE, RDO, COMMUNITY DAY for FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2007.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO ASSIST WITH INFRASTRUCTURE SET UP FOR HEAD OF THE YARRA.

PLEASE DIARISE and MORE INFO WILL FOLLOW SOON.

HOY JOB VACANCY – AND NO ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS REQUIRED!!

Assistance is still sought to oversee the HOTA Heroes Awards – in effect acknowledging those who have competed many, many times in Head of the Yarra. An application form has been created, and basically you will be required to manage all applications. Those who have raced 10 or more times will be acknowledged on our website by you providing the names to our website maintainer, those who have raced 20 or more times will receive a certificate which you will need to write their name on to, and those who have raced 30 or more times will also receive a T-Shirt. If you are interested please contact Tanya Newman (9819 3243).

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION (ASF) – HRC ROWING EQUIPMENT PROJECT

Would you like to make a tax deductible donation that could be used to help HRC? As you might be aware HRC has a project registered with the ASF to aid with the purchase of rowing equipment. We have set a goal of \$20k over three years.

Donors are able to make a voluntary donation to the ASF nominating the HRC Rowing Equipment project as their preferred beneficiary. All ASF grants received will be used to purchase rowing equipment. A donation can be made on the form available from our website at <http://www.hawthornrc.inter.net.au/Documents.html>

The donations and completed forms should be given to the captain or left to the attention of her in the tin behind the bar. Donations can be made by cheque, cash or credit card. Cheques should be made out to the Australian Sports Foundation. All unconditional donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

For further information on how to make a tax deductible donation or to have questions on this answered please contact the captain on email ---> captain@hawthornrc.inter.net.au

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES UPDATE

RV has no further update on PFD's to report at this stage.

TIDE TIP

The following link goes to the Bureau of Meteorology page that will give you info on tides. It may be worth checking this site before you come down to rowing so you know whether there is due to be a very low tide or not (makes it hard getting boats in and out) - with this info you can plan when you train!

<http://www.bom.gov.au/oceanography/tides/MAPS/melbourne.shtml>

In the first field - have 'Melbourne (Williamstown)' showing then choose what date you want (the week of that date will show); click 'submit'

In dropdown menu on next page click on 'River Yarra - Hawthorn' - and it tells you to add 25 mins to the times in the table (it does not change the table).

REMINDERS / ALERTS

Here's yet another reminder to ensure ALL club members are aware of the following.

- **BOAT USAGE / BOOKING BOATS:** Members are reminded to book the boats they intend to train in on the whiteboards at the bottom of the stairs. And before taking a boat out, ensure it is not already booked!
- **BOAT CARE:** Care of club equipment needs to be exercised at all times – ensure boats are washed (on the inside and the outside) after use.
- **BOAT LIGHTS:** It is YOUR responsibility to have a set of lights of your own. Between dusk and dawn you need **BOTH** a **WHITE FLASHING LIGHT** on your **stern** and a **WHITE (non-flashing) LIGHT** on your **bow**. **Lights are to be attached to the ends of the boat - not to rowers / coxswain.** If you don't have lights and you're

planning on being out on the water anytime between dusk and dawn – DON'T GO OUT.

- **IF A BOAT IS DAMAGED:** Boat damage can be reported online, www.hawthornrc.inter.net.au/onlinemaintenance.html or by filling in a hard copy form upstairs beside the cupboard under the TV. Completed forms can be pinned to the noticeboard closest (which includes Merchandise). **PLEASE NOTE:** When a boat is tagged as damaged **it is not to be rowed**, even if it looks like it could be.
- **ROWING SAFELY INCLUDING WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF CAPSIZING:** RV has two safety documents that all club members should be familiar with: The Row Safe brochure provides general tips on safe rowing; The Capsize Manual provides a guide to management strategies for helping your crew recover from capsized. These documents can also be viewed and downloaded from the RV website www.rowingvictoria.asn.au
- **FOOTWEAR:** Please note **footwear is strongly recommended for all rowers** - not only do you not want any cuts on your feet getting infected from the Yarra water, but syringes have been found washed up on the jetty.
- **HELP KEEP JETTY SAFE:** There are brooms downstairs in the clubhouse for brushing down the landing. You may like to make use of these while waiting for your crew to turn up – it certainly warms you up ready for a row, and helps prevent you from slipping when putting the boat in or out of the water.

YARRA RIVER CLOSURES & EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION	WATERWAY STATUS	LOCATION
SEPTEMBER				
Saturday 1 st Sept	TBC	Festival New Zealand	CLOSED RIVER	Swan Street to Princes Bridge
Sunday 2 nd Sept	8:00am - 4:00pm	Canoeing Marathon Winter Series No. 7	Open River	Sth East Freeway Bridge to Morrell Bridge

GOSSIP & MEMBERS NEWS

Some of these are a little belated – however it's better late than never!

- ❑ "The General" Chris de G has rowed in the double scull in the past week only six weeks after having a right knee replacement to match his left! Apparently the machine at the airport really lights up when the general walks through though!
- ❑ Three HRC members recently turning 80 and still rowing: **Brian Dooley** 17th July; **John Brenan** 29th July; and **Rupe Horsburgh** 15 Aug
"Lower down scale": **Jim Boston** turns 70 on Aug 16th. Happy Birthday to all!

- ❑ Was it significant that the **Beagles** did not show up for their regular Sunday row on July 29th? Their Powerhouse Re-union was on Friday 27th - must have been a "blinder"!
- ❑ Born in July to parents **Gillian Deeble** and Rob, was son, Noah. Grandfather David is very proud!
- ❑ HRC member **Denys Parrington** died in February. He had been in hospital on and off over a few months.

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- **Fiona Hill and Tod Clark** married Friday 23 Feb 2007 at Arlington at Wattle Park, 34 degree absolutely gorgeous day, although the guys melted a little in their suits! Honeymoon - Thailand, 8 nights on Koh Samui Island, relaxing and enjoying the mai tai and pina colada cocktails, Tod obviously the beer!



- Emerson Tennessee James arrived into the world on the 27th April to proud parents to **Richard** and Roxanne. Both mother and son are doing extremely well. He is a very active and alert little guy with lots of hand actions etc so perfect in a cox seat.



HRC MEMBER PROFILE:

Meet our new Club President -

Pat Freeland-Small



Nickname: Who's Nick

Favourite food: Pasta

Hobbies / Interests: Surprise surprise rowing ...early morning sculling is my zen time.

Current Profession: Vice Principal (Marketing) at the University of Melbourne

Member of HRC since: 1981

What made you join HRC &/or take up rowing:

Grew up in Hawthorn, coxed & rowed as Schoolboy at Xavier. Got the bug early and have never lost it.

Previous club membership: Xavier and Mercantile Rowing Club,

Rowing Status: Masters Scull and Sweep, and a coach, will row in anything!

Current Crew: Currently competing in Winter Sculling Series - Could be described as AC/DC as I'm happy to be plugged into any crew be it competition squad or masters.

Your relationship to the Beagles: Bit of a Cocker Spaniel myself but have been known to sniff around the Beagles to add a bit of respectability to their form both on the water and the balcony on Sunday mornings.

Rowing Goal: To be part of a Club premiership for Hawthorn within the next 5 years.

Highest rowing achievement (include year): Captains Trophy with 17 wins season 83/84.

Highest level of rowing: Senior A /B through Mid 80's

Highlight of rowing: There have been many but the best are yet to come

Lowlight of rowing: Tipping a coxless four under Wallen road Bridge in a raging stream with Cash & Maasdijk coaching behind in speedie. After 20 Minutes in water the "bastards" then made us row on into the city & return. Bob later redeemed himself by producing some warming Cognac and smoked eel from the boot of his car back at the clubhouse.

Funniest rowing moment: The year they moved the School's head to Nagambie, they replaced it on the Barwon with The Corporate Head of the River. I stroked the winning 8 from Foster's Brewing who received front & centre page spreads in Geelong advertiser & local news...the crew had been drinking all afternoon, was quoted as putting success down to the being under the influence of the sponsors product.

The final word (for now): It's a privilage to be able to contribute something back to a club that's given me so much over the years. Looking forward to the support of all club members in ensuring my successful term as president of the club.



& there's a smile!