



# THE BOW-BALL BULLETIN

*Information from the sharp end of our activities*

## Newsletter of Hawthorn Rowing Club

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### HRC AGM & NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2008 / 2009 SEASON

Thank you to all who attended the HRC AGM.

**Congratulations to the following people elected to the Committee for the coming season:**

President: Pat Freeland - Small

Vice President: Chris de Guingand

Captain: Fiona Hilbert

Vice Captain: Denis Bourke

Secretary: Andrew Carson

Assistant Secretary: vacant

3 Ordinary Members: Andrew O'Halloran, Mal Coe, Peter Halliday, Neil Courtney (one of these will become Assistant Secretary at the next committee meeting)

Due to the committee size being smaller as of this season, following membership approving the proposed new constitution and committee structure at the ½ yearly AGM it is now easier for members to be involved in the club without feeling committed to attending lots of meetings.

If you have a specialty that would help in running the club - we want you! You do not need to be on any committees, you will just be responsible for one job.

Remember, many hands make light work. The running of the club is reliant on a small number of people and if we have the odd person doing odd jobs it will make the running of the club alot easier....

Please think about what services you may be able to offer. Contact the Secretary or Captain or any other member of committee if you believe you could help out. There are a few notices within the edition for some specific assistance required.

### HRC CLUB AWARDS

The following annual awards were presented at the HRC AGM by President Pat Freeland Small for the 2007 / 2008 season:

- Most improved rower of the year: Max Rowan
- Coxswain of the year: Rory Shannon
- Masters Rower of the Year "Ken Limbrick Memorial": Bruce Winnen; JB Stewart; Dave Coe
- Rower of the Year: Shane O'Connor Smith
- Club person of the year: Heidi Winnen

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life memberships were bestowed upon two long serving members who have given a lot to the club over the years at the HRC AGM. Congratulations to and many thanks for the service of **Belinda Goglia** and **Greg van Prooyen**

### SUBS NOW DUE FOR 2008 / 09 SEASON

Subs notices have now been posted to all members. Please look out for them - if you do not receive yours or you have recently changed address, please contact [hrc@hawthornrowingclub.com](mailto:hrc@hawthornrowingclub.com) with your new details - remember you will not be entered in any regattas unless you are financial and you will not receive your replacement key!

### HRC CHANGE OF LOCKS / CLUBHOUSE KEY

You will have received final instructions with your subs on the key changeover. Please make sure that you read and understand the process to make the transition as easy as possible...

Remember to receive your new key: you must be a paid up member, be over the age of 18, and have been a member of the club for greater than 12 months.

The change will happen in the last weekend in August.

## ALL COXSWAINS TO BE ACCREDITED AS OF 1<sup>ST</sup> OCT 2008

In accordance with Marine Safety legislation, Rowing Victoria (RV) has now made the Level 1 Good Coxswain accreditation compulsory for all coxswains within Victoria as of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008. All coxswains must be Level 1 accredited before coxing a rowing boat, including those competing at any regatta and those who are part of a social crew (non-competing).

No coxswain will be permitted to cox at any regattas without this accreditation. However, it also includes coxswains for crews in training or social rowers. Failure to do so may impact upon any insurance claims or incident reports lodged by the Club.

HRC has organised for the course to be run at the Clubhouse on Monday 1st September, 6.30pm to 8.30pm. You will need to register online on the RV website – or indeed select an alternative or more suitable course time. The HRC session is open to the whole rowing community, so first in best dressed.

To register click on 'The Good Coxswain' on the RV site and go to course registrations or follow this link: [http://www.rowingvictoria.asn.au/html/s02\\_article/article\\_view.asp?id=2196&nav\\_cat\\_id=438&nav\\_top\\_id=106&dsb=6571](http://www.rowingvictoria.asn.au/html/s02_article/article_view.asp?id=2196&nav_cat_id=438&nav_top_id=106&dsb=6571)

The cost of the course is \$44 and payment will need to be made directly to RV. We encourage all HRC members to complete this course and as an incentive for those who come to regattas and cox crews, we will offer a rebate system as follows:

- For those who cox at a minimum of 4 Regattas - HRC will offer a 50% rebate
- For those who cox at More than 4 Regattas - HRC will offer a 75% rebate

## HRC FLEET

Between now and the rest of the season, we anticipate a lot of work being put on the fleet - so I am asking all members to please be patient as some boats will be out of action until they are fixed. Please observe that when the boats are out of action, they are not to be used until fixed. And that means the red flag is no longer on the boat. We will try and keep you informed.

But please remember that most committee members and volunteers are full time paid employees of other companies, and we will be doing the best we can, and try to expedite the process as soon as we can!

## HRC WATER SAFETY POLICY

As a result of a number of factors including that Victoria has legislated that PFDs (must be worn by all persons in a water craft, and RV are still developing an approved safety template, HRC has developed it's own. This Safety Code has been based on what RV plans to have in their template together with what other club have had to do in their own countries. The Safety Code is not to try to hinder us in practicing our sport but rather try to make us all more accountable and ensure that we can have some level of traceability in the event of something going terribly wrong. The Club has posted a number of copies of the policy about the shed.

**All rowers boating from HRC must complete the log book at the bottom of the stairs.** All crew members (coxswain included) must be listed. And don't forget to sign back in upon your return. This log is also for private boat owners to use.

In this log book you'll also get the opportunity to note any issues with the boat or equipment and if it needs to be removed from service if there has been an accident, or significant damage. **Please note this log book does not replace the booking boards.**

The club safety officer is Denis Bourke. He is the contact for all issues where you think there are potential safety concerns. His details are on the committee board as you walk up the stairs. The safety officer can and will change over time so always be aware of who it is when you need them.

## ALISONISM'S / BEAGLE NEWS

- The Beagles having trialled many unsuccessful combinations amongst their own gang ,and resorting to joining with other clubs with still no real success , have finally found themselves in an international crew Hopefully they will find the glory which has eluded them for so long.





## REGATTAS

### LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor.

At the Victorian State Masters Championships, Nagambie Lakes, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May a new Masters age category was introduced ("J" – average age 80 years and over).

This event was contested by two eight oared crews. A composite Banks crew, in which Neil Cash was seated; and a composite Drummoyne crew, seating 1 member each from Riverside (SA), Bairnsdale and Hawthorn.

The Drummoyne crew defeated Banks by about a canvas in which was probably the most closely contested race of the day.

In this first ever race in this category, and as the member from Hawthorn Rowing Club, the only member to be part of the a winning crew at this regatta, it was rather disappointing not to have the fact acknowledged in the June edition of Bow Ball Bulletin.

Rupe Horsburgh

### NOTE FROM EDITOR

Apologies to Rupe, and thank you for pointing this out... and congratulations on such a win.

However once again this a timely reminder that this newsletter is a member driven publication, and if the news is not passed on, we are not always able to follow up every single regatta and check for HRC results. Similarly with other news and goings on around the club – please email [hrc@hawthornrowingclub.com](mailto:hrc@hawthornrowingclub.com) or leave your contribution in the secretary's tray at the club if you wish to make any contributions to this newsletter. And if you feel you could take on the task of producing these newsletters (basically based on what you are fed from the membership and committee) – also please contact us.

## UPCOMING REGATTAS

Although not completely released, the Head regatta dates have been confirmed. If anyone has any interest in competing please advise the Captain asap so that boats can be allocated

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**13 September Saltwater Challenge**

**11 October Head of the Goulbourn**

**4<sup>th</sup> October RFDS Murray Rowathon**

There are a couple of things which may be of interest to you at this early stage, related to the Murray Rowathon (*as provided by RFDS Marathon organisers*).

First, we have selected a new course for the event in case, as seems likely, the river remains at the low level which forced the cancellation of last year's event. It is an "out-and-back" course, starting and finishing in front of the Euston Bowling & Recreation Club on the NSW bank about 2.5Km downstream from the Long Course finishing point at the Robinvale Rowing Club. The lunch stop and turning point is at Miller's Bend, just over 42Km upstream after going round Bumbang Island, which the Long Course did not include.

While the Short Course totals 84Km rather than the Long Course's 92Km, the first half is rowed upstream rather than the Long Course's all-downstream run. The stream will probably be running at around 2Km per hour and crews generally take 6 to 7 hours to cover it, so you can do the maths to determine which represents the greater challenge to the participating teams! Crews will be able to come ashore for the morning and afternoon breaks at a point known as Watts's Bend, about halfway out and back, and the lunch break and turning point will be at Miller's Bend, which can be found on Google Maps by searching for *oconnor lane victoria australia* and following O'Connor Lane down to the bend of the river. Access from the highway is easy, the logistics are straightforward and there's a new Course Record to be set!

Second, the big challenge is to harness the enthusiasm of the rowing community to raise a record-breaking amount of money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, which is celebrating the 80th anniversary of its foundation this year. Teams participating in the Rowathon have raised totals of \$30,000 and more in recent years and we would like to think that we can reach a record total of \$40,000 this year. The key is to have as many people as possible participate in the event itself and to ensure that each participant secures as much sponsorship and as many donations as possible.

**8 November Head of Barwon**

**22 November Melbourne Head**

**29 November HEAD OF THE YARRA**

With this year being the HOY 50th event it would be great to have HRC entered, but in order for there to be a crew the following needs to be in order. The potential competitors need to get themselves into training and will need to be able to show to the Rowing committee that they are competitive in the division in which they wish to compete, and also be able to nominate friends/family to be able to step in and work at HOY in some way. Requests to race in HOY must be presented to the captain by 31 August.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **HRC Golf Day**

Expressions of interest are invited from membership re a club golf day –we had one in about 1996 which was quite successful. It is possible if we have the numbers to organize a package deal at such top courses as The Dunes or Eagle Ridge on Mornington Peninsular. The packages apply to mid-week golf so it would most likely be a Wednesday. It may be possible to organize a Sunday but not as a package and much more expensive. Members ,spouses ,partners and family members are invited to play .

Please indicate your interest by email to Denis Bourke – [drdenis@bigpond.net.au](mailto:drdenis@bigpond.net.au)

## EVENTS

### **HRC Trivia Night: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

The HRC Quiz Night on Saturday 28th June was a great night.

Congratulations to the winning table of Jim and Julia Breen, Megan and Neil Boness and Chris de Guingand who won by a clear margin.

Many thanks to Quiz Master JB Stewart, his able assistant Bella Damm and all who attended and helped to make the night a success. Many thanks to Heidi Winnen for organisation.



## HEAD OF THE YARRA: SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2008

The 2008 event will be the 50<sup>th</sup> staging of the event so be prepared for some special activities.

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

Assistance is still sought to oversee the HOTY Heroes Awards – in effect acknowledging those who have competed many, many times in Head of the Yarra. An application form has already been created, all you have to do is manage all applications. If you are interested please contact Tanya Newman (9819 3243).

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Captain is seeking a volunteer to drive the introduction of a Past Rower/Social membership for the club. This person will need to put forward a motion to the Half Yearly General Meeting to introduce the new membership category and organise functions for the social membership. More than likely regular Sunday Mornings at the bar - very little work needed...

This membership would cover past members who no longer row but would like to be included for social gatherings etc. You might be able to enlist some of the longer serving members to help out with hosting duties. If you are up to it - please contact the Captain. We have a good starting point with lots of contacts on it. It's a good opportunity to keep the history of the club going!

## GOSSIP & MEMBERS NEWS

- Marcus Presser** has reported all is going well in Japan – moved into a new apartment and looking forward to unpacking their shipment of items from home. Also looking forward to exploring the country when time permits.
- David Deeble** ready for the Olympics in Beijing....



- Vale Brian Doyle**

It is with great regret that we advise that Brian Doyle died on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2008.

Brian was a tough and superb stroke. His instilled a compelling winning attitude in his crews who in turn thought of him as indestructible.

At Xavier College he stroked the crew to a win in 1948. Unfortunately his school was unable to win the event again until 1999, some fifty years later. He was one the few people ever to compete in a school first crew for four years.

He went onto a successful club, state and national rowing career winning all that was on offer at that time.

He was also a Club administrator being Vice Captain of Mercantile for two years and chairman



of selectors in a period in the 1980s when Mercantile was a very strong club. In recent years, he was actively involved in the re-establishment of the Australian Henley Regatta.

After active rowing, his passion for the sport continued with successful coaching. He coached many school and club crews at Xavier College and Mercantile, including coaching his two sons David and Mark. His sons won a gold medal together in the coxless pairs at the Under 23 Championships in Vienna in 1982. They followed in Brian's footsteps with both becoming rowing Olympians, successful King's Cup oarsmen and school first crew coaches. Mark also went onto to be a world champion.

## 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 using a form located at the club or from the documents section of the website. Completed

forms can be pinned to the committee noticeboard. **PLEASE NOTE:** When a boat is tagged as damaged **it is not to be rowed**, even if it looks like it could be.

- **TIDE TIP:** Check out this website to plan when you train! In the first field - select 'Melbourne (Williamstown)' then select the date you want; 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).  
<http://www.bom.gov.au/oceanography/tides/MAPS/melbourne.shtml>
- **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 capsize. These documents can also be viewed and downloaded from the RV website [www.rowingvictoria.asn.au](http://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
<b>AUGUST</b>				
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am – 11:00am	Scullers' Head of the Yarra	Open River – Flag System	Herring Island to Judges Box
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00am – 5:00pm	Canoeing Victoria Victorian Marathon Championships	Open River	Punt Road to Gardeners Creek



## *A fare to remember in Boroondara*

James Dowling

As reported in the Progress Leader 29Jul08



### **Cr Meredith Butler is commuting between Canberra and Boroondara.**

COUNCILLOR Meredith Butler lives in Canberra and expects you to pay for the privilege.

The Glenferrie Ward councillor moved to Canberra for love in February.

Her partner and former Boroondara councillor Geoff Hayes is group manufacturing manager at Dyesol, a company developing third-generation solar technology. She has been commuting between Melbourne and the nation's capital for meetings and other council business.

The 10-year council veteran said she had not yet billed ratepayers for her travel, but she would.

"I'm legally entitled to, but it would be under \$7000 compared to \$50,000 for a by-election," Cr Butler said.

"I'm only still a councillor because I did not believe in a by-election less than a year away from a general election.

"At the end of the day the community has had a continual councillor and an experienced councillor who will keep looking after them."

But Glenferrie Ward resident Julianne Bell said Cr Butler had been AWOL on a number of local issues.

"I don't think it is good enough that a ward councillor lives outside the ward," Mrs Bell said. "At the very least they should live in Boroondara."

Fellow ward resident Rob Perkins said it did not matter where a councillor lived as long as they were properly representing the ward. "Meredith Butler has been a councillor for 10 years and served two stints as mayor. She has devoted countless hours to the community," he said.

Studley Ward councillor Phillip Healey said Cr Butler's arrangement was perplexing. "I don't know why you would want to be a Boroondara councillor when you will be in Canberra," he said.

But Cr Butler did not rule out running for the council again in November. "If I still have family commitments up here (Canberra) then I would not do it," she said.

"But who knows what the future will bring."