



**ROWING  
AUSTRALIA**

# 2009 Adaptive Rowing High Performance Grants Program

## Application

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# 1. Background

Rowing Australia recently received additional funding from the Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) for the creation of an underpinning mainstream program for the development of adaptive rowing high performance pathways.

The APC funding will assist in developing the adaptive rowing high performance pathways through focusing on key development areas identified in the 2007-2008 Adaptive Rowing National Audit. The main areas of focus alluded to in the audit are as follows:

- Increasing equipment available at the club and state level for adaptive rowers to utilise
- Developing coaches experienced in adaptive rowing including their knowledge of all the requirements of an adaptive rower.
- Increasing funding opportunities to further develop current and future programs.

In an attempt to further develop high performance adaptive rowing, Rowing Australia has developed the Adaptive Rowing High Performance Grants Program. This program has been designed for a State Rowing Association, on behalf of a club, can present Rowing Australia with an application for grants assistance to support certain aspects of High Performance Adaptive Rowing within their respective states.

## 2. Purpose

The purpose of the High Performance Grants Program is for Rowing Australia to assist State Rowing Association's to identify and develop adaptive rowing clubs and networks which in turn will assist adaptive rowers for high performance rowing. The grants program objectives will aim to:

- Identify and support talented athletes
- Increase the access points for adaptive rowing, and develop pathways for adaptive rowers from club to state and national representation
- Create Adaptive Rowing High Performance programs which will increase the competitive base of Australian adaptive rowing, which will in turn increase international performances.

The ultimate goal is for adaptive rowing to develop through the club and state structures and for the rowers to utilise the high performance athlete pathways available, whilst also enhancing the recruitment, professional development and retention of coaches and provide pathways for national representation. Although the program has a high performance focus, the outcomes of this grants program will have vast benefits developing the grass roots of adaptive rowing and developing the adaptive coaching base. The grants program aims to provide

funding for programs that are transferable into activities that naturally occur in a club environment.

### **3. Program Description**

The program aims to provide flexible options to aid in the development of high performance adaptive rowing, and to create greater coordination of adaptive rowing between clubs, State Rowing Associations and Rowing Australia. As such, Rowing Australia is seeking applications that provide mutually beneficial high performance outcomes for clubs, State Rowing Association and Rowing Australia. The tender period will be jointly managed between Rowing Australia, the State Rowing Association and the successful club based upon agreed terms.

The end of the program period will follow the selection of the National Adaptive Rowing Team. At this point, Rowing Australia and the successful applicants will be able to ascertain the levels of accomplishments the programs achieved.

The number of programs funded through this initiative will be dependant upon the number of applications received and the value those applications provide to greater develop high performance adaptive rowing.

The high performance grants program has been designed to provide assistance in three main categories:

#### **3.1 Equipment**

This portion of the grants program will offer adaptive equipment that will enable State Rowing Associations to provide equipment for organised high performance adaptive rowing programs. Equipment provided from this grants program will be primarily used for adaptive training and competitive racing at local, state and national regattas. Equipment available may include but is not limited to:

- Single Sculls
- Fixed seats
- Sculling oars
- Boat slings
- Pontoons
- Riggers
- Boat covers

*PLEASE NOTE:* Applications for the this portion of the grants program will need to include a detailed description of the program intended, including all equipment and resources needed, budgets for this portion are not required for the tender application. Rowing Australia will produce a budget for received applications to ascertain the levels of assistance needed.

### **3.2 Coaching**

Opportunities will be made available and funded for coaches to attend certain adaptive rowing camps or programs conducted by Rowing Australia during the program. Programs may include but are not limited to the following:

- Assisting State Rowing Associations to conduct coaching courses at clubs
- Funding local coaches to attend coaching and educational sessions to become accredited through the National Coach Accreditation Scheme
- Invitations to attend Australian high performance adaptive squad camps to gain experience and expertise in coaching within high performance programs
- Send the Australian Adaptive Rowing Head Coach to attend state based camps to assist with the coaching at a local and state level.

*PLEASE NOTE:* Applications for this portion of the grants program will need to include a detailed description of the program intended. If the applicants intend on coordinating programs within their state, a detailed budget will be required for submission. If the application is related to invitations to camps and coach mentoring, budgets for this portion are not required. Rowing Australia will produce a budget for received applications to ascertain the levels of assistance needed, dependant on the applications received.

### **3.3 Capital Works**

This grant is proposed for minor projects that directly benefit high performance adaptive rowers. Projects that can be considered may include but are not limited to:

- Making boatsheds more accessible for all rowers:
  - Building ramps for wheelchair access
  - Tactile pathways for vision impaired rowers
- Providing safer or more accessible access to water for boating
- Disability parking spaces

*PLEASE NOTE:* A detailed budget will be required for submission for this portion of the grants program.

## **4. Requirements**

Rowing Australia will only accept endorsed applications from State Rowing Associations on behalf of Rowing Clubs. The applying organisations must also comply with the following requirements:

- Club constitution with an inclusive environment
- Affiliated member of a State Rowing Association and/or Rowing Australia
- Recognised organisational structure
- Adequate accessibility for adaptive rowers into the clubs surrounding facilities
- Capacity to service existing and future members
- Demonstrated commitment to activities benefiting high performance adaptive rowing

State Rowing Associations are required to complete the attached application form accompanied by relevant supporting documentation.

## **5. Review Process**

At the completion of the program period (30 June 2009), the successful applicants will be required to submit a report to Rowing Australia that provides information on how the High Performance Grants Program has assisted the club and the State Rowing Association. The report will review the key performance indicators as outlined in the states application or through the indicators set between the management group.

Accompanying the tender report, the successful tender applicants will be required to provide Rowing Australia with an acquittal of all assistance received from Rowing Australia for the duration of the tender period consistent with the approved grants program. Rowing Australia will assess the programs to ascertain the benefits and value of the state based initiatives for further funding if applicable and appropriate.

## 6. Important Dates

The following table is a timeline for the tender process:

Item Description	Date
Rowing Australia to send out requests for Applications	16/9/2008
Prospective club applications due in to Rowing Australia	10/10/2008
Rowing Australia Panel assessing applications	13-24/10/2008
Successful clubs and State Rowing Association's notified	By 31/10/2008
Programs Commence	1/11/2008

**2009 Adaptive Rowing High Performance Grants  
Program – Application Form**



State Rowing Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Tender Application Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Role within Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Application submitted on the behalf of (Club): \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact for Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Detailed Budget for the program attached if applicable*





