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Outcome Report**

Executive Summary

The 2007-2008 National Adaptive Rowing Audit was developed to ascertain the levels of participation for adaptive rowing in Australia for the period 2007-2008. To ensure the best possible results, the following target areas were the focus of the audit: the current levels of participation, how adaptive rowers are being sourced, current levels of competitive adaptive rowing available, current funding levels, what programs are available, how the coaches are being sourced and trained, what partnerships have been established between adaptive stakeholders, current levels of knowledge about classification procedures and what equipment is currently available to adaptive rowers in Australia.

The audit was split into three target areas to get the full range of programs being conducted for adaptive rowing in Australia. The three audited target segments were State Rowing Associations, Australian Rowing Clubs and identified Third Tier External non-rowing Sports Organisations.

The findings from the report have shown that participation levels are vastly different from state to state, and the number of clubs that are offering adaptive rowing also differs from state to state. The level of competitive adaptive rowing varies from state to state, with the most amounts of adaptive races provided in the states with the higher levels of registered members.

There has been an alarming level of uncertainty with regard to the levels of knowledge about the classification procedures and processes from many clubs and third tier organisations.

The general feeling from the State Rowing Associations are that the current levels of adaptive rowing equipment circulating within Australia is not at an adequate level for the development and the future of adaptive rowing.

Many State Rowing Associations and Clubs have expressed that the best way to overcome the equipment issues is to gain access to available funding opportunities, and assistance to apply for various grants and sponsorships.

The following outcomes report will attempt to articulate the results received and report on the current adaptive rowing environment within the States, within the clubs and within the third tier organisations that are involved with adaptive rowing. The report will also summarise the key focus areas and how these areas are impacting on the current Australian Adaptive Rowing Climate.

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1. Methodology

1.1 Aim: To enable Rowing Australia and their stakeholders to fully understand the current Adaptive Rowing climate within Australia.

1.2 Targeted Stakeholders: The audit was broken up to focus on three target areas within the Australian Rowing environment:

1. State Rowing Associations
2. Australian Rowing Clubs
3. Identified Third Tier External Organisations

1.3 Key Focus Areas: To fully understand the current adaptive rowing climate in Australia, the following areas were highlighted as areas of interest:

1. Participation
2. Competition
3. Funding
4. Programs
5. Policy
6. Education
7. Classification
8. Partnerships
9. Inclusion
10. Equipment

1.4 Process Followed: The State Rowing Associations were sent a letter via email to be invited to take part in the National Audit. The letter contained a background of the audit and the reasons why Rowing Australia was conducting the audit. The state contacts for adaptive rowing were asked to forward the Club Evaluation Audits onto their clubs to establish a club and state based snapshot of adaptive rowing. Identified third tier organisations were also sent a letter asking to respond by completing the audit and describing how they are involved with adaptive rowing and how they see their organisation being involved in the future of adaptive rowing.

A copy of each Audit and the results can be found in the Appendices of this report.

The recommendations of this report will be used as a guide to re-shape Rowing Australia's Disability Action Plan (DAP) to focus on the most prevalent issues and areas of adaptive rowing that need direct attention for the future development and growth of adaptive rowing within Australia. The newly shaped DAP will aid the integration of adaptive rowing, and in turn make Australian Adaptive rowers more competitive on the international adaptive stage through the development of high performance pathways for rowers and coaches.

2. State Rowing Association Analysis

The following information has been deduced from the State Evaluation Audit found at Appendix 1, and the audit results found at Appendix 4.

2.1 Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association - ACTRA

No audit received.

2.2 New South Wales Rowing Association - NSWRA

The level of clubs offering adaptive rowing and the levels of paying members at these clubs has increased in the last 12 months, resulting in NSW having the highest level of paying adaptive members and the second highest level of clubs offering adaptive rowing in Australia. Adaptive rowing is not centralised in NSW, as many clubs over a few areas of Sydney are providing rowing for athletes with a disability.

This has occurred as NSW are actively approaching prospective adaptive rowers via the Australian Paralympic Committee's Talent Search days and liaising with disability sporting groups. This has been achieved through strong coordination and promotion of adaptive rowing by the state adaptive coordinator. Resulting from the increased levels of participation, the number of events offered during local and state regattas has also increased and NSW offer the second highest amount of regattas with Adaptive events integrated into regular fixtures. To ensure that the levels of participation increase, NSWRA will endeavour to arrange more come and try days and integrate adaptive rowing into state based rowing programs in the future.

NSWRA have made submission to Sport and Recreation Departments for funding assistance, but have had no positive responses to date.

NSWRA have been proactive in approaching external organisations that offer disability services to help bolster the status of adaptive rowing in NSW. The awareness of adaptive rowing within NSW does not seem to be an issue. There is a strong level of adaptive equipment available to club members in NSW along with a number of privately owned boats.

A few issues were highlighted in the audit response. A few important things include financial assistance for equipment, assisting clubs to become more inclusive, offering support to clubs to provide adaptive rowing and come and try days, and sourcing knowledgeable coaches for adaptive specific training. NSWRA highlighted these aspects as ways in which the state body should be assisting the clubs.

2.3 Rowing Queensland - RQ

The audit results suggest that participation levels and the number of clubs offering adaptive rowing have not increased over the past 12 months. However, the number of events being offered during regattas has increased and the state body is being increasingly proactive and approaching many external organisations to assist with promotion and support for adaptive rowing. RQ are actively approaching participation levels in their state by assisting clubs to promote the sports and incorporating and integrating adaptive rowing into the roles and responsibly of the State Development Officer.

RQ and Disability QLD have provided many funding grants to adaptive rowing clubs for accessibility and sourcing boats.

RQ utilize the Disability Education Program run by the Australian Sports Commission to educate their stakeholders about disability sports, and are currently sourcing adaptive rowing coaches within the clubs networks.

The majority of the adaptive programs seem to be centered around one club, but other programs are starting up in other areas to help spread the knowledge and participation base of adaptive rowing.

RQ feel that the current levels of equipment available are not at adequate levels. RQ feels that further funding and knowledge about equipment and related aspects of Adaptive Rowing will be of great benefit to provide better adaptive services to their stakeholders.

2.4 Rowing Victoria - RV

Rowing Victoria is currently ascertaining whether or not the levels of adaptive rowing are increasing in their state. RV has however mentioned that the number of adaptive events on offer at local and state regattas is not increasing. RV are currently not actively approaching prospective adaptive rowers, instead, RV is developing strategies to assist clubs with currently running programs.

To combat these low numbers, RV's Member Services Coordinator has developed strategies to make clubs more inclusive and to promote the benefits of inclusive participation to members and clubs. RV has taken a proactive step forward by working with VicHealth and developing a four year disabled and disadvantaged athlete work plan to be included into the PICSAR project in Melbourne.

RV are yet to determine the levels of adaptive equipment in their state and are pragmatically looking at ways to develop a grants program for clubs seeking adaptive equipment.

2.5 South Australian Rowing Association - SARA

Participation levels of adaptive rowing and the level of clubs providing adaptive rowing are increasing in SA. SARA are assisting with the development of adaptive rowing in SA by conducting many adaptive rowing programs, both indoor and outdoor, and conducting an annual adaptive talent search day. To further develop adaptive rowing, SARA aim to increase participation and empower more clubs to become involved in adaptive rowing. This is evident as over the past 12 months, SARA held the most number of Come and Try Days for all State Rowing Associations. Competition opportunities for adaptive rowers are also increasing in SA as more adaptive races are being offered at more regattas.

State Government funding is being used in SA to facilitate inclusive community activities and run talent identification days all run by SARA.

SARA are currently sourcing coaches from within the clubs using current networks and word of mouth. The office of Sport and Recreation are currently conducting Disability Education Programs in SA to educate clubs, officials and participants about disability sports.

SARA have described the current levels of adaptive equipment at a less than adequate level for the development and the future of adaptive rowing. SARA feel that the best way to deal with this problem would be to establish contact links between states to find out where equipment can be made available and bought, and to be informed as to when grants become available for adaptive rowing, in an attempt to increase participation by providing more equipment and making clubs more inclusive and accessible.

2.6 Tasmanian Rowing Council - TRC

The TRC audit results show that current programs have been running for the past 15 years as a centralised program, but in the last 12 months the levels of adaptive participation and clubs offering adaptive rowing have not increased.

Tasmania has the highest level of clubs providing adaptive rowing, and has one of the highest paying member quotas in Australia. Due to these high numbers, the TRC are providing the most amount of adaptive events in Australia per year with a reported 54 adaptive races being offered at 9 regattas during 2007-2008. These numbers are high in comparison to other states, but the TRC believe that these numbers are not increasing.

The TRC currently run community and member funded programs that provide adaptive equipment and stage annual 'Live In' adaptive rowing camps. Many funding attempts have been made to the Tasmanian State Government for assistance, but have all been unsuccessful during 2007-2008.

Coaches are currently being sourced from within the clubs and no disability educational programs are currently being conducted in Tasmanian rowing clubs.

Adaptive rowing equipment is spread all over Tasmania with approximately 20 adaptive specific boats being utilized. The TRC feel that the current levels of equipment are adequate for the development of adaptive rowing in their state, but further Federal Government funding would assist with gaining further equipment and related resources.

2.7 Rowing Western Australia - RWA

Adaptive rowing in WA is conducted out of a centralised program that promotes inclusion for adaptive rowing at all levels. Promotion for this program has been provided using websites and RWA networks to approach prospective adaptive rowers. To coordinate the adaptive rowing program within WA, RWA are currently in discussion with the Department of Sport and Recreation to seek funds to employ a part time coordinator. This will assist RWA to continue to service their current members and to recruit more coaches and volunteers. Volunteers currently make up the bulk of this program, and the numbers have been dropping off over the last few years. RWA have reported that there are no current adaptive coaches in WA.

As the number of paying members and clubs providing adaptive rowing have not increased in the last 12 months, strategies need to be put in place to create a structure where other rowing clubs in WA can become integrated to aid in the development of adaptive rowing, rather than having just one club in WA dedicated to adaptive rowing.

Competitive adaptive rowing has not increased in the last 12 months, with less than 5 adaptive events being made available.

RWA have reported that the current levels of equipment in WA are more than adequate for the development of adaptive rowing, and do not require any assistance or funding to gain more equipment and resources.

3. Rowing Club Analysis

The following information has been deduced from the Club Evaluation Audit found at Appendix 2, and the audit results found at Appendix 5.

3.1 ACT

The one audit received from the ACT suggests that adaptive rowing is currently in a development stage in the ACT. There are less than 5 adaptive rowers registered and two clubs have been integrating adaptive rowers into existing programs. Clubs in the ACT are not actively approaching prospective adaptive rowers, however the rowing networks currently working within the ACT rowing community have referred adaptive rowers to accessible clubs.

There are currently no dedicated adaptive rowing coordinators in the ACT. Clubs in the ACT operate with an open doors policy and adaptive rowers are being integrated in to existing programs and coaching is being adapted to the needs of the rowers.

There have been no dedicated adaptive events ACT regattas, but a few adaptive rowers have taken part in mainstream races for their clubs.

Currently no funding has been sought for adaptive specifics, but as the requirements grow, the funding will be sought. There is currently no dedicated adaptive rowing equipment as the need for specialized equipment is low. ACT clubs have expressed that as the demand rises, steps will be taken to accommodate the increase with regard to equipment and coaching staff. One of the main areas of concern to be addressed is the access points of some areas in the ACT. Launching pontoons are needed, and better accessibility to clubs is required to aid the transition for adaptive rowers into mainstream clubs.

3.2 NSW

NSW currently has a sound participation base for adaptive rowing with many clubs around the Sydney area offering adaptive rowing from mainstream clubs, to schools and dedicated adaptive clubs with the level of participation and clubs providing adaptive rowing increasing over the past 12 months. Schools and disability organisations are currently being used as the driving forces to recruit new adaptive rowers in NSW. The number of Come and Try Days in NSW regions are increasing and clubs are utilising Australian Paralympic Committee (APC) Talent Search Days to promote adaptive rowing and source participants.

The main drive for NSW clubs at present is to boost participation numbers, and many clubs are being proactive in their future plans to ensure that the clubs are

financially stable, developing adaptive rowing pathways for members and integrating adaptive rowing into mainstream club, local and state regattas. Clubs in NSW are actively approaching Departments of Sport and Recreation and local councils for financial assistance for adaptive rowing programs but are currently not receiving external funding.

The disability education Program is being used by a number of clubs in NSW to promote the benefits of inclusion and to educate stakeholders about disability sport.

Clubs in NSW feel that current levels of adaptive equipment are not adequate for the development of adaptive rowing, and feel that further financial assistance and knowledge on how to access it is the most effective way to combat this issue.

3.3 QLD

Like NSW, Queensland clubs are approaching external sporting organisations and APC Talent Search days as a good way to promote the sport and recruit for adaptive rowing in order to increase the level of participation and club involvement in adaptive rowing. The future goals for QLD clubs are to develop strategies to increase participation and to ensure that coaches are fully supported and to ensure that they are educated on adaptive requirements. These goals have been design to ensure that the current levels of participation and clubs offering adaptive rowing rise for the future development of the sport in QLD.

Queensland clubs are in a strong position as many funding opportunities have been made available for adaptive programs and the level of adaptive events are increasing. Coaching programs have been created to promote adaptive rowers through established pathways and the levels of equipment are adequate for the development of the sport.

3.4 VIC

There are many clubs that have adaptive members and participation, but the level of clubs in Victoria that provide adaptive rowing has not increased over the past 12 months. Many of the clubs have an open door policy and adapt to the rowers when they are integrated into mainstream programs. One of the main burdens facing Victorian clubs is the level of volunteer's needed and dedicated adaptive coaches.

The general feeling from Victorian clubs is that the future of adaptive rowing is dependant on the needs of the rowers, and the level of support available. There is a drive to integrate adaptive programs into the Victorian Institute of Sport and to include some indoor rowing programs to bolster the Adaptive rowing

participation. Coaches are being sourced through volunteer drives and utilising current coaches from mainstream programs.

Across the board, the number of adaptive events on offer have increased in Victoria. One aspect that is hampering development and further participating in regattas are the expenses incurred for travel and acquiring equipment. The clubs in Victoria are not adequately equipped for adaptive rowing and there are limited funding opportunities to aid the sourcing of equipment. Rowing Victoria have recently been included into the PICSAR program, which should in-turn, filter down to the clubs.

Many of the clubs in metropolitan Melbourne have expressed concerns about access to the water, the sheds and available car parking for adaptive rowers. The clubs are actively seeking financial assistance to overcome these issues and are in talks with local councils to rectify the access situation.

3.5 SA

Clubs in SA feel that the levels of participation and the number of clubs offering adaptive rowing have not increased over the past 12 months. To combat this, clubs are actively approaching schools and community groups to biannual learn to row programs in an attempt to promote the sports and to gain access to a wider target market. Future goals for clubs are to continue running programs in the schools and to conduct talent search days.

Clubs in SA have received some funding from Sport and Recreation departments in the past, but have made no further attempts recently for assistance. Local areas are utilising the Disability Education Program run by external organisations and are currently sourcing coaches from existing mainstream programs and parents of adaptive rowers.

Clubs in SA feel that the current levels of adaptive equipment are adequate for the further developments of adaptive rowing, and do not require any assistance at present for further expansion.

3.6 TAS

The one audit response back from Tasmania suggests that there is a slight increase in the participation of adaptive rowing. Few of the clubs in Tasmania are currently not actively approaching prospective adaptive rowers to join up to clubs, and relying on word of mouth and networks within Tasmanian Rowing. Many clubs were recognized that provide adaptive rowing in Tasmania, and that these clubs contain a substantial amount of adaptive equipment. With the many clubs offering adaptive rowing, many competition opportunities are made available at club and local regattas.

Funding still seems to be a hurdle for clubs in Tasmania with regard to accessing and sourcing the funding for programs, camps and specialised equipment.

3.7 WA

WA has a centralised Adaptive rowing program run out of one club, Freedom on the River (FOTR). The participation levels of FOTR have not increased over the past 12 months and there are no other clubs in WA actively approaching adaptive rowers to become integrated, putting a large strain on FOTR. Subsequently, FOTR are at maximum with regard to servicing their members and are also not actively approaching prospective participants for this reason.

At present, FOTR are being funded by member fees and funds raised by club members, and in part by the Lotteries Commission to purchase boats. FOTR feel that a way to overcome the current issues are to try to transfer more responsibility of adaptive rowing over to RWA. This has been accepted by RWA and they are currently in talks to source a part time coordinator.

Currently, FOTR have expressed that they are unaware of current classification processes and procedures, which could be hampering future development.

At present, FOTR only provide sculling programs for adaptive rowing. The club currently has equipment specifically designated for single scull use and this level is sufficient. FOTR are looking into expanding programs into sweep oared rowing, for such programs more specialised equipment will be needed.

FORT have expressed that assistance is needed in specific areas of the club. Improvements to the boat shed and surrounding amenities are required. The current access to the foreshore is poor, that provides potential hazards for both mainstream and adaptive rowers. With the proposed expanding programs, a large boatshed will be also required to fully service the members.

4. Third Tier Organisation Analysis

The following information has been deduced from the Third Tier Evaluation Audit found at Appendix 3, and the audit results found at Appendix 6.

4.1 ACT

No audit received.

4.2 NSW

No audit received.

4.3 QLD

Life Stream:

Life stream currently co-host a regatta with Commercial RC once a year. Life stream provide disability awareness classes for schools and organisations and have modified certain classes for adaptive rowing. Life stream currently foresee a partnership with Rowing Australia which could include people with an intellectual disability rowing in QLD as life stream currently have 500 members who can be approached about adaptive rowing through quarterly newsletter promotions and publications.

Sporting Wheelies:

Sporting Wheelies are curenlty aware of approximately 5 adaptive rowers in QLD. They assisted with the adaptive rowing program launch in early 2007 and assisted with a come and try day in early 2008.

Sporting Wheelies provide funding for local and interstate regattas for adaptive rowers.

Sporting Wheelies are currently utilising the Sports CONNECT program to link members with adaptive rowing clubs, and are assisting a few clubs with promotion and organising programs.

Sporting wheelies see their organisations involvement in the future of adaptive rowing by assisting with measures to obtain funding, organising come and try days, promoting the sport and assisting the drive to increase inclusion and participation.

4.4 VIC

VICSRAPID:

VICSRAPID are involved with adaptive rowing by providing advocacy for rowers with integration difficulties, and assisting with the running of disability education programs. This organisation feels that they would be able to assist with promotion, advocacy and advertising for the future of adaptive rowing.

4.5 SA

SASRAPID:

SASRAPID provide similar services to VICSRAPID, with advocacy and disability education programs. SASRAPID wish to be involved in the future of adaptive rowing by ensuring inclusion for rowers with integration difficulties and through the promotion of the sport within their networks.

4.6 TAS

New Horizons:

New Horizons are aware of over 20 current adaptive rowers in Tasmania, and have been involved in many 'Disrow' programs. New Horizons also coordinate a weekly club adaptive rowing program at Lake Trevallyn.

New horizons are committed to assisting adaptive rowing in the future, but are currently restricted in their progression due to a lack of resources and participants.

TASRAD:

TASRAD are the peak body in the state for all disability sport and recreation, not just intellectual disability. TASRAD are currently aware of 16-20 adaptive rowers and have been assisting adaptive rowing in Tasmania through promotion and distributing information.

TASRAD currently provide disability education services and will look to developing links for education and training opportunities and promotion for adaptive rowing in the future.

4.7 WA

Recreation and Sport Network:

Recreation and Sport Network are currently aware of 1-5 adaptive rowers in WA through the Freedom on the River program. In the future, Recreation and Sport Network hope to build better partnerships with FOTR and empower RWA to have more ownership for adaptive rowing within their state.

5. Key Focus Areas

The following section will be a summary of the key focus areas across the whole of Australia's Adaptive Rowing programs.

5.1 Participation

Across Australia, there are currently 20-25 clubs providing adaptive rowing programs with 40-50 paying members according to the State Rowing Associations. These figures are on the increase in the ACT, NSW and SA, but VIC, QLD, TAS and WA have responded with results that are not on the rise. The majority of participation and clubs offering Adaptive Rowing seems to be within Tasmania and NSW.

State Rowing Associations are currently actively approaching prospective adaptive rowers coordinated by employees and members of State Rowing Associations operating in 5 of the 7 State Rowing Associations. Jobs carried out by these individuals include promotion, recruitment, liaising with clubs and state/national bodies and third tier organisations, arranging come and try days and assisting with the growing accessibility of clubs within their state. During 2007-2008, 7 Come and Try Days were organised and run across Australia. All of the state rowing associations have highlighted that they will utilise the newly produced Come and Try Day Organisational Tool to assist with future Come and Try Days.

The State Rowing associations are aware of the many clubs providing adaptive rowing within their states, and subsequent clubs are also aware of other clubs providing adaptive rowing. More communication needs to take place between clubs in the states to assist one another to run programs in partnership, lend equipment and work as a state to bolster the adaptive rowing programs within the states to ensure that participants can have as much access as possible to adaptive rowing, regardless of where they reside.

Of the audit responses received from the Third Tier Organisations, the awareness of adaptive rowers at clubs is relatively low, with only 30-40 adaptive rower awareness. State bodies representing AUSRAPID have been involved with 3 states assisting with the coordination and promotion of adaptive rowing come and try days between 2007-2008.

5.2 Competition

According to the State Rowing Associations, during the period of 2007-2008, approximately 43 regattas across Australia provided adaptive rowing events. During these regattas, approximately 90 events were made available for adaptive rowing. Three of the State Rowing Associations believe that these numbers have increased in the audit period, but four states did not. The majority of

adaptive rowing competition was available in NSW and TAS, due to the higher participation levels compared to other states.

No third tier organisations were involved with rowing regattas providing adaptive rowing in the audit period.

5.3 Funding

A majority of the State Rowing Associations and clubs are not currently receiving external funding for adaptive rowing programs. Queensland are currently receiving the most amount of assistance from external organisations in the way of funding through well established partnerships and communication links. The majority of club funding comes from member's annual fees and donations.

Some states and clubs however, are receiving small grants and assistance from local councils and community funded groups, but many have expressed requests for assistance with regard to how to access funding opportunities, how to apply for funding opportunities, and knowledge about when funding opportunities become available at a local, state and national level.

Only one of the third tier organisations that responded to the audit currently provide financial assistance for adaptive rowing programs. The organisation reported on providing funding towards seat fees for state representative teams attending state regattas and National Championships.

5.4 Policy

As many of the rowing clubs in Australia have open door policies, only a hand-full of clubs have written policies for the inclusion of rowers with a disability, and a number of clubs have incorporated adaptive rowing within the clubs constitution. Many of the audit responses expressed ideals that written policies for adaptive rowing are not a requirement for the promotion of adaptive rowing.

The main benefits from having a written public policy shows adaptive rowing stakeholders that clubs and states have empowered themselves to promote an inclusive environment and integrate adaptive rowing as a natural part of participation and competition.

5.5 Programs

Within Australia there are less than five clubs solely dedicated to adaptive rowing. Many of the adaptive rowing programs being run at mainstream rowing clubs have been integrated into able-bodied programs with a few clubs offering specialised adaptive programs. This has been achieved to utilise available boats and existing coaches at clubs.

Throughout the states, the most common program being run for adaptive rowing are talent search days and come and try days. These programs provide promotional opportunities for adaptive rowing, and can source athletes from other avenues such as the Australian Paralympic Committee contacts and other disabled sports. Schools are increasingly being involved with adaptive rowing, especially in NSW.

Come and Try Days are the one of the strongest forms of promotion to build awareness as it provides opportunities for individuals to merely try the sport without having to be financially locked into a club, and it is an easy way to reach a large audience for a short period of time.

5.6 Education

As there are currently no adaptive rowing specific education programs, State Rowing Associations and clubs are utilising the Disability Education Programs run by the Australian Sports Commission and State Sport and Recreation Departments to promote disability sports, and to educate adaptive rowing stakeholders on inclusion and acceptance, and providing insight to sports for the disabled.

Rowing Australia will be making available a coach education program in the near future which will aid in the education of existing adaptive rowing stakeholders about the sport and focus specifically on coach education, in an attempt to have an accreditation system for adaptive rowing coaches. The State Rowing Associations have expressed an interest in the soon to be developed Education program, and all wish to be active participants once the Module can be made available.

Currently, State Rowing Associations and clubs are gaining access to coaches for adaptive rowing through existing channels at the local level, be it mainstream coaches or parents of rowers.

The majority of the Third Tier Organisations that returned audits are currently providing and assisting with Disability Education Program Modules coordinated by Sport and Recreation Departments and the Australian Sports Commission.

5.7 Classification

At the State Rowing Association level, the classification system for adaptive rowing is well known. At the local Club level, the majority of the clubs that responded to the audit are still unaware of the classification process and procedures at a local, state and national level.

States should be empowered to establish links with external sporting organisations to assist with the knowledge classification processes and

procedures that are conducted by a few external organisations to Rowing Australia such as Blind Sports Australia and AUSRAPID.

There was an evident lack of knowledge of the adaptive rowing classification procedures and policies by the third tier organisations that returned audit responses. The classification process is a link that can be utilized between states/clubs and third tier organisations to provide reciprocal services for adaptive rowing for members of clubs and members of organisations with regard to sourcing participants and utilising the services that third tier organisations can provide.

Rowing Australia in conjunction with the Australian Sports Commission and Multilocus are producing an educational DVD for adaptive rowing classifiers. The DVD can be utilized by State Rowing Associations to conduct classification training sessions, and can be used as a classification tool for the education and promotion of the classification program.

5.8 Partnerships

Many partnerships have been developed between State Rowing Associations and local Sport and Recreation Departments. As stated previously, State Rowing Associations and Clubs should begin to develop partnerships with external organisations to receive assistance with organising and running programs, funding opportunities and to gain knowledge about the classification program. All of the states are aware of external organisations in their local areas, and have requested assistance with initiating discussions with relevant organisations.

A low number of third tier organisations have been approached by or have approached State Rowing Associations or Clubs to create partnerships for the benefit of both parties. As stated previously, there is much to gain from establishing communication links between adaptive rowing and organisations that provide services for athletes with a disability.

5.9 Inclusion

At present, the State Rowing Associations and Third Tier Organisations are unaware of other initiatives that proactively promote inclusion of people with a disability in other areas of the sport.

The driving force behind adaptive rowing in Australia seems to be the strong involvement of volunteers and existing club members. As the level of awareness and participation increase, opportunities will arise for rowers and other stakeholders in roles such as administration, coaching and officiating.

5.10 Equipment

Conventional single sculls are being utilized in many areas for LTA rowing, but sweep oared rowing programs are not as prevalent as fixed seat programs in Australia. The audit responses have expressed that if more interest is made in sweep oared rowing, then avenues will be explored to gain access to conventional coxed four boats. The majority of equipment alluded to in the National Audit have been boats modified for fixed seat rowing (both TA and A), with both conventional and adaptive specific boats being used. Within Australia, there was only a reported 5 FISA regulation adaptive rowing boats being utilized for training and racing.

It is evident from the audit responses that State Rowing Associations and local Clubs are aware where the majority of adaptive rowing equipment resides in their respective areas, and as stated previously, more communication needs to take place so that equipment can be utilized at the state level by all.

Many of the State Rowing Associations and clubs that returned audit responses have expressed views that the level of equipment readily available in Australian Adaptive rowing programs is not at adequate levels for the development and the future of adaptive rowing.

When asked what assistance would State Rowing Associations and Clubs require to obtain more adaptive rowing equipment, the majority of the answers received were to gain assistance with gaining access to further funding for equipment, programs and access to facilities for the future development of adaptive rowing.

An equipment database has been set up to outline what adaptive rowing equipment is being utilized in Australia and where the equipment is currently being housed. The database can be found at Appendix 8.

6. Conclusion

The audits received for the 2007-2008 National Adaptive Rowing Audit have highlighted that the current levels of participation and clubs offering adaptive rowing differ substantially from club to club and state to state. These findings and the results contained in the audits suggest that the levels of available funding opportunities, coaches and equipment remain the influences for the future of adaptive rowing within Australia.

Competitive adaptive rowing is an aspect of the sport that can be used to attract more participation and can lead to creating pathways for adaptive rowers. The higher levels of competition are offered in states where the participation of adaptive rowing is high. Opportunities may arise to send rowers to other state regattas in attempt to gain further experience and to use the competitive pathways set in place in some states. This may assist with the promotion of the sport and its development.

Partnerships between external organisations need to be looked at as a benefit for adaptive rowing clubs and participants. If there is a service provided that can be of a benefit to adaptive rowing, clubs and states should initiate partnerships.

The promotion of the adaptive rowing classification process will need to be filtered down more effectively to the clubs and individual rowers. This is an integral part of the sport and should be fully understood by all stakeholders.

The development of access points and participation bases for adaptive rowing must support current high performance structures and programs with the main goal of participation, development and talent identification. Rowing Australia's High Performance funding will assist with this newly planned focus on adaptive rowing.

The National Audit has outlined that more effective communication links between the States and the Clubs need to be established as many of the State Rowing Associations were unaware of exactly what adaptive rowing programs are being conducted, how many participants row and where the equipment is housed within their respective states.

7. Recommendations

The National Audit has delineated some key areas of development for adaptive rowing to excel in the future in Australia. Three key areas have been identified from the findings of the conducted audit as the main focus for the new phase in Adaptive Rowing cycle within Australia; Clubs, Coaches and Athletes.

1. Clubs

Clubs need to be empowered to prepare themselves to take on more members and athletes with a disability. Clubs may need to find ways to ensure that the facilities are more accessible, provide equipment for the development of the rowers, attempt to pursue funding opportunities and establish communication links between external organisations and their State Rowing Associations. These avenues may prove useful for clubs in gaining more memberships, and being more integrated as a club.

Rowing Australia’s Implementation Strategy: In an attempt to assist clubs in achieving the above stated outcomes, Rowing Australia will endeavour to achieve the following strategies:

Strategies	Measurable Targets
Develop tools and strategies for clubs to improve access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with RA in development and implementation of club tools – eg. Joint activities with NSWRA and their APC support
Develop opportunities for clubs and State Associations to formalise relationships with nationally recognised disability sport organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify possible partnerships and establish connections with disability sport organisations
Develop a funding registry database and template for applying for grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in identifying funding opportunities and maintaining an up to date database
Support state based education and ‘come and try’ days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Come and Try Days • 2 Education programs
Empower clubs to utilise Come and Try Days “How-to” check lists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish checklist on RA website • Provide feedback on checklist results once received • Identify areas that need assistance or further development with regard to accessibility

2. Coaches

Providing opportunities for coaches to further develop their knowledge of adaptive rowing through education and developing pathways is an integral part of the future of adaptive rowing. Coaches within State rowing programs need to be educated on the requirements of adaptive rowing and how to effectively coach athletes with a disability. Rowing Australia has recently completed a draft adaptive rowing coach education module for coach accreditation. This Module will be utilized at the local level through to the national level for the development of adaptive rowing coaches. Pathways need to be established for the future of adaptive coaches who have national representative aspirations. A high performance plan has been established to include the progression of adaptive rowing coaches to progress through the coaching ranks in Australia.

Rowing Australia's Implementation Strategy: In an attempt to assist coaches to achieve the above stated outcomes, Rowing Australia will endeavour to achieve the following strategies:

Strategies	Measurable Targets
Finalise and implement NCAS Accreditation	• Implement at state level
Accredit Adaptive Rowing Coaches	• 10 adaptive coaches per year
Develop coach manual and further education material	• Provide feedback and input into coaching resources
Establish mentoring program for adaptive coaches	• Identify possible adaptive coaches to integrate into Senior A coaching programs

3. Athletes

Adaptive athletes need to be further educated on the Classification processes and procedures, how to get classified and what an athlete classification means. Adaptive athletes will also require high performance training programs to provide greater opportunities for pathways to National representation. A newly formed Talent Identification process should be established to aid the athlete transition from club rowing to state and national representation.

Rowing Australia's Implementation Strategy: In an attempt to assist athletes to achieve the above stated outcomes, Rowing Australia will endeavour to achieve the following strategies:

Strategies	Measurable Targets
Classification education for all adaptive rowers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilise the Classifiers Educational DVD for the promotion and education of the classification process
Ensure local and national competition opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain appropriate adaptive events at National Championships • Support the provision of adaptive events at local and state regattas
Establish Rowing Australia Talent Identification Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop protocols for Talent Identification • Integrate Adaptive Rowing talent identification protocols with High Performance state based talent identification programs • Increase athletes who are accessing Adaptive Rowing at clubs
Develop/Establish consistent training standards of an international level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce recommended Adaptive Rowing High Performance Training Programs • Provide consistent updates for adaptive prognostics and performance standards • Identify and implement minimum testing standards and protocols

Appendix 1 - State Evaluation 2007-2008 Audit



State Rowing Association: _____

Prepared By: _____

Participation:

1. Approximately how many adaptive rowers are paying members at rowing clubs in your state?
(Please Tick)

0 1-5 6-10 11-15 16-20 20+

2. How many clubs currently offer Adaptive Rowing in your state? (Please Tick)

0 1-2 3-4 4-5 6+

3. Have these numbers increased?

Yes

No

4. How is your state sporting organisation actively approaching prospective adaptive rowers?

5. Does your organisation have an individual dedicated/responsible to/for Adaptive Rowing?

Yes, please name and describe their responsibilities:

No, please outline ways in which adaptive rowing is currently coordinated within your state?

6. What are your organisations future plans for adaptive rowing within your state?

7. Were there any Come 'n' Try Days held for Adaptive Rowing in your state? (please Tick)

0 1-2 3-4 4-5 6+

8. Would your organisation utilise the newly released Come 'n' Try Day Tool by RA to assist with the coordination, organisation and lead up to a proposed Come 'n' Try Day?

Yes
No

9. Please list the names of all clubs that you are aware of that currently offer adaptive rowing in your state:

Competition:

10. How many Regattas in your state offered adaptive rowing events? (Please Tick)

0 1 2-3 4-5 6-7 8-9 10+

11. Have these numbers increased?

Yes
No

12. How many Adaptive Rowing events are available at the individual regattas on average? (Please Tick)

1 2-3 4-5 6-7 8-9 10+

13. Have these numbers increased?

Yes
No

14. Overall, how many adaptive events were made available for adaptive rowing participants in your state? (Please Tick)

0 1-5 6-10 11-15 16-20 20+

15. Have these numbers increased?

Yes
No

Funding

16. Does your state sporting organisation receive any funding to support the inclusion of rowers with a disability? If so, please describe:

17. What attempts/avenues were made/used to obtain funding or financial assistance for adaptive rowing?

Programs:

18. Does your state sporting organisation have any programs dedicated to Adaptive Rowing? If so, please describe:

Policy:

19. Does your state sporting organisation have a written policy for the inclusion of rowers with a disability? If so, please describe:

Education:

20. Do you carry out / are you aware of any disability education programs in your state? If so, please describe:

21. Would your organisation be an active participant in the new Adaptive Education Module produced by RA?

- Yes
- No

22. How has your state sourced current adaptive coaches?

Classification:

23. Are you aware of any Adaptive Rowing classification procedures and policies at the following levels: (Please Tick)

Local: Yes No

National: Yes No

International: Yes No

Partnerships:

24. Has your state sporting organisation been in contact with any external organisations in regards to Adaptive Rowing?

Yes, please name:

No

25. Is your organisation aware of other organisations that provide support services for athletes with a disability?

- Yes
- No

Appendix 2 - Club Evaluation 2007-2008 Audit



Club: _____

Prepared By: _____

Contact Details: (Mobile) _____ (Email) _____

(Club Address) _____

Participation:

1. Approximately how many adaptive rowers are paying members at your rowing club?
(Please Tick)

0 1-5 6-10 11-15 16-20 20+

2. How many clubs currently offer Adaptive Rowing in your state? (Please Tick)

0 1-2 3-4 4-5 6+

3. Have these numbers increased?

Yes

No

4. How is your club actively approaching prospective adaptive rowers?

5. Does your club have an individual dedicated/responsible to/for Adaptive Rowing?

Yes, please name and describe their responsibilities:

No, please outline ways in which adaptive rowing is currently coordinated within your club?

6. What are your clubs future plans for adaptive rowing within your state?

7. Were there any Come 'n' Try Days held for Adaptive Rowing at your club? (please Tick)

0 1-2 3-4 4-5 6+

8. Would your club utilise the newly released Come 'n' Try Day Tool by RA to assist with the coordination, organisation and lead up to a proposed Come 'n' Try Day?

Yes

No

9. Please list the names of all clubs that you are aware of that currently offer adaptive rowing in your state:

Competition:

10. How many Regattas in your state offered adaptive rowing events? (Please Tick)

0 1 2-3 4-5 6-7 8-9 10+

11. Have these numbers increased?

Yes

No

12. How many Adaptive Rowing events are available at the individual regattas on average? (Please Tick)

1 2-3 4-5 6-7 8-9 10+

13. Have these numbers increased?

Yes

No

14. Overall, how many adaptive events were made available for adaptive rowing participants in your state? (Please Tick)

0 1-5 6-10 11-15 16-20 20+

15. Have these numbers increased?

Yes

No

Funding

16. Does your club receive any funding to support the inclusion of rowers with a disability? If so, please describe:

17. What attempts/avenues were made/used to obtain funding or financial assistance for adaptive rowing?

Programs:

18. Does your club have any programs dedicated to Adaptive Rowing? If so, please describe:

Policy:

19. Does your club have a written policy for the inclusion of rowers with a disability? If so, please describe:

Education:

20. Do you carry out / are you aware of any disability education programs in your state? If so, please describe:

21. Would your organisation be an active participant in the new Adaptive Education Module produced by RA?

Yes

No

22. How has your club sourced current adaptive coaches?

Classification:

23. Are you aware of any Adaptive Rowing classification procedures and policies at the following levels: (Please Tick)

Local: Yes No

National: Yes No

International: Yes No

Partnerships:

24. Has your club been in contact with any external organisations in regards to Adaptive Rowing?

Yes, please name:

No

Appendix 3 - Third Tier Organisation Evaluation 2007-2008 Audit



Association: _____

Prepared By: _____

Contact Details: Office Phone: _____ **(Email)** _____

Participation:

1. Is your association aware of any adaptive rowing athletes in your state? (Please Tick)

0 1-5 6-10 11-15 16-20 20+

2. Has your association been involved with any Adaptive Rowing Come 'n' Try Days in your state?

Yes, please name and describe involvement:

No

Competition:

3. Has your association been involved with any Regattas in your state that offer adaptive rowing events?

Yes, please name and describe involvement:

No

Funding:

4. Does your association provide any funding to support the inclusion of rowers with a disability in your state at a club and/or a state level? If so, please describe:

Programs:

5. Does your association have any programs dedicated to Adaptive Rowing? If so, please describe:

Policy:

6. Does your association have an established network with a Club or Rowing Organisation? If so, please describe:

Education:

7. Does your association carry out any disability education programs in your state? If so, please describe:

Classification:

8. Is your association aware of any Adaptive Rowing classification procedures and policies at the following levels:

Local: Yes No

National: Yes No

International: Yes No

Partnerships:

9. Has your association been in contact with any external organisations in regards to Adaptive Rowing?

Yes, please name:

No

Inclusion/Access

10. What other initiatives is your association aware of that proactively promote inclusion of people with disabilities in other areas of the sport – e.g. Administration, coaching, officiating?

11. How does your association foresee its participation in the future of adaptive rowing?

12. How can your association assist in the future development of Adaptive Rowing?

Appendix 4 - State Evaluation 2007-2008 Results

STATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NSW	11 to 15	4 to 5	Yes	Through APC Talent Search Days and liaising with disability sporting groups	Pamela Hubert - recruitment, liaising with clubs, coordinate coaching and equipment, finding funding	Arranging come and try days, integrate adaptive rowing in to the state rowing program	1 to 2	Yes
QLD	3	1 to 2	No	Assisting clubs to promote Adaptive Rowing	Sam Pickett - Development manager - adaptive responsibility incorporated into SDO role	Support the clubs with Adaptive Rowing Promotion	1 to 2	Yes
VIC	1 to 5	3 to 4	Unsure	At this stage RV does not actively approach prospective adaptive rowers, rather support current programs and clubs	Yes. Member Services coordinator (Braden Stokes), implement strategies to make clubs more inclusive and promote the benefits of inclusive participation to members, clubs and adaptive/disadvantaged participants.	PICSAR funding to provided services for disabled and disadvantaged rowers	1 to 2	Yes
SA	1 to 5	1 to 2	Yes	Conducting 'All Try and Go Rowing', facilitating indoor rowing programs, running annual Adaptive Talent Searches	Christine MacLaren - Adaptive Program Manager	Attempt to increase participation, get more clubs involved	3 to 4	Yes
TAS	11 to 15	6+	No	Programs registered through disability services and NICAN	Bob Blake (state/north west), Rik Bryan (north), Kay Sufel (south) - Phone and email correspondence	Continue in the same method the program has for the past 15 years	0	No
WA	6 to 10	1	No	Promotion on website	FOTR is currently in discussion with the Department of Sport and Recreation to seek funds to employ a part time coordinator.	Continue to service existing members, recruit more volunteers.	0	Yes

9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balmain RC, Nepean RC, Penrith RC, The Lakes Rowers, SUWRC, St George RC, Shoalhaven RC	23 regattas, 6 time trials	Yes	2 to 3	Yes	20+	Yes	No funding	Submissions to Sport and Recreation Department	Current programs run through activities conducted by the lakes rowers	Contained within the NSWRA Code of Conduct
Dragons RC, Noosa Yacht and RC, Cathedral School	2 to 3	Yes	2 to 3	Yes	1 to 5	Yes	2007 RQ funded \$2700 for DRC to support coaches for adaptive rowing, In 2006 / 2007 Disability QLD provided DRC with \$3200 to fund the purchase of equipment, In 2006 / 2007 Gaming Community Benefit provided \$29700 funding to purchase leisure boats	Funding from RQ, Disability QLD, Gaming Community Benefit.	Talent Searches, Coaching	The clubs include all people of the community regardless of ability
Nestles RC, Powerhouse RC, Carrum RC, Yarra Yarra RC	4 to 5	No	1	No	6 to 10	No	RV currently receives funding from Vic Health under the PICSAR funding agreement. This agreement is for four years and is centered on the strategies and objectives of our disabled and disadvantaged work plan	None outside the PICSAR funding	Blind Rowing program at Powerhouse RC	Not Currently
Murray Bridge RC	1	Yes	1	Yes	1 to 5	Yes	State Government funding	Nil	Community activities all inclusive, Talent ID run by SSO	No
Ulverstone, Mersey, Tamar, North Esk, Glenorchy, Sandy Bay, Huon	9	No	3	No	54	No	Community funded programs for equipment only	Unsuccessful State Government funding 2007	providing events at state regattas, provides a Live in Camp	No
Freedom on the River	2 to 3	No	2 to 3	No	1 to 5	No	No funding	None to date	Freedom on the River	Not currently

20	21	22	23	Local	National	International	24	25	26	27	28	LTA4+	TA2x
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sport and Recreation - Coaching AWD promoted to NSWRA members	Yes	Coaches sourced within the club		Yes	Yes	Yes	Rowing Australia, Australian Paralympic Committee	Yes	Yes	None		Many coxed fours available	1 FISA regulation, 2 privately owned non-regulation
Disability Education Program	Yes	Utilising existing club members		Yes	Yes	Yes	Sporting Wheelies, RQ, RA, Disability Services QLD	Yes	Yes	None		6	1
Not at this stage but will have under the PICSAR work plan in the future	Yes	Unknown		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes - Vision Australia, Blind Sports Victoria, City of Stonnington	Yes	Yes	None		Yet to be determined	Yet to be determined
Included in NCAS courses, Coordinated by the office of Sport and Recreation, Disability Education Program	Yes	Word of Mouth		No	Yes	Yes	Sport and Recreation, Schools, adaptive groups	Yes	Yes	None		None	3
No	Only if suitable to current program	From within Clubs		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	admin within SSO		1	1
Freedom on the River	Not sure	No current adaptive coaches		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unable to comment		0	4

A1x	Club	29	30
-	-	-	-
1 private FISA regulation, 6 club owned recreation adapted singles, 1 conventional fixed seat	Lakes RC, Nepean, NSWRA boatshed, PLC	No	Financial assistance for equipment, assisting clubs to become inclusive, offering support to clubs to provide adaptive rowing, come and try days and coaching
1	Dragons	Yes	Funding and knowledge from someone like Rowfit
Yet to be determined	Yet to be determined	No	Look to develop a grants program for clubs seeking such equipment
3	Murray Bridge SARA Shed	No	Contact between states where equipment is being sold, links to grants when open
15+	Lake Barrington International Rowing Course, Glenorchy RC	Yes	Federal Funding
12	Freedom on the river	Yes	We do not require any further equipment

Appendix 5 - Club Evaluation 2007-2008 Results

STATE	CLUB	1	2	3	4	5
ACT	Capital Lakes RC	1 to 5	1 to 2	Yes	People being referred to the club	No - Specialized coaching as required and then integration with the club base into crews founded on shared objectives
NSW	The Lakes Rowers	6 to 10	4 to 5	Yes	Word of mouth, APC Talent Search days, accident rehab centers	Pamela Hubert - Promotion, retention
	PLC Sydney	1 to 5	3 to 4	No	Students from the school	No
	Nepean RC	6 to 10	4 to 5	Yes	Schools, Disability organisations, Media	Roxanne Vines - coaching, promotion, development
QLD	Dragon Rowing Club	3	1 to 2	No	Sporting Wheelies - promotion, Talent search days	Sue Wallace - Coordinator of the adaptive program and liaises with sporting wheelies, RQ and coaches
VIC	Carrum RC	6 to 10	3 to 4	No	Wesley Disability Services	Kathy Wilmot - Recruitment, train coaches, liaise with club and disability services, organize coaching sessions, produce grant submissions, adapt equipment, goal setting for rowers
	Richmond RC	1 to 5	3 to 4	No	No - due to a lack of suitable/available volunteers and coaches, no adaptive specific equipment	No
	Essendon RC	0	0	No	No planned action	No
	Yarra Yarra RC	1 to 5	3 to 4		Current club members promoting the sport to external rowers, adaptive rowing in club events	Stuart Poole / Stuart McShane - coaching the adaptive program. Carol Cooke - Promotion and recruitment
	Footscray City Rowing Club	0	don't Know	Don't know	Open doors policy - Sunday Morning 10am rowing session for all	Peter Bright - Coordinates Sunday Morning sessions
	Nestles RC	1 to 5	Unsure	Unsure	Word of mouth, active oceans	Tom Bertrand - Liaise with other clubs, SSO, rowers, pursues coaches and equipment.
SA	Murray Bridge RC	1 to 5	-	No	Running learn to row programs for young people with a disability in schools.	Jayne Redding - Assists with the running of the adaptive program
TAS	Tamar Rowing Club	1 to 5	6+	Yes	It doesn't	It is not coordinated
WA	Freedom on the River	6 to 10	1	No	No active recruiting as club is currently at its member limits	FOTR is currently in discussion with the Department of Sport and Recreation to seek funds to employ a part time coordinator.
	Freedom on the River	6 to 10	1 to 2	No	Club currently in a holding phase to determine the future of adaptive rowing.	No

6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
-	0	Yes	Canberra Rowing Club, Lake Tuggeranong RC	0	No	Unsure	Unsure	Unsure
To find a strategy to create a financially stable club to support adaptive rowers and to have a accessible venue	0	Yes	Nepean RC, Balmain RC, Penrith RC, PLC RC, Drummoyne RC, St George RC.	10+	Yes	2 to 3	Yes	20+
To continue to offer adaptive rowing to students with a disability	0	Yes	Penrith RC, Lakes RC, PLC Sydney	10+	No	2 to 3	No	1 to 5
Develop better pathways, incorporate adaptive into masters, schools	1 to 2	Yes	Nepean RC, Lakes Rowers, Balmain RC, Penrith RC	10+	Yes	2 to 3	No	20+
increase participation, support coaches	1 to 2	Yes	Dragons RC, Noosa Yacht and RC, Cathedral School	2 to 3	Yes	2 to 3	Yes	1 to 5
Starting up a second group, indoor racing championships, invite other clubs and groups to Carrum	0	Yes - Last minute checklist	Yarra Yarra, Nestles, Carrum	1	No	2 to 3	Yes	1 to 5
Limited due to insufficient coaching and equipment	0	Yes - if financially supported	MUBC, Nestles	1	Yes	2 to 3	Yes	1 to 5
No plans	No	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Plans to host the VIS program. Become Australia's premiere adaptive club from novice to international level.	0	Yes	Nestle RC	2 to 3	Yes	1	Yes	1 to 5
Our plans will depend on the needs of our members and rowers	0	Haven't reviewed as yet	RV	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
Keep pushing on	6+	No answer	No answer	6 to 7	No	1	No	No
Continue to offer learn to row programs	1 to 2	Yes	SARA and Murray Bridge	0	No	-	-	0
None	0	Yes	Mersey, Ulverstone, Tamar, North Esk, Glenorchy, Sandy Bay, Huon	10+	Yes	4 to 5	No	16 to 20
Continue to service existing members, recruit more volunteers.	1	At this point in our planning, No	None	2 to 3	No	2 to 3	No	1 to 5
At this stage a concerted effort is being made to try to transfer more responsibility to Rowing WA	0	Yes	Freedom on the River, WA Rowing for the Disabled	4 to 5	No	2 to 3	No	1 to 5

15	16	17	18
Unsure	Additional funding has not been sought but if special equipment is required then additional funding will be sought	None	No
Yes	No	Application for NSW Department of Sport & Recreation Grant for Disability Sport Program	The clubs primary focus is Adaptive Rowing
No	No	None	No
No	No	local/community organisations	Yes
Yes	2007 RQ funded \$2700 for DRC to support coaches for adaptive rowing, In 2006 / 2007 Disability QLD provided DRC with \$3200 to fund the purchase of equipment, In 2006 / 2007 Gaming Community Benefit provided \$29700 funding to purchase leisure boats	Funding from RQ, Disability QLD, Gaming Community Benefit.	Organising talent search days, coaching program, selected athletes sent to National Championships
Yes	Wesley Disability Services	1 successful grant (single scull), costs shared between CRC and WDS, Kath Wilmot - Women in Sport Grant to go to Bob Blake in Tasmania for guidance	Yes - 1 session a week dedicated to adaptive
Yes	No	None	No
Unknown	No	None	No
Yes	No	None	Incorporate adaptive rowers with mainstream rowers
Unknown	funded through memberships, Vic Health, local councils	None	No
No	No answer	No answer	Active Oceans
No	Funding from Sport and Recreation Services SA	No further attempts	Twice yearly school based program
Yes	None	None	No
No	Funds raised by club members. Funds supplied by Lotteries Commission to purchase adaptive boats. WA Disabled Sports Association provides assistance towards insurance	Attempts made to WA Sport and Recreation for part time wages for coordinator	Not applicable
No	No	Occasional request for funding with the Lotteries Commission to assist with the acquisition of new rowing equipment	Our club only caters for adaptive rowing, so there is no specific program

19	20	21	22	23	Local	National	International	24	25
No - It is open to all members of the Public	No	Yes	By accident		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Adaptive aims in the club constitution	Yes - DEP NSW Sport and Recreation	Yes	Assistance by the NSWIS Development Officer		Yes	Yes	Yes	Rehab Centers, UWS, APC, Sport & Recreation	Yes
No	No	Yes	Using existing coaches at school		No	Yes	No	No	No
No	NSW Sport and Recreation	Yes	Not Sure		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes - Schools, Media	Yes
The clubs include all people of the community regardless of ability	Disability Education Program	Yes	Utilising club members		Yes	Yes	Yes	Sporting Wheelies, RQ, RA, Disability Services QLD	Yes
No	No	Yes	Volunteers		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes - APC Classification session	No
No, our memberships are open to all	No	Possibly	No/None		No	No	No	No	No
No	Not Aware	Unknown	None		No	No	No	Not for at least 2-3 years	No
No	No	Yes	Volunteers and coaches already at the Club		Yes	No	No	Victorian Institute of Sport	Yes
No	No - Vic Education Department	No	Volunteers, current coaches		No	No	No	No	Yes
No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer		-	-	-	No answer	-
No	Disability Education Program	Yes	Parents of rowers and volunteers		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes - Supported by Bob Blake	No
No, but there is no discrimination	Disability Education Program	No	It doesn't		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Not applicable	Inclusive seminars run by Sport and Recreation Department.	No answer	Current coaches and volunteers within the club		No	No	No	No, but attempts will be made towards the Department of Sport and Recreation	Yes
The participants of Freedom on the River all have some form of disability	None	Yes	None currently available		No	No	No	Department of Sport and Recreation	Yes

26	27	28	LTA4+	TA2x	A1x	29	30
Yes	None		3	0	0	Yes - But this depends on the level of adaption needed by individuals	Financial, Boats are needed, launching pontoons, better accessibility
Yes	RA Adaptive Coaching Module		2	1	3 club owned, 4 privately owned	No	Financial assistance for FISA regulation boats
Yes	None		0	0	1 tub scull, 1 scull with pontoons	No	Which single sculls are recommended?
Yes	None		0	1	3	No	Funding and information on how to access it
Yes	None		6	1	1	Yes	Funding and knowledge from someone like Rowfit
Yes	TAS - Bob Blake		1 heavy tub, with floats	Coxed pair with floats	1 tub scull with floats, 1 racing scull with floats	No	Financial Assistance to improve equipment and facilities
Yes	None		0	0	0	No	Financial assistance, specifically trained personnel. Modifications to club to enable disabled access to the club/boatshed
Not at this stage	No awareness		0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Yes	VIS, RV		2	1 (can be converted)	0	No	Financial assistance or joint purchase of boats, access to all relevant coaching materials, lobbying for more disabled parking spots
No	None		0	0	0	No	-
No answer	No answer		No answer	No answer	No answer	No answer	-
Yes	None		0	0	2	Yes	None at the moment
No	None		Conventional Boats	Conventional Boats	1	Yes	Money
Yes	Not in a position to comment		0	4	12	Yes	We do not require any further equipment
Yes	Not aware of any		0	1	12	No - At this stage the club currently has equipment specifically designated for single sculls. Additional equipment required if sweep rowing is to be introduced to the club.	Improvements to the boat shed and surrounding amenities. Access to foreshore is poor, with potential hazards for both able and disabled individuals. Larger boat shed to accommodate for new equipment.

Appendix 6 – Third Tier Organisation Evaluation 2007-2008 Results

STATE	ORGANISATION	1	2	3	4	5	6
ACT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NSW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
QLD	Life Stream	0	No	No	No	No	Life Stream Co-host a regatta with commercial once a year
	Sporting Wheelies	1 to 5	Adaptive Rowing Program Launch 30/3/07, C 'n' Try 31/3/08	No	100% funding to attend state events, 50% funding to attend National events	Using Sports CONNECT to link members to rowing clubs	Dragons RC (promotion), Centenary RC (promotion)
VIC	VICSRAPID	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No
SA	SASRAPID	0	No	No	No	No	No
TAS	New Horizons	20+	Yes - Disrow	No	No	Weekly club adaptive rowing programs at Lake Trevallyn	Currently have minimal contact with Bob Blake
	TASRAPID	16 to 20	Yes - Promotion, distributing information	No	No	No	Yes - Bob Blake, education and support purpose
WA	Recreation & Sport Network	1 to 5	No	No	No	No	Aware of Freedom on the River

7	8	Local	National	International	9	10	11	12
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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disability awareness classes for schools and organisations		No	No	No	No	Nil	Partnership with RA which could include people with an intellectual disability in QLD	500 members who can be approached about adaptive rowing, quarterly newsletter promotion
No		No	Yes	Yes	Yes - St Margaret's School	None	Obtaining funding, plan C 'n' T Days, promotion, education, increase inclusion	Obtaining funding, plan C 'n' T Days, promotion, education, increase inclusion
Assist with Disability Education Program		No	No	No	No	No	Promotion, Advertising, advocacy	Promotion, Advertising, advocacy
No - Can provide resources		No	No	No	Approached SARA - No response	None - Other than what SASRAPID provides	Ensuring inclusion for ID rowers	Through promotion
No		No	Yes	Yes	Yes - Disrow	Athletics, Tenpin, Lawn Bowls	Currently our organisation only has small numbers and limited resources	
Disability Education Program		Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Current club programs and structures	Developing links, education/training opportunities, promotion	Developing links, education/training opportunities, promotion
Disability Education Program		No	No	No	Freedom on the River	None	Building better partnerships with Freedom and Rowing WA, creating more ownership of Rowing WA for PWD	Assist with partnership development

Appendix 7 – 2007-2008 Audit Contacts

STATE	SSO	CONTACT	CLUB	ORGANISATION
ACT	ACTRA	Matt Ronke		
		David Butt	Capital Lakes RC	
NSW	NSWRA	Pamela Hubert		
		Pamela Hubert	The Lakes Rowers	
		Jenny Clarke	PLC Sydney	
		Roxanne Vines	Nepean RC	
QLD	RQ	Sam Pickett		
		Sue Wallace	Dragon Rowing Club	
		Hayley Trotter		Life Stream
		David Bartholomaeus		Sporting Wheelies
VIC	RV	Braden Stokes		
		Kathy Wilmot	Carrum RC	
		Ian Taylor	Richmond RC	
		Ray Hammon	Essendon RC	
		Bruce Ricketts	Yarra Yarra RC	
		Peter Bright	Footscray City Rowing Club	
		Tom Bertrand	Nestles RC	
		Keith Wise		VICSRAPID
SA	SARA	Christine MacLaren		
		Chris McRae	Murray Bridge RC	
		Manuella Reynolds		SASRAPID
TAS	TRC	Bob Blake		
		Dominic Monypenny	Tamar Rowing Club	
		Belinda Hanson		New Horizons
		Leanne Carlon		TASRAPID
WA	RWA	Pierre Pougault		
		Jane Ratten	Freedom on the River	
		Shen Lee	Freedom on the River	
		Aaron Morse		Recreation & Sport Network

Appendix 8 – Adaptive Rowing Equipment Database

STATE	CLUB	BOATS	QUANTITY	OTHER EQUIPMENT	
ACT	Lake Tuggeranong RC	Conventional Singles	2	wheelchair ramp on pontoon	
	Capital Lakes RC	Conventional Coxed Four	3		
NSW	Lakes RC	Ted Hale Scud	3	2 fixed seats	
		Race 1 scud boats	3	Rowfit seats privately owned	
		Wintech adaptive scull	1	pontoons and rowfit seat privately owned	
		Coxed Fours	2		
		Wintech double scull	1		
		Privately owned singles	4		
		NSW RA Shed	Wintech Adaptive 2X	1	Wintech seats
	Nepean RC	Ted Hale adaptive sculls	2	pontoons	
		Conventional single modified for a fixed seat	1		
		Euro Racing Single (Private)	1	Pontoons	
		Ted Hale Tub single (Private)	1	pontoons	
Wintech racing single (Private)		1			
			3 Euro trainers single sliding seats		
			All oars for boats		
	Pimble Ladies College RC	Ted Hale Adaptive singles	2		
QLD	Dragons Rowing Club	Coxed Four	6		
		Double Scull	1		
		Single Scull	1		
VIC	Carrum RC	1 Adaptive scull	1	2 floats made by Tom Prime	
				2 very long floating ropes	
				6 life jackets	
		1 heavy tub, with floats	1		
	Coxed pair with floats	1			

		Racing Tub scull with floats	1	
		Racing scull with floats	1	
	Yarra Yarra RC	Coxed Four	2	
		Double scull - can be converted	1	
SA	Murray Bridge	Single Scull	1	
	Sandy Bay RC	Adaptive Scull: 2a type	1	
	Property of Rowing TAS (Housed at Lake Barrington International Regatta Course)	Coxed Quad Scull	1	4 fixed seats
				set of pontoons
		Ted Hale Recreational single scull	1	complete with pontoons
				4 sets of croker scull blades
		Privately owned Ted Hale Single sculls	2	complete with pontoons
				3m Rubber duck (coaching/rescue) & trailer Transfer hoist (W/chair to boat)
	Property of Rowing TAS (Housed at Clenorchy RC)	Ted Hale Single sculls	4	2 rowfit fixed seats
				4 sets of supportive pontoons
				4 sets of croker scull blades
				3m Rubber duck (coaching/rescue) & trailer Transfer hoist (W/chair to boat)
	Property of the Ulverstone RC	Ted Hale Recreational single scull	1	complete with blades and pontoons
	Marcus Turefry (Huon RC)	Conventional Single Scull	1	
		Conventional Double Scull	1	
	Mitchell Huxley (Glenorchy RC)	Conventional Single Scull	1	
	Dominic Monypenny (Tamar RC)	FISA WinTech Singles	2	Many seats, riggers, oars
	Malcolm Hall (North Esk RC)	WinTech Single	1	
	New Horizons Club	Ted Hale Singles	2	
	(Housed at Lake Trevallyn)	Sykes Twin Hull single	1	
WA	Freedom on the River	Conventional scull	1	reinforced deck to take seat, pontoons can be fitted

Canning Bridge (housed at Rowing WA HQ)	Ted Hale	2	
	Ted Hale	6	
	Alden	2	
	Double hulls	4	
			12 sets Croker cleavers
			3 Macon Spoons
			4 wooden spoons
			2 concept ergos
			1 computer for use with ergo
			2 dinghies with safety equipment
			2 8hp engines
			Trailer
		4 chairs used by fixed seat rowers	