



# *Australian Rowing News*

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## **FROM THE CEO**

### **Hydro Tasmania 2006 Australian Rowing Championships**

The Hydro Tasmania 2006 Australian Rowing Championships were conducted on the beautiful Lake Barrington course in the north of Tasmania from 6 to 12 March.

True to form, the regatta organising committee, chaired by Susan Stegmann, conducted a sensational event that was enjoyed by competitors and spectators alike. The regatta was a huge success and boasted a record number of entries, in excess of 3200.

This year's event was highlighted by another significant milestone for the sport of rowing in Australia. For the first time ever, the Rowing Online Management System (ROMS) went live to receive all entries for the regatta. This outcome comes as the result of an ambitious project by Rowing Australia, in partnership with its State Associations, to develop an online membership management and event entry system that will be accessible to every state association, club and registered rower in Australia.

While still in its fledgling form, the 2006 Australian Rowing Championships provided us with a glimpse of the future potential of ROMS.

On the down side, many rowing enthusiasts not at Lake Barrington have indicated their frustration with the provision of results as they happened. I can only apologise and express our frustration at the technological challenges we faced in attempting to provide you with live race results.

### **Skins Compression Garments Sponsorship**

I am pleased to be able to announce that Rowing Australia has entered into a three year agreement with Skins Compression Garments. The agreement acknowledges Skins as the "Official Supplier of Compression and Therapeutic wear to Rowing Australia" and in the first year will target the Senior A team. In years two and three, the agreement extends to cover the U23 and Junior National Teams.

## **ASADA — Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority**

On 2 March 2006, legislation passed through the Senate that enabled the establishment of the new anti-doping agency ASADA. As such, ASADA commenced operation on 14 March 2006, taking over all anti-doping functions previously performed by ASDA and the Australian Sports Commission. These include:

- Testing;
- Education;
- Advocacy; and
- ASDMAC (Australian Sports Drug Medical Advisory Commission).

New functions will include:

- Investigations;
- Presentation of cases;
- Policy development and approval; and
- Monitoring and compliance.

Finally, ASADA will be recognised as Australia's only National Anti-Doping Organisation under the World Anti-Doping Program.

For more information, please refer to the fact sheets on the ASADA website, [www.asada.gov.au/](http://www.asada.gov.au/)

**Andrew Dee**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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## **HIGH PERFORMANCE**

### **2006 AUSTRALIAN ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Hydro Tasmania 2006 Australian Rowing Championships and Interstate Regatta was run from March 6 to 12 with huge crowds on hand the whole week at the picturesque Lake Barrington International Rowing Course. Those in attendance were treated to some frenetic racing on Monday and Tuesday with the National Selection Trials dominating the program.

Crews racing in the schools, Juniors and Under 23 programs also proved, with their performances during the week, that the future of Australian rowing is looking bright.

The regatta concluded with the Interstate Regatta and the finals of the schools programs, with the Governor of Tasmania, His Excellency the Hon. William Cox, a witness to the enthralling day's racing. Some of the loudest cheering was saved for the finals of the schools races: Methodist Ladies' College (MLC) Melbourne ended Pymble Ladies' College (PLC) Sydney's three-year dominance in the Schoolgirls Eight, while The King's School Sydney proved too strong again in the Schoolboys Eight. In the two blue-ribbon events of the day, Victoria claimed the King's and Queen's Cups, and also edged out the home state to win the Rowing Australia Cup for the most successful state throughout the day's competition.

Full results can be viewed at [www.rowingaustralia.com.au/Nationals2006/](http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/Nationals2006/)

## FISA ADAPTIVE CLASSIFICATION

FISA has drafted, and is currently finalising, the new Adaptive Rowing Classification Policy. Rowing Australia was invited to attend a workshop in Hong Kong in February to assist with the implementation process of this policy and to accredit FISA Adaptive Rowing Classifiers. Adam Horner, National Development Officer, and Ivan Hooper, Sports Science/Sports Medicine Coordinator, attended the workshop on behalf of Rowing Australia. In addition to being trained as FISA classifiers, RA's representatives played a pivotal role in developing the procedures and tests that will be used internationally in the on-going classification of athletes presenting a significant amount of the information that was produced from athletes and support staff in Australia.

Benefits of having FISA Accredited Classifiers has already been seen with nine adaptive athletes being classified during the National Championships in Lake Barrington. This allows our nominees for National Selection to continue their training and preparation for this year's World Championships with confidence that they will be able to compete in their given event in Eton. The next step in this process will be the development and implementation of national policy to further support the competitive element of adaptive rowing in Australia.

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## DEVELOPMENT

### CROKER OARS 2006 ROWING AUSTRALIA COACHES CONFERENCE

**Conference website:** [click here.](#)

**Registrations:** are now open for the conference to be held at the Radisson Resort on Queensland's Gold Coast from 6–8 October. [Click here](#) for registration forms.

**Program:** [click here](#) to view confirmed topics and presenters.

**Trade Exhibitors:** registrations are now open — [click here](#) for all documentation.

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## COMPETITION

### 2006 PAN PACIFIC MASTERS GAMES

The 2006 Pan Pacific Masters Games (PPMG) will be held on the Gold Coast from 4 to 12 November. Entry for the Games will open in early April with 39 individual and team sports for participants to choose from.

The event will be the largest masters multi-sport event in Australia this year, attracting more than 10,000 participants from 20 countries. Sports range from the individual, athletics, swimming, pistol shooting, fencing and motocross to team sports that include touch football, futsal, softball, rugby league and netball.

All sports are a short drive from the Pan Pacific Masters 'Games Village', a purpose built complex on the shores of the Broadwater, boasting live nightly entertainment, a

sports expo, fully catered hospitality and a venue for like-minded masters sportspeople to enjoy the camaraderie the event is renowned for.

The Pan Pacific Masters Games is a celebration of masters sport and an opportunity to ignite the thrill of competition in a friendly and fun environment. Participants do not need qualifying standards or times to compete in the event: they must simply meet the minimum age requirements for the specific sport.

The games website is [www.mastersgames.com.au](http://www.mastersgames.com.au)

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## 2006 EVENTS OF INTEREST

<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> FISA World Cup</a>	26 to 28 May	Munich, Germany
<a href="#">2<sup>nd</sup> FISA World Cup</a>	16 to 18 June	Poznan, Poland
<a href="#">Henley Royal Regatta</a>	28 June to 2 July	Henley upon Thames, UK
<a href="#">3<sup>rd</sup> FISA World Cup</a>	7 to 9 July	Lucerne, Switzerland
<a href="#">World U23 Rowing Championships</a>	20 to 23 July	Hazewinkle, Belgium
Commonwealth Rowing Regatta	August (exact dates tbc)	Strathclyde, Scotland
<a href="#">World Junior Rowing Championships</a>	2 to 5 August	Amsterdam, The Netherlands
<a href="#">World University Rowing Championships</a>	11 to 13 August	Trakai, Lithuania
<a href="#">World Senior Rowing Championships</a>	20 to 27 August	Eton, UK
Croker Oars 2006 Rowing Australia <a href="#">Coaches Conference</a>	6 to 8 October	Gold Coast, Australia

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## ATHLETE PROFILE

Each month, RA News will feature an athlete profile. In this edition, we feature Craig Jones.



**Name:** Craig Jones

**Nickname:** Fox

**Place of birth:** Queanbeyan, NSW

**Place of residence:** Queanbeyan, NSW

**Marital status:** Single

**Height:** 193cm

**Weight:** 90kg

**Degrees/Diplomas:** Business Management, Canberra Institute of Technology

**Occupation:** Personal banker

**Favourite food:** Steak, cheese cake

**Favourite movie:** Braveheart

**Hobbies:** Water sports, motor sports, martial arts

**Institute/Academy:** AIS

**Club:** Canberra Rowing Club

**Coach:** Reinhold Batschi

**International results:** 5 World Cup Medals, 3 Commonwealth Regatta Gold Medals, 1996 Olympics reserve for 4X, Atlanta Bronze, World Championships three-times 4th

**How did you get into rowing:** 1988 Talent ID program

**What do you plan to do after rowing?:** Keep fit and healthy.

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