



# *Australian Rowing News*

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## **FROM THE CEO**

### **RA Board: meeting updates**

The last RA Board meeting was conducted in Sydney on 13 April. Key items of discussion at the meeting included:

- Finance Report  
The Director of Finance reported a strong financial position for the organisation.
- National Team Tour Budgets  
2006 National Team Tour Budgets were confirmed for all teams. Seat fees will be announced shortly by the High Performance Director.
- RA Website  
The re-design of the RA Website is in progress and should be ready to launch in July.
- 2006 Rower of the Year Awards  
This year's awards will be held in Canberra on 21 October in conjunction with the Senior A recommencement camp.
- A number of policies and appointments were approved:
  - National Development Officer Adam Horner was confirmed as the Australian Youth Olympic Festival rowing Competition Director
  - A draft policy for payment of Direct Athlete Support together with an applied funding model was approved
  - RA Sports Nutritional Supplement Policy was approved
  - Approval was given to grant an RA Umpires Licence to Tim Ward.

### **Governance Review**

The RA Governance Review is now in full swing. The Steering Committee has met a number of times and meetings with most states have now concluded. A draft discussion paper has been provided to all stakeholders and key recommendations from the consultation process will be taken into account when redrafting the final report. We are expecting this report for consideration in early May.

### **Sponsorship**

Rowing Australia has entered into initial discussions and negotiations with Fox Sports regarding broadcasting rights for the 2006 World Cups and World Championships. Subject to a couple of technical clarifications, Fox Sport has expressed an interest in showing 3 delayed 1 hour highlights packages of the World Cups and a 2 hour

package of each of the finals days of the Eton World Championships to be broadcast within approximately 12 hours of the event. These will all be run on multiple occasions and also form part of their year in review during December and January.

RA is quite excited with the deal that was negotiated and will keep the rowing community updated on any further developments.

RA is also still in negotiations with Denmark-based shipping giant Maersk who have recently taken over our major shipping sponsor, P&O Nedlloyd. While the sponsorship deal is unlikely to be as significant as in previous years, we are fortunate to have the Australian-based Maersk management interested in our proposal. Negotiations are continuing and we will let you know once a deal has been settled upon.

## **War Memorial display**

The historic King's Cup has been lent to the Australian War Memorial for their exhibition on 'Sport and War'. The official launch of the exhibition on 30 March made special mention of Rowing Australia's cooperation and the cup is a prominent feature of the display.

Sport and War is on display in the Australian War Memorial's Special Exhibitions Gallery until 25 June 2006.

## **Staff matters**

I am disappointed to announce the departure of the Rowing Australia Elite Program Manager, Bryan Wilson. After 4 years of service to Rowing Australia, Bryan will leave the office on 28 April for a Sports Consultant position at the Australian Sports Commission. I am sure the rowing community will join the staff and Board in thanking Bryan for his loyalty and commitment to the organisation and in wishing him good luck in his new position.

The Elite Program Manager position is currently advertised on the RA website and applications will close Tuesday 18 April. If you require further information on the position please contact Andrew Dee or Noel Donaldson on (02) 6256 5999.

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

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# **HIGH PERFORMANCE**

## **2006 TOURS**

This year the Senior A team, the U23s and the Junior team will all attend training camps, and compete, in Europe. The teams will be announced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May following this month's National Selection Regatta and the National Selection trials.

The Senior A team will follow the 'two-trip' system in preparation for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. For their first trip, they will depart Australia on 20 May ahead of the Munich World Cup commencing on 25 May, followed by a fifteen-day training

camp in Varese, Italy. The team will then compete at the Poznan World Cup starting on 15 June, followed by an immediate flight home.

The Senior A team will return to Varese on 5 August for 11 days for their final preparations prior to their next taste of international competition at the World Rowing Championships in Eton, UK from 20 to 27 August.

The U23 team will depart Australia on 8 July and arrive in Zurich before travelling to Lucerne to watch the finals of the Lucerne World Cup. The team will then travel on to Varese for 10 days training before heading to Belgium on 18 July for their World Championship event in Hazewinkel, Belgium from 20 to 23 July.

The Junior Team will focus their attention on the World Junior Rowing Championships in Amsterdam, The Netherlands from 2 to 5 August. The Juniors will depart Australia on July 22 and travel to Hazewinkel to support the Aussie U23 team at the 2006 U23 World Rowing Championships, before commencing their eight-day training camp prior to competing at the Amsterdam regatta.

Next month, Australian Rowing News will offer an insight into elements of the planning and execution of an overseas tour.

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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

### HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

Any clubs or schools that are interested in attending the Henley Royal Regatta from 28 June to 2 July 2006 must have their entries received by the secretary of the regatta by no later than 2pm on Tuesday 13 June 2006. All overseas entries must be countersigned by the National Federation, in this case Rowing Australia.

Henley is one of the world's most famous regattas and has become increasingly popular with Australian schools and clubs over the past decade. The regatta is held each year in Henley upon Thames and has been an annual fixture since 1839, except during the two World Wars.

For more information, visit [www.hrr.co.uk](http://www.hrr.co.uk).

## **YOUTH OLYMPICS**

Preparations are underway for the 2007 Australian Youth Olympic Festival (AYOF), to be staged in Sydney from January 17 to 21. Rowing will be one of 16 sports represented and competition will be held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre. The event enables athletes between the ages of 13 and 19 from across Australia to compete with athletes from over 20 nations.

This is the fourth time the AYOF has been staged however this is the first time nations other than New Zealand and Australia will compete in rowing. China and Great Britain will be rowing alongside New Zealand and Australian state teams. The inclusion of more international teams will increase the quality of competition for this event and allow the Australian athletes to experience a truly international event as they strive toward their dreams of Olympic representation.

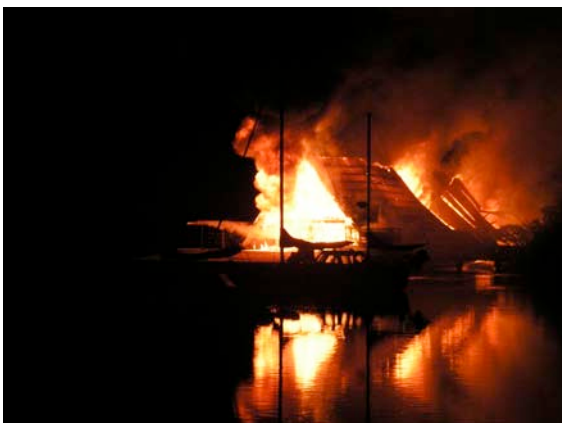
Rowing Australia would appreciate any assistance in sourcing suitable boats to be used by the international teams for training and competition. If anyone in the rowing fraternity could assist please contact Adam Horner, RA's National Development Manager, on (02) 6256 5999.

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## **OTHER NEWS**

### **FIRE AT SYDNEY UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB**

On Wednesday March 29 the Sydney University Boat Club (SUBC) boatshed in Linley Point, Sydney, was completely gutted by fire. As well as the iconic A-frame shed, over 43 boats — belonging to the SUBC and NSWIS — and significant amounts of equipment were destroyed with the total damage bill in excess of \$1 million. The SUBC has already received tremendous support from the local rowing community to help accommodate its rowers in preparation for this month's National Selection Regatta at Penrith. It is hoped with insurance payouts and help from the alumni, rebuilding and rowing at the site will not be too far off.



## GUIDE DOGS FUNDRAISER

The St George Rowing Club in Sydney was successfully able to raise over \$35, 000 for Guide Dogs New South Wales/ACT on November 19 last year. The inspiration for the fundraiser, which saw several former Olympians rowing in an ergo team relay, came from Dr Bill Webb. Dr Webb was the Australian Rowing Team doctor from the 1980s and President of NSW Rowing at the time of his death in 2004. The Dr Bill Webb Fund was established to assist Guide Dogs NSW/ACT, a major passion of Dr Webb's, buy and train new guide dogs. Enough money was raised from the event to buy and fully train up one guide dog and pick a further six puppies. Plans are underway for this year's event with an open invitation to all clubs and schools.

## SCULLING: TRAINING, TECHNIQUE & PERFORMANCE BY PAUL THOMPSON



Whether you are about to go out in a sculling boat for the first time, simply enjoy recreational sculling, or have aspirations to be a member of the national team, this book contains information that will help you to improve your performance and maximise your potential.

*Sculling* considers the principles that underlie training, technique and the correct adjustment of the boat's rigging and gearing. It offers practical advice on how those principles can be applied.

Paul Thompson has coached world champion crews for Australia and Great Britain and his crews have won medals at three Olympic Games, including a gold in 1996 with Megan Marcks (nee Still) and Kate Allen (nee Slatter) in the Women's Coxless Pair.

*Sculling* will be available in late-May at a price of \$45.00. To pre-order your copy through RA, complete and return an order form, available from the RA website at

[http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/SHOPPING\\_ORDER\\_FORM.doc](http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/SHOPPING_ORDER_FORM.doc)

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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	5 and 6 August	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 Dan Noonan.



**Name:** Dan Noonan  
**Nickname:** Noono  
**Place of birth:** Warren, NSW  
**Place of residence:** Willoughby, NSW  
**Marital status:** Single  
**Height:** 186cm  
**Weight:** 89kg  
**Occupation:** Apprentice plumber  
**Favourite food:** Roast dinner  
**Favourite movie:** *Braveheart*  
**Favourite book:** *It's not about the bike*, Lance Armstrong  
**Hobbies:** Touch footy, rugby, socialising  
**Club:** Sydney University  
**Coach:** Andrew Randell  
**International results:** 2000 Silver U23s  
**How did you get into rowing:** 1994 at school

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