



# CLUB Update February 2021

## **From the President**

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2021. There have been some great rowing conditions recently which is a far cry from the smoke-filled summer of 2020, and the ACT regatta season is back in full swing! I hope you are all enjoying being on the lake.

There is lots of activity around the shed, and the Committee has also had its first meeting of the year, with the main points captured later in the newsletter. Please don't hesitate to contact me or a Committee member if you have any questions.

I would like to reinforce the importance of ensuring that our fleet remains in safe and serviceable condition. I know that we can all find ourselves in a rush to get on the water. Please take the time to check your boat before you row – particularly checking that all screws and bolts are tight, that the steering works, and most importantly that the heels of the feet are tied down and the Velcro straps are connected by a single lace that can be quickly released by a single pull of one hand in the event of a capsize.

See you around the shed

Leigh Gordon

## **Main points from the Committee Meeting Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- The Committee has decided not to introduce the electronic QR Code for the shed, but continue with the sign in sheet. The risk of Covid-19 transition through the shared use of the pen for signing in is minimal at this time (sanitiser to be used before using the pen), and the information gathered regarding boat usage is invaluable for informed decision-making about the fleet. Please ensure that you continue to use the sheet, including noting what equipment you are using.
- Private Boat storage. Leslee and Jenny are conducting a review of boat storage as per the BMRC Private Boat Storage Policy and will report back to the Committee. Of note, neither Jenny or Leslee have private boats.
- We are looking for volunteers to help organise the next BMRC Annual Dinner, proposed to be held in June. Contact the secretary Judith [secretary@bmrc.org.au](mailto:secretary@bmrc.org.au) to express your interest.
- The Club is purchasing a pressure washer for cleaning the pontoons. The water can be extracted from the lake, rather than relying on hoses and the cleaner is petrol-driven so no long extension cords to contend with. Of course any member would be welcome to give the pontoon a quick sweep from time to time!
- A few reminders:
  - \*There are spare shoelaces on the bench near the roller doors, to replace worn or missing

tiedowns.

\*Continue to bring in the bottles and cans for the payback scheme, and remember to sort them and place in the correct containers.

\*Continue to set a good example for the Dara students in our vicinity, in all that we say and do.

## **From the Captain**

Well done Luke!!!! 2nd in the Men's single and first in the men's double at NSW State Rowing championships!!!

Red dots and YOU:

Red dot permission is for the specific boat for which you have requested it....not for any red-dot boat. If you wish to use a different red-dot boat, please get in touch with Ian and Jenny to discuss.

Boat booking times:

Please ensure your bookings are made for the following times 0530, 0600, 0700 weekdays.

Erg use:

Great to see ergs being used! Please ensure you are **not** using ergs in the kitchen area, to help keep us Covid-safe, please use them in the boat bays or outside.



Working Bee:

Save the date for Sunday the 11th of April, a Club Working Bee is planned to ensure that our boats are all ready to race in May. More details to come.

Ian

## **From the COVID-19 Safety Officer**

COVID: Stay Safe !

The BMRC COVID safety plan (called our 'Return to Play' plan) continues to apply and has been updated. The new version of the Plan can be found on the Club website <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/ctlyuga9ewgku2od.pdf>

Our 'sign in/out' practices at the shed continue unchanged and the limits on people congregating in the various areas of the shed also continue. Please keep an eye on these limits, particularly on regatta days. (Resting outside in the shade between races may be one way to keep numbers down in the kitchen area during regattas.)

Do keep paying attention to hand washing/ sanitising and equipment cleaning. It is now OK to share buckets of soapy water with any other members while cleaning equipment, but please continue to empty the buckets when the last rowers have finished. And stay COVID-safe!

Leslee Hodgson

## Recent events

Just before Christmas, a BMRC composite men's 8 ventured to the pristine waters near Tallowa Dam .... at the junction of the Kangaroo and Shoalhaven Rivers... for a couple of thoroughly enjoyable paddles on the two rivers . This scenic area (right) offers many kilometers of lovely rowing, surrounded by sheer cliffs thickly-wooded banks and tranquility! Would any members be interested in a Club social rowing adventure weekend to Tallowa Dam ... sometime after the Australian Masters Championships in late May?



Very comfortable cabin/caravan park accommodation is available in Kangaroo Valley village ( 20 mins drive from the Dam) with a great pub and cafes within a few minutes' walking distance.

Watch out for a call for expressions of interest in the near future. We would need an experienced trailer driver to volunteer, and a suitable towing vehicle (either borrowed or hired) with electric brakes.

Judith

## Upcoming Events



Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 9am **Boat Naming Ceremony** "Yvonne Poels". Come to the shed and celebrate Yvonne's contribution to the Club, recognized through the naming of the lightweight quad.

February						
13/2/2021	Sat	<b>ANU Boat Club Regatta</b>	ANU	Lake Burley Griffin	Standard	<a href="#">Info..</a>   <a href="#">Events</a>
27/2/2021	Sat	<b>Boat Naming Ceremony</b>	BMRC	Shed at 9am		
March						
13/3/2021	Sat-Sun	<b>ACT Open &amp; Masters Championships</b>	Rowing ACT	Lake Burley Griffin	Championship	<a href="#">Info..</a>
22/3/2021	Mon-Sun	<b>Australian Rowing Championships</b>	Rowing Australia	Lake Barrington, TAS	National	<a href="#">Info..</a>   <a href="#">Events</a> <a href="#">Event Website...</a>

April						
11/04/21	Sun	<b>BMRC Working Bee</b>				
May						
15/5/22021	Sat-Sun	<b>NSW Masters Championships</b>		SIRC, NSW	Masters	<a href="#">Info..</a>   <a href="#">Events</a>
27/5/2021	Thu-Sun	<b>Australian Masters Rowing Championships</b>	Rowing Australia	SIRC, NSW	Masters	<a href="#">Info..</a>

With Interstate Regattas coming up expect Officials to ask for compliance with all racing rules which can be found on ROWING AUSTRALIA RULES OF RACING AND RELATED BY-LAWS Rule Book 2017 Edition

Two main points:

Clothing: Except as provided for composite crews, members of the same crew shall compete in identical clothing. (This includes hats)

Oars: The blades of all oars and sculls shall be painted on both sides in the colours of their Association or a consistent colour.

NOTE: BMRC colours are black, red and white.

### 1. Caps and visors:

In black or white are available to buy at the shed - please contact [secretary@bmrc.org.au](mailto:secretary@bmrc.org.au) to organise this.

### 2. BMRC uniform:

Zooties and separates are ordered online from [www.oarsome.com.au](http://www.oarsome.com.au) . Check the Club Merchandise link on the BMRC website

### 3. Hoodies:

Contact Pam Nash on [pamelanash@iinet.net.au](mailto:pamelanash@iinet.net.au). Orders close 16 February

The BIG CANBERRA BIKE RIDE is on 21 MARCH. Access to the shed will be scheduled as below.

Time in/out before 7:10am, Then in/out between 7:30am – 8:00am, Then in/out 8:30am – 9:00am

The last group of riders should be coming through just before 10:00am, but sometimes things get delayed.

## Welcome New Members

Ute Wegener (arriving soon from interstate), Mhairin Hilliker, Myles Chandler and Martin Lascelles.

## Shout outs

Pam Nash for chasing up uniform matters and hoodie sales.



Mary Bonney for her work on the Newsletter and as BMRC Safety Officer

## Community Announcements



For those with spare time on weekdays. Have you considered volunteering for Oz Harvest?

Oz Harvest rescues food, mostly from Woolworths and Aldi and redistributes it to 70 Charities throughout Canberra and the region. They also run 6 week Nutrition and Education

courses. If interested go to <https://ozharvest.org/your-local-ozharvest/canberra/> or talk to Mary Bonney. An information evening is planned for late February.