



## CLUB Update June 2021 (v2)

### **From the President**

Welcome to the June newsletter. At the last meeting the Committee agreed to an update of the Private Boat Storage policy. The key change has been the removal of the requirement for a member to compete at regattas to be eligible to store equipment in the BMRC shed. To be eligible to store equipment members must:

- be a fully paid member of BMRC;
- regularly use the equipment; and
- maintain the equipment in a manner that does not impact other members.

Competing remains one of the factors that the Committee may consider in reviewing an application to store equipment in the shed.

At the last meeting, the Committee also considered a discussion paper on the proposed use of the Lake by two seaplane operators. While a number of operational issues remain unclear, take off and landings are proposed for ANU Bay / Westlake and near the National Museum. The Committee agreed that, while BMRC is well positioned to be able to row uninterrupted on the rowing course on Yarramundi Reach, we would support the position to be adopted by Rowing ACT on the proposed seaplane operations.

I would like to join the Captain in recognising all the Club members who made the trek to Adelaide for the Australian Masters Rowing Championships. By all accounts it was a great regatta, particularly given the short notice change in venue. BMRC picked up a total of two gold and three silver medals – well done to all BMRC members who competed.

With the Annual Dinner approaching, **please note the following important dates**, including:

- nominations for the Rowers' Rower award **closing on** Friday 11 June (corrected date) and
- Thursday 17 June (corrected date) is the last day to buy tickets for this year's dinner, which is being held on Friday 25 June at the Duxton in O'Connor. **Please buy your tickets as soon as possible to assist us with our planning.**

I hope you can all get along to the dinner – it promises to be a great night.

Leigh

### **Main points from the June Committee meeting**

- NSW Champs were postponed, and are now set to be held on July 3 & 4. Thanks to Ian for his considerable time spent on organising boats and trailers etc. for both postponed dates.
- BMRC Private Boat Storage Policy has been updated *and is on the members only section of our website here* <https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/ngaoi7abeig8yqgx.pdf>  
Members to send in Rowers' Rower nominations by 6.00 pm Friday June 11
- Members have expressed interest in a rowing/social weekend trip to Kangaroo Valley/Tallowa Dam

later in the year. This will depend on an offer from an experienced trailer driver. EOI to be called for closer to possible dates.

- FOG – no Club boats out in questionable foggy conditions!
- BMRC Annual Dinner plans moving along. Tickets on sale now
- Seaplanes on LBG Discussion paper. The Committee discussed the possible repercussions of this on the rowing community. BMRC will support Rowing ACT's position on this matter
- Royal Flying Doctor Service Murray River Rowathon 11 September. The Committee will call for expressions of interest, and a volunteer to co-ordinate if members are keen.
- Members to be reminded of the opportunity to make a donation to BMRC's Boat and Equipment Fund before the end of the financial year (tax deductible) <https://asf.org.au/donate/bmrc-boats-and-equipment-fund/>

## **From the Safety Officer**

With winter officially here two main considerations for all rowers are fog and cold water.

**If it's foggy – don't go out.**

**Abide by 4 oars on the water recommendations.**

You may feel the chances of mishaps are small, but the consequences can be major!

You may feel it's your choice – it affects only you – but think again!

Think of those who

- Hang around the shed to ensure all rowers have safely returned
- Miss out on using Club equipment if it is damaged in a mishap
- Give of their time and energy to assist
- Put themselves at risk to rescue you
- Have to call family members in the event of a serious incident
- Have to fill in all the paperwork!!

Even in the best of conditions folks can still end up in the water: Here are the recommendations from Rowing Australia.

### ***Swamping in Cold water:***

*If your boat is swamped, stay with the boat. The boat and oars should still float. Keep as much of your body out of the water as possible. You should not generally try to swim ashore even if you are a good swimmer. This is because of your exposure to other boat traffic and, in cold water conditions, you may not be able to swim as far as you would otherwise expect. If you cannot right the boat, lay on top of it until help arrives. You can use your feet to kick while holding onto the boat, and move yourself closer to the shore. Try to use as little movement as possible in cold weather, as you will lose heat and energy very quickly if you move around too much.*

Recently a very experienced rower from another club capsized his single. It took 2 other crews and 20 minutes to rescue him from the cold water. If he had been on his own.....??

## **IF IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT!**

**AND WEAR BRIGHT CLOTHING - It makes you more visible - to avoid collisions - and helps when we are looking out for each other on the water.**

Mary B

## **From the Captain**

Well done to the brave few who travelled to Adelaide for Australian Masters' Regatta. By all accounts the water was unusually flat.

Special mention must go to Pam for her two silvers in the E and F Lightweight single.

Full results and details from the regatta can be found here [Rowing Australia Regattas](#)

Perth next year - start thinking about crews and travel plans.

Ian

## **Upcoming Events**

### **BMRC Annual Dinner:**

Plans are well underway for our Annual Dinner. Have you bought your ticket? Thought of a small screen character to emulate? Given some thought to possible donations for the Silent Auction? Knitted/sewed/painted something for the craft stall? Organised a babysitter? Or for us older folks roped in your offspring to drive you to and from?

The Committee is asking for your input into the Rowers' Rower Award: Surprisingly it has nothing to do with rowing ability. It is recognition for members who have contributed to the Club above and beyond what is expected. This may be through coaching, maintenance, mentoring, boosting morale, ..... It's time to formally recognise those who make this Club great. Email your nominations to our secretary Judith [abercromby56@gmail.com](mailto:abercromby56@gmail.com) by 6.00 pm Friday 11 June

### **The Royal Flying Doctor Service Murray River Rowathon:**

A couple of our members have participated in this event and recommend it.

This Rowathon is the longest one-day marathon rowing regatta in Australia and a fundraising event for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Participants will row 75km (in relays if preferred!) down the Murray River (with the river flow) through two locks and along outback river banks. It is being held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. For more information <https://www.murrayrowathon.com/home/the-rowathon-day>

If you would like to participate, email our secretary [abercromby56@gmail.com](mailto:abercromby56@gmail.com) to express interest. Also indicate if you would be willing to act as BMRC co-ordinator.

## **Movie Night**

NEWS from the BMRC Fundraising Sub-committee

### **Movie Night – who doesn't love James Bond!!!**

Hopefully, this year we can enjoy another Movie Night Adventure at Palace Electric.

James Bond No 25, *No Time to Die*, will be released in Australia on 8 October 2021.

So hopefully, we can book a cinema at Palace Electric for another great BMRC night sometime in October. Watch this space!!



## Shout Outs (updated)

Mary Bonney for her leadership of the organization of the BMRC Dinner



Pam Nash, Steve Reynolds, Rob Curtin and Steven Mirtschin for winning medals at AMRC in Adelaide

June					
19/6/2021	Sat-Sun	Winter Time Trial 2	Lake Burley Griffin	WTT	<a href="#">Info..</a>   <a href="#">Events</a>   <a href="#">Entries</a>
<b>25/6/21</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>BMRC Annual Dinner</b>	<b>DUXTON</b>		<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BRQAF">https://www.trybooking.com/BRQAF</a>
July					
3/7/2021	Sat-Sun	NSW Masters Champ	SIRRC		<a href="#">Info..</a>   <a href="#">Events</a>
17/7/2021	Sat-Sun	Winter Time Trial 3	Lake Burley Griffin	WTT	<a href="#">Info..</a>   <a href="#">Events</a>
August					
14/8/2021	Sat-Sun	Winter Time Trial 4	Lake Burley Griffin	WTT	<a href="#">Info..</a>   <a href="#">Events</a>
September					
11/9/2021	Sat-Sun	Winter Time Trial 5	Lake Burley Griffin	WTT	<a href="#">Info..</a>   <a href="#">Events</a>
11/09/21	Sat	2021 RFDS Murray River Rowathon	River Murray		Wentworth District Rowing Club TBC
18/09/21	Sat	BMRC AGM	Shed		TBC
October					

## THINGS TO DO:

- book ticket/s for BMRC dinner <https://www.trybooking.com/BRQAF>
- make a donation for the Silent Auction [leigh.g@bigpond.net.au](mailto:leigh.g@bigpond.net.au)
- email in Rowers' Rower nominations by 6.00 pm Friday 11 June (corrected date) [abercromby56@gmail.com](mailto:abercromby56@gmail.com)
- make a tax-deductible donation to the BMRC Boat and Equipment fund <https://asf.org.au/donate/bmrc-boats-and-equipment-fund/>
- Read (and comment) on BMRC Constitution and Strategic Plan on the members only section of our website <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/bmrc/about/bmrc-documentation/?>
- Entries for WTT#2 by 5.00 pm Sunday 13 June
- Entries for NSW Championships by midnight Sunday 20 June