



Club Update MAY 2020

From the President

Firstly a quick recap of the last few weeks:

- May 4 – Club open for private singles and pairs/doubles (from the same household).
- May 16 - Club open for Club singles & pairs/doubles (from the same household).
- Pam Nash appointed COVID-19 Safety Officer for BMRC
- John Gasson reported some progress with the new boathouse project, but also a major setback – the sewerage pipes that need to be moved. This inspired a pun fest from one of our members. Sh** happens, 'What a crappy place to build a boat shed' and my favourite 'When the shit hits the plan...',
- Peter Dall and Jeff Howell competed very successfully in the Rowing Australia, Canada, Great Britain and New Zealand 1 minute Erg challenge.
- Pam Nash has arranged for production of BMRC hoodies : see later on in the newsletter for details.
- Judith has posted response to some Frequently Asked Questions on the online booking system
- Ian has posted reminders about safety on the water

Return to Rowing:

A huge thank you to both Judith and Pam, who have worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth and safe return to rowing. You can see evidence of Pam's handiwork in the supply of hygiene items, posters, extra buckets etc. to get us underway. Pam's nursing expertise and experience helped us clarify the processes we needed in the shed. Judith has worked her magic with the booking system, and fielded numerous queries - we hope that everyone who wants to participate at this stage is sorted out. There may still be a few kinks, but we will work through them with your feedback. Judith, Pam and I worked on the documentation.

Pam has since stepped down from the COVID-10 Safety Officer role. Marty Owen is taking on that role, and his expertise through his paramedic work will be of great value, and will keep us up to date. Marty is your contact if you have queries about the safety and hygiene procedures we have implemented . His email is marty.owen@inet.net.au Thanks Marty.

Mary Quilty has offered to continue coaching in singles, if not coaching.... at least she will keep you company. Phil Winkworth has offered to take the tinny out to accompany those wanting a bit of backup when rowing a single. Watch out for Phil's email over the next few days. Thank you to you both.

Committee:

Pam has also resigned from the Committee. I wish to thank her for her energy and 'can do' attitude, which has resulted in the shed being COVID-19 protected, new hoodies designed, costs negotiated, and ready to be ordered and cost-saving light globes installed in the shed, amongst other things.

The Committee will be meeting in early June, and – yes - Club fees will be on the agenda.

Safety Officer:

A huge shout out to Vicky Newman also. Vicky has recently stepped down from her role as Club Safety Officer, which she has held for a few years. She has kept us on our toes, checking the tinnies are set to go, shoes tied down, incident reports filed etc. Vicky also spearheaded a push to have LBG traffic flow clarified, including long-overdue changes to the confusing rules at several dangerous intersections. Perhaps her biggest

contribution, entailing a large body of painstaking work, is the updated Safety Manual, which she overhauled in 2019. Thanks for keeping us safe, Vicky.

This means we have an opportunity for you! As you can see from this newsletter it takes many volunteers to keep this Club up and running to the high standard that it does. Here's a chance for you to contribute. It is not an arduous role, and Vicky has done the hard yards with the Safety Manual already. If you are interested and want to know more please contact secretary@bmrc.org.au

Rowing ACT:

A shout out to RACT who have kept us updated on developments, held teleconferences to keep us informed and quickly put out their 'Safe Return to Play in a COVID Environment' document when given the go-ahead from ACT Sport and Recreation to relax the restrictions.

Stay safe,

Mary B

BMRC Hoodies

Fleecy Kangaroo Pocket Hoodies to wear on the bank in the cooler weather.

Available in either red **or** black. Note the red in the mock-up picture is not true to colour – the fabric is a bright red (see sample swatch below)

Mens, Ladies, and Youth sizes.

Polycotton with embroidered logos front and back and BMRC spider strategically placed on hood, as shown.

Send your expressions of interest (no need to specify colour or size yet – just whether you would buy one) by June 1 to pamelanash@iinet.net.au

Price \$65.00 each (providing we have an order of 20).

