



CLUB Update JANUARY 2020

From the President

It's been an ominous start to the year. There have been many stories of destruction and devastation, and many stories of courage, compassion and true grit! I've not been personally affected but am feeling unsettled and emotional. I have no idea how those affected are coping. So let's keep looking out for each other, and hope this summer ends soon!

What's happening?

Sydney Boys High School did not run their Boat Camp from our shed in January due to the weather conditions. So thanks to those who have continued to clean off the duck poo in their absence.

Memorandum of Understanding: We have been working to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between BMRC and Daramalan Rowing Club for the coaching and rowing club membership of Orana Steiner School students. The students will be invited to join BMRC as junior members, while participating in the rowing program conducted by DRC. They will be using Daramalan equipment, with the exception of the Telopea. This arrangement will allow the students to register with RACT to compete, and it will offer them a pathway to join BMRC as adult members when they finish school. Details are still being negotiated but we are hopeful this will go ahead, as it promises to be a mutually beneficial arrangement.

The Fleet: On review of the profile of the current quads and LW crews the Committee has determined that our requirement is for a red dot LW quad, rather than a general-use LW quad (noting that LW quad is for average crew weight of 55-65kg).

As part of this consideration, the Kate McLoughlin was rolled down from a red dot to a general-use boat part way through last year to better accommodate the womens and mixed crews coming through.

The Kate Mc is popular and in high demand across LW and MW crews. It is anticipated that the new LW red dot boat will free up the Kate Mc and make it even more available for non-red-dot crews.

A huge thankyou to those members who have donated to this purchase. To date we have raised \$7,574, just over the halfway mark of our target of \$15,000. The boat will not arrive until later in the year so there is still time to donate if you wish at <https://asf.org.au/projects/black-mountainrowing-club-inc/lightweight-quad/>

We have sold the McMahon HW double to Mark Partridge, who is having great success in racing in it in Tasmania. We replaced it with a newer HW double, and are asking for suggestions for its new name. The Margot Bell and Ted Hall are still up for sale.

Bottle/Can returns: We have had success with this trial venture, slowly building up our bank account, and we have therefore decided to continue with it. As of mid-January we had raised \$224. There are two ways you can help. If you see the collection build up at the shed, it would be great if you could take them to a recycling depot! Or take your own bottles, and cans **directly yourself**. It's easy – just enter Cecilie's phone number 0403876944 at the deposit point, so that the money will be credited directly to the BMRC account. Or if you are paid out in cash, simply deposit it into our account, noting that it is from the recycling program. For collection points click on the link. <https://actcds.com.au/return-points/>

Hint – they are all over the place now! ...some attached to charity stores, such as Vinnies and the Salvos, and at shopping centres, IGAs etc in addition to Fyshwick, Mitchell. There's sure to be a place convenient for you.

Safety on the Water: Just a reminder there will be 2 new buoys installed on the lake. See the link below for the new traffic flow map. Lake levels are also very low, meaning that if you do get out on the water then you will need to keep a close eye out for submerged objects that may now be close to the surface. The reeds near the banks have given some of our rowers grief too, as their oars have got tangled up in them, resulting in an unexpected swim! The low water level is particularly noticeable on the southern side of Central Basin, between the bridges....you will need to row a little further out from bank there these days.

<http://rowingact.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Traffic-Flow-Map-January-2020-update.pdf>

Recent events

Working Bee: Thank you to all the helpers at our recent working bee to protect our shed from the fire hazard. It was a real hive of activity with people cleaning the roof and gutters, washing the solar panels, etc. But hey, guess what! It needs to be cleaned again after the hail storm. Pam and Paul are getting together a small working party to clean it up again, and replace the broken skylight.

Upcoming Events

Bunnings BBQ: Your club needs you! The Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 23 February at Belconnen. This event is usually a great money-maker. So please sign up for a shift or two – the roster is on the noticeboard in the shed. It's a chance to meet others from the club you might not normally see, and to contribute to our fundraising efforts. Do you have contacts who can give us a good deal on snags and bread? Can you lend us an extra large chest-style esky? See Adele Gordon or others from the fundraising committee if you can help out. Or email Adele - leigh.g@bigpond.net.au

AUS Masters Rowing Championships Lake Barrington, Tas 29 April – 2 May2020

Plans are coming together for the trip to Tassie. The boat trailer is booked on the ferry, carrying boats from BMRC, CRC and LTRC with 22 rowers from these three clubs currently booked to go. Go to the Bulletin <https://ra.rowingmanager.com/?regatta,file=13379> for more details.

Dates to Remember:

Saturday 1 Feb. Canberra Grammar School Regatta CANCELLED
Saturday 15 Feb ANU Boat Club Regatta
Saturday 22 Feb Rescheduled Canberra Grammar School Regatta (TBC)
Sunday 23 Feb Bunnings BBQ

Shout outs

Send in your shout out to those in the club helping out. secretary@bmrc.org.au

To the many fairies who cleared away all of the pine needles after our working bee. They wish to stay anonymous. And the fairies reappeared after the hail storm to rake the fresh leaves into piles.

To Dave Nash – all tinny motors are now serviced and repaired



Volunteering Opportunities



Helpers for the Belconnen Bunnings BBQ February 23rd.
Sign up at the shed for a shift or two – its good fun!

Community Announcements

Do you have a community event you want to promote?

Relay for Life 2020: 28 & 29 March

Last year a small team from BMRC raised money for cancer research and support through the Relay for Life. I'm hoping to enter a bigger team for 2020. Contact me (Mary B) if you are interested in participating.

Happy Fit Footwear is a new shop and online store, selling stylish comfortable footwear for adults and children. This a new venture by one of our members who is a podiatrist, Jane Clews. There are vouchers at the shed for \$10 off until February 29th. Visit www.happyfitfootwear.com.au or go to the store at 10/146 Scollay St Tuggeranong.

New Members

We welcome these people to our club.
Shadi Samir, Kaye Mongan and Robin White.