

THE LEICHHARDT ROWING CLUB INC



125TH ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

2010-2011

**125TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF LEICHHARDT ROWING CLUB INC
SUNDAY, 21 AUGUST 2011**

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

OBITUARIES

CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 124th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

LIST OF TROPHIES PRESENTED FOR 2010-2011

**CONSIDER ANY MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN,
INCLUDING ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS (IF ANY)**

**ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICE BEARERS AND ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012**



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Minutes of 124th Annual General Meeting,

Held on Sunday 22nd August 2010

In The Clubhouse, Lower Glover Street, Leichhardt

Meeting Opened: 10.30 am
Meeting Closed: 11.20 am
Attendance: 47+ recorded

WELCOME

Club President, Tim Clare, occupied the Chair and welcomed members and friends to the 124th Annual General Meeting of Leichhardt Rowing Club.

APOLOGIES

Lionel Robberds (Patron), Ross Ullo, Gill and Mark Campbell, Len McPherson (VP), Andrew Morrell, Steve Roll (VP), Dave Ward, Bob Stone (VP), Bill Monaghan (VP), Ben Woolven, Rod Harwood, Anne Parbury, Guy Elron, Charles Bartlett,

OBITUARIES

A minutes silence was observed for the two members who passed during the last year: Geoff Williamson (VP) and Peter Trives (Treasurer & Life Member). The meeting was advised that Peter's wife Jayne Trives and family had agreed to donate Peter's scull to the club - to be hung in the shed in memory to Peter.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 123rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 123rd AGM held on Sunday 23rd August 2009, were presented at this meeting for confirmation.

Moved: S Jaques

“That the minutes of the 123rd annual general meeting, as circulated, be received and adopted”.

Seconded: D Fekete

RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

Club President, Tim Clare, spoke briefly to the report thanking and acknowledging all the Executive and Committee members and Squad coaches who contributed to this year's Annual Report. He mentioned that the 2010 season was one of achievement. Following on from our Premiership win in 2009, we set higher targets for 2010. The primary goal continued to be winning the RNSW premiership – and all squads in the club combined to again achieve this goal. The season was made even longer than normal with the World Masters Games in Sydney. However, an additional goal was to achieve success at State and National level. We recruited Stani Slavova as our Head Coach with the task of building the Development Squad with KPI's to win medals at State and National Championships and to achieve representative selections. The first year of this program resulted in all club representatives achieving medals and we had representatives in both State and National squads.

He also highlighted another achievement for the club this season: the installation of the new club pontoon. While a long time in coming and construction delays caused by NSW Maritime, the persistence of Charlie Bartlett and Richard Stanistreet saw the project to its successful conclusion. The official opening was in April and an important factor not to be overlooked is the ongoing support and partnership with Pymble Ladies College.

CARRIED

In recognising our volunteers, Tim Clare said that it is with great sadness we mourn the

passing of one of our greatest assets – our Treasurer Peter Trives. He said that Peter was the person he regularly turned to for help and advice and made running the club and our main successes achievable. Peter will be sadly missed.

He recognised the notable contribution from Steve Jaques who has been our club Secretary for 8 years now and has performed a great service to the club, and thanked him for his great efforts as he stands down this year. He also thanked Club Captain, Jane Hutchison for the excellent leadership she has provided over the past 3 years as she steps down this year. (Thanks and appreciation for the services of both members were recorded by acclamation from the membership.) Tim Clare also thanked the many coaches who continue to provide their time and services to the club membership.

Looking forward, Tim Clare said that in 2011 we are looking at restructuring the Committee and how it works will broadly reflect how we handle the growth within the club.

Club Captain, Jane Hutchison, spoke briefly reflecting on her report and indicated that it is a massive job with approximately 150 athletes all competing and gaining points for the club. LRC participated in about 50 regattas at local, state and national level and as far away as Grafton, Melbourne and Perth and who knows how many accumulated kilometres of on-water training. Along with running Learn to Row and Corporate programs and events such as trivia nights which provide a vital source of fund raising for the club - it is a big job keeping it all together. Her report outlined the many club premierships points gained by the members and the multiple state and national championship titles. She said that our successes shouldn't overshadow the the strong and significant work of our unsung heroes – The club relies heavily on the generosity of our volunteers to ensure the club continues to run – coaches , trailer drivers, regatta personnel and BRO's, fund-raising organisers, regattas & Corporate catering and the endless hours spent helping

to maintain our boats and all the behind the scenes helpers – Thank you & well done.

The President then invited the Assistant Treasurer, Onno van Ewyk to speak to the Financial Report.

Financial Report

The Assistant Treasurer, Onno van Ewyk commented that Peter Trives had made a huge contribution to the development of the club and getting the club finances in very good order over the past several years and wished Peter was still available to provide his guidance and wisdom to him. A very tangible legacy that Peter leaves us is a club that is debt free and in a solid financial position.

He said that for the financial year just past, it is important that we acknowledge the continuing strong financial support of Pymble Ladies College by way of club membership subscriptions and the cost-sharing of clubhouse utilities and maintenance expenses, for which we thank them sincerely. He thanked those who have contributed their time generously supporting the club's financial activities during the year. Deanna Fekete who did a great job again this year as Club Hire Co-ordinator, Sue Andrews for her efforts with Club Merchandising and Steven Duff with the fund-raising Trivia Night.

Looking at the financial results for the year to June 2010, the Assistant Treasurer said there were a few things to mention. Income from our Corporate Challenge program (2009) was significantly down on previous year (-40%). This is most likely due to the impact of the Global Financial Crisis on corporate budgets. Membership and racing fees charged to members were kept at the same rate as previous year with the result that income from this source remained static (+4%). Learn to Row income was down this year as were donations, but club hires had a small increase.

On the expenses side, there were some reductions in fleet repairs and maintenance but

at around \$30,000 continues to be a significant source of outgoings. He said that we need to do better in this regard and it is significantly up to our members to improve their handling of our major assets – boats. Regatta entries and race fees jumped due to a higher level of participation of members and it will be necessary to raise membership subscriptions/ race fees for the coming year.

In summary, he concluded that we are in good financial order and will cover anticipated costs. We don't have much in reserves due to the pontoon costs and the challenge is to build up reserves to a more comfortable level.

The President invited comments on the Annual Report:

Comments:

Ross Tout asked what constituted donations? The Assistant Treasurer advised there are different sources - some come from LUOR, some members (Guest Affiliates) pay more as a donation to the club. **Barry Moynahan** also advised that the club received a \$1,000.00 donation from the family of **Geoff Williamson**.

Bill Monaghan stated that **Virginia van Ewyk** controls many thousands of club dollars via club's regatta entries and does a fantastic job as Regatta Secretary. Congratulations to her for this work.

Barry Moynahan thanked and congratulated the club President and Committee for doing a great job this year. Also a big thank you to those members who were stepping down this year: **Jane Hutchison** has done a wonderful job as Captain; **Steve Jaques** has done a great job as Secretary in the past and also for the past eight years; and **Richard Stanistreet** who is moving to up the coast – has done a wonderful job for the club over recent years in the shed maintenance and his work with the new pontoon. A big thanks to all from the "Old Boys".

AUDITORS REPORT

Bern Story, Auditor, passed on his

congratulations to the committee for a job well done. In adding to the Treasurers Report, he stated that while finances had dropped, we turn over approximately a quarter of a million dollars a year and need to adopt a cautious approach to maintain success and keep more money in the bank. The proposed re-structuring of the committee is a move in the right direction to better cope with the future.

Richard Stanistreet thanked **Bern** for the work he does for the club.

MOTIONS:

Moved: S Jaques

"That the meeting accept the Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2010."

Seconded: R Tout

CARRIED

Independent Audit Report

Onno van Ewyk congratulated the Club Auditor **Bern Story** for a clear and concise Audit Report.

Moved: O van Ewyk

"That the Independent Auditor's Report for 2009-10 be received and adopted"

Seconded: S Jaques

CARRIED

Moved: T Potter

"That the Club appoint Mr Bern Story as the Honorary Auditor for the new financial year 2010-11."

Seconded: D Bodell

CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

The President, **Tim Clare**, reviewed the list of awards and trophy winners included in the Annual Report. These awards were presented earlier in the year at the club's Annual Awards Presentation Dinner held in May 2010 in the clubhouse. More details were provided in the various squad rowing reports.

Our coaching staff continue to perform well and are to be congratulated guiding our athletes to many great performances and successes.

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

Nil

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

The President stood down during this process and Mr. Bern Story, Club Auditor and independent to the club, was nominated and accepted the role as the Returning Officer, to conduct the election.

The following members were elected:

PATRON	Lionel Robberds
PRESIDENT	T. Clare
VICE PRESIDENTS	L. MacPherson, D. Bodell, A. Potter, S. Roll V. Williamson , B. Stone, B. Moynahan, W. Monaghan, R. Moynahan, M. Bath
CAPTAIN	C. Fitzsimon
VICE CAPTAINS (2)	A. Morrell (men) B. Brigham (women)
SECRETARY	D. Fekete
ASST SECRETARY	K. Coleman
TREASURER	O. van Ewyk
ASST TREASURER	R. Tout
PROPERTY MASTER	K. Thorn
COMMITTEE (7)	S. Philpot, A Parbury, V van Ewyk, A McCallum, H. Hunt, N. Cassidy, Z. Thomas (Junior Vice Captain)
AUDITOR	B. Story

Members additional comments recorded:

Bill Monaghan – Spoke about the funeral for Geoff Williamson which saw many past Olympic and Australian rowers from 1952 and 1956 Olympics and Commonwealth Games in their Olympic & Australian uniforms a very nice touch.

Dave Bodell – spoke about Peter Trives recent funeral adding that Peter's wife Jayne thanked the club and members for their attendance and condolences and particularly Peter's women's squad for acting as the Guard of Honour- adding that Peter would have loved it.

Steve Jaques was thanked by the President, Tim Clare, for his long service to the club as Secretary for the past 8 years, (this being his third period as Secretary since the 1970s) as he stands down to allow other members to take up the role and gain experience in the club's administration.

The meeting ended at 11.20 am.

Steve Jaques
Secretary
25/8/2010

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2010-2011

The 2011 season was one of challenges and mixed achievements. After a number of years of high achievement it was inevitable that a period of consolidation takes place.

It is good to report that our primary goal of continuing to win the RNSW Premiership was again achieved consolidating our successes from 2007, 2009 and 2010. I believe this should continue to be our primary goal. Apart from the recognition of the strength of the club, the Premiership win also supports new members joining the club. Most evident in this area is the number of experienced rowers who are looking for a club to return to rowing.

Unfortunately I cannot report similar success in the higher performance/ development level of the club. We were unable to repeat the successes achieved in the 2010 season by our senior rowers for a variety of reasons. In a lessons learnt review, it is believed that lack of resources as well as varied levels of commitment from the club to higher performance contributed to underachievement in this area in the 2011 season.

The challenges for the 2012 season will be to develop a very tight focus on what we are seeking to achieve and get alignment from the significant majority of club members and the committee to ensure we are all working together towards our agreed goals.

Our reduced earning capacity from the corporate regatta has put pressure on the club finances. It is very much thanks to the strong financial leadership provided by Onno that we achieved a modest surplus for the year. Prior to 2013, the committee will be holding a serious assessment of the funding methods of the club to understand the cost of doing business and meeting our goals and matching this with appropriate revenue. A possible outcome of this may be an increase in membership fees if we agree on the need to reinvest in the club fleet and also provide a reasonable level of coaching to identified priority squads.

Supporting the financial strength of the club is

the contribution of the many volunteers – too numerous to name here, who assist in running the club. My thanks go to the many volunteer coaches who contribute to club crews, learn to row and to corporate regatta. To the members who work continually on club maintenance – fleet and boatshed. To the members who contribute to towing trailers to regattas and coordinate race management at regattas – from managing entries through to managing the boat allocations and to coordinating boat loading.

While the volunteers are too numerous to list, it is often the same list who contribute in the various areas. A focus for 2012 will be to cast wider and ensure the inclusion of a broader cross section of members to step up to a greater level of support for the club organisation. If this cannot be achieved, we will need to look at alternate methods of getting the work done – most likely through paid positions. This will also have an impact on future membership costs for the club. I would encourage all members to commit to contributing to supporting the club management in some way when you are approached for assistance.

For 2011, a restructuring of the method of management through the committee highlighted the 3 key areas of Finance and Admin, Property (fleet and facilities) and Operations. The desire to push management and responsibility to the club through regular meetings and interaction of the 3 subcommittees and limit the number of general committee meetings was not as successful as desired. The result was a return to monthly rather than quarterly general management meetings. It is still hoped that in 2012, the development of greater responsibility for management by the 3 subcommittees can be achieved to better disperse the club management and time direct required by the Captain, Treasurer and Property Master in managing the club.

One standout committee member whose contribution deserves recognition is the Junior

Vice Captain, Zoe Thomas. Zoe's contribution was outstanding again this year in taking even more responsibility in the Operations management of the club. Zoe is stepping down this year and will no doubt be missed on the committee and in supporting the operational management of the club.

The challenges for the club in 2012 will require a greater effort than previous years. We need agreement and alignment of club goals. We are a diverse club offering rowing at several levels of competition – juniors, seniors, masters, serious competition and social competition as well as at a social level. This mix invariably leads to conflict and requires a clear focus on our priorities to bring greater harmony into the club.

We need a stronger focus on putting back into the club. Broadening the volunteer basis to ensure all senior members and particularly masters provide greater support into club management and achievement of club goals.

Finally we need a financial focus – rebuild the club financial reserves and at the same time provide greater benefits to the club members through assets renewal and focussed coaching.

It is key to remember that we participate in the sport for the competition, fitness and health. But most importantly, remember that we all participate in the club for enjoyment.

Tim Clare
LRC President

CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2010-2011

What a year, what a season. Being my first year as Captain of Leichhardt has been a bit of an eye opener. How hard could it be, the club was going well, we won the premiership last year, largest membership in NSW, how hard could it be.....?

I have always said the Captain's role is not a popularity contest, didn't quite appreciate how lonely it could be at times. Don't get me wrong, I have enjoyed the year, but there is always something to do, a lot to do, and at times it can be a bit overwhelming. The expectations of members can be surprising at times.

So looking at the year, let's look at some high points:

NSW Premiership:

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Shield – 1785.13pts

Masters Shield

B, C and D Grade Shields

Edward Trickett Championship

State Master Representatives

All members who competed this year should be very proud of their achievements: they have represented the club well.



It has also been a year of transition, with the loss of key club members, moving on from an active role within the club. A club like ours is made up of many members all shouldering the workload to run the club, and we expect members to move on from time to time. This year we have seen half a dozen members move on, whose contribution has been sorely missed. They all did little things that could be relied on to be completed, and their input has been sorely missed.

Additionally we started a coaching review mid season, to understand the coaching needs of our membership, and have learnt that as a club

we could do a lot better. We are a community based club, with finite resources at our disposal, and these resources should be better distributed through to members. We have taken steps to address that. Adopting a new competition policy which focuses on the key elements of the club, which is crew rowing, and establishing a pathway through the club. This will allow all members the opportunity to gain selection in competitive crews. That said, if you are happy rowing with your mates, and would like to continue, you can. My goal as Club Captain is to support that by offering some coaching to assist you to meet your goals. Leichhardt is a competitive club and we aim to compete at all levels. A selection committee has been formed to assist coaches in selection of crews; it's a process the club was doing when I first joined. I remember watching with interest, Bob Stone and Barry Moynahan selecting crews to compete being always mindful of the big picture goals for the season ahead.

One of the better parts of the Captain's job is to meet all parts of the club, LRC is lucky to have all parts of the rowing community represented, Juniors, Seniors, Masters, Recreational. It is all these elements that make for a diverse club, and all these elements can and should support each other to meet their goals.

With the reintroduction of a Twilight regatta earlier in the year for our Recreational members, a Boat Rally was born, helped by a large amount of red wine. Many thanks to Steve Duff for driving this day, it was a great success, and one I hope will continue, as it is a



great way to meet other members of the club. I look forward to continuing to assist our recreational rowers to help plan more events throughout the year.

Equipment has always been in short supply within the shed. When I joined, The Moynahan was a racing boat and restricted from use, along with the Rusty which was only used in State Titles. Over the past decade, our membership has grown and with it has our fleet. At times we hoard our equipment, and have hung onto equipment a little longer than we should. But renewing a fleet isn't cheap, and as a club we will need to continue our focus on raising funds to renew the fleet.

So the new season is almost here. Those of you competing who have yet to commence the new training program provided by Frank Thorn, should consider getting started. The Selection Panel has been looking at all members profiles, and will be discussing options with squads and with existing coaches. Looking at the results of the past season, it is clear the other clubs are waking up to us, so we need to adapt to the changing regatta programs. There will be fewer local regattas next year. Our goal will be to focus on selecting crews and training for the big away regattas, which historically we haven't been as successful.

Representing the club as Captain has been rewarding for me personally, and I have enjoyed the past year. It has been made easier with the group of members that I have worked with during the year, and would like to acknowledge the work of the Vice Captains, Belinda Brigham, Nick Cassidy, Zoe Thomas, who have all assisted me throughout the year, without them the club just doesn't function.

I'm looking forward to the challenges in the coming year; there will be bumps along the way, which is to be expected. The club is in a good position to meet them.

Christiaan Fitzsimon
LRC Captain

SQUAD REPORTS 2010-11

JUNIORS



During the 2010-11 season Leichhardt has enjoyed an ever expanding and improving junior rowing program. Currently we have five junior squads (three girls' squads and two boys' squads) comprising of approximately 40 junior members. This season we have had an increase in junior male members and the club hopes to continue to foster junior development in both girls and boys.

The juniors have continued to race successfully this season with participation in the JB Sharp series, grade regattas as well as in age regattas including the NSW State Championships.

Around 20% of the club's points this season were earned by junior crews and overall junior crews finished on the podium more than 50% of the time.

At the state championships Genevieve Pfeiffer made it through to the U19 1x semi finals and Leichhardt took fourth place in the U19 4x (Genevieve Pfeiffer, Emma Thomas, Kiri English-Hawke and Amy Dunn). Leichhardt rower Bette Wong also made it through to the U17 1x final for her school Sydney Girls High.

I would like to thank all the junior coaches for their consistent hard work and look forward to seeing the junior program further develop over the next couple of years.

Zoe Thomas
Junior Vice Captain

JUNIOR GIRLS J3 & J4 SQUADS

This season, like most previous ones, saw the large "junior/novice" squad of rowers divided into smaller manageable groups according to their skill levels, experience and age. This large group consisted mainly of 10 – 12 girls in two squads (Imogen Smith, Mia Carey, Claudia Wherry, Maine Monga, Andrea Macleay, Millie Elsmore, Gemma Viney, Bella Pytka, Claire Giugni and Alana Kisner, coached by Steve Jaques, and a second group consisting of Maddie Gibson, Genevieve Pfeiffer, Imogen Stahel, Evangeline Melrose and Bette Wong, coached by Nell Duly, with occasional substitutes from Stani Slavova's Elite squad when required like Emma Thomas, Kiri English-Hawke, Amy Dunn and Tecla Di Francesco.

At the early part of season, the J3 & J4 girls trained well, showed great eagerness and promise with early race practice and some successes in the 2010 July-August JB Sharp regattas. As the more formal season began the J3-J4 girls showed more confidence at the following regattas:

NSWRA Spring Regatta (5/10/10) Stahel & Melrose 2nd in WD2x and I Smith & Macleay 5th, In the WD 1x Bette Wong 1st, Maddie Gibson 4th, I Smith & I Stahel both 5th and Melrose 6th in separate Divs

St George RC Regatta (16/10/10) with our best result being W/U6 & 17 1x - Bette Wong 3rd & Gen Pfeiffer, Imogen Smith and Imogen Stahel all 5th (in separate Divs)

Nepean RC Regatta (17/10/10) – WU/16 2x Wong & Melrose 4th and Monga & Wherry 4th (sep Divs); WU/17 4x+ Monga, Melrose, Wong, Pfeiffer [cox Stahel] 4th, WU/17 1x Pfeiffer 3rd, WU/16 1x Wong 2nd and Melrose 5th

Drummoyne RC Regatta (1) (6/11/10) – WD 2x Pfeiffer & Wong 1st, Macleay & I Smith 2nd and Monga & Wherry 5th (Sep Divs); WD 1x Gibson 1st, E Thomas 1st (Sep Divs) - B Wong 2nd, I Stahel 2nd, C Wherry 3rd (sep Divs) - WD 4x

(Stahel, Melrose, Gibson Pfeiffer) 1st, (Monga, Wherry, Macleay, Smith) 3rd and (Viney, Pytka, Kisner, Giugni) 6th; WC 1x Gen Pfeiffer 2nd.

North Shore Regatta (20/11/10) – WU/16 2x Carey / Wherry 4th, Stahel/Gibson 5th, Monga/Macleay 6th; WU/16 4x+ (Monga, Macleay, Carey, Wherry – cox Gibson) 3rd; WU/19 2x Pfeiffer / Thomas 3rd; WU/17 1x Gen Pfeiffer 5th; WU/16 1x M Gibson 4th; I. Stahel 5th; A. Macleay 6th (Sep Divs).

Drummoyne RC (2) (4/12/10) – WD 2x Carey/Smith 2nd; Viney/Giugni 2nd; Monga/Wherry 4th, Macleay/Elsmore 4th (Sep Divs); WD 1x Bette Wong 1st, E. Thomas 1st, I. Smith 3rd, I. Stahel 3rd, E. Melrose 3rd, M. Monga 5th (Sep Divs); WD 4x (Stahel, Melrose, Wong, Gibson) 1st, (Monga, Macleay, Carey, Smith) 4th, (Giugni, Pytka, Wherry, Viney) 5th, WC 1x G. Pfeiffer 3rd, M. Gibson 3rd

Taree Summer Regatta (14-16/1/11) -several good rows resulted in placings in: WC 4x (Gibson, Wong, Thomas, Pfeiffer) 2nd; WD 2x Carey / Pytka 5th; WB 1x Kiri English-Hawke 1st, Tecla Di Francesco 5th; WU/16 1x I. Smith 3rd, M. Carey 4th; WU/16 2x Gibson/Wong 3rd, Carey/Smith 5th; WC 2x Pfeiffer/Thomas 3rd, Wong / Gibson 3rd (Sep Divs); WU 19 1x Kiri English-Hawke 1st, Tecla Di Francesco 2nd; (Sep Divs); WC 1x G. Pfeiffer 2nd, M. Gibson 3rd, E. Thomas 4th (Sep Divs); WD 4x (Smith, Carey, Wong, Gibson) 2nd; WU/16 2x Smith/ Carey 1st; WD1x B. Wong 1st, E. Thomas 1st, I. Smith 3rd, M. Carey 4th, (sep Divs); WU/19 2x Thomas / Pfeiffer 1st; WU/17 1x B. Wong 1st, M. Gibson 2nd (sep Divs)

Balmain RC Regatta (6/2/11) WD 2x Melrose/Stahel 2nd, Macleay/Wherry 3rd; Carey/Smith 4th; Monga/Viney 5th; Pytka/Elsmore 6th; WD 1x I. Smith 1st; C. Wherry 2nd, I Stahel 2nd; A. Macleay 3rd; M. Elsmore 4th; M. Carey 5th; M. Monga 5th; WD 4x (Macleay, Wherry, Carey, Smith) 3rd; (Pytka, Monga, Viney, Elsmore) 4th.

NSWRA Championships (12/2/11) CWU16 2x [hts]– Carey/Smith 8th; CWU16 1x [hts] M. Carey 5th, I Smith 8th; CWU19 1x [hts] E Thomas 5th; Kiri English-Hawke 2nd; G. Pfeiffer 6th S/F.

Drummoyne RC (3) (20/2/11) WC 4x (Stahel, Melrose, Wong, Gibson) 3rd; WC 2x Wong/Gibson 2nd; Melrose /Stahel 3rd (Sep Divs);

WD2x Carey/Smith 3rd; Pytka/Elsmore 4th, Monga/Viney 5th (sep Divs); WD 1x I. Stahel 1st; I. Smith 3rd; C. Wherry 3rd; (Sep Divs); WB2x Thomas/Pfeiffer 1st; WD 4x (Macleay, Wherry, Gibson, Smith) 1st; (Monga, Viney, Pytka, Elsmore) 4th; WB 1x G. Pfeiffer 2nd, E. Thomas 3rd; WC 1x B. Wong 1st; M. Gibson 3rd; E. Melrose 5th; (Sep Divs)

Pymble Schoolgirl Regatta (26/2/11) SGYr 9 4x+ (I. Pytka, A. Kisner, M. Carey, I. Smith – C Giugni Cox) 4th

Leichhardt RC Regatta (1) (6/3/11) WC 4x (Melrose, Storen, Stahel, Gibson) 2nd; WC 2x VVE/E. Thomas 2nd; E. Melrose/I. Stahel 4th; WD 2x Macleay/Wherry 2nd; Carey/ Smith 3rd; Pytka/Elsmore 5th; Monga/Viney 5th; Giugni/Kisner 5th (Sep Divs); WD1x M. Elsmore 2nd; I. Smith 3rd; A. Macleay 3rd; C. Wherry 4th; m. Carey 5th (sep Divs); WB 2x G. Pfeiffer/E. Thomas 3rd; WD 4x (Monga, Viney, Pytka, Elsmore) 2nd; (Macleay, Wherry, Carey, Smith) 4th; WB 1x Kiri English-Hawke 1st; G. Pfeiffer 4th; E. Thomas 5th;

Sydney G H S regatta (12/3/11) SGYr 9 4x+ (Kisner, Pytka, Carey, Smith – Cox Giugni) 4th; SGYr 9 2x Kisner/Pytka 4th; Monga/ Giugni 4th; (Sep Divs); SG Yr 9 1x M. Elsmore 2nd; M. Carey 2nd; I. Smith 3rd (sep Divs)

Drummoyne RC (4) regatta (13/3/11) WD 2x Carey/Smith 1st; Macleay/Wherry 3rd; Pytka/Elsmore 3rd; Monga/Viney 4th; Giugni/Kisner 5th (Sep Divs). WD 1x I. Smith 1st; A. Macleay 2nd; M. Monga 2nd; M. Carey 3rd (Sep Divs); WB 2x Thomas / Pfeiffer 3rd; WD 4x (Macleay, Melrose, Carey, Smith) 2nd; WB 1x E. Thomas 5th; G. Pfeiffer 6th;

Riverview Gold Cup Regatta (19/3/11) SGYr 9 4x+ (Kisner, Pytka, Carey, Smith – cox Giugni) 2nd (very close 2nd)

Leichhardt RC regatta (2) (27/3/11) WC 4x (Stahel, Melrose, Gibson, Wherry) 2nd; WD8+ E. Thomas [Str] 2nd; WC 2x E. Thomas/ VV Ewyk 2nd; Stahel/Melrose 5th; WD 2x Carey/Smith 1st; Macleay/Wherry 1st; Monga/Viney 2nd; Giugni/Kisner 4th (sep Divs); WD1x M. Carey 1st, I. Smith 3rd; A. Macleay 4th; M. Monga 5th; (Sep Divs) WB 2x Thomas/Pfeiffer 1st; WD 4x (Viney, Monga, Pytka, Giugni) 4th; (Macleay, Melrose, Carey, Smith) 5th; WB 1x G. Pfeiffer 4th;

E. Thomas 5th; WC 1x M. Gibson 3rd
Trickett NSW Grade C/ship regatta (9-10/4/11)
WC 4x (Stahel, Melrose, Gibson, Pfeiffer) 4th
Hts; WD 8+ E. Thomas [Str] 3rd [Final]; WD 2x
Macleay/Wherry 4th ; Elsmore /Smith 5th; WD
1x I. Smith 4th hts [and 8th in **Final**]; C. Wherry
6th; M. Elsmore 6th; A. Macleay 6th (sep Hts);
WB 2x Thomas/Pfeiffer 5th; WD 4x (Macleay,
Wherry, Elsmore, Smith) 3rd [Hts] and 8th
[Final] ; (Viney, Monga, Kisner, Pytka) 7th [Hts];
WB 1x E. Thomas 6th & G. Pfeiffer 8th [Hts];
WC1x Amy Dunn 4th [Hts].

That was racing for this season – not a bad effort from all the junior girl athletes and they have represented the club to a high level overall!!

Unfortunately a common factor after training really gets into full swing is that many young rowers tend to drop out or have irregular attendance due to other school, travel, family or sporting interests taking over. It is hard to keep young minds focussed with so many different interests for today's young athletes. As Coaches we do the best we can and the results are generally rewarding for all. The main thing is the juniors enjoy their rowing, develop a good camaraderie, strive for and achieve improvement and become good club members.

Congratulations to the following Junior girls who won club awards this season:

Most Improved Junior Female: Evie Melrose;
Encouragement Awards: Imogen Smith, Mia Carey & Bette Wong; and Most Outstanding all-round Junior Rower: Genevieve Pfeiffer.

Finally, as always, I must not forget the parents - for without their continued support and assistance getting these rowers to and from regattas and training and some assisting with catering we would not have a great Junior squad that we have. I extend my whole-hearted thanks.

Also, I must give a big welcome to the very large group of junior girls and boys who have just completed the April/ May 2011 Learn To Row program and look set to do big things next season.

Steve Jaques
Junior Girls Coach

JUNIOR BOYS

The Junior Boys trained mainly at weekends due to school studies and commitments but achieved some success despite limited training. Oscar Supit, Robert Bodell and Levan Andronikashvili recorded wins in a number of D8+ events crewing with senior members and master rowers, I believe this to be an excellent way of developing our younger rowing members. Ryan Kisner and Levan Andronikashvili medalled at the NSWRA Championship Sprint Regatta in the U162X whilst Austin Hunt managed to make the semi finals in the U16 single scull at the Schoolboy Head of the River, both pleasing results. In their training sessions all boys demonstrated excellent progress and I feel confident they will be able to achieve at a higher level in the coming season.

David R Bodell
Coach



Award-winning juniors (l to r) Imogen Smith, Bette Wong, Mia Carey, Lachlan Andrews, Robert Bodell

NOVICE/INTERMEDIATE WOMEN

NOVICE/INTERMEDIATE WOMEN

The members of the squad developed during the season, as did their commitment and enthusiasm. Although the squad's composition changed, its members did not waver in their commitment to learning and working at rowing, and generally contributing to the life of the club.

Most members of the squad carried on from the previous year, but they are generous in welcoming new starters too. The season's stayers were Jess Black, Jacqui Bokor, Mary Finegan, Brigitte Hadley, Anna Hickey-Moody, Nivi Massarek and Jen Zongor. Bec Montoya and Sarah Norris began the season but were distracted by life and followed its lure.

The squad members were committed, enthusiastic and willing to work and learn and they finished the season with very good results indeed. The C4x and C4- were successful in the season, but the quad was a standout: Jess, Jen and Brigitte had some early successes in a quad and four with Ella Collins-White and later with Anna in the quad. They finished the season much improved, with many wins and making the WC4x final at the Trickett Regatta.

Highlights of the season's results include:

- the successful progression of Brigitte and Jen in their singles, improving as long as the season went on
 - Jen and Jess winning the WC2- at the Trickett, demonstrating their marked improvement for the season in that boat, and second placing in the A grade D2x at the NSW State Masters Championships
 - Anna, Mary, Jacqui and Nivi gathering a berth in the final of the WD4x at the Trickett
- Sweep and eights did not miss out – some enjoyed the Head of the Yarra, some enjoyed the D8+ with Andrew Morrell's squad and others, and we all enjoyed our training sessions in the Hotsocks8+.



The squad has been willing to help and contribute – Jen and Jess in particular have been active, not only in the boat maintenance but also as coaches themselves. To the coaches who have contributed to the squad's development during the season – Richard Stanistreet, Steve Sherry and David Hogan – many thanks for your time, enthusiasm and expertise.

Anne Parbury
Coach

NOVICE WOMEN EX LTR MAY 2010 & NOV 2010

ASSISTING SENIOR SQUAD

Ex LTR May 2010

Seven women and two male rowers fresh out of Learn to Row May 2010 and Andrew Morrell keen to coach a squad for a season: a new squad was born. Captain Jane Hutchinson set the ball rolling for what was an enjoyable and successful year. With guidance from Head Coach Stani Slavova, a training program and a plan of attack was born. We were to train to compete at our first regatta in November. Goals were asked of our rowers and we had the following responses:

“Increase my fitness and work on changing my body shape while doing something new and fun - instead of a boring gym”

“increase my core strength, shed some kilos, increase fitness, improve my posture”

“to get good enough to compete in a race”

“lose weight”

Training got under way learning the basics. Sessions where making it to the stone wall and back was an achievement. Slowly the skill levels grew, we made it to the bridge and then eventually with a very nervous Karina we made it through the bridge. Step by step we improved as a group, ergs were completed on a monthly basis and submitted to the head coach and on-water distances grew so that we could cover up to 19 km in a training session.

Goal One

With the enthusiasm and energy levels high, we were keen to start racing so the plan was brought forward so that the Head of Parramatta as a quad was our first race. Time trials to prove our worth and then the Head race itself was exciting and an enjoyable start to the racing season. Bodies were pushed beyond what they thought they could do and a real sense of achievement was obtained by all. Drummoyne regatta in November 2010 was the next regatta entered. Results were as expected of all first timers. Starting line mess-ups, crabs, crooked courses, etc. Kristin Moss obtained the best result coming second in her single scull race to the fabulous and amazing Bette Wong.

Goal Two

Goal two was set. Taree. All competed at Taree in Singles, Doubles, Quad and Eight. The best results were obtained by winning the Women's D grade 8 with a crew of rowers combining the women of Anne Parbury's novice women's squad and Andrew Morrell's new novice squad.

Ex LTR Nov 2010

Whilst the girls of LTR May 2010 were starting their racing season, training started for the girls of LTR Nov 2010. The same program was used and modified as the coach's skills improved and a new group was born. The same story of the novices making it to the stone wall and back as an achievement and then slowly through the bridge and beyond etc unfolded.

Goal Three

Goal three was the Edward Trickett regatta. Once the racing season started, the skill levels grew along with the racing skills. Our Women's D grade Eight got off to an exciting start but

was then required to rebuild with some rowers moving on. Natalie Obeid and Kelly Hinchcliffe had their learning accelerated as they were brought in to join Kristin Moss and Nitya Varadarajan in a quad and the other girls of the fledgling Women's D Grade 8. The season's racing was finalised using two of the most novice rowers in the club with two rowers who were proving to be the fastest women's grade rowers.

During training for the Womens D grade eight, Emma Thomas and Virginia van Ewyk became involved. With the constant inability to get all eight together to train, we would train in a four. It was apparent we had the makings of a competitive four. Virginia examining the entries and having rowed with us in training suggested we enter the Women's D grade four."if we could get Nell Duly to cox she would be worth 15 seconds off our time". The WD4+ was entered!

Results: Edward Trickett Grade Championships



WD2X - Nitya Varradarajan and Kristen Moss 2nd made it to the Semi final and were the fastest LRC women's D grade double scull. Time 4:14.34

WD8+ - Third Place. Kristin Moss, Nitya Varadarajan, Natalie Obeid, Kellie Hinchcliffe, Mary Finegan, Jacqueline Bokor, Virginia Van Ewyk, Emma Thomas, Cox: Nell Duly Time 3:41.79

WD4X – First heat, did not progress. Kellie Hinchcliffe, Natalie Obeid, Nitya Varadarajan, Kristin Moss. Time 4:24.49

WD4+ - First Place. Nitya Varadarajan, Kristin

Moss, Virginia Van Ewyk, Emma Thomas, Cox:
Nell Duly

Masters Women—State Masters Preparation

Following 1 month rest after Edward Trickett, Andrew Morrell was called back into action to assist the Masters Women of Virginia van Ewyk, Juliette Bourke, Heather Hunt and Anna Foley. Although there was only time for race preparation, this was done and Andrew hopes he had some positive influence on this group's performance. This group has much potential and they will achieve well in the future.

Following a full season's program that attends to all parts of the rowing stroke will assist this group in achieving the results they would like.

Senior Squad Fill-in

Whenever Stani Slavova was sick, unable to make a session or regatta, away on international coaching duties, Andrew Morrell would assist by running the sessions and coaching the senior girls squad. This was a daunting task for a novice coach, however very enjoyable. Working with these first class

athletes, watching the intense concentration, and personal discipline these girls demonstrated whilst training and competing was wonderful.

Coaches Overview

This was a busy season. Most of the season Andrew Morrell coached 6 days per week.

It is Andrew's opinion that more co-operation between squads in the club and better selection processes would have achieved better results for the girls and the club. Being involved with dedicated rowers who completed the tough tasks set and sometimes pushed themselves beyond where they thought they could go was most enjoyable.

Andrew would personally like to thank Nitya Varadarjan and Kristin Moss who did all that was asked of them from the beginning of the season to the end where they got the results I was after. Winning at Edward Trickett was Andrew Morrell's goal achieved and this could not have been done without the girls who pulled the oars, stroke after stroke from beginning to end of the season. Thank you!

Andrew Morrell
Coach

MASTERS WOMEN

Masters women play an integral role in the running of LRC and are highly committed to training and racing. Masters women across all competing squads (from 27 year olds to 60 year olds) held the top four places for point score in the club, and there were 12 masters women in the Top 20 point scorers at LRC.

In between training and racing, masters women found time to fill the Club Committee roles of Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Vice Captain, Communications/Editor of Easy Oar, Property Master and Regatta Secretary. They also increased their coaching responsibilities for juniors and novices, and co-ordinated Learn to Row, Corporates, Social Rowing, Merchandising and Functions at the Club.

“YOUNG” MASTERS WOMEN/ INTERMEDIATE GROUP

The beginning of the season didn't go as smoothly as we would have liked, with a few of the girls moving away from rowing and then the shock of Pete's (Peter Trives) death, needless to say it wasn't the best start. However, showing the strength of the group everyone managed to band together and make the best of the situation and produce another successful season, even if there were more than a few hiccups along the way.

After having to revise both our coaching and crew arrangements we managed to put together a group of women that were willing to do the hard-yards in preparation for the annual Head of the Yarra event, with Steve Sherry

kindly agreeing to coach the crew in addition to his already very full schedule, and thus started the bi-weekly sessions of the Cockatoo Island loop with the other intermediate/ masters women's 8+. We also decided to give more of a focus on cross-training and getting fit by subjecting ourselves to the gut-busting Fi and her 'boot camp'. Even though it was tough and sometimes seemed like nobody was really achieving anything the hard worked paid off as we all started to see results in our ergs and in our on-water endurance. But regardless of the hard work in preparation, it seems that you never really know what is going to happen on race day. The Head of the Yarra event managed to throw in a few surprises of its own with us losing the fin before the commencement of the race and even through the stern half filled with water and we hit the shore a few times we managed to cross the finish line without having to stop, even on the big bend.

Following on from Head of the Yarra everyone began their preparation for shorter racing and given all the new faces in the club, people had the opportunity to row in all different combinations with very successful results at both the smaller local regattas and also at the larger ones at Taree and out at SIRC. This year also saw the competition for the Duff Cup heat up with the masters men having a very successful earlier parts of the season but in the end the women still managed to retain the Cup at the end of the NSW masters championships.



Whilst there are definite personal highlights throughout the season I think that what really stands out for me is the off water aspects of

this group. We managed to weather the loss of Pete and the disbanding of the squad but everyone made the effort not only to continue training but to also come together as a team and learn to utilise each person's strengths so that we were all able to continue to improve and have such a successful season for both the club and as individuals.

So on that note, well done to all the intermediate women for the season recently finished and good luck to everyone with the one about to begin.

Rebecca Storen

"MATURE" MASTERS WOMEN

The "Mature" Masters women squad, coached by Steve Sherry, rowed grade and age regattas throughout the season in singles, doubles, pairs, quads, fours and eights across D, C and B grade and C, D, E and F age categories.

At the beginning of September, we began our season training with our C age category Yarra squad of Jane Hutchison, Sarah Allen, Christina Bursill, Angela Conry, Anne Parbury, Dianne Williams, Deanna Fekete and Virginia van Ewyk, coxed by Robert Wright. Training twice weekly with rows around Cockatoo Island, pacing against the "Young Masters" squad, the eight quickly came together under Steve's ever-watchful eye. Our preparation also included a hit out at Head of the Shoalhaven as a combined squad Open crew, followed by a win in the womens masters category of Head of the Parramatta. At the Head of the Yarra in November, the 8+ was second in the women masters B-C8+ category and the second fastest womens masters eight on the water. Sadly, Chris and Sarah decided not to continue to row after the Head of the Yarra due to other commitments. Sadly, Chris and Sarah decided not to continue to row after the Head of the Yarra due to other commitments. However, the squad was enhanced by the technical skills and racing experience of Sandy Rourke.

Throughout the rest of the season, the masters women raced highly competitively in Grade and Age regattas, racing in cross-squad crews, established crews and new combinations. New crews challenged established crews in a number of race categories, resulting in some exciting racing, particularly in fours and quads. with some very tight racing and many wins at age and grade regattas (often achieving wins in every division or every competed age category). At the NSW State Masters Championships, members of the squad claimed Gold in the WD4-, WC4- , WD8+, WE2- , MixD-E8+ (for at least the fourth year in a row) and Mix E-F2x and medalled in numerous other events.

The masters season finished with the Australian Masters Rowing Championships at Lake Barrington, Tasmania, from 2-5 June. LRC was again well represented in the 2011 NSW State Masters Team, with six masters women in the NSW squad: Anne Parbury, Angela Conry, Daniela Borgert, Deanna Fekete, Dianne Williams, Sandra Rourke. Sandy competed in the Interstate Quad which won gold, while the Interstate Eight placed fifth in a very tight race, just 3.38 seconds behind the winning crew.

The LRC squad of six masters women, Brian Davis and Dave Hogan, had a successful campaign overall at the Australian Masters Rowing Championships, winning seven gold, nine silver and five bronze medals.



Angela Conry with Steve Sherry at the LRC Presentation Night

Anne Parbury was the top point scorer for LRC over the season and received the award for the top-scoring Masters Woman, with a spectacular 89% of podium finishes. She also received the Moynahan Family Trophy for Coaching Excellence.

As we move into the 2011-12 season, a huge vote of thanks goes to Steve Sherry for his coaching expertise and perseverance, and to Robert Wright for his superb coxing and support. We look forward to working with Steve and Robert again this season.

Virginia van Ewyk

It's hard to believe that it is time to write this report again – the seasons seem to go by so quickly! Pymble Rowing has had another busy year both on and off the water and in both training and racing. We had a squad of 96 enthusiastic girls and they were supported by a wonderful, dedicated group of coaches.

The season began with an information evening in early August to introduce the new parents to the sport. Following this the girls took part in the learn-to-row program at the school and the mini camps in the Term 3 break. These were well attended and allowed the girls some extra time to become acquainted with the boatshed and the initial requirements of the sport.

This year, the early season minicamp for the senior squad was held at the Nepean River. It is always great to have a training weekend away and some time together early in the season without the pressures of school and we were keen to show the girls the upper reaches of the gorge! Our senior squad was the largest ever – with three eights and four quads for the season – making it the biggest part of our program.

Boat camps were held in January and were well attended. The seniors completed a fantastic week of training in Thredbo and the year 8's, 9's and 10's had their summer holiday this year at the Sydney Academy of Sport at Narrabeen. Blisters were at no extra cost!

Racing season again included the Pymble regatta. It has been great to have this regatta as an annual event as it gives the parents a chance to get to know one another. Thank you to all our helpers, boat drivers, officials etc and especially to Scarlett and Andrew de Souza and the support group for hosting the Pymble Rowing Cocktail Party on the same weekend.

Term 1 continued with regattas each weekend. The National Championships returned to the

Westlakes in Adelaide this year for the first time in many years. Our crews experienced stiff competition from the locals as well as the NSW and Victorian crews. We were hosted during the week by Pembroke School and had the luxury of using their facilities during the regatta. Our results this year included a 4th in the WU19 4-, a bronze in the WU19 8+ and a silver in the SG 8+. Well done to the crews and coaches!

The main regatta for the squad is of course the Schoolgirls Head of the River. The First Eight had experienced some close racing throughout the season and their final race as a crew was no different. They had a close race and unfortunately were not able to hold off a fast finishing Queenwood who successfully defended their title from the previous year. The Pymble second eight were victorious in their event and the third eight had a great row to finish third in the second eight! The year 9 6th quad continued their winning form to grab a Gold medal. Crews from other divisions of juniors and Intermediates raced well and as a team the college was awarded second place in the overall point score behind Loreto Normanhurst – well done Loreto!

Our Boat Captain, Alex Dalton, was also a tremendous support for the students and the staff. Alex has always led by example and her results are a credit to her. We wish Alex all the best in her year 12 studies and while we say farewell to her family (3 rowers later!) we hope they keep in touch.

The Rowing Support Group has been steered this year by Andrew Ellis. The coaches and students are all very grateful for the input of the Support Group – we simply could not function without them. Their assistance in providing support at away regattas and at the many functions during the season does not go unnoticed!

To Leichhardt, for another season of shared activities, thank you. Congratulations on winning another NSWRA Premiership (the fourth in five years) – and multiple other awards and shields! Well deserved, as it was a true team effort. Congratulations to all those members who were part of NSW crews – a fantastic effort.

The beginning of the new season is almost here - hopefully everyone has had a good break and is ready to begin again. Our first challenge is the 70 students currently enrolled in learn to Row for the next season!

Gillian Campbell
Head Coach – Pymble Ladies College



On the recent rowing tour of the US and Canada, the crew celebrate winning the Schoolgirls Open Eight at the Brentwood College Regatta on Vancouver Island (above) and training on Lake Washington for the Windermere Cup regatta, with Mount Rainier in the background (below)



PROPERTY REPORT 2010-2011

Property at LRC involves two areas of the clubs management. **The Boathouse** that includes all equipment and associated resources needed to row and **the Clubhouse** that includes all the building, maintenance and everyday running procedures necessary to maintain and improve our Building.

Our aim for the 2010-2011 season was that all members become aware of our assets and appreciate all that has been established and provided by present and previous members for the ongoing enjoyment of our existing and future LRC rowers.

Our assets belong to our members. The LRC Clubhouse and Fleet have been provided for our pleasure and our enjoyment so that we can all spend as many hours participating, learning to row, training and competing to our maximum ability. We have one of the best clubhouses and fleets in Australia and it our responsibility to maintain and develop these assets.

BOATHOUSE

All boats, equipment, and resources have a specific location in the boathouse. Regular boat maintenance days were planned and well advertised. Members were asked to clean and polish all boats and materials for this exercise was provided. John Foley does an excellent job repairing our boats. We should all try to avoid damage to our boats, be patient on the pontoon and help each other. Billy relocated the old oar rack that was outside and is used to house private oars. A **fuel roster system** was established and worked well. It is very important to use high quality fuel. Do not use ethanol fuel. This roster will be continued next year. Please check the notice board.

Adopt a Boat

The adopt a boat system has not worked very well this past season. It would be sensible if all rowers took good care of our boats, and those who use specific the boats should take

responsibility. When working on a boat, ask for help if you need it. Items to consider are: Riggers, Slides, Seats, Wheels, Steering, Fin and Rudder, Bolts for splitting.

Boat Maintenance Days

Regular boat maintenance days were planned for around the second last Sunday of each season. They were poorly attended. Rowing is a disciplined sport and that discipline begins off the water.

Billy keeps the regatta boxes and spare parts well stocked. He does an excellent an important job and he is very much appreciated by us all. Billy also reports that more boat fins have been damaged since we have had the new pontoon operational. Please take care putting boats in and out of the water.



Cork Board

The Cork board in the boat shed is the main communication location for all rowing information. Programs and the boat roster are located here.

The Davit

The davit is working very well. Charlie Bartlett has installed the necessary ties to each tinny and did an excellent job.

Tinnies

The LRC coaching tinnies are getting old. I did a repair to three tinnies in early June. Andy McCallum has done more work ready for

corporates. LRC has purchased two new tinnies ready for the upcoming season. A reminder that all tinnies need to be equipped with an Anchor, 2 x Lifejackets, Paddle, Bucket, Megaphone, a Wood seat for some coaches and lights if on the water in the dark. Coaches alone in a tinny need to wear a lifejacket.

Freddie Griffin has built two more tinny trolleys. There are now tinny trollies for four of the bays. Each trolley takes two tinnies. This should really help preserve our tinnies as there is no need for tinnies to be every dragged along the pontoon. Fred has also maintained the motor trolleys, fixing new wheels when necessary.

Two tinnie tieoffs have been provided on the pontoon adjacent to the pontoon lights. These are for emergency only, such as very low tide or a quick return to the pontoon. Please do not leave tinnies on these ties as boats dock on the inner side of the pontoon.

Motors

The LRC coaching motors get a lot of use. They have been repaired when necessary. This year I have organised Roy's Mobile Marine to service and repair the motors annually and more often if required. Johnson 15's are no longer made so as they become too old for service, they are broken down and kept for spare parts. LRC has purchased two new motors ready for the upcoming season.

Blue Bins

Each bay has a blue bin. These are for the chamois and towels used to wipe down the boats. Please use these as too many chamois blow off the pontoon, and this also helps keep the pontoon and shed tidy.

Trailer

Our trailer gets regular maintenance. I have resurfaced the boat supports with a rubber, which is replaced when necessary.

CLUBHOUSE

Alarm

The alarm is working well. Mistakes happen.

Remember to contact the property manager if you set off the alarm, to avoid police problems.

Windows and Doors

ABLE Aluminium Window and Door repairs did a thorough and excellent job repairing all our windows and doors, including the handicapped toilet door.

Garbage

Veolia are our garbage contractors. They collect Mondays. LRC also recycles. Use the red bins for all our recycling around the shed. When bins are full, take out the garbage. Use garbage bin liners to minimise the mess in the bins. Wash out the red bins regularly to keep hygienic. Please do not leave water bottles around the shed or on the pontoon.

Cleaners

LRC employed new cleaners this season. They clean on Fridays around midday.

Towels

Fresh and Clean provide our towel service, soap, and maintain sanitary units. This service is done weekly.

Bike Racks

Last year we applied to Leichhardt Council for Bike racks to be installed adjacent to our building. Please remember to bring your lock and use them as this minimised damage to internal walls and bikes lying around, getting in the way.

Tidy Clubhouse

Everything has a place. All gym and erg equipment should be put away after use. The blue chairs are stacked in two blocks, approximately 80 chairs in each of the two corners of the function room. The tables are staked together near the men's shower. The erg rails (four belong to LRC, two to Frank) are kept in line along the northern wall.

Gutters, Carpets

Gutters and carpets are regularly cleaned.

Plumbing & Electrical

Roger Graham, Glen Pearce and Graeme Reid help out with our many minor plumbing problems and this is very appreciated by us all. Ross Ullo does the continuing necessary electrical maintenance and this is also very much appreciated.

Forms on Deck

Andy McCallum did a excellent job painting the old forms on the balcony. They should last another 100 years.

Club Maintenance Days

Although we have excellent cleaners, we need to do all the extra cleaning jobs around the shed. These are done each season, and advertised in *easyoar*. All members should take on one of the many little jobs and perform the task each season.

Tea/Coffee

LRC provides coffee, tea, washing up liquid, garbage bags.

Kerry Thorn

Property Master

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT 2010-11

LRC communications aim to be clear and to keep club members informed of club news and events, matters of importance and our successes.

The principal means of club-wide communication are the website, emails from admin and the newsletter, *Easy Oar*. *Easy Oar* in its current format will celebrate its fourth birthday this month and this will mark the beginning of a new era: *Easy Oar* will be online only (not printed). It has continued to develop during the year, with the regular contributions (particularly photos), from club members and visitors, adding to the sense of ownership for all members. The intention continues to be to provide members with a newsletter with information they need to know, might like to know and that connects all the many parts of the club.

Easy Oar is released on the website, and until the end of June about 100 copies were printed and delivered to the club each month for members. Our local councillors, the Leichhardt Library and the principal of Pymble Ladies' College, as always, were kept up-to-date with LRC happenings.

The LRC website continues to attract browsers and readers – there is always a lot of interest in the learn to row courses, the rowing program, the Corporate Challenge and hiring the hall for functions. The content on the site is regularly revised and updated so that it is a useful resource for members as well as other users.

Very many thanks to everyone who has contributed this year, and in the past four years – advice, content, photos, ideas and more. This is my final communications report, and I look forward to the new generation communications.

Anne Parbury
Communications

2010 -2011 ANNUAL AWARDS

The LRC Awards honour the Club's achievers for the year and recognise and encourage those who have worked hard, those who have tried hard and those who show potential. They not only honour those who win races, they also recognise the efforts and achievements of many of the Club's members who do a lot of work behind the scenes and contribute to the success of the Club. The 2010-11 LRC Awards were presented at the Presentation Night in May 2011.

Congratulations to all the winners:



STEVE ROLL TROPHY
Kristian Bodell
Mens point score



MICK LOWREY
TROPHY Andrew
Morrell
*Development of
novices*

LEN McPHERSON TROPHY Anne Parbury
Womens point score

BOB STONE TROPHY Anne Parbury
Masters point score

GEORGE ELMSLIE TROPHY Michael Scott
Most improved oarsman

THE LEICHHARDT
CLUB TROPHY
Brigitte Hadley
Anna Hickey-Moody
*Most improved
oarswoman*



MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR FEMALE Evangeline
Melrose

MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR MALE Levan
Andronikashvili

MOYNAHAN FAMILY TROPHY Anne Parbury
Coaching excellence

BATH FAMILY JUNIOR TROPHY Genevieve
Pfeiffer
Most outstanding all-round junior rower

COXSWAIN'S TROPHY Glenn Pearce
Best efforts in coxing

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS
Juniors: Bette Wong, Mia Carey, Imogen Smith,
Lachlan Andrew, Robert Bodell, Ryan Kisner
Novices: Kristen Moss, Nitya Varadarajan

SPECIAL ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD Sandra
Triulzi

CAPTAIN'S TROPHY Zoe Thomas
Awarded personally by the Captain

PRESIDENT'S AWARD Barry Moynahan
Special recognition

LEICHHARDT UNION OF OLD ROWERS (LUOR)

At this time of the year, the LUOR looks to the Club's Annual Report and Balance Sheet to identify where it might best lend support.

Remarkably, there is nothing in the Club's Constitution which authorises the establishment of LUOR or its goals but there exists a great photograph of a "Reunion" of 43 Old Rowers taken outside the old Fort Macquarie Tram Depot (Now the Opera House) in 1921.

The practice still continues with biannual reunions and in recent years a weekly gathering of the Balcony Boyz. They are the custodians of the Club's history and applaud the Club's priority given to Junior Development. The Old Rowers assist when they can with financial support through asset acquisition.

This year the "Old Rowers" congratulate the Executive of Leichhardt Rowing Club Inc and its Committee on another successful season and 2010 -2011 Premiership win and endorse the

effective handling of last season's contentious paid head coach issue.

Leichhardt has always been successful in catering for the interests of all members through its strong Constitution and cohesive relationship involving the President, Executive and Committee. Active Competitive Membership brings with it the important right to vote within the terms of the Club Constitution and the "Old Rowers" wish all nominees good luck in the election of Officers and in the ongoing administration of the Club's affairs.

The Balcony Boyz (The Old Rowers Executive) are geared towards a boat purchase scheduled for late 2011 – early 2012 and will endeavour to ensure that the nature of any purchase complements the objectives of the incoming Club Committee.

Barry Moynahan, President LUOR

TREASURER'S REPORT 2010-2011

This year has been a year of consolidation from a financial point of view. After the major expense of the new pontoon, cash reserves fell to their lowest level for a number of years. We have now been able to build them back up to a more prudent amount.

On the income side, revenue from membership subscriptions increased by 11%, principally as a result of an increase in fees. Learn to Row Course revenue was up by 25%. The Corporate Rowing Program was again a solid source of income for the Club and was only slightly down on the previous year. Prior to the GFC, of course, income from Corporates was typically 60-70% higher than in the last two years. We also suffered a significant reduction in income from hiring the Clubhouse out for functions. This was down 60% on the previous year. Donations and fund-raising were also significantly down on last year, which restricted

our ability to acquire new equipment for the Club. To try and reverse this trend, we recently set up an Equipment Acquisition Fund with the Australian Sports Foundation that will allow tax-deductible donations to be made for the purchase of boats and equipment. We are hopeful that this initiative will provide encouragement for Members and Supporters to consider donating to the Club.

On the outgoings side, we were able to make savings on boat repairs and maintenance, regatta entry fees and coaching. If we continue to contain our costs and build up our traditional sources of revenue via the support of all our members, we should be able to make much needed additions to our fleet and renew some of our aging equipment.

**Onno van Ewyk
Treasurer**

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INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL REPORT TO MEMBERS

Scope

I have examined the financial statements of the Leichhardt Rowing Club Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2011. The Management Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent examination to express an opinion on them to members of the Leichhardt Rowing Club.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Association Incorporation Act 2009.

The examination has been conducted in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. My procedures include examination of evidence supporting the amount and other disclosures in the financial estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the Incorporation which is consistent with my understanding of the financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements of the Leichhardt Rowing Club Incorporated are in accordance to :

- (i) give a true and fair view of the Incorporation financial position as at 30 June 2011 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date;
- (ii) Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional requirements.

LEICHHARDT ROWING CLUB INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 93 993 695 175

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2011

		2011	2010
Current Assets			
Cash at bank		50,963.37	20,715.51
Stock on Hand		0.00	7,180.00
Sundry Debtors	2	7,264.91	10,043.83
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Total Current Assets		58,228.28	37,939.34
Property, Plant & Equipment	3	1,909,344.76	1,564,376.46
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Total Assets		1,967,573.04	1,602,315.80
Current Liabilities			
Trade Creditors	4	0.00	10,000.00
P.A.Y.G. Taxation & GST Received	5	2,634.74	2,702.69
Clubhouse Hire		800.00	0.00
Subscription in advance		45.45	0.00
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Total Current Liabilities		3,480.19	12,702.69
Total Liabilities		3,480.19	12,702.69
Net Assets		1,964,092.85	1,589,613.11
Members Funds			
Reserves		1,589,613.11	1,717,516.71
Retained Profit Adjustment		383,115.00	0.00
Retained Profits/Loss		-8,635.26	-127,903.60
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Total Member Funds		1,964,092.85	1,589,613.11
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LEICHHARDT ROWING CLUB INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	2011	2010
INCOME		
Corporate Racing Fees	39,158.17	42,181.81
Subscriptions	131,105.43	118,033.18
Learn to Row	16,919.74	13,045.47
Sale of stock	5,018.14	3,902.02
Fuel Tax Credit	2,588.00	0.00
LRC Regatta - NSWRA Rem.	7,189.09	6,852.27
Donations	707.10	14,824.70
Sale of Assets	643.70	0.00
Fundraising	340.09	17,784.42
Write back Provision -	10,000.00	4,000.00
PLC - Pontoon	0.00	80,338.89
PLC Recoverable	23,500.00	14,520.00
Sundry Income	1,892.32	635.57
Clubhouse Rental	9,036.34	23,745.44
Investment Income	3,420.70	2,738.82
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Total Income	251,518.82	342,602.59
PAYMENTS		
NSWRA	7,072.71	9,507.09
Repairs - Tinnies and motors	6,172.75	4,433.19
Speedboat Operational Petrol	4,227.92	6,388.39
Clubhouse & Fleet R & M	21,843.19	28,619.25
Administration	2,237.85	3,975.73
Insurance Premiums	19,703.14	17,099.68
Regatta Entries	29,239.09	38,978.44
Regatta Transport Cost	1,900.81	3,783.80
Trophies	4,434.50	5,132.14
Sundry Expenses	7,422.73	1,342.41
Clubhouse /Kitchen	1,368.18	633.09
Corporate Regatta Cost	6,040.16	3,599.26
Depreciation	39,183.42	43,159.14
Stock Purchases/ Write down	19,495.23	47,228.06
Printing/Framing	0.00	1,240.00
Bank Gov't Charges	1,427.46	1,719.85
Pontoon Development	0.00	156,151.46
Coaching	44,371.01	58,806.42
Club House Utilities & Maintenance	44,013.93	38,708.79
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Total Payments	260,154.08	470,506.19
Surplus/Deficit	-8,635.26	-127,903.60

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2011**

1. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards. The financial report has also been prepared on the basis of historical cost and does not take into account changing money values.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report.

(a) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on the straight line basis so as to write off the net cost of each asset during its expected useful life. Profit and losses on disposal of fixed assets are taken into account when determining profit and loss.

(b) Income Tax

No income tax is payable due to the organisation being exempt pursuant to section 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

2. Sundry Debtors

	2010	2010
GST Owing from A.T.O	\$ 7,094.91	\$9,142.58
Member Debtors	170.00	901.25

3. Property Plant & Equipment

Refer attached asset schedule.

4. Trade Creditors, is Coaching expenses \$10,000 for 2009/10

5. GST Collected Taxation