



# Easy Oar

Newsletter of the Leichhardt Rowing Club  
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## 2009-10 season: congratulations to LRC

As we move into the 2010–11 season and look forward to learning more about rowing, doing it better, and gearing up for the season ahead, we can reflect on the just finished, very successful and busy 2009–10 season, as the photo (right) with our shields and trophies, shows. LRC ‘personalities’ are shown at the RNSW annual presentation dinner with the trophies for: Volunteer of the Year (Rod Richardson), Edward Trickett NSW Grade Championship Regatta Pointscore, LE Stepto OAM Memorial Premiership Shield and the Spencer Grace OAM Combined Masters Shield.



L-R: Steve Jaques, Elizabeth Scott, Tim Clare, Stani Slavova, Deanna Fekete, Richard Stanistreet, Anne Parbury, Jane Hutchison (front) Glenn Pearce, at the RNSW presentation night for 2009-10.

We have already recorded the success of the younger rowers’ successes at the state and national, and representative level in earlier editions of *Easy Oar*.

At the tail-end of the season, it was Leichhardt’s masters rowers who moved into top gear and recorded the best results the club has ever achieved at both the state and national masters.

The club performed very well at Grafton, winning at least 15 gold medals, and then some of the masters decided to do just as well in Perth. Leichardt was the leading club from NSW winning not 13 gold medals (and 10 silver and 9 bronze), coming third in the medal tally.

A quick look at the Grafton results shows that LRC masters create formidable eights. The club won not only the women’s A and C, and  
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### Congratulations to Stani!

FISA has selected Stani Slavova to coach some of the rowing teams at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore. The games run from 15–19 August.

## Codes and policies

LRC’s new code of conduct expresses our values, connects our policies and articulates our expected standards of behaviour. The code of conduct joins all our policies, aims and ideals together.

LRC’s policies are designed to help all of us enjoy our rowing, make the most of our time at the club, ensure that everyone is considered, that we look after each other and our fleet, so they cover safety, boat allocation, competition and more.  
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See the full list of positions and roles on the website:  
[www.lrc.com.au/13.html](http://www.lrc.com.au/13.html)

## LRC awards - and the winners are

And the end of the season would not be complete without the presentation night and the LRC awards. This LRC presentation night awards and honours the club's achievers for the year, and recognises and encourages those who have worked hard, who have tried hard, and those who show potential (and more).

The awards honour not only those who win their 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 running of a successful, and admired, club.

Congratulations to the winners.

<b>STEVE ROLL TROPHY</b> Mens point score	Andrew McCallum
<b>LEN McPHERSON TROPHY</b> Womens point score	Charmaine Wells
<b>BOB STONE TROPHY</b> Masters point score	Anne Parbury
<b>GEORGE ELSMLIE TROPHY</b> Most improved oarsman	Kristian Bodell & Nick Andronikashvili
<b>THE LEICHHARDT CLUB TROPHY</b> Most improved oarswoman	Elizabeth Scott
<b>MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR FEMALE</b>	Kiri English-Hawke
<b>MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR MALE</b>	Alex Carey
<b>MICK LOWREY TROPHY</b> Development of novices	Anne Parbury & Richard Stanistreet
<b>MOYNAHAN FAMILY TROPHY</b> Coaching excellence	Peter Trives
<b>BATH FAMILY JUNIOR TROPHY</b> Most outstanding all-round junior rower	Kiri English-Hawke & Isobel James
<b>COXSWAIN'S TROPHY</b>	Glenn Pearce
<b>ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS</b>	Poppy Cook Maddie Gibson Callum Haig Emma Hart Austen Hunt Anna Hickey-Moodie Jennifer Zongor
<b>CAPTAIN'S TROPHY</b> Awarded personally by the Captain	Belinda Brigham
<b>PRESIDENT'S AWARD</b> Special recognition	Zoe Thomas

## Code of conduct

LRC was formed in 1886 as a competition rowing club welcoming members from all sections of the community. Today, in conjunction with our valued relationship with Pymble Ladies College and continuing community participation, we honour the proud history and traditions of the club as we strive to achieve our goals of excellence in competition and representation.

### 1. Our values:

1.1 Integrity – We act with integrity in our dealings with others and treat each other fairly.

1.2 Cooperation – We work together by embracing good sporting conduct and teamwork.

1.3 Respect – We treat each other, as well as our club and fleet, with honour and respect.

1.4 Pride – We cherish our club and its history and reputation, and are worthy custodians of its future.

### 2. Our expectations:

2.1 How we welcome and treat our members – We are a community club that welcomes competitive and social rowers, encourages their development and helps them find opportunities to contribute. For more information see our Information for members brochure.

2.2 How we treat each other – We show each other courtesy and respect. We provide a friendly and safe club environment, and harassment, discrimination and bullying are not tolerated. For more information see our Appropriate Behaviour policy.

2.3 How we manage the club – We are a club of volunteers. We all volunteer our time to help with the running and welfare of the club using our particular abilities and skills. An elected committee of members takes responsibility for managing and administering key functions but we rely on the support and generosity of all our members to achieve our goals.

2.4 How we use our fleet and clubhouse – We use our resources with respect and care to ensure that we operate in a way that sustains our present and our future. For more information see our Boat usage policy, Boat storage policy and Safety and care policy.

2.5 How we compete – We enable opportunities to compete as rowers that are commensurate with our abilities and resources. As competitors we exhibit good sporting behaviour, show courtesy to other rowers, and maintain the high regard in which LRC is held. For more information see our Competition policy.

2.6 How we train – We value training and coaching opportunities that enable us to develop as rowers. We support our coaches who act in the best interests of their squads and our club.

### 3. Our consequences:

As members of LRC we agree to comply with and support LRC's Code of Conduct. Breaches will be resolved through LRC's Grievance Handling policy.

**The code of conduct is on the website, [www.lrc.com.au/policies\\_90.html](http://www.lrc.com.au/policies_90.html), and links to LRC policies. The LRC constitution is also on the website.**

## Remember:

### Book your boats before you row

Go to the LRC booking page and follow Jane's (club captain) instructions. If you can't remember where to find it or how to get in, email [admin@lrc.com.au](mailto:admin@lrc.com.au)

### Adopt-a-boat

Make sure know what boats you are responsible for, and keep them in good order. Ask for help if you are not sure.

### Clubhouse and boat maintenance

The next maintenance day is Sunday 25 July. Come along and help out. You'll learn how to look after your boats, and the clubhouse will be a nicer place because of you.

### No lights = no row

You must have two lights on each boat, and Maritime NSW says they must be bright enough to be visible from 1 km away.

### Membership subs are now due

Pay before 1 August and get the discount (otherwise known as the prompt payment allowance). See page 7 or go to the website: [www.lrc.com.au](http://www.lrc.com.au)

### AGM

The 2010 AGM is scheduled for 11 am Sunday 22 August – come along and contribute to the club, it's an opportunity to make your thoughts known.

### Questions?

Email: [admin@lrc.com.au](mailto:admin@lrc.com.au)

Welcome to recent new members of LRC:

*Timothy Bland  
Gordon Downey  
Paul Edwards  
Glenn Pearce  
Robert Tucker*

## LUOR AGM & reunion at Leichhardt

On Sunday 20 June, an assembly of 95 supporters and former rowers gathered at the club for their traditional mid-year reunion.

Apologies were given on behalf of Christian Renford (CEO Rowing NSW) George Nielson, Geoff McIntyre OAM, Laurie O'Donnell, Bill Anschutz OAM, Peter Trives, Joe Cooper (coxswain 1946), Alan Flint, Heather McLennan, John Hudson and Peter Waddington.

A minute's silence honoured those past deceased, most recently Geoff Williamson and Hugh Maynard Crawford.

There was an array of eras represented, in fact dating back to 1940. Several old rowers had not made the trip down Glover Street in over 50 years, and this extraordinary turnout saw attendees from across the country – Perth WA, Geelong and Vermont Victoria, Manuka ACT, and from NSW they came from Pindura, Goulburn, Worrigeer, Calalla Bay, Laurieton and Orange.

### Background

The outstanding response followed personal approaches by both Lionel Robberds, Club Patron and Barry Moynahan, President of the Leichhardt Union of Old Rowers (LUOR), and newspaper advertisements. Lionel's successful involvement with the unique achievements of former lightweight champions is worth recording, and those attending on Sunday 20 June are shown in the photograph. All had been part of Australian lightweight rowing history at a time

when the weight limit was set at 10 stone 10 pounds [68kg] and Australian representation was only within the grasp of heavyweight combinations. They won:

- every lightweight state championship coxed four from 1953 to 1962
- every lightweight state championship eight from 1954 to 1963
- lightweight single state sculling championships 1959–60, 60–61, 61–62, 63–64, 66–67), the Australian heavyweight sculls in 1957 and Commonwealth Games representation 1958
- every lightweight double sculls championship from 1958 to 1965
- every lightweight coxless pair championship from 1958 to the 63–64 season except for 1960–61.

Several represented in Penrith Cup crews (lightweight coxed fours) which in those days was one of only three events comprising the Australian championships.

Lionel's personal achievements extended to Australian representation at Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

### The lunch

The luncheon itself was a highlight with celebrity chef Ross Ullo, himself part of the lightweight championship coxed pair 1978–79, ably assisted by the Balcony Boyz who in reality are LUOR Executive. There was resounding applause for oarswomen Doreen Borg and Barbara Chapman for their work in the kitchen and



*Leichhardt's lightweight champions of the 1950s and 1960s who were present at the LUOR Lunch on 20 June 2010:*

*Back row L-R: Warren Woodhead, Pat Burke, Derrick Docherty, Don Patterson, Bob Stone, Ray Jones, Steve Roll, Peter Economos, John Steedman, Vic O'Toole, Dick Tarlington. Front row L-R: Dave Ward, Kevin Boyle, John Henderson, Len Macpherson, Colin Dunn, Alf MacLaren. Kneeling: Lionel Robberds. Also present but not in the photo: Kevin Boyle, Pat Burke, Derrick Docherty, Bill Monaghan, Don Patterson and Richard Tarlinton.*

assistance by Sandy Rourke, former World Lightweight Championship Silver Medallist.

Among the guests were families of deceased members Ted Curtain (previous Club Patron) Geoff Williamson – Olympian 1952, 1956 and Commonwealth Games 1954.

Barry also introduced 2010 Leichhardt Australian Champion Kiri English-Hawke (first in the Under 17 Women's Coxed Four, second in the B Final Women's Single). The 'heavyweight guests' included surviving members of the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Australian Eight ... Phil Cayser, Nim Greenwood, Ernie Chapman and David Anderson (also a member of the 1956 Olympic Team). Other Leichhardt luminaries present included Ralph Curral and Vic Schweikert who, along with Lionel and Steve Roll, had been part of the Commonwealth Games Team at Cardiff, Wales in 1958. They were joined by our 1960 Olympian Max Annett, Lionel and Graeme Allen who also represented Australia at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964.

Leichhardt's last Olympian, Gillian Campbell (Barcelona 1992), addressed the guests before handing over to Leichhardt's President Tim Clare who summarised current achievements, the premierships wins and a vision for future seasons.

Our current club members were well represented and started the day with an exciting regatta organised by Doreen Borg and Steve Jaques, involving two very competitive eights in a series of three races. Winners were presented with medallions by the Club Patron.

Charles Bartlett, former successful Victorian Lightweight World Champion from the 1980s and now a prominent Leichhardt active

oarsman and former Deputy Chairman of Rowing NSW, was joined by Deanna Fekete and Anne Parbury, gold medallists at the recent Australian Masters Championships in WA.

### The official proceedings

The LUOR Accounts and Balance Sheet was presented by Bernie Storey, the LUOR Treasurer, who summarised donations to the club including the cost of encasement for Tom McGill's oar. The annual report became more entertainment than process and former office holders present were elected unanimously and unopposed as usual. Proceedings were duly monitored by Terry Maher, Secretary NSW Union of Rowers, and Brian Guthrie, representing the NSW Union of Boat Race Officials.

A backdrop to the Luncheon was a continual showing of the DVD *Leichhardt Rowing Club – The Journey* and copies of the 2006 history of the club suddenly became a 'top seller'. Thanks to Andrew Morrell for his role as projectionist.

Even the club's chair lift performed impeccably for those in need, and the official photographer, Steve Jaques, advises that imagery will soon be seen on the LRC website.

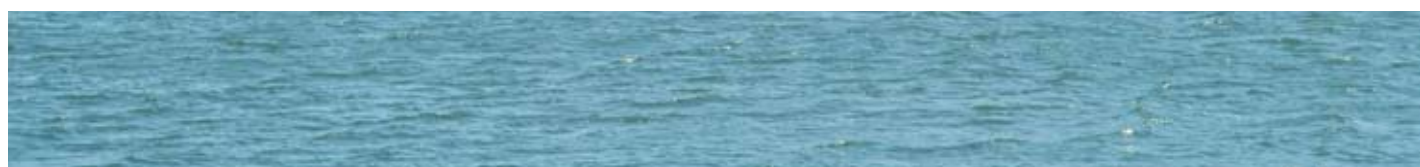
Leichhardt Council cooperated in allowing overflow car parking on the lower reserve because of the Tigers' home game on the oval. The traditional raffle was a resounding success and security at the top of the Stairway to Paradise was monitored by elder statesmen of the golden oldies, Dave Ward, who won his first state lightweight championship in the 1947–48 season [and who also started the first *Easy Oar* in 1949–50], and Bill Monaghan.



Ross Ullo (R) inspects the repast



Nim Greenwood (L) and Ern Chapman OAM (R) take the opportunity to catch up



## LUOR AGM & reunion at Leichhardt (ctd from page 5)

After all expenses, net profit was close to \$1700 which at some stage will form part of LUOR's continuing financial support for Leichhardt's younger competitors.

### The epilogue

Sunday 20 June 2010 was indeed a lovely day enjoyed by all. It commenced with exciting racing and finished with a very happy group of older rowers and supporters making their way again up Glover Street, whilst the Balcony Boyz, after their magnificent effort enjoyed a quiet ale and magnificent sunset 'on these bright waters'.

**BARRY MOYNAHAN**

*President LUOR*

*[Ed: should anyone not know where the expression 'on these bright waters' comes from, you will find it in your history of the club, in the speech by Sir Henry Parkes when he opened the boatshed (pp 20-21).]*

*David Ward (right) was the inaugural editor and publisher of the monthly Leichhardt Rowing Club newsletter, Easy Oar, in 1949-50.*

*At the LUOR lunch he and Bill Monaghan guarded the top of the stairs, and entry.*



*Above (L-R) Ron Coleman, Bill Monaghan, Lionel Robberds, Dallas Smith and Graeme Allen (Olympian 1964)*



*The kitchen brigade (L-R) Barbara Chapman, Roger Graham and Doreen Borg*



*Lunchtime discussion, with the 'film' playing in the background*

## Membership subscriptions for 2010-11 are now due

And the early bird who pays before 1 August will get a discount, otherwise known as the prompt payment allowance.

Category		Subs	Prompt Payment Allowance	Subs less Prompt Payment Allowance	Joining Fee	Reactivation Fee
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Competing	Senior / Probationary Competing	800	50	750	200	100
	School Student (U18) <sup>1</sup>	500	25	475	100	-
	Family <sup>2</sup>	1550	50	1500	400	200
	Coxswain or Coach <sup>3</sup>	50	20	30	50	25
Non-Competing	Associate <sup>4</sup>	600	50	550	200	100
	Guest Affiliate <sup>5</sup>	50	N/A	50	N/A	N/A
	Supporter <sup>6</sup>	30	N/A	30	N/A	N/A
	Gym access <sup>7</sup>	200	50	150	N/A	N/A
Boat storage		200/seat	-	-	-	-

### Notes

- 1 Full time students over 18 may apply to the Club Captain in writing for approval to pay at the School Student rate, in return for contributing to the club by coaching (corporates, learn to row, juniors) and maintaining specific boats.
- 2 A Family is defined as parents and their dependent school student children. This category now includes race fees.
- 3 A Coxswain/Coach does not row but regularly attends the club as a coxswain and/or coach. If he/she subsequently wishes to row, then he/she must upgrade to a full rowing membership by paying the appropriate difference in fees.
- 4 The Associate (Non-Competing) member is referred to as a 'social' rower within the club, and usually rows on Sunday mornings.
- 5 A Guest Affiliate is a full member of another rowing club approved to use LRC's facilities and/or boats on an occasional basis.
- 6 A Supporter member is approved to visit the shed regularly but not to use the club's boats and/or gym equipment. This category is not intended as an alternate option for active members.
- 7 A Gym access member must be approved after introduction by a current member and has the right to use LRC's gym facilities only, provided that the time of this access does not conflict with the use of the gym by full club members.

### Current members

- Subscriptions are due and payable on 1 July each year. Renewing members must pay their subscription no later than 1 August to be eligible to receive the Prompt Payment Allowance.
- Any unpaid memberships will lapse on 31 October each year. Thereafter, lapsed members will not be entitled to use the club's

facilities or be entered in races. To reactivate memberships, the appropriate reactivation fee must be paid together with all the appropriate outstanding subscriptions.

- Any member experiencing genuine financial hardship should approach the Club Captain. The club will accommodate genuine cases as much as possible. Only the Club Captain is authorised to respond to queries on subscriptions.
- Members must pay their subscriptions before submitting race entries to the LRC Regatta Secretary or they will not be entered in races.
- Annual subscriptions for Senior/Probationary Competing, School Student and Family members cover the cost of most race entry fees for the current season. This excludes specific regattas such as national championships, national and state masters championships, Head of the Yarra, and other regattas as may be advised.
- All 'failures to start' must be for a legitimate reason, or the race fees will be payable by the relevant member. Race entry, especially to championships, is subject to the Competition Policy and committee approval. A member who incurs a race fine is personally responsible for paying it.
- Life Members who intend to (and do) compete during the season must pay a competition fee of \$250.
- Subscription and joining fees for New Memberships are due and payable when submitting an application to join the club which must be no later than one month after the first accessing of the clubhouse facilities.

**By paying your subscription and renewing your membership of (or joining) Leichhardt Rowing Club, you are renewing (or affirming) your agreement to abide by the rules and policies of the club.**

### How to pay

Payment options are on the website ([www.lrc.com.au/21.html](http://www.lrc.com.au/21.html)), or contact Onno van Ewyk, [onno@vanewyk.com.au](mailto:onno@vanewyk.com.au)

## LRC masters (ctd from p1)

the men's D eights but also the mixed C, D and F eights. We did well in the fours too, winning the women's A, C and D age groups and the men's I four (in a composite crew). Other gold medallists were the women's A quad, E double and the E and H single scullers, and the mixed C double.

Moving on to Perth, we collected 13 gold medals and everyone who went to Perth brought back at least one medal from the new \$34 m course at Champion Lakes. LRC crews struck gold in the women's C eight, the E pair and double, H single scull, men's F double and a mixed F double.

*Winning smiles: LRC's mixed F eight state champions, and ...*



In composite crews the club also excelled, winning the mixed F, I and H doubles, the women's A four and, I believe, one LRC representative was in the winning women's A eight. There was a near clean sweep of the mixed D events with LRC/Mosman composite crews flying down the course to take out the quad, four and the eight.

And all the while Steve Roll raised money for his WA club by engraving medals. He raised about \$1000 over the four days, and at \$2 per medal, that's a lot of medals.

*LRC's men's D eight state champions.*



## Leichhardt's representative masters

Leichhardt's masters women filled most of the seats in the two NSW crews in the interstate races at the Australian masters championships, and very nearly pulled off the winning double.

The NSW masters quad again won the Interstate D4x: (L-R) Tamsin Brew (Drummoyne), Angela Conry and Anne Parbury (LRC), Wendy Zammit (Sydney University) with coach Steve Sherry and that trophy. The NSW time was 3.40.61, Western Australia were 2.27 secs behind, and Victoria a further 1.80 secs back.



The women's Interstate D8+ with seven LRC representatives had the closest race of the regatta and it was won in record time (3.30.7 secs). Although the announcer said New South Wales won but was not to be – Western Australia won by 0.04 secs, and Queensland was a further 0.2 secs back.



*L-R: Sandy Rourke, Lorna Harrison (Sydney University) Virginia van Ewyk, Deanna Fekete, Robert Wright (cox), Leslie Howatt, Anne Parbury, Dianne Williams and Christina Bursill.*



Dave Bodell, Wade Hewett and Bill Monaghan keeping a watchful eye on everything, and below, preparing one of the boats.



Above: Frank thorn keeping a watchful eye on packing the trailer for the trip back to Sydney. Below: Looking out over the action, with the warm-up lake to the left, and the course to the right. The new course at Champion Lakes is similar to the layout at SIRC, so many aspects of it are familiar to NSW rowers. There was some wild water, and a few wild starts.



## About that inland sea ...

Peter Trives and David Hogan took on the mammoth task of getting the 32 boats and associated riggers, oars and whatever else to Perth for the Australian masters championships for not only LRC, but also Sydney Uni, Mosman, Sydney, University of NSW, St George, and maybe more. There are whisperings of a few adventures, but their journals remain 'cabin-in-confidence'. Until they are released, this is all we have to go on ...

### 28 May

Peter and I are currently heading across the Hay plain, making good progress to Balranald or Euston (aprox. 1000kms from Sydney) for the first night's rest. Progress is a steady \*\$kms per hour, as the trailer rocks a bit, so our plan is now Euston tonight, Wudinna night two, Eucla night three, Norseman night four, Perth night five.

Everything is good – please inform Phil Titterton, and anyone else who cares and might be missing us already ... use your imagination, be inventive, or even pass on to total strangers!

We'll keep you posted,

*David & Peter*

### 31 May

G'day all back 'ome! Peter and I just arrived in Kalgoolie after another 14 hour day and 1000 kms at our sedate pace of 78 kms per hour.



Ready to leave Sydney

We had appalling weather on Saturday, gusty, strong winds torrential rain blowing at 40 – 45 degrees. The trailer was rocking like a mad thing, [and] bent the tongue on the draw bar.

We should have found a cosy pub with a warm hearth, but pressed on because that's the sort of dour, guts-it-out individuals we are. Lesser men would have ... I should know, I am one.

We only made it to Port A Gutter on Saturday night, then a redeeming day across the Nullabour to Eucla on Sunday in better weather. We can now officially report that the rumours of an inland sea are baseless, and that it was a waste of time and valuable resources sending Trives and me – we now propose to sell the boats and put the funds into a sure thing gold prospect that a couple of old timers put us onto at the pub during our first well-earned schooner.

If anyone feels this is folly, please advise, and we will press on and see if we can't find a masters regatta somewhere near Perth.

*Cheers,*

*David*

### 1 June

Please inform all who care that we have arrived ! No boats broken or bent, the spirits of Trives and Hogan in similar shape. See you all when you get here; now I am going the bed ... for a long time !

*David*



*David Hogan and Brian Davis celebrate after collecting their medals for winning the F double in Perth. Dave is tougher than he sounds in his missives from the desert, I am reliably informed he was later heard saying: 'don't underestimate the little old cranky guys' to the (larger) rowers who were left in their wake.*

## Opening the new pontoon

On 30 May LRC and Pymble Ladies College together opened the new pontoon. Its gestation was lengthy but it was worth the wait. We can fit two eights on the main edge, and two fours on the inside edges. In short, our new pontoon has set a benchmark for other Sydney pontoons. Now there is much less congestion in the mornings, and other clubs enjoy the extra room during regattas too.



(L) Barry Moynahan started the proceedings, and (R) Vicki Waters (headmistress of Pymble Ladies' College) and Tim Clare enjoy Barry's jokes. Gillian Campbell unveiled the plaque to formally open the pontoon.



Some of the personalities who worked so hard to give us the pontoon (and in this photo are shielding it) include: Richard Stanistreet, Vicky Waters, Tim Clare, Wade Hewett and Gillian Cambell (who unveiled the plaque)



## A 'Rex' breakfast

The breakfast was the envy of everyone at the shed, and they all wished they had bid for a Rex breakfast at the trivia night. Not only was the sun shining, the food was fabulous so were the waiters, and the chef was the chef of the year. Susie Philpot and her squad were the lucky ones.



Synchronised service

All eyes in the boat?



Some of the participants in the recent learn to row course getting the feel of an 8+, ably coxed by Margo Simington.

## JB Sharp regattas

The first four rounds of the JB Sharp regattas see Balmain in the lead followed by Mosman and Glebe, with Leichhardt well down the ladder. There are two more opportunities for a Sunday morning race: the UTS regatta on 25 July, and the series concludes with the Leichhardt regatta on Sunday 8 August.

Balmain	137
Mosman	83
Glebe	65
Drummoyne	60
Tara BC	51
Sydney	39
Shoalhaven	14
Leichhardt	14
Pymble	4
Hunter	4
Old Ignatians	1

### Calling roving reporters and budding photographers

Do you feel the urge to write? See your name in print? Follow a story? Why not start here? Start your writing career with *Easy Oar* and see where it can take you. Any and all writers, photographers and ideas are welcome. Contact me (Anne, [aparbury@gmail.com](mailto:aparbury@gmail.com)).

A special thank you to all the contributors to this issue: *Onno, Margaret, Barry, Jane, Virginia and Steve for photos, text and other stuff.*



## Get ready for the LRC 2010 Corporate Challenge

Is your company entered? Do you know someone who wants to enter? Go to the website: [www.lrc.com.au](http://www.lrc.com.au)

See Deanna Fekete or Tim Clare or email [corporate@lrc.com.au](mailto:corporate@lrc.com.au)

## Safety

As the new season gets underway, it's time to remember that we must all be aware of our safety obligations on the water, on the pontoon and in the shed. We must be familiar with the contents of the *Staying safe* page on the LRC website, including:

- always watching out for other crews and boats, and calling out to other boats to avoid collision
- turning only when safe to do so, and turn by taking the shortest path across the river (ie cross at a right angle)
- keeping to the correct side of the river (your bow-side should be closest to the land)
- the cox, or the bow seat in a non-coxed boat, is responsible for keeping a lookout for other crews and navigation hazards on the water and
- avoiding damaging boats by handling them with care.

Go to the *Staying safe* web page: [www.lrc.com.au/50.html](http://www.lrc.com.au/50.html)

## Diary dates

Sunday 25 July	Winter clean up & JB Sharp regatta – UTS
Sunday 8 August	JB Sharp regatta – LRC
Sunday 14 August	Corporate regatta training begins
Saturday 21 August	Fund raising dinner (proposed)
Sunday 22 August	AGM
Sunday 12 September	Corporate regatta
Sunday 24 October	Spring clean up
6-7 November	Pan Pacific Masters Games (Gold Coast)
Saturday 20 November	LRC Christmas Party