

St George Rowing Club Notice of Annual General Meeting

ST GEORGE ROWING CLUB ACN 000 990 063

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY FORTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB WILL BE HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE AT CAHILL PARK, WOLLI CREEK ON SUNDAY 22 JULY 2018 AT 11.00 am

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. To confirm the minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting held on 25 June 2017.
3. To consider:
 - (a) the Director's report for the year ended 31 March 2018
 - (b) the Financial report for the year ended 31 March 2018
 - (c) the Auditor's report for the year ended 31 March 2018

These reports will be available on the Club's website www.rowersoncooksriver.com.au at least 21 days before the Annual General Meeting
4. Returning Officer to declare the results of the election of Directors required by the Club's Constitution.
Note: Further information in respect of the election of Directors is available on the member's page of the website www.rowersoncooksriver.com.au
5. To transact any other business that may be dealt with at the meeting.

Dated:

By direction of the Board

Lyndal Talarico
Chief Executive Officer

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND VOTING 2018

1. Nominations for election to the Board open at 10.00 am on 1 July 2018.
2. Eligible members who have attended the Director Information Day can nominate for the following positions available as per the triennial rule:
 - Vice President
 - Vice Captain
3. In accordance with the NSW Club's Act the Board is under no obligation to fill casual vacancies provided the quorum is met at each Board meeting as per Rule 61. of the Club Constitution.
4. In accordance with Rule 50 of the Club's Constitution. "Only financial Ordinary members and Honorary Life members who have been members of the Club for the (2) consecutive calendar years immediately preceding the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting are eligible to stand for and be elected to the Board."
- As the Annual General Meeting will be held on 22 July 2018, a candidate must have been a member of the Club since 22 July 2016 to be eligible to stand for and be elected to the Board.
5. In accordance with Rule 51B of the Club's Constitution. "A member shall not be eligible to stand for or be elected or appointed as the Captain or Vice-Captain unless the member satisfies the CEO that they are a member of Rowing New South Wales Incorporated (INC 9895249), provided however that this shall not apply if a member who is also a member of Rowing New South Wales Incorporated (INC 9895249) does not stand for election or appointment."

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6. Nomination forms can be obtained from the general office or on the members page of the website www.rowersoncooksriver.com.au.
7. Nomination forms must be signed by the candidate and by a proposer and seconder. Both the proposer and seconder must be financial Ordinary or Honorary Life Members of the Club. All details in the statutory Declaration must be completed for the nomination to be valid.
8. Completed nomination forms must be handed to the Club Secretary or placed in the special receptacle provided at the Club.
9. Nominations close at 6.00 pm on 8 July 2018.
10. Voting will be conducted at the Clubhouse from 13 July 2018 to 18 July 2018 between the hours of 10.00 am and 7.00 pm and 19 July 2018 between the hours of 10.00 am and 6.00 pm.
11. Only Financial Ordinary Members or Honorary Life Members who produce their current membership card along with government issued photo identification, passport or license can vote.
12. The Returning Officer will post the result of the ballot on the Club Notice Board during the evening of 19 July 2018.

CHAIRS REPORT

Dear members,

Although our club traded below budget for the last 12 months, we are in a strong financial position in terms of EBITDARD sitting at 12% which excludes the effect of the capital asset write-off.

To improve the well-being of our club, the Board has focused on the following key investments which will provide solid building blocks for sustained improvement:

- Upgrade the main dining area.
- Invested in Cloud accounting which

will provide opportunities and efficiencies to streamline business processing.

- Improved reporting models through integrated online services for staff time sheets, rosters and accounting which will reduce auditing and accounting costs.
- Implemented an induction, training and staff policy procedure to ensure staff have the relevant tools to provide better customer experiences with ongoing training modules to up skill and empower staff within their roles.
- Through data analysis of current assets in our gaming sector, Management have been able to invest in new games resulting in a record turnover of 2.2 million for the Club. This is an ongoing process which will ensure all machines are performing at their peak capacity.
- Board signoff for our first Strategic Plan, which outlines the future direction and objectives.
- Replaced air conditioning units in the gaming area since it had reached the end of its life.

Our overall club performance is a result of the great work from so many individuals, I'd like to thank all our staff and the Board for their ongoing hard work, as well all our members for their continued support during these changing times for our club.

Finally, a special mention and thanks to Stephen Irons, John Vincent and Margaret Henning who left their Board positions during the last 12 months, your efforts were greatly appreciated and you will always be regarded as valued club members.

Steven Harrison
Chairperson

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2018 CAPTAINS REPORT

I am pleased to report St.George Rowing Club is on track to finish in the top 10 clubs (out of more than 50 clubs) in the NSW Rowing Association (NSWRA) Premiership Shield. Although this result is a little disappointing compared to past seasons, it is still outstanding considering we competed at less regattas and had significantly fewer competitive rowers than in previous years.

Off the water the boatshed committee has again focused on maintaining the boatshed fleet in good racing and training condition. With an aging fleet this has been an issue for the last couple of seasons and a constant effort is required to ensure we get maximum use out of all our assets. We spent almost \$15,000 on boat repairs during the season and purchased three new boats. A big thanks to Gary Dickens, Kevin Mansfield and Harry Battam for their continuous efforts to keep our fleet in good condition.

After almost 8 years and countless meetings with relevant authorities, our new pontoon and boat ramp was successfully commissioned in January. This will allow easier boat access especially at low tide, reduce boat damage and improve safety.



On the water St.George had a successful 2017/2018 season. Key highlights were:

- In November 2017, St.George sent three eights to Melbourne to compete in the annual Head of the Yarra, which is a race just for eights. This event has grown significantly in the last 4-5 years, with 256 crews from all over Australia and New Zealand competing in the 8.6km time trial on the Yarra River. Our men's Masters H eight (ie. crew average age is between 70-74) was 2nd in 35min 26sec in their age category; our mixed Masters E eight (ie. crew average age is between 55-59) was 2nd out of 9 crews in 35min 5sec and our mixed Masters C eight (ie. crew average age is between 43-49) was 2nd out of 11 crews in 33min 15sec.

- We won 3 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze medals at the NSW Sprint Championships raced over 500m in December 2017. Congratulations to James Hunt and Oliver Gorman (gold in Mens Open 2X), Robert Gee and Alan Robertson (gold in Mens Masters 2X) and Ellyn and Abbey Featherstone (gold in Womens U23 pair). Also 2 silver medals to Alan Robertson, Robert Gee, Glenn Chuter and Steve Harrison in the Mens Masters 4X and 4-. James Hunt (Mens Open 1X) and Ellyn Featherstone (Womens U23 1X) also won silver medals, while Alan Robertson and Steve Harrison as well as Lachlan Dunn and Star Paenga won bronze medals in the Mens Masters pair and Mens U19 pair respectively.

- In January 2018 at Taree we had 11 firsts, 16 seconds and 15 thirds over the two and half day regatta, which was shortened due to rough weather. 42 St.George rowers competed at Taree, ranging in age from 14 to 79 years. 38 rowers earned points for our club by finishing 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Congratulations to Carmen Pollock who won 4 races as well Luke Roberts and Dylan Heal who each won 3 races. Jacqui Pollock,

Krys Macready, Sam Woerndl, Cameron Stephen and Isabel Vila Hughes all won 2 races. A definite highlight was our mixed eight of Abbey, Ellyn, Isabel, Jacqui, James, Oliver, Lachlan and Star who finished 3rd in the blue ribbon mixed eight event which was televised on local TV.

- In April 2018 we had the Edward Trickett NSW Grade Championships. Once again the club performed admirably winning 2 gold and 2 silver medals. There were many notable highlights like winning silver in the Mens C-grade pair (Oliver Gorman and James Hunt) and gold in the Mens D-grade quad scull and coxed four (Alan Robertson, Robert Gee, Airtan Ramos, Steve Harrison, Glenn Chuter and Lilly Featherstone). Also congratulations to Ellyn Featherstone, Krys Macready, Andrea Cooze and Tamsin Brew for silver in the Womens B-grade coxless four.

- In May 2018, seven St. George rowers will be competing at the Australian Masters Championships in Tasmania. There are high hopes this team will do well and good luck to Andrea Cooze, Krys Macready and Tamsin Brew who will race in the sky blue for NSW in the Masters Women's Interstate Quad Scull.

Finally, to operate a successful boatshed requires input from many individuals. Thanks must go to the committee and all coaches for their efforts throughout the year. Also, to the many volunteers, parents and supporters who have helped out at critical times - thank you.

Steve Harrison
Captain



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