

# St George Rowing Club

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

ST GEORGE ROWING CLUB  
ACN 000 990 063

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB WILL BE HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE AT CAHILL PARK, WOLLI CREEK ON SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019 AT 11.00 AM. ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLUBS ROWING SUB CLUB ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. To confirm the minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.
3. To consider:
  - (a) the Director's report for the year ended 31 March 2019
  - (b) the Financial report for the year ended 31 March 2019
  - (c) the Auditor's report for the year ended 31 March 2019

These reports will be available on the Club's website [www.rowersoncooksriver.com.au](http://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](http://www.rowersoncooksriver.com.au)
5. To transact any other business that may be dealt with at the meeting.

Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019

By direction of the Board



Lyndal Talarico  
Chief Executive Officer

## **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND VOTING 2019**

1. Nominations for election to the Board open at 10.00 am on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
2. Eligible members who have attended the Director Information Day can nominate for the following positions available as per the triennial rule:
  - Chairperson
  - Ordinary Director (3)
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 St George Rowing 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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019, a candidate must have been a member of the Club since 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to be eligible to stand for and be elected to the Board.

5. In accordance with Rule 51A of the Club's Constitution. "A member shall not be eligible to stand for or be elected as the Chairperson unless that member is a current Director of the Club, provided however that this shall not apply if a current Director does not stand for election or appointment as the Chairperson."
6. Nomination forms can be obtained from the general office or on the member's page of the website [www.rowersoncooksriver.com.au](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
10. Voting will be conducted at the Clubhouse from 21<sup>st</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 between the hours of 10.00 am and 7.00 pm and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 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 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
13. If you have any questions regarding the voting procedure or the election of directors please contact the CEO.

By direction of the Board

Lyndal Talarico  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## 2019 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

This time of year brings the opportunity to reflect upon the many substantial achievements of the St George Rowing Club over the past 12 months. These include:

- Strong profitability, exceeding budget and the expectation set in our first Strategic Plan providing a solid financial platform for the future.
- Club Constitution strengthened to ensure that the club can continue to be governed for the benefit of its members and community and to support the sport of rowing. These changes were possible due to the highly valued contribution of club members and the wider rowing community. Our appreciation for this support cannot be understated.
- Invested in new equipment in our kitchen and gaming areas and developed further investment plans to widen the club service offerings, welcoming an ever growing local community.
- Invested in several new boats for our rowing shed at Como. This is the first time we have been able to do this for many years and plans are in place for further development of the shed.
- Government grant of \$200K for a boat racking upgrade at the Como shed. This will significantly improve the facilities for all rowers.

Completion of the upgraded parkland and pathways surrounding our club offers new and exciting opportunities for the future. Our goals for the future centre around growing with the local community.

Our club success this year has been as a result of the work and dedication of our CEO Lyndal Talarico and her enthusiastic team. I would also like to thank my fellow Board Members and the many volunteers who keep the club running with their ongoing and valued input.

Glenn Chuter  
Chairperson

## 2019 CAPTAINS REPORT

I am pleased to report St. George Rowing Club is on track to finish in the top 12 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 more than \$12,000 on boat, trailer and tinnie repairs during the season and purchased four new Sykes boats which three were proudly named Jacky Peile (2X), Peter McLaren (1X) and Mark Featherstone (4X). The latest new boat (4X) is yet to be named. Once again, a big thanks to Gary Dickens, Kevin Mansfield and Harry Battam for their continuous efforts to keep our fleet in good condition.

On the water St.George had a successful 2018/2019 season. Key highlights were:

- In May 2018, 7 rowers and their coach attended the Australian Masters Rowing Championships in Lake Barrington, Tasmania. This rowing course is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful in Australia and we had fantastic conditions. Although racing was tough, our club medalled in 18 events, collecting 7 gold, 5 silver and 6 bronze medals. Congratulations Andrea Cooze, Krys Macready and Alan Robertson, who won 9, 6 and 6 medals respectively.



- In October 2018, our mixed D eight went to Queensland to compete in the Head of the Brisbane which is a 5km time trial. It was a great event, and our club support was much appreciated. Most pleasingly, St.George won the mixed D-grade category and looks forward to defending that title later this year.
- In November 2018, 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 I eight (ie. crew average age is between 75-79) was 3<sup>rd</sup> in an adjusted time of 34min 11sec in their age category; our mixed Masters E eight (ie. crew average age is between 55-59) was 4<sup>th</sup> in an adjusted time of 37min 39sec and our mixed Masters D eight (ie. crew average age is between 50-54) was 1<sup>st</sup> out of 7 crews in an adjusted time of 32min 15sec.
- Our annual Christmas racing was a big success in December. Our club forms mixed quads from all its members, mixing age and competency levels, then races across Scylla Bay. This year racing was intense, fortunately energy stocks were quickly rejuvenated at the post-racing boatshed BBQ.



- In April 2019 we had the Edward Trickett NSW Grade Championships. Our club performed admirably winning 1 silver medal and 3 bronze medals. Most notable highlight was Star Paenga winning silver in the Mens D-grade single scull.
- In May 2019, St.George rowers collected 11 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze medals in events at the NSW State Masters titles at Penrith. This was an outstanding achievement from the 21 rowers who competed in the 2 day regatta.

Finally, to operate a successful boatshed requires input from many individuals. Much thanks must go to the committee and all coaches for their efforts throughout the year as well as the many volunteers, parents and supporters - thank you all.

Steve Harrison  
Captain

## **CEO REPORT 2019**

Dear Members,

I am exceptionally proud our achievements over the past year resulting with a net profit of \$253,000 which has seen us surpassed the last two years trade.

The introduction of Mint Casual Dining has continued to be a great success which we will continue to build upon this year.

2019 food projects will include an external food truck offering to utilise our land space along with an additional Asian fusion style of pop up restaurant in our main lounge to provide two additional styles of food at the Rowers.

Our underutilised Paddles conference space will be refurbished into a whisky bar style venue for internal promotions, specialty events and availability for private hire. The room will have its own private bar and will coincide with the launch of our chef's table dining, wine and whiskey club and much more to come.

I would like to congratulate our St George rowers on their ongoing achievements over the past year both on and off the water. These athletes have not only achieve remarkable results competing but have been instrumental in achieving two government grants enabling the purchase of a defibrillator machine and new racking system at our Como Boat Shed.

We will be embarking on a new sports division at Wolli Creek to attract our locals and engage the community on the Cooks River whilst utilising our own and surrounding council facilities for 2019. This will also see the introduction of a sponsorship opportunity for both local and community Clubs.

I'd like to commend the following employees of our senior management team, Dimitra Kiriakopoulos, Candace Hutchison, Anna Pi, Cory Fenton and Alex Ross for their ongoing support and commitment to their roles and continually striving to achieve our overall vision of the Club.

To our supervisors, Kerry Stibbard, Tala Hammo and Raphael Garcia and front line staff many thanks for your tireless efforts in delivering excellent customer service to our members and guests.

To all of our members we value and appreciate your ongoing support and patronage to our club.

To the board, thank you for your assistance and support, I look forward to working with you towards the future success of the club, aligned with our strategic plan.

Lyndal Talarico  
**Chief Executive Officer**