

St George Rowing Club

Notice of Annual General Meeting

ST GEORGE ROWING CLUB
ACN 000 990 063

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM ONLINE CONFERENCE ON SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2020 AT 11.00 AM.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLUBS ROWING SUB CLUB ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DETAILS AT WWW.ZOOM.US PLEASE LOGIN TO JOIN MEETING ID 868 013 9389 WITH PASSWORD squid123

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. To confirm the minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting held on 30th June 2019.
3. To consider:
 - (a) the Director's report for the year ended 31st March 2020
 - (b) the Financial report for the year ended 31st March 2020
 - (c) the Auditor's report for the year ended 31st March 2020

These reports will be available from the club upon written request 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.
6. All questions for the meeting must be submitted in writing seven (7) days prior to the meeting due to the use of online conference to lyndalt@rowersoncooksriver.com.au.

Dated: 28th May 2020

By direction of the Board



Lyndal Talarico
Chief Executive Officer

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND VOTING 2020

1. Nominations for election to the Board open at 12.00pm on 11th June 2020. All nominations are to be electronically sent to the CEO using lyndalt@rowersoncooksrier.com.au.
2. Eligible members who have attended the Director Information Day can nominate for the following positions available as per the triennial rule:
 - Ordinary Director Rowing Sub Club (2)
 - Ordinary Director (1)
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 28th June 2020, a candidate must have been a member of the Club since 28th June 2018 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 club upon written request or on the member's 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 submitted to the Club Secretary via email lyndat@rowersoncooksriver.com.au.
9. Nominations close at 6.00 pm on 18th June 2020.
10. Voting will be conducted at the Clubhouse from 19th June to 21st June 2020 between the hours of 12pm and 8.00 pm the 22nd to 24th June 2020 between the hours of 10am to 6pm and 25th June 2020 between the hours of 12pm and 6pm.
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 and website during the evening of 25th June 2020.
13. If you have any questions regarding the voting procedure or the election of directors please contact the CEO.

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Chief Executive Officer

2020 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

There have been many significant achievements and challenges for St George Rowing Club over the last financial year.

- Despite the impact of Covid 19 on our club over the February / March period, we completed the year in a very sound financial position. It puts us in a great place to weather a potentially extended period before normal trading is able to resume.
- At the time of writing, our employees have been heavily impacted by the forced temporary closure of the club. The board really values their loyalty and the contribution of all employees during this very difficult period.
- We utilised the \$200K government grant to install new racking at Como, providing the shed facilities with a makeover that will benefit all rowers now and well into the future. A big shout out to the many generous club members who have given their time and energy to make this project a success.
- The Rowers built on last year's investment in new equipment and enhanced our reputation in the local community as a casual dining and function venue.
- Further development of parkland and pathways surrounding our club continues to offer new and exciting opportunities for the future. We are building on our goal to grow with the local community.
- Planning is underway for renovations at the Rowers that will enhance the facilities and offer extended, exciting services to our members.

Our club success relies on the exceptional work and leadership of our CEO Lyndal Talarico and her dedicated team. On behalf of all members – thank you!

Thank you also to my fellow Board Members and the many volunteers who keep our club running with their unwavering support and passion.

Glenn Chuter
Chairperson

2020 CAPTAINS REPORT

The 2019/2020 regatta season was significantly interrupted by COVID-19. Both racing and training was impacted when all regatta events after 17th March were cancelled and then we were forced to close Como boatshed on the 24th March.

Prior to the cancellation of regattas by Rowing NSW, our club attended just 7 regattas during the season. It was unfortunate half the events were cancelled at the Reindeer regatta at SIRC in December (smoke haze) and the Drummoyne regatta in March (high winds). Regardless, our results from these regattas was still noteworthy, winning 24 events and placing second and third in 19 and 18 events respectively.

Particularly pleasing was the 11 new rowers who competed for our club, this included 7 novices. A big welcome and congratulations to Tamara Buckley, Jordan Coyle, Renato De Souza Della Mea, Amelia Featherstone, Beth Jacobs, Chris Jones, Lutz Lange, Jason Louie, James Majorich, Sandy Mititelu and Olivia Simone for their efforts on the water.

Although our season was sadly shortened, there were still many highlights, some of these are:

In May 2019, 10 rowers and our coach Bruce Williams attended the Australian Masters Rowing Championships at Champion Lakes, Perth. Attending this rowing course undoubtedly creates some logistic challenges, so a big thanks to Kevin Mansfield and Jon Tourle for towing the boat trailer (it's a 4 day journey each way). Although racing was tough, our club medalled in 23 events, collecting 7 gold, 7 silver and 9 bronze medals. St.George was the best performing NSW club at the regatta. Congratulations Tamsin Brew, Krys Macready and Alan Robertson, who collected 9, 8 and 7 medals respectively.



Our club racing recommenced in October 2019 when our masters mixed D eight went to Queensland to compete in the Head of the Brisbane which is a 5km time trial. This was the second time we attended and had high hopes we could successfully defend our title. After a great start and with our super-charged Chairman in the boat, we collided with a river buoy on the first bend and snapped a rigger – so *that was it* 😞. We were fortunate a replacement eight was made available and we completed the course at the end of the time trial.

In November 2019, St.George sent two 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) finished 3rd in an adjusted time of 34min 59sec in their age category; and our mixed Masters D eight (ie. crew average age is between 50-54) was 1st in an adjusted time of 32min 35sec.

Our annual Christmas racing was again a big success. Our club forms mixed quads from all its members, mixing age and competency levels, then races across Scylla Bay. As usual racing was intense as all crews battle for bragging rights. The good news is – we had no collisions and the Captain remained undefeated.

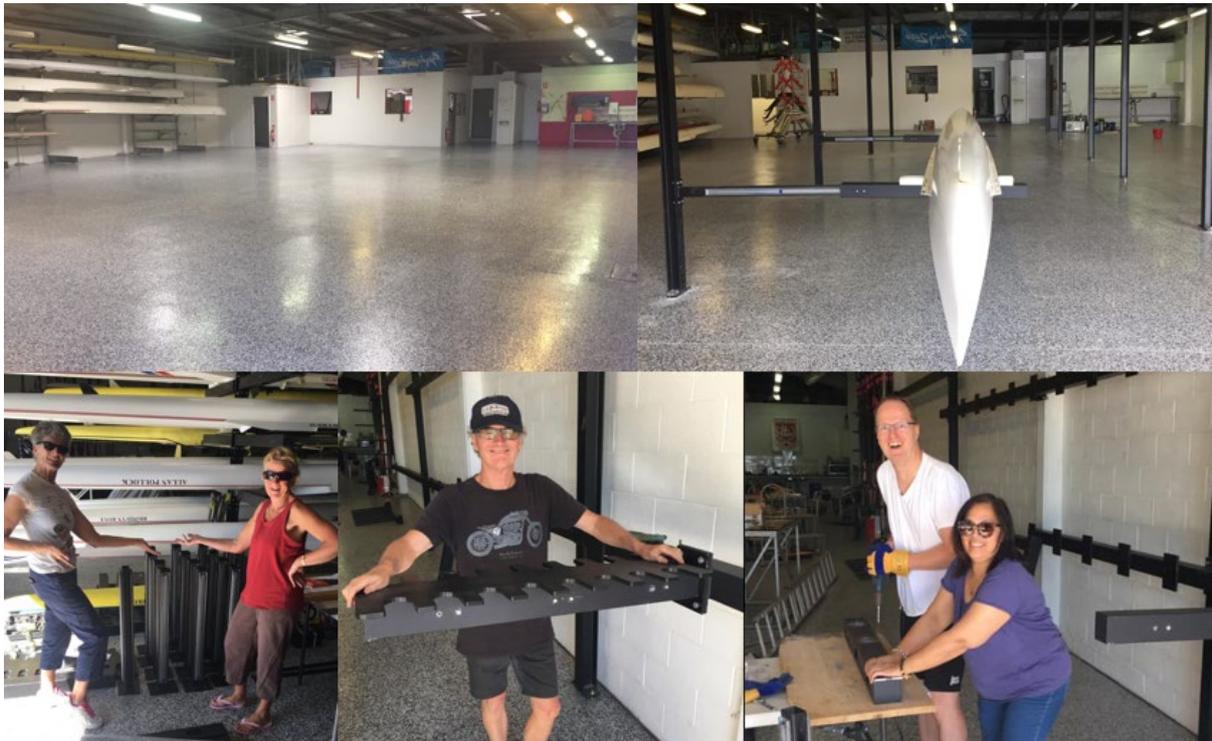


Only 18 of our rowers attended Taree this year. Over the 2.5 days we collected 10 wins, shared by 12 of our rowers and 9 second places. A special mention to our winners in the Men's D-grade 4X (Lachlan Dunn, Callum Dunn, Renato De Souza Della Mea and Colin Storey) who won by a convincing 23 seconds. This result was even more remarkable when you consider the age gap between the youngest

and oldest crew member was 51 years! As usual we were tested by the elements which made racing and just staying upright a challenge, especially for Lewis Crooks & Paul Wilkinson. Also, congratulations to Amelia Featherstone (13 years) who competed in her first regatta and got 2nd in the Women's D-grade 2X with her sister Lilly.



Easily the biggest change for our club this season has been off the water with the revamp to our boatshed courtesy of a \$200,000 grant as part of the Australian Government's Community Sport Infrastructure Program. Before we started any changes at the boatshed, some of our members had spent hundreds of hours on upfront work like the grant application, then a review of potential racking suppliers and numerous design layouts. Even the choice and colour of flooring was an extensive exercise (thanks Alan Robertson). As we near its completion, a huge thanks to everyone who has contributed along this journey. It is this extra effort you all put in, that makes our club such a special place and one we should be very proud of.



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. A big thanks to Gary Dickens, Kevin Mansfield and Harry Battam for their continuous efforts to keep our fleet in good condition.

One disappointment for the club was Sutherland Shire Council's rejection of our application to excavate beside the boatshed. We will learn from this experience and resubmit a revised proposal later this year.

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 2020

Dear Members,

I am exceptionally proud of our achievements over the past year resulting in a net profit of \$332,236. Over the past year, we have seen significant increases through Mint casual dining, beverages and in particular our functions which have achieved exceptional results.

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 achieved excellent results competing but have been instrumental in the installation of a new racking system at our Como Boat Shed through our community club grant.

This year we began our Women for Women Event coinciding with International Women's Day proudly supported by Breast Cancer. This was a huge success with the breast screen bus onsite for a week followed by our event day with a wonderful panel of women, drinks and painting finishing with laughing yoga. This was the first of many such events we will be looking to host over the coming year especially considering the current climate we are all living in.

I would like to commend the following employees of our senior management team, Dimitra Kiriakopoulos, Candace Hutchison, Anna Pi and Patrick Bolland for their ongoing support and commitment to their roles and continually striving to achieve our overall vision of the Club.

To our duty managers, Courtney Harris, Beau Farley, Reidell Bragg, Community Engagement Officer Isabella Broach and front line staff many thanks for your tireless efforts in delivering excellent customer service to our members and guests.

To the board, again your unwavering assistance and support is greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with you towards the future success of the club, aligned with our strategic plan.

This year has come with devastating challenges we have never before faced. COVID-19 has had a great impact on our Club and community however I can assure everyone that we will weather the storm and still be the home away from home both our staff and members share. This will be a tough year as we head into the unknown however we will as always come together as a united community.

Members, we sincerely value and appreciate your ongoing support and patronage to our club. We look forward to welcoming you all back and providing a safe environment with a wonderful team ready to support all of you through what will be some very difficult and stressful times. Stay safe and healthy.

Lyndal Talarico
Chief Executive Officer