



Up The Creek

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Barwon Rowing Club Inc.

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Dates for the Diary Dec - Feb

Wednesday Dec 9	Working Bee 7:00pm
Tuesday Dec 15	Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Friday Dec 18	Christmas Party
Thursday Dec 31	New Year by the Barwon
Saturday Jan 9	Rutherglen Regatta
Sunday Jan 10	Rutherglen Sprints Regatta
Saturday Jan 30	Barwon Regatta Day 1
Sunday Jan 31	Barwon Regatta Day 2
Saturday Feb 6	Morongo Regatta
Saturday Feb 20	Vic Champs – Jnr School Girls
Sunday Feb 28	Head of the Lake

From the Editors

With the club ever increasing in numbers we felt it was time for another club newsletter to keep everyone informed and involved in club activities. We endeavour to bring out a newsletter at the beginning of every month and the newsletter reflects the club so we'd love your input of articles and photos to include with each issue. Please email your submissions to secretary@barwonrc.asn.au or speak to one of us down the club before the fourth Thursday of the month.

Bethany Keats & Di Strachan

Shed Rebuild Project Update From the President, Sean Drew

The Shed Rebuild Project it is all progressing well with a lot of work being completed behind the scenes by Peter White, Rob Gardener and the Building Sub Committee. At this stage our plans have been submitted with the Planning Dept of the CoGG and we are awaiting a response from them to progress to the next stage which will be to forward the plans and scope of work to builders to obtain quotes. A detailed report has been emailed to members as to exactly where we are in the project for your information.

In relation to funding Lyn George and Peter White and Stuart Peace have done a great job of preparing applications for additional funding at Federal, State and Local level and we need to keep abreast of this to hopefully secure this

funding.

Captain's Corner... Sam Elliott

Welcome to the first edition of "Up the Creek" in quite a while. Thanks goes out to Di Strachan and Bethany Keats for getting this edition out. As per normal there is a fair bit happening on the water, we're fast approaching Christmas and once we're into the New Year we'll find that we'll have regattas every weekend up until Easter.

The next regatta coming up is our big weekend at Rutherglen. I'd like to get as many members to Rutherglen as possible. There are plenty of masters events as well as graded races. If some of the members of your normal crew are unable to make it, feel free to team up with other club members. Even though we've had great numbers on the water so far training this season we've been a bit light on with actual regatta entries so let's hope we can see as many blue and white hoops on Lake Moodemere as possible. Please make sure the new regatta entry process is followed if you are going to enter. If you have any questions in regards to the process please feel free to contact me.

We've already had one "Wednesday Working Bee" so far this season and the second will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 9th of December. Our main aim with the working bee is to give our existing fleet a good going over making sure all boats are in a good, clean working order ready for the regattas after Christmas. Many hands make light work so it would be good to see as many members there as possible.

Accreditations are a main part of the RV Safety Management Plan that all clubs must have submitted before entering regattas this season. This was submitted in draft form in September and it will have to be finalised and adopted by the start of next season. This means that **ALL COACHES, ALL COXSWAINS and ALL BOAT RACE OFFICIALS** must be accredited. If you have been accredited this season or last season there is no need to worry but any later than that you will have to complete the courses again. You also have to follow up with your log books etc so that you can gain your official accreditation. If coaches aren't accredited they will not be allowed to coach from next season. From October 1st 2009 if coxswains are not accredited they are fined

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\$52.50 per race they cox in un-accredited and if we fail to provide a Level One BRO we are fined \$210. Courses are held a couple of times each season. More info and bookings are taken via the RV website- <http://www.rowingvictoria.asn.au/>. Once again if you have any questions in regards to the process please feel free to contact me.

So far this season we've had a few wins, congratulations to these people (in no particular order) and apologies if I've missed anyone- Andrew Cleary, Courtney Blyth, Rob Cockayne, Simon Williams, Sean Drew, Andrew Thomson, Simon Williams, Tim Cleary, Dave McPherson, Richard Tomczak, Ross George, Bex Gibson, Di Strachan, Heather Palmer, Jan Keats, Lee Rendle, Dave Rendle, Tim Cleary, Marcus Tomczak, Scott Penning, Sam Elliott, Alice Morgan, Jordan Machnyk and Laura Petschell-Middleton.

A few tips from the Captain-

- Be good to your mother.
- Boats must be washed inside and out after every session and chamois are to be used to dry the boats not wash them and then sit in buckets to mould away.
- Every rower should own a pair of spanners, one 10mm and one 11mm as well as a shifter for boat rigging.
- All club boats now have a "Racking Point" sticker. When putting boats away please make sure you line this sticker up with the racks. This ensures boats are put away correctly and it makes it easier to mauer boats in the shed.

See you out on the water soon.

Female Change Rooms Cleaning Roster

With regatta season coming up, cleanliness of the change rooms is extra important to ensure a good impression of the club is provided for those visiting it. With this in mind, a cleaning roster for the female change rooms has been put up in a number of locations.

Coaches and crews please check this roster and make sure that your cleaning duties are completed **before** your first training session of your rostered week.

Cleaning equipment and products are located in the shower change area. Please inform a committee member if more products are required.

If all crews fulfil their responsibilities, cleaning will become easier and we will have a clean and safe environment.

Fundraising News

Fundraising provides a substantial portion of the club's income, run solely by volunteers in the form of regatta catering, social functions, raffles and boat security. These funds are used to purchase new boats and equipment as well as building maintenance.

Ways to participate:

- Sign up for the **Bendigo Bank Community Program**. When you bank with your local Bendigo branch you can help the Barwon Rowing Club. Bendigo Bank shares a percentage of their profits with us. Forms are available at the club or by speaking to committee member Heather Palmer. It's as simple as filling out a form!
- The club is again participating in a community **raffle** where first, second and third prizes are all cars! Members will shortly receive a book of raffle tickets in the mail. Please make the effort to sell your tickets as the club receives a substantial amount from ticket sales with very little effort.
- The club will be providing **catering** and **security** at many up-coming regattas. Please keep your eyes open for emails and notices regarding your availability.
- Joining in at some of the club's **social events** and bar evenings. **The Club Bar is open** every Friday from 5.30 pm and Sundays from 12 noon. Come down for a drink and chat.



Regatta Assistance (Food Handler's Certificate)

The committee is looking for anyone who has a **food handler's certificate** to be able to assist with catering at regattas. Please contact Sean Drew if you can help president@barwonrc.asn.au

The club door code will be changing on Monday November 30. Please contact club captain Sam Elliott or club president Sean Drew for the new number.

Deadline for next edition: 4th Thursday of the month. Submissions are preferred via e-mail to secretary@barwonrc.asn.au

Notices and Reminders

The Club has a range of BRC Clothing - see the downstairs noticeboard for the range of BRC gear, Contact Chris Tomczak to order 5243 1376 (AH).

River Closures The Barwon River is shared by the ski club and the canoe club as well as other recreational users. As rowers, we close the river almost every weekend from January til March and we need to be respectful of other river users and their river closures when planning training sessions.

River Closures Dec – Feb	
Saturday Dec 5	12 noon – sunset
Saturday Dec 12	12 noon – sunset
Saturday Dec 19	12 noon – sunset
Monday Dec 21 – Saturday Jan 9	10am – sunset
Saturday Jan 16	5pm – 7pm
Sunday Feb 21	10am – sunset

And every Sunday 12 noon til sunset.

Santa's Coming to the Barwon!

Friday 18th at 6pm

\$5 per person, children under 12 free

Nibbles provided, drinks at bar prices.

Family and friends welcome

Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to
all our members and
supporters!



New Years by the Barwon

Date: Thursday 31st

Time: 8pm – 8am

Dress: Black Tie

*Tickets: \$10 pre sale,
\$15 on the night*

*Nibbles provided, drinks at bar prices
Bring friends and family*

*RSVP: Before Christmas to Alice Fraser 0417 142 878 or
alicefraser@hotmail.com*