



Up The Creek

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Dates for the Diary April

Saturday April 17th	140th Celebratory Dinner
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From the Editors

Welcome to the April Edition of Up the Creek. Things have certainly slowed down at the club after a very busy March as we prepared for the first stage of the new building- The Demolition. The Spirit of Barwon was more than evident at the final working bees to pack away the shed, relocate the boats and of course the Garden Party.

Beth and Di

It is time to Celebrate 140 years

Saturday 17th April 2010
Lyndon Grove, Grovedale
6.30pm for 7.00pm sitting.

Please note change of arrangements.

The Barwon Rowing Club 140th Season Celebration Dinner is almost here. With the demolition commencing, we will no longer be meeting down by the river for pre dinner drinks. All guests are asked to meet at 6.30pm at Lyndon Grove, Surf Coast Highway, Grovedale.

Tickets sales are now closed. Please contact Scott Penning (0409 954506) if you have any queries.

End of an Era Garden Party



Scones with jam and cream. Sponge cake. Cups of tea. Glasses of champagne. And don't some members polish up well?

The shed's farewell event, the End of an Era Garden Party was held on the 27th of March under a marquee next to the shed with about 80 people in attendance. Despite the threat of rain, the event was a success including past and present members as well as friends and some local politicians.

More than twenty people were integral to establishing the event by helping to set up the site, prepare and serve food and drinks or bring flowers; the Spirit of Barwon coming together to send off an iconic shed.

Jim Emond and Sean Drew made short speeches reflecting on the past, present and future however the majority of the event was an afternoon of food, drink and catching up with friends while saying goodbye to an old one.

Many thanks to those who contributed to make the event such a success, it was a fitting tribute to the old shed.

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Captain's Corner...Sam Elliott

A few quick results since the last edition of Up The Creek-

The Australian Rowing Championships Regatta saw Scott Penning win gold in the Male Lightweight Double Scull, silver in the Male Lightweight Eight and bronze in the Male Lightweight Single Scull and the Male Lightweight Quad Scull. It also saw Marcus Tomczak win silver in the Schoolboys Single Scull and the Male Under 19 Quad Scull and bronze in the Male Under 19 Double Scull.

Outstanding results for both of these members. Mildura Regatta-

Female D Grade Coxed Pair – Sara Peace, Hannah Peace coxed by Jacob Morgan

Female D Grade Coxed Quad Scull – Alice Morgan, Courtney Blyth, Sara Peace, Hannah Peace coxed by Bek De Grandi

Female C Grade Coxed Four - Caitlin Ross, Rebecca Sheahan, Jasmin Edgar, Charlotte Perdrisat-Murphy coxed by Michaela Buckle
Wentworth Regatta-

Female D Grade Coxed Pair – Sara Peace, Hannah Peace coxed by Jacob Morgan

Female D Grade Coxed Quad Scull – Alice Morgan, Courtney Blyth, Sara Peace, Hannah Peace coxed by Bek De Grandi

Mixed Eight- Andrew Cleary, Sam Elliott, Tim Cleary, Adam Morgan, Alice Fraser, Courtney Blyth, Alice Morgan, Alex Kvant coxed by Bek De Grandi
We now head into the quiet part of our year where we see a handful of masters regattas followed by the winter sculling series.

See you on the water soon.

Sam Elliott

Club Captain

Opportunities to continue rowing

During the “off season” and the building of the shed there are still opportunities to row using the small fleet housed in Geelong Grammar and the Geelong College sheds. On **Wednesday** evenings at **5.30pm** and **Saturday** mornings at **8.00am** all members – junior, senior, male, female – are welcome to come down and have a row.

Scratch crews will be formed to best utilise the boats available – whoever is down on the day will determine the crews, the boats and the duration. We encourage all members to come down and join in. It would be great to have some of the more experienced rowers share their knowledge and skills by rowing with/coxing/coaching other members whom they would not necessarily interact with on the water. For some of the junior members it's a chance to meet other Barwon members and continue rowing whilst school crews are on hold. For others it can simply be an opportunity to row with someone different. Although there is no shed there is still a Club. So show that the Spirit of Barwon continues, come down and enjoy some time on the water with other Barwon members.

SHED UPDATE

Well after the long wait it is finally happening with the shed being demolished as we speak. We do not have access to the club any more as AXCESS Demolitions have taken over the site until demolition is complete. For the information of members 90% of the material in the club is to be recycled in one way or another. Once the demolition is complete we will see the concreters move in and the footings and slab for the new shed will be completed with the walls erected next. As you can see it is all happening and there is no way we can turn back now...

As you all know we have equipment stored in The Geelong College and Geelong Grammar sheds. We are indebted to these schools for allowing us to store our boats there but we must be mindful of the security of these sheds. The Geelong College is alarmed and if we set the alarm off or forget to set it after using the facility we will be charged \$120.00 each time by the alarm company. We are on a very tight budget for the shed construction so we really can't afford too many false alarms.

We will try and cater for members requests for equipment the best we can under the trying circumstances but there will be times where equipment will be unavailable for use. Thanks for your understanding.

As we all know the Garden party has been held and it was a fantastic turnout and thanks to the Ladies for arranging it. We had Stretch and Eddy KONTEL, Andrew KATOS, Michael CRUTCHFIELD and Sarah HENDERSON attend and all stated that it was a fantastic day and look forward to continuing to support the club in any way they can. We still dealing with all three level of Government for funding and we have had some positive news but will keep pushing our cause to try and secure some substantial funding to assist with the development of the club.

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I have to thank all those members who assisted with the cleaning out of the old shed it was a massive job and really well done so thank you. We are going to try and arrange viewing days/functions at each milestone of the construction of the shed and notification will be by e-mail so stay tuned.

Again thanks to the members of the General Committee, Building Sub Committee and all the Members who have assisted in one way or another over the last few weeks, without this help and support we wouldn't be in the position we are in now.

Hope to see you all down the river soon,

Sean DREW

Club President

MILDURA WEEKEND REPORT

(As penned by Bek, with help from Alice, Courtney, Kara and Kate.)

Over the Easter weekend, a number of Barwon members went away for a bit of rowing and some socialising in Mildura and Wentworth! For most, it was their first trip up there and I think by the success of the weekend we will all be back there next year! There were a few winners on the water as well as off the water - if you get our drift! Sarah and Hannah Peace won every one of their 4 events for the weekend!



Looks like Bek wasn't the only one to go for a swim!

The course at Mildura was a fast 850 m with a decent right angle bend in it - which all coxes handled exceptionally well! Then Wentworth a long 1000m with a bridge to navigate through, not to mention the duck weed at the landing!

Winners for the weekend have been included in Sam's report. There was a mixed 8 put together an hour before the event with Tim Cleary, Sam, Andrew Cleary, Adam Morgan, Alice Fraser, Courtney, Alice Morgan and Alex Kvant coxed by Bek that won convincingly over Powerhouse after a clash of oars at the start!



Great spectator support for all the crews.

All other crews raced extremely well and show a lot of promise for next season! The junior girls had a great time throwing their coach (Bek) into the Wentworth River which looks worse than the Barwon, also making human pyramids and bunny hopping each other all before their race! Whilst all the seniors were amused by watching them! After an inordinate amount of rigging, all in all it was a great weekend away even if one table on Saturday night at Mildura's Indian night did get a lot more Naan Bread!

Many thanks to Dave, Bek and Alice for the photos for this edition.

Fundraising News



Thanks to those who have nominated the Barwon Rowing Club as part of the Bendigo Bank Community Program..

Ways to participate:

When you bank with your local Bendigo branch you can help the Barwon Rowing Club fund raising. Bendigo Bank contributes a percentage to the club, based on the accounts attached by members.

Forms are available at the club or by speaking to Heather Palmer (committee member.)

Confidentiality is maintained at all times Take your completed form to your local Bendigo Branch and feel free to ask Bendigo staff any questions you may have."

Fruit Real Estate is one of the Club's newest supporters! If people mention the Barwon Rowing Club when selling their house through Fruit Real Estate, estate agent Brad Morris will donate up to 20% of his commission to the club. Make sure you email **Lyn George** secretary@barwonrc.asn.au to ensure that the club receives their donation from Fruit.