



Up The Creek

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Barwon Rowing Club Inc.

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Dates for the Diary

Saturday 4th September	Sausage Sizzle Bunnings, Waurin Ponds
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From the Editors

Welcome to the first newsletter of what is shaping up to be a very busy and important season for the club both on the water and off.

Di and Beth

SHED UPDATE

From the President...Sean Drew

Hopefully you all received the e-mail from me last week in relation to the development of the Barwon Rowing Club. The construction is progressing well with the front lower windows, internal stairs, and concrete for in front of the roller doors to be poured this week. If all goes well the roller doors will be installed as well.

As mentioned last week we are in a precarious position with finances and we need to as an urgency obtain the Certificate of Occupancy so we can get our equipment back in the shed and rehabilitate the schools so they can begin their programs.

Again if anyone knows of any business that are in position to sponsor the Club or any member is in position to make a donation to assist with the building it can be made direct to the club or through the Australian Sports Foundation which make it tax deductible. For further details send me an e-mail or give me a call on 0417 569610 and I will supply all the information I can.

Further on the finances we are not only trying to rely on club members for assistance as we are still lobbying our position with all the local politicians, State and Federal level and are waiting to hopefully hear some positive news in the not to distant future.

As part of the project and trying to cut costs we are completing a lot of the work with the use of club member's time and skills and I have to thank all those who have assisted so far. Just to let you all know there will be working bees arranged in the very near future and if you get a call or e-mail for

assistance it would be great if you could give a hand out for a morning. We all have to remember the club is not one person or small group's responsibility but all of ours to ensure our successful redevelopment and continued on water success for the long term future.

Lets all get behind this project so that we can continue with the development of the club and help us make the Barwon Rowing Club the envy of all other clubs not only in Victoria but Australia

“Sponsor a Panel” Program



During the first stage of construction we've have had some increased expenses and this has eaten into our funds significantly. Where initially it was planned that we would be able to complete lock up stage and construct the toilets and change rooms it appears at this stage once we get to lock up that will be it for the time being until we raise the funds for any other work. As a means of further fundraising we are offering you the chance to “Sponsor a Panel”.

Through the “Sponsor a Panel” program the club hopes to raise over \$100,000 which will go towards the fitting out of the new boatshed. The new boatshed is made up of 21 concrete panels and this is your chance to become etched into the permanent history of the Barwon Rowing Club. A plaque approximately 300mm x 200mm

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will be permanently mounted in the centre of each panel outlining the donor.

The cost of a panel is \$5000. However you come up with the \$5000 is your option. You could opt to donate the full \$5000 yourself, get together with other friends and family and split the cost or even get a company or business to sponsor a panel. (You may request a group name rather than individual on your plaque.)



All donations can be made through the Australian Sports Foundation Barwon Rowing Club Building Fund. These donations are fully tax deductible. Payment can be made by credit card, cash or cheques need to be made out to "Australian Sports Foundation Ltd". The completed form (attached) with your donation must be sent to the Barwon Rowing Club and then the Treasurer Michael Cushion will collate the contributions and forward to the ASF for us to redraw.

Sam Elliott
Club Captain

Captain's Corner...Sam Elliott

It is my pleasure to announce that we will have boats in the new boatshed within the next couple of weeks. The layout for boats and equipment has been decided upon and the racks are being made as we speak. There will be a couple of working bees called at short notice, if you are called upon it would be great if you could lend a hand as we don't want the same old people having to do the work all the time. The Building Sub-Committee must be congratulated for their work on this massive project that will set the Barwon Rowing Club up for the next 140 years.

Whilst the new shed has been built it's been great to see so many BRC members still out on the water. Social rowing has not stopped and that's a credit to the fantastic work that Adrian and Jan Keats do as well as their helpers. A trickle of school rowers are starting to make their way down again with school rowing kicking off in term 4. A number of BRC members have also participated in the Winter Sculling Series which winds up next week and the sculling "Head" races will then follow. Before you know it the season will be upon us!

Once all boats are in the new shed members are reminded that the normal boat and equipment allocation rules will apply. The rules have been relaxed a little (or a lot!!) whilst the new shed has been built. With our focus in the near future being the completion of the boat shed most if not all of our money will be channelled in that direction and not into our fleet and equipment. We need to look after our current fleet and therefore only crews suited to row in best boats will row in our best boats. Some members may not agree with the decisions made about who rows in which boat but they must realise that the decisions are made for a good reason.

With a bigger footprint and a higher ceiling level on the ground floor we're able to house more boats. There will be a number of racks available for members who wish to store their boat in the new shed. I sent out storage request forms to members who had previously stored their boats in the shed the last week. Could members please fill these out and return them to me ASAP. If you haven't received this form please head to the website where a copy is available- <http://www.barwonrc.asn.au>. Private boats will not be able to be stored in the shed until the Captain or Vice Captain has given permission, full subscriptions have been paid as well as a \$100 per seat storage fee for the season.

The Fundraising Committee has met. They have some fantastic ideas for the coming season including the Spring Carnival Trivia Night and the Annual Black Tie Dinner. A calendar of events is published for members. Please support the club in all fundraising efforts throughout the season.

See you on the water soon. Sam

Membership Fees Due

Full Membership

350.00

Associate Membership

185.00

Student Membership

200.00

Social

25.00

Please pay your membership as soon as possible. Send to Michael Cushion, Treasurer, BRC P.O. Box 298, Geelong 3220

Congratulations

To the following who were presented with the awards at the recent Annual General meeting and Presentation Night

Best First Year Rower- *Hannah Barnes*

Most Improved- *Tennielle Linehan-Downes*

Encouragement Award- *Kara Wilson*

Female Master Award- *Heather Palmer*

Most Successful Female- *Courtney Blyth*

Most Successful Male- *Andrew Cleary and Ross George*

Male Masters Award- *Andrew Cleary*

Best Club Person- *Robert Gardner*

Coach of the Year- *Bek De Grandi*

Club Champion- *Scott Penning*

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.

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.

Fundraising News

A new fundraising committee has been established to plan, coordinate and drive the need for funds to continue to run the club and complete the building. The first Fundraising Committee meeting was held on Saturday 31st July. The committee have planned the following major events for this season and recommended dates. These dates have taken the school holidays and regatta calendar into consideration. More details will be provided as events are confirmed.

Please get behind the many fundraising opportunities over the next twelve months.

TBA - Boat Welcome Chicken and Champagne Breakfast

Sunday 17th October 2010 - Open Day

Saturday 23rd October 2010 - Spring Carnival Trivia Night

Friday 18th February 2011 - Comedy by the Banks of the Barwon

Saturday 26th March 2011 - The Blue & White Ball

Saturday 18th June 2011 - Annual Black Tie Dinner and Awards Night

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 4th September (the day before Fathers' Day. The Club has the opportunity to raise a substantial amount of money on this day so please put the date in your diary now. Keep your eye out for updates closer to the time.

Entertainment books have arrived:

Scott Penning needs you and your cash. Scott still has a number of the popular **Entertainment Book** which is full of vouchers and ideas for places to go and things to do. Barwon will be selling the 2010/2011 Book for \$55 each of which the club receives \$11. Please see or call Scott Penning (0409 954506).

Thanks to those who have nominated the Barwon Rowing Club as part of the Bendigo Bank Community Program. We are quietly receiving funds with no effort except nominating the club for the program.



When you bank with your local Bendigo branch you can help the Barwon Rowing Club fundraising. 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 Dion Plumb has replaced Brad Morris and will also 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.

Not sure what the story was when Andrew Cleary presented these photos for publication but some possibilities could be:

"Local rowers to the rescue with prop for local Easter religious service."



"How many oarsmen does it take to uproot a VicRoads sign that just happens to be obstructing their path?"



Barwon Rowing Club Inc.

Facility Development

ASF Donation Form

ASF Project 207180

Please return this form to:
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PO Box 298 GEELONG VIC 3220

Donor Details: (A receipt will be issued in the following name. Please print clearly)

Title: Mr Ms Mrs Miss Dr Other
First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Company Name (If required on receipt): _____
Address: _____
Town/ Suburb: _____ State: _____ Post Code: _____
Phone (business hours): _____ E-mail: _____

Donation: Please find enclosed my donation of:

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other \$ _____

I would like my gift to benefit the Barwon Rowing Club Inc. – Facility Development project. However, I understand that my donation is made unconditionally to the Australian Sports Foundation.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Payment Details: (Please indicate your payment details by ticking the appropriate box)

Cheque * Cash Visa Amex** Mastercard Diners

*Please make cheques payable to the Australian Sports Foundation Ltd

Card Holder _____ Amount \$ _____

Card Number _____ ** Amex Code _____ Expiry ____/____

Card Holder Signature _____ Date _____



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Donors must contribute unconditionally to the ASF to claim a tax deduction, however the ASF's structure makes it possible for a donor to nominate a registered project as the preferred beneficiary of their gift. Barwon Rowing Club Inc. – Facility Development, project no. 207180, is registered with and conducted under the charter of the ASF.

All claims are subject to being accepted by the Commissioner of Taxation. If either an individual or business is uncertain of their position they should seek their own professional advice.