



# Up The Creek

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Barwon Rowing Club Inc.

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## Dates for the Diary

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 9.30</b>	<b>Opening of the Season and Return of the Boats Celebration</b>
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 7- 11pm</b>	<b>Spring Carnival Trivia Night @ Corio Bay Rowing Club</b>

### From the Editors

Isn't it great that we are back in our own shed. Rowing out of there feels like coming home. The Spirit of the Barwon continues. We appreciate the generosity of both Grammar and College in allowing us to use their sheds to continue rowing during rebuilding.

Beth is no longer helping with the newsletter due to other commitments. We thank her for her help.

Di

### SHED UPDATE

#### From the President...Sean Drew

First of all I have to say thank you to all involved in the first stage of the shed redevelopment. We have a partial Certificate of Occupancy issued for downstairs so we are back in the shed.

I have to mention the tireless work of Peter WHITE, Rob GARDNER, Brad BENNETT, Gary GILES, Alan CHALMERS, Sam ELLIOTT and all others involved as without this drive and dedication we would not be where we are today so thank you. I know there are a lot of other members involved and I also extend thanks to all of you who have assisted with everything from painting boat racks to picking up nails in the car park. It is all appreciated

As a club we have to be proud with what we have achieved at this stage and let's look forward to starting stage 2.

For those who don't know Doug FORD approached ALCOA on our behalf and has secured a donation to assist with the fitting out of the boat racks in the shed. Well done Doug and thanks.

On another note Godfrey HIRST have donated carpet for the Social Area upstairs. Thanks to Nathan ZINN and Sam ELLIOTT for this. Well done guys.

We will be moving all of our equipment back into the shed in the next couple of weeks. The next stage is to set up a toilet upstairs and temporary change room.

We are still trying to secure funding to allow us to develop the club ASAP and I will keep you all informed of our progress. If anyone has any ideas or contacts that may be able to help with fundraising, sponsorship or grant preparation give me a call or drop me an e-mail. I would love to hear from you.

Our donate a panel program is still going so if you know of any individual or business that would be interested let me know and I can forward the information. All donations over \$2.00 that are deposited in the Australian Sports Foundation are tax deductible.

There are numerous social function planned in the near future and it would be great to see as many members there as possible. They will be advertised in the newsletter, on the Web Site and Facebook Page.

Now that we are back in the shed come down for a look as the club belongs to the

membership and is being developed for you to use, I hope to see you there soon.

Again thanks to all involved in the redevelopment of the Barwon Rowing Club and let's look forward to success on the water. If anyone has any issues, questions queries about the club give me a call at any time on 0417 569610

Sean

*It is great to see so many members continuing to get together on a Friday night at the Shed. Di*

### **Captain's Corner...Sam Elliott**

Well after four and a half months give or take a few days we now have boats back in the shed. What a marvellous effort not just by the building and general committees but all members. It's been great to see that we haven't needed a clubhouse to keep the club running during these quieter months. Congratulations everyone!

A reminder now that most of the boats are in the new shed, normal boat and equipment allocation rules apply. The rules have been relaxed a lot whilst the new shed has been built. Our focus at the moment is completion of the boat shed and 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. If you wish to request the use of a boat please let me know ASAP as the Rowing Committee will be meeting shortly to decide allocations for the coming season.

On the water we're starting to see quite a few more crews in training. We have the Salt Water Challenge at Essendon next weekend, which we'll be sending a couple of quad sculls to, the Corporate Head of

the River training starts next weekend so the club will be a buzz with corporate rowers with regatta day on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October and then the real racing kicks off for most of our members throughout October.

This year the club will be sending a record 5 crews to the Head of the Yarra. They'll be two Male Masters, a Female Masters, a B or C Grade Female and a mixed crew. This is great for the club as it shows that while we haven't got a fully functioning shed, we're still a force on the water. It would be great to see some of those rowers not only focusing on the Head of the Yarra but also other regatta's throughout the season.

Last but not least if you're yet to pay membership for this season please do so ASAP. Membership forms can be found on the club website (<http://www.barwonrc.asn.au>) and check our facebook site for regular club updates (<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Barwon-Rowing-Club/142484049096569>).

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. EFTPos facilities are now available. Michael or his representative will be at the club on Friday nights from 5.30pm.

## Fundraising News

# Season Opening



The Season opening will be kicked off with the official celebration of the return of the boats and our occupancy of the lower floor!

The celebrations will start with racing at 9.30am.

Everyone gets to row in a crew!

The Opening Ceremony will occur at 12noon followed by a barbeque lunch with a \$10 per head charge to cover the costs.

Drinks at the 'Bar'!



## Spring Carnival Trivia Night

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 7-11pm at the Corio Bay Rowing Club. BYO nibbles. Drinks at the bar. More details enclosed

*If you have any donations for the raffle and for prizes, could you contact Bek on 0423647832*

## Entertainment books:

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](mailto:secretary@barwonrc.asn.au) to ensure that the club receives their donation from Fruit.

# **Spring Carnival Trivia Night!!!**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 7 -11 pm**  
**Corio Bay Rowing Club**

***Tickets: \$15.00 each. (Tables of 10)***

***For Bookings Contact Di 0421 992 609***

***BYO Nibbles and spending money.***

***Drinks at the Bar.***

***Dress up for the Occasion***

***Prizes for Fashions on the Field; Best Hat;***

***Most Spirited Table etc.***

***You don't have to know much  
about racing to be in it!***

