



Up The Creek

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Barwon Rowing Club Inc.

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Dates for the Diary

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| Third Tuesday of month, 7.30pm | Committee Meeting at the Shed |
| Sunday 18th December | Xmas Party with Santa arrival at 12.30pm. |
| Saturday 28th January 2012 | Barwon Regatta |
| Sunday 29th January 2012 Bar open from Midday break | Barwon Regatta Members Day and Grand Opening of Shed |
| Sunday 26th February | Monster Reverse Raffle |
| Saturday 10th March '12 | Junior Movie Night |
| Saturday 31st March '12 | BRC Auction Night |
| Friday 1st June | AGM and Awards Night |

SUBSCRIPTION FEES ARE DUE

Subscription fees for the 2011-2012 season are now due and should be paid. Fees can be paid by cheque, cash, credit card or EFT. To arrange payment, please contact treasurer@barwonrc.asn.au. If you haven't paid your subs then you're not entitled to use any Club equipment.

ROMS: Members who want to race in RV and RA regattas will need to be registered in ROMS (<http://roms.rowingaustralia.com.au>). If you have a ROMS username then you are registered - please make sure your details are up to date in ROMS. If you aren't registered, you will need to email a copy of your Proof of Age documentation (drivers license, student card or passport) to treasurer@barwonrc.asn.au

to forward through to RV to register. Registration takes a week, so don't leave it to the last minute otherwise you might not be able to enter the regatta.

Michael Cushion, Club Treasurer.

[Club Clothing](#)

[Rugby Tops](#)

Rugby tops have now arrived. Contact Chris Tomczak on 0407 250166 or email christine@stagetwo.com.au

The club also has a range of other clothing available. The full list and prices is included in this newsletter.



Santa's Coming to the Barwon!

Sunday 18th December at 12 noon with the arrival of Santa at 12.30pm

\$5 per person

Barbeque lunch provided, drinks at the bar.

Family and friends welcome

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

Captain's Corner...

Hey everyone,

It's good to see so many Barwon crews on the water starting to come down and train for the season which is already upon us!

A good hit out before Head of the Yarra was had on Sunday between 3 of the Barwon crews. Unfortunately the young girl's crew lost their fin on the way up the course and zigzagged their way back to the sheds. The 2 mixed 8 crews provided some good competition against each other with the male's masters crew off a slightly harder handicap. It was good to see many Barwon and Corio Bay people stick around for the BBQ breakfast that followed. Good luck to all competing next Saturday. If any club member is not involved in Head of the Yarra (26th of November) and would like to come up and support the 5 crews entered please do – the more people cheering for Barwon the better!

The club is going to Hamilton and Nestles regatta on the first weekend of December so start getting crews ready now. Just a reminder that the entry system has changed slightly this year – all money is now to go to Kate Fragiotta by the Friday evening prior to entries closing. People can still pay online but will need to email Cush (treasurer@barwonrc.asn.au) or myself (captain@barwonrc.asn.au) with details so that the entries can be authorised. No one is going to be entered unless all crew money is collected and everyone is a current financial member. There is a current crew allocation list on the noticeboard as well – if this needs to be changed or altered please let me know ASAP.

Congratulations go out to Sean Drew who was awarded the Kath Bennet award for outstanding service to a rowing community at the recent RV awards. Kara Wilson got 3rd for the female coxswain award. Addy Dunkley-Smith was awarded first place for 'Female B grade rower of the year' with Jen Cleary in 2nd place – both for Barwon. Scott Penning and Tim Cleary (Mercantile) tied for 3rd place in the Male A grade rower of the year. Congratulations to all these members.

Since the last newsletter we have had our open day as well –it was good to see so many faces down there. Congratulations to Jen Cleary, Sam Elliot, Claire Dennis and Ray Dawson coxed by Margeaux Thomson for winning the scratch racing on the day. A big thank-you to the male masters who provided us with all the wonderful food – well done guys (and thanks to your partners). The Head of the Barwon was raced on the 5th of November with numerous Barwon and Kardinia crews competing. Congratulations to the Males Masters 8, Courtney Blyth, Margeaux Thompson who all won their divisions. The Loreto school girls regatta was held on the 12th November. Leanne Brunton from Kardinia won the year 8 single scull and Perri Digby from Clonard won the year 9 single scull. Congratulations to these girls. A special mention goes to Matisse from Kardinia who had a couple of swims but managed to get herself back into the boat 300m into the race and put forward a very impressive row to catch up.

The trivia night was a great success with more than 130 people attending. A fantastic night was had by all, with Rick somehow winning the coin toss again! Well done Rick. Our next social event will be the Christmas party on the 18th December look out for Santa rowing down the river!

Hope to see you all on the water soon!

Cheers Bek

Australian Masters Games, Adelaide

A group of dedicated masters rowers road tripped or flew to Adelaide to compete in the 13th Australian Masters Games. All were successful in winning at least one bronze medal with the female crew of Jan, Judy Heather and Lee winning a silver as well.



Everyone loved the rugby tops

The group took over two units bunking in together. For some more literally than others!

Special thanks to Rob Cockayne who towed the trailer across and to Kate Fragiotta who though not old enough to be a Master came across to cox.



The weather wasn't always kind but the crew managed to stay cosy and dry.

From the President...

As we all know the season is well and truly upon us now. Not only are we busy on the water but for those of you who have been at the shed lately will know that the development is moving along at what can only be described as a hectic pace. The plastering is completed, doors and frames installed, cool room installed, lights, fans installed in social room and tiling partly completed and all is looking great.



Thanks to our builders who did a great job with the frame

This week we will see more painting, and if all goes to plan the floors will be installed in the male and female change rooms and toilets and partitions required for the fit out of these rooms have been ordered so if all goes well we will have operating change rooms again, very soon. We are still looking at completing the shed development by the end of the year and the opening is planned for late January so keep that in mind and details will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Another highlight of the season so far has been the Spring Carnival trivia night which was recently held at Corio Bay Rowing Club. From all accounts the night was a great success with about 120 people in attendance and valuable funds have been raised to assist the club with ongoing running expenses. Thanks must go to the Fundraising committee for a job well done and keep on the lookout for upcoming events as if the last is anything to go off the next should be great. Thanks also to Corio Bay Rowing Club for allowing us to use their facility.

The Barwon Rowing Club is part of a program running in the region which is called Creating Healthy Sporting Environments. As part of this program we attend seminars and information sessions on a variety of issues including, How to make all people welcome at our club, Expectations about behaviour by our members at the club and when representing our club, Preventing violence against women and children, Responsible alcohol control (Good Sports Program) just to name a few. This program has been a great learning curve for us as I know we do a lot right at the club but there are always areas where we can improve and if anyone wants to know more about the program feel free to contact me or if you have any ideas on what we can do better or have any idea that you believe we should implement at the Club let me know at any time.

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On saying this I have attached some information/
web links to information that you may find
interesting that have come about through the
Healthy Sporting Program

www.playbytherules.net.au

www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/women/family-violence

www.ausport.gov.au/participating/allcultures

As I have mentioned before if anyone has any club
related issues or grievances or ideas on how we
can do things better or different just drop me an e-
mail or give me a call and hope to see you all
around the river very soon

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A big congratulation to Mr Andrew Cleary, who
recently competed with members from the Melbourne
University Boat club at the Head of the Charles regatta in
Boston, who won the special medal for being the fastest
grand masters 8! Well done Mr Cleary!

Spring Carnival Trivia Night

*The horses, jockeys and stable hands all joined
in.*



The evening was interrupted by the sad occasion of the
Boat Burning. This saw the end of an era with the
burning of The Challenge.

The ladies returned to enjoy themselves. The room was
a sea of colour with everyone dressing for the occasion.
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The winner of the Male Fashions on the Fields, Dave Rendle stunned the crowd with his custom designed Barwon Rowing Club Vest. He later was talked into donating this unique item and it was actioned for an amazing \$350 dollars. Dave handed over the vest in a touching ceremony to the successful bidder, Ross George.

Our Stewards at the Stewards' Table took their responsibilities for ensure safe and fair racing took place throughout the event. Thanks Jan, Amanda and Mark for all the time that went into preparing and scoring the questions.

Goose was able to put his extensive knowledge of horses and the Racing industry into good practice as he called the running of the Barwon Cup. The happy

owners and trainers took home their champagne and 'trophy' glasses.



Lost Property:

Anything left lying around the club will be put into a box down stairs. After two weeks it will be placed in a second box with the date that it will be emptied clearly marked. Please remember to take home everything that you bring down to the club. Your mums will be happy particularly if you go home with a full school uniform!

2011/2012 Social Calendar

Please see the calendar for all the details of upcoming events over the next few months.

MONSTER REVERSE RAFFLE:

Sunday 26th February 2012

Tickets now available from Sam Elliott 0425 715625. 100 tickets only, 2 people per ticket. Nibbles, beer, wine and soft drink provided.

Tickets: \$100 each

Prizes: Last Place (first ticket drawn) \$250

Second Place \$750

First Place \$1500

5 spot prizes of \$100 throughout the draw.

Fundraising News

Thanks to those who continue to nominate 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.



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Do Not Use Equipment that is damaged.

If you break or find something that is broken, record it on the white board, and in the book above the lockers. Let your coach or a committee member know to ensure that it can be repaired and returned to service promptly.

Please forward all your photos, bits of gossip and stories by the first Wednesday of each month to newsletter@barwonrc@asn.au .

Opening of the season 2011/2012

There was fierce competition on the water as crews took on each other for the day's honors. The 'Spirit of Barwon' has to go to Rick who not only rowed, but coxed and had a go at commentary. Not bad for a guy with a visual impairment!



The winning crew



