

## **Around the Shed January 2009**

Welcome to the 2009 Rowing Year!

The weather has ensured a slow start but I do not expect that this will last as I know there are many keen rowers just itching to get their hands on an oar again.

I wish you all a safe year both on and off the water and sincerely hope that our boats have it so lucky!

### **Safety**

It's hot!! Remember extra fluids and to use sun block. There are some "nasty mozzies" around so use repellent – if you forget there is a supply on the Boat Booking Board bench. Weed on the river is causing some obstruction in various sections of the river – please take care in these areas and observe the River Rules.

Broken glass – it's been found on the driveway, in the stones outside the door, in the grass area and on the pontoon so please wear appropriate footwear.

### **Communication**

In 2009 information about the club and club activities will be made available to members as in 2008.

**The website** – please remember to look at it.

**Email** – this will only reach you if your address has been given to the club and it has been entered correctly. If you do not receive an email at least every month then there is probably a problem with your email address which you need to let us know about.

**Notice boards** – there are a number of notice boards in the boat shed on which a lot of the information is duplicated from the above.

**Talk to your fellow rowers** – a general chat about what's going on with the folk you row with can fill in gaps if you miss something on the website or by email.

### **Memberships**

2009 memberships are due January 31<sup>st</sup>, any arrears with the club are required to be settled prior to approval of your 2009 membership. Please take time to complete your membership form and ensure that all of your details are **complete, accurate and legible** – you will save our club volunteers a lot of time when they process your membership if you do this. This year's membership form and fee structure have been emailed to members, if you haven't received them then a copy of the fee structure and forms are available in the boatshed - on the notice board above the blue bench and in the file drawer on the blue bench.

### **Approved Users List**

The current Approved Users List is on the notice board above the blue bench. If your name is not on this list and you did your LTR 6-12 months ago then please contact me to arrange a time to go through the process of becoming an Approved User.

### **New Tinnie and Motor**

The club has taken delivery of a new tinnie and motor which has been funded by a successful grant received from **The Breakwater Island Community Benefit Trust**.

These are replacements for the oldest well used equivalents in the club.

The club is grateful for the continued support from the Trust.

### **The Cathedral School**

The school rowers who we have seen training so hard will be off to NSW Championships (Sydney) in a couple of weeks and then to Nationals at Lake Barrington in Tasmania in early March. I have removed the *Delfin* from its rack so as to allow space for one of their 2x. This will be for a few weeks only. **Please do not use this boat.**

Their own boats will not return to Townsville after being used in Sydney (too many km's up and down the country in a short period of time) and as result they have asked to use some club

1x's and 2x's on Monday and Friday mornings from 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. They will use boats that are not booked and those which are left after club members are on the water at 5.30am. After many weeks of commitment to hard training – good luck to all crews.

### **Loose Rigger Camlocks**

Quick release riggers with loose camlocks can be tightened by sliding a plastic bread tag under the loose part; these are kept in the spares box on the blue bench. This will hold until the loose part can be replaced.

### **The Ann Chalmers**

This boat has been written off by the insurers. I have ordered a new single scull; at this stage I am not sure of delivery to Townsville. The broken boat will be repaired probably the week before Easter.

### **Boat Bookings**

Pending an access code for the website the primary record of boat bookings will be the booking board in the boatshed. Please check the board and let me know if you have bookings you no longer require.

### **Boat Repairs**

*The Dane* – has a set of new shoes -cost \$800

*Oardacious* – slide bolts replaced

*Wilderness* - tapelines on the bow, new name and “Sykes kangaroos”

*Steve Clarke* – sealing of the bulkheads in the pit in progress

### **Working Bees**

Where possible I will be scheduling one Saturday morning per month at ~ 7am -10am for these activities from next month. A list of dates will be published and also be available in the shed. Prior to each of these I will be forwarding a list of jobs to David Blair and Deb Potter who are the 2009 Volunteer Managers to organise the necessary people power. It is expected that all members will lend support to these activities when asked. I will be at these sessions to support and be involved in the activities rather than directing the process.

On that note I will add that we are the largest club in Queensland and we manage with this entirely with a volunteer support base – without this the club would not function.

Please when you are asked by the Volunteer Managers (David & Deb) to lend a hand please do so. Many of you are very busy with work and family commitments and I realise have limited time – however when you apply to be a member of the club you do make this commitment.

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Club Captain