



Rowing Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

**2016**

**ANNUAL REPORT**



## *Our Vision*

*Making rowing an enjoyable experience  
for all Western Australians*

## *Our Mission*

*To have more people rowing  
To have more happy rowers  
To develop world class rowers*

## *Our Objectives*

*Support participation pathways - rowers/coaches/officials/volunteers  
Support high performance pathways  
Develop places and spaces for rowing  
Develop organisational capabilities of RWA and Clubs  
Develop the people involved with rowing*

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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The year to 30 October 2016, was marked by solid progress against our strategic plan objectives, enabled in part by the addition of a full time Development Manager to the team and adjustments to Board practices which has created a solid platform to deliver our Mission.

The most tangible achievement was the planned staging of our first official regatta at Elizabeth Quay (EQ) in the heart of the CBD. The sprint format was exciting for competitors and engaging for onlookers, many of whom were being exposed to rowing for the first time. Bringing rowing back in front of a wider audience and showcasing the skills and excitement of rowing racing, was a buzz to competitors, an enticement for membership growth, and a statement of rowing's enduring relevance within the WA community.

There is undoubtedly an opportunity for clubs and schools to leverage this new format to benefit existing members, as well as to secure new members and/or new sources of revenue. RWA will build on the positive and constructive feedback from all stakeholders involved in the event, to stage further events at the venue during 2017.

New revenue growth proved elusive in 2016, in part due to tight economic times. However key corporate and personal relationships were nurtured during the year, which will set us up well in 2017 to make tangible progress. Two key focus areas will continue in 2017. These are: to create an enhanced profile for rowing through EQ regattas, and to leverage opportunities for rowing to reach a considerably expanded schools base. Together these strategies can make a positive difference to WA youth and increase our community contribution and relevance.

In addition to driving our growth agenda, Rowing WA has continued to focus on improvements to our core programs, including the club pennant program, and the masters and all schools regatta program. Notably, combining of the masters and all schools programs into a single regatta format proved to be a great success and will continue next year.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Rio Olympics and Para-Olympics, the pinnacle of rowing excellence. On medal tally, Australia placed fourth amongst nations, which, while short of Rowing Australia's mission of being the number one rowing nation, highlights that this objective is not out of reach. Western Australia's role in meeting this lofty goal will be to build the base in WA and to nurture the latent talent of our youth through strong and realistic pathway programs. The successful pathway eights program, in its second year in 2016, is one of many initiatives that will be required to seek out and nurture the elite rowers for Tokyo and beyond.

Our congratulations to Rhys Grant, David Watts and Alex Hagan for their performances on rowing's biggest stage and for bringing credit on both their country and their State. Likewise, Brock Ingram and Davina Lefroy represented Australia with distinction at the Paralympics. Whilst WA did not see any medals this Olympiad, all athletes gave

outstanding performances and displayed great sportsmanship. You have done us proud.

In the U23 world championships, Jack Cleary's bronze medal in the men's coxed four was also outstanding.

Congratulations are also due to all our State teams for 2016, and in particular Rhys Grant who won Gold in the Presidents Cup, Brock Ingram who won Silver in the LTA Mens Single and the Penrith Cup crew of Timothy Widdicombe, Perry Ward, Cameron Fowler, Mario LoPresti, who brought home silver. Thanks must go to WAIS Head coach, Rhett Ayliffe and Verity Keogh for their work in preparing and supporting the team. I share with coaches and rowers, the aspiration to see podium finishes for WA crews increase in future years.

Full details of annual awards are listed later in this report, however I would like to congratulate UWA as overall Club Champion, Rhys Grant as Oarsman of the Year, Alexandra Hagan as Oarswoman of the Year, and Coach of the Year, Antonio Maurogiovanni. Rhys and Alex were amongst three WA rowers selected to compete in the 2016 Rio Olympics which also included David Watts. Congratulations also go to new category Para Rower of the Year award winners Brock Ingram and Davinia Lefroy who competed in the LTAmx4+ at the 2016 Paralympics.

On behalf of everyone involved in the sport of rowing in WA, I wish all our elite athletes all the best in their selection aspirations and race results for 2017. You are the flag-bearers for our sport, and we draw inspiration from your dedication and skill.

2017 is final year of the 5 year strategic plan and signifies a time for resetting that plan. While there will need to be some adjusting to new realities and learnings, the plan will otherwise be "business as usual".

The primary intention of the strategic plan is to enable growth in the sport of rowing in WA, and thus delivering the first strand of our Mission "To

have more people rowing", and to enable the other two strands of the Mission: "To have more happy rowers" and "To develop world class rowers".

The RWA Board and CEO have set the following priorities for 2017:-

- Further develop high performance pathways strategies to align with RA's reimagined "CampaignNumberOne" high performance model;
- Ramp up the school engagement programs
- Increased public profile for rowing – most notably through the evolving the EQ regatta series
- Direct membership growth initiatives – open day, and post-school rowing transition initiatives
- Provide high value club development programs – including the "Hour of Power" programs, coach development initiatives and targeted club development workshops
- Promote regional clubs through coach and athlete development targeted at specific challenges and needs of regional clubs
- Enliven the Canning Bridge precinct and enhanced income generation
- Sponsorship growth

The success of these priority initiatives will as always, be driven by our core team, supported by specialist expertise of key Directors and volunteers of RWA and enabled by the energy and drive of club committees and their members.

I wish to thank all the Directors for RWA for their work this year. Their commitment to Board meetings, General meetings, sub-committees and supporting the RWA office has been considerable.

The 2017 AGM will see the retirement of 2 Directors, Michael Hinsley and Richard Lipscombe. Both have served with distinction both on the RWA Board and on its various committees, and we owe them a debt of thanks for the time they have devoted to this. Michael has led several important changes to strengthen the regatta program and will be sorely missed. Richard has been instrumental in guiding the continued facility

development and maintenance programs of the various physical assets of the Association. Richard will remain on the Facilities Committee and continue to give back to the sport.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to Daniel Tackenberg for his work in 2016. His professionalism and deep knowledge of sports administration is serving rowing well. On a thin budget, and relying heavily of the generous spirit of an army of volunteers, this is a challenging role. I would also like to thank Daniel's team, Tiffany Bellamy, Jennifer Matthies, Jamie Hewlett, Peter Doyle, Bella Lie, Laurie Anderson, Brett Woolfitt. Our Honorary auditor, Geoff Gray, retired in 2016 after providing audit services to RWA for over a decade. Our heartfelt thanks for his tireless commitment in helping the association achieve its strong financial position.

As I emphasised in last year's report, we are custodians in WA of a fantastic sport with great

contemporary relevance and a long history. Our challenge is to competitively position rowing in the public psyche by growing our base, increasing the diversity and appeal of our offering, positioning the sport in the public eye, and improving our high performance results. This remains our focus for 2017 and will guide our thinking as we embark on the next 5 year strategic plan period.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Rose', with a stylized, flowing script.

David Rose  
President

## CEO'S REPORT

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As mentioned by David, the strategic focus in 2016 was growth. Although the impact of growth projects are sometimes not realised immediately, the signs are definitely showing that new programs are starting to have an impact on not only the community perception of rowing but also the numbers involved and the quality of the rowing experience.

2016 was a very busy and successful year for RWA with a number of planned projects coming to fruition and new programs commencing. This increased activity has been supported by the growth in the staff team during the year.

The addition of Jennifer Matthies as Sport Development Manager has provided a much needed resource boost to provide a more dedicated and tailored range of programs and activities to support club growth and development. Moving forward her role will target the linkages between non-rowing schools and clubs.

The contract employment of Jamie Hewlett and Peter Doyle to recruit, develop and support athletes in the High Performance Pathway has reaped significant benefit for the state, most notably:

- a successful schoolboys Pathway VIII program

- delivery of two pathway camps
- establishment of a WAIS Pathway gym program
- negotiations toward the first ever schoolgirls Pathway VIII program for 2017
- the greatest retention of school rowers from the PSA and IGSSA programs ever

Due to the restructuring of the WA HP Pathway Program for 2017-2020 these roles will not be retained beyond 31 December 2016, however, moving forward WAIS will employ a role to oversee pathway development and school rower transition. This role will work closely with Jennifer to attract more school rowers into club rowing.

RWA was selected by Rowing Australia to pilot the Australian Sports Commission's Sporting Schools Program. This opportunity has seen 60 non-rowing secondary students put through a 6-week rowing program fully funded by the federal government. This pilot will run through to mid-2017, where we will work with more schools and clubs to engage more people in rowing programs.

In 2016, RWA set a target of formalising 50 new school to club relationships over the next 3 years. Work has commenced on ascertaining the interest in these schools and the style of program that would suit each school. The opportunity to link this program with Sporting Schools will provide a significant incentive for schools to get involved. As this program develops it will feed the base of our sport which will have numerous positive impacts including:

- increased All-Schools Regatta participation
- cultural shift within the club environment with more younger rowers involved
- identification of HP pathway athletes
- increasing the volunteer base and growing masters rowing by engaging parents of new school rowers
- secure additional government funding to support expanded schools engagement program

The Inaugural Rowing Open Day was held in November 2015 and saw every affiliated rowing club open its doors and invite the community to come and share in our sport. Over 800 non-rowers came through the doors to take part in activities on the day. Thank you to all the clubs and their countless volunteers who assisted on this day. The Open Day received TV, newspaper and radio coverage across the state and in 2016, Healthway through their SunSmart program have come on board to sponsor the event.

Aligned with our focus on growth, RWA capitalised on the opening of EQ in January 2016. Rowing was one of four sports profiled during the opening which received significant media coverage and public engagement. Following this event, RWA worked with numerous rowing stakeholders to secure the Vice Chancellor's Cup and IGSSA Head of the River preview held in EQ. Both events attracting the attention of the media. RWA has its first regatta planned for EQ in November 2016 with a night regatta planned for February 2017.

It has also been a big year for High Performance and Pathways with the release of Rowing Australia's 2017-2020 High Performance Strategy. The key element of this is a bespoke approach to state pathway programs. To develop the WA strategy, RWA convened a group of HP experts representing clubs, coaches, rowers, WAIS, Rowing Australia and government to develop the model that would support more WA rowers to achieve national selection. This model was submitted to Rowing Australia, who confirmed their financial investment level in the WA program in late 2016. The key element of new proposed WA HP Strategy is 'collaboration'. This will see WAIS and high performance clubs work much closer to support identified talent in their pursuit of national selection or invitation to a National Training Centre. Throughout 2016, Jamie Hewlett headed up some pilot programs that have been successfully integrated into the 2017-2020 Pathway strategy.

2016 also saw the greatest influx of new Boat Race Officials ever. 13 new boat race officials were trained,

of which nine were accredited throughout the year. 38 new level 1 or level 2 coaches were also trained and accredited. Coaches are the bedrock of our sport and we continue to try and support them through professional development programs as much as possible.

RWA was awarded a number of government grants, through the Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR), in 2016 that provided significant strategic and operational support to the Association. These grants, sourced through the Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR), supported:

- the purchase of information technology infrastructure for the office, boardroom and function room and regatta operations
- development of a Workforce Development Strategy to support boat race officials
- the Inaugural Open Day, allowing RWA to provide clubs with promotional items and giveaways
- Regional Coach and Athlete Development to be implemented in 2017

DSR are RWA's greatest financial contributor with three-year funding integral in supporting the achievement of the strategic plan. DSR also provide a range of programs to support RWA and its clubs for which we owe them significant thanks.

I would like to personally thank Tiffany Bellamy, Jennifer Matthies, Jamie Hewlett, Peter Doyle, Bella Lie, Laurie Anderson and Brett Woolfitt for their devoted support through the year. I would also like to acknowledge the RWA Board, sub-committee members, club committees, boat race officials, Ralph Wood (PSA), Louise Carson (IGSSA) and the school rowing coordinators for their ongoing support of our sport. Without the dedication and commitment of all rowing stakeholders none of what our sport has achieved in 2015-16 would have been possible



Daniel Tackenberg  
CEO

# BOARD, STAFF AND COMMITTEES

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Position	Name	Portfolio
President	David Rose	N/A
Director	Kerryn Briody	N/A
Director	Michael Hinsley	Regattas
Director	Richard Lipscombe	Facilities
Director	Simon Cubitt	Finance
Director	Verity Keogh	High Performance
Director	Vacant	N/A
Appointed	Karen Clay	Masters
Appointed	Craig James	Rowing Australia Councillor

Directors that retired at the 2016 AGM:

Director	Catriona Gregg	Marketing
Director	Catriona Walker	Development
Director	Glyn Heath	Finance

Directors that retired during the 2015-2016 RWA Financial Year (Nov – Oct):

High Performance	Sian Brown (Dec 2015) – prior to AGM
Marketing	Paul Beeson (July 2016)

## Board Meeting Attendance

The 2015 AGM was held in February 2016. This explains the changeover of a number of directors

	Dec '15	Feb	Mar	Apr	June	July	Sep	Oct '16	Total As No.	Total as %
David Rose	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8/8	100%
Craig James	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	6/8	75%
Glyn Heath	Y	Y							2/2	100%
Catriona Gregg	N	Y							1/2	50%
Catriona Walker	Y	Y							2/2	100%
Richard Lipscombe	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	4/8	50%
Michael Hinsley	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	7/8	87.5%
Sian Brown	N									
Karen Clay	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	3/8	37.5%
Verity Keogh	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	7/8	87.5%
Kerryn Briody			Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	5/6	83.3%
Paul Beeson			Y	N	N				1/3	33%
Simon Cubitt			Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6/6	100%

## STAFF & OFFICERS

### Full-Time Staff

CEO	Daniel Tackenberg
Admin & Functions Manager	Tiffany Bellamy
Development Manager	Jennifer Matthies (commenced March 2016)

### Contract Staff

Development Coach	Jamie Hewlett
Talent Pathway Coordinator	Peter Doyle

### Casual/Honorary Officers

Project Officer/ State Team Manager	Callista Bella Lie
Property Officer/ Umpires Convenor	Brett Woolfitt OAM
Regatta Secretary/ Registrar	Laurie Anderson

## COMMITTEES

### Facilities Committee

Richard Lipscombe (Chair)  
Simon Cubitt  
Glyn Heath  
Catriona Walker  
Gavin Giles  
Peter Beekink  
Daniel Tackenberg

### High Performance Committee

Verity Keogh (Chair)  
Libby Gatti  
Ross Brown  
Sian Brown  
Daniel Tackenberg

### Finance Committee

Simon Cubitt (Chair)  
Konrad Floan  
Brad Scally  
Daniel Tackenberg

### Regatta Committee

Michael Hinsley (Chair)  
All affiliated club captains  
Laurie Anderson (RWA Regatta Secretary)  
Brett Woolfitt (RWA Umpires Convenor)  
Daniel Tackenberg

# MEMBERSHIP

## AFFILIATED CLUBS IN 2015-2016

Albany Rowing Club	ARC
ANA Rowing Club	ANARC
Bunbury Rowing Club	BRC
Champion Lakes Boating Club	CLBC
Curtin University Boat Club	CUBC
Fremantle Rowing Club	FRC
Greenough River Rowing Club (inactive)	GRRC
Margaret River Rowing Club	MRRC
Murdoch University Rowing Club	MURC
Perth Rowing Club	PRC
Swan River Rowing Club	SRRC
University of Western Australia Boat Club	UWABC
West Australian Rowing Club	WARC

## COMPETITIVE CLUB/SPORT MEMBERSHIP

### Total Sport Membership

Figure 1 includes competitive club members, non-competitive club members and school rowing programs representing the total participation of rowing in Western Australia. Some estimates have been made in calculating total sport membership. The significant growth in 2013 was due to the commencement of the All-Schools Program. The spike in 2016 is due to the inclusion of non-competitive rowers in the statistics made possible through the new Revolutionise Sport database.

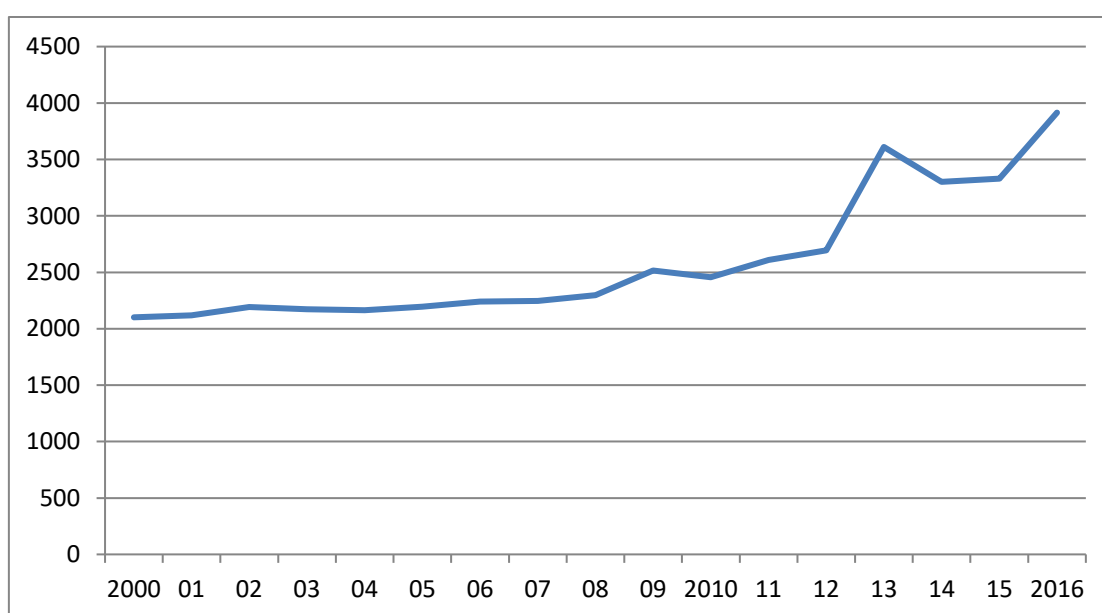


Figure 1

## Competitive Club Membership – By Gender

Figure 2 shows an increase in both male and female competitive club membership. Female participation is at its highest point ever. Collectively 2016 competitive club membership increased by 7.2% from 2015

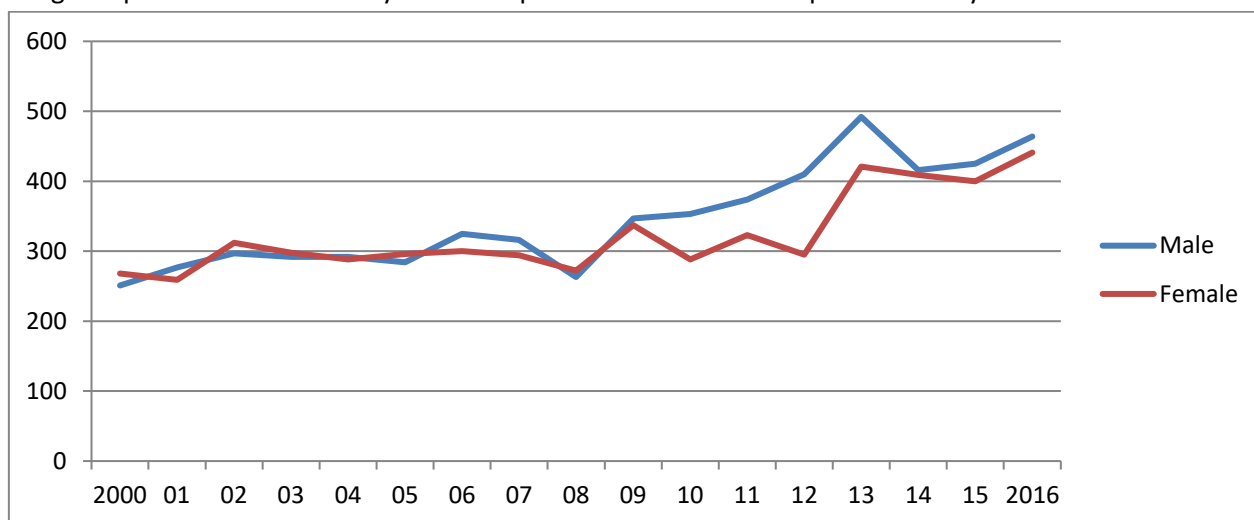


Figure 2

Table 1 provides a breakdown by gender per club for the previous three years.

Club	2014			2015			2016		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
ANARC	48	34	82	41	36	77	56	40	96
BRC	17	23	40	22	25	47	15	26	41
CLBC	20	30	50	12	20	32	18	21	39
CUBC	62	60	122	49	55	104	62	90	152
FRC	42	44	86	48	49	97	49	47	96
MURC	18	18	36	17	15	32	23	19	42
PRC	9	12	21	5	7	12	6	16	22
SRRC	68	48	116	62	36	98	106	56	162
UWABC	99	109	208	125	106	231	139	120	259
WARC	33	31	64	44	51	95	66	78	144

Table 1

## Competitive Club Membership – By Club

Figure 3 represents the overall growth in competitive club membership in each club over the past 3 years

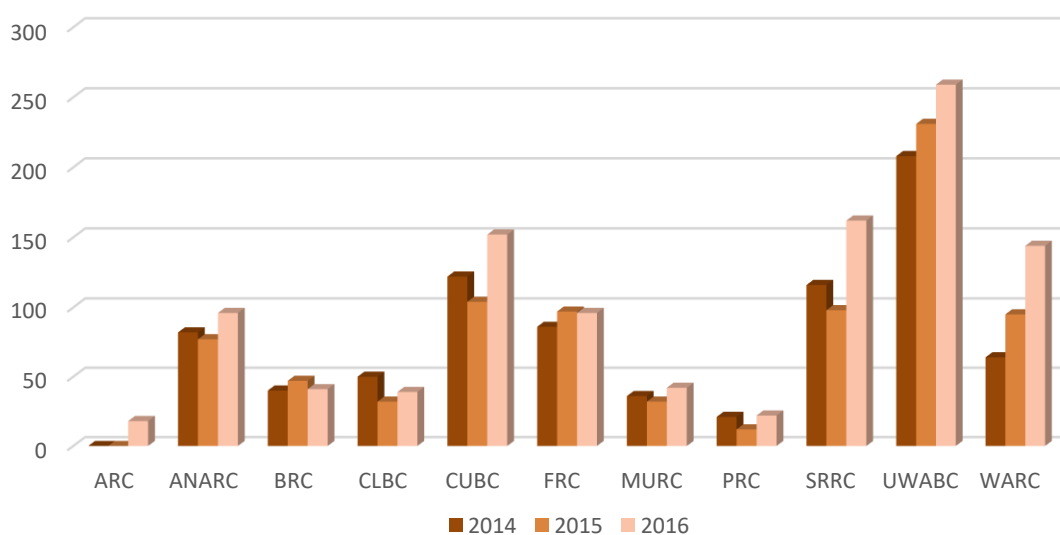


Figure 3

## Competitive Club Membership - By Age

Figure 4 breaks down competitive club membership by Age segments. This figure shows that U19 membership has decreased slightly but 19-26 and Masters membership have both increased substantially.

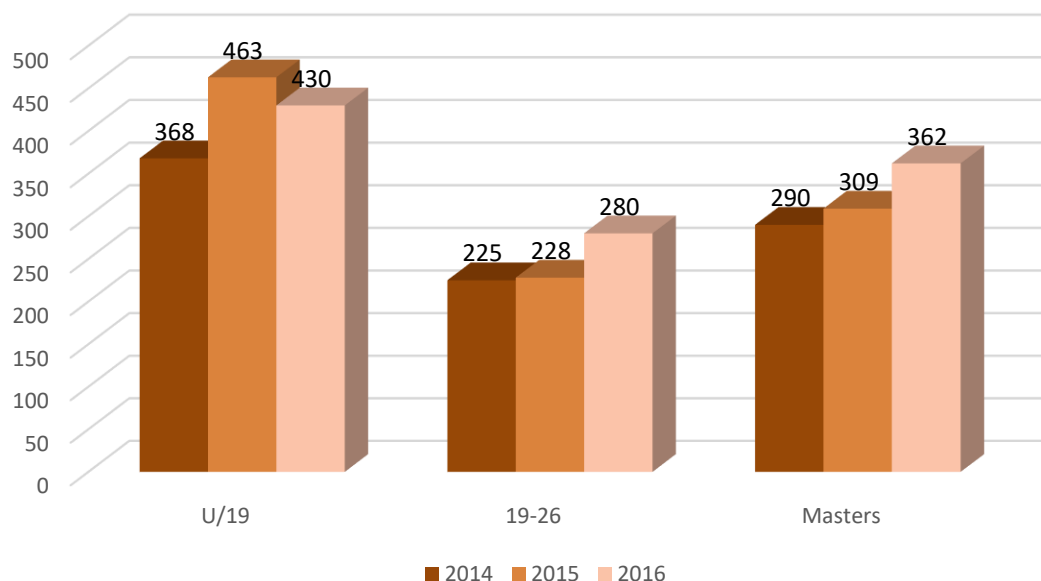


Figure 4

Table 2 expands on Figure 4 showing the age breakdown of competitive club rowers by club. The School Only rowers are typically rowers from PSA or IGSSA schools that become registered competitive members of RWA to either compete in the All-Schools Program or interstate regattas including National Championships

Club	2014			2015			2016		
	U/19	19-26	Masters	U/19	19-26	Masters	U19	19-26	Masters
ANARC	24	22	36	38	9	30	41	8	47
BRC	10	4	26	14	10	23	10	4	41
CLBC	31	9	14	9	8	15	21	6	12
CUBC	62	45	17	54	31	19	56	65	31
FRC	35	19	33	41	19	37	43	20	33
MURC	0	3	33	0	0	32	1	1	40
PRC	0	0	22	0	0	12	2	0	20
SRRC	58	20	39	36	24	38	84	35	43
UWABC	94	89	26	87	105	39	105	105	49
WARC	6	14	44	15	22	58	49	36	59
ASS*	48			169			117		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>362</b>

\* Combined Associate Members e.g. School (only) rowers

Table 2

# RESULTS

## 2016 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

### 2016 Olympic Games

Position	Event	Rower
Repechage 1 – 5 <sup>th</sup>	W8+	Alexandra Hagan
B Final – 1 <sup>st</sup>	M2X	David Watts
B Final – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	M1X	Rhys Grant



Rhys Grant and David Watts

### 2016 Paralympic Games

Position	Event	Rower
B Final – 1 <sup>st</sup>	LTAMix4+	Davinia Lefroy Brock Ingram

### World Cup 2

Position	Event	Rower
2 <sup>nd</sup>	M4-	Josh Hicks
5 <sup>th</sup> – B Final	M2X	David Watts

### World Cup 3

Position	Event	Rower
2 <sup>nd</sup> – B Final	M2X	David Watts

### U21 TransTasman

Position	Event	Rower
1 <sup>st</sup>	U21W2-	Bronwyn Cox
1 <sup>st</sup>	U21W4-	Bronwyn Cox
1 <sup>st</sup>	U21W8+	Bronwyn Cox
2 <sup>nd</sup>	U21M1X	Sam Marsh
1 <sup>st</sup>	U21M4X-	Sam Marsh
2 <sup>nd</sup>	U21M8+	Sam Marsh

### U23 World Championships

Position	Event	Rower
B Final – 4 <sup>th</sup>	BLM4X	James Kerr Mitchell Boros
A Final – 5 <sup>th</sup>	BW8+	Georgia Wheeler

## 2016 SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL ROWING REGATTA

### 2016 Open Schools Rowing Championships

Pos.	Event	Rower/Crew	School
Silver	SB1x	Matteo Sandrelli	Trinity
2 <sup>nd</sup> –	SB1X	Chad Derecourt	Shenton
B Final			College
7 <sup>th</sup> –	SB1X	Michael Orton	Corpus
B Final			Christi
8 <sup>th</sup> –	SB1X	William Jupp	Shenton
B Final			College
5 <sup>th</sup> – C	SG1X	Katherine Descant	PLC
Final			
8 <sup>th</sup> – C	SG1X	Yasmeen Razvi	PLC
Final			
5 <sup>th</sup>	U17SG8+	Anna Konowalous	PLC
		Emma Wilson	
		Amy Gibbs	
		Ellie Wilcox	
		Georgina	
		Middlemass	
		Olivia Williams	
		Georgia Krige	
		Georgia Schonell	
		C: Siena McMeeken	

5 <sup>th</sup> –	SG8+	Charlotte Hill	PLC
B Final		Claire May	
		Gigi Parker	
		Gabrielle Morris	
		Anna GUnzburg	
		Emily Newnham	
		Annabel Wilson	
		Michali Oliver	
		C: Emily Murdoch	
8 <sup>th</sup> –	SG8+	Matilda Morfesse	PLC
B Final		Lauren Hutton	
		Yasmeen Razvi	
		Lauren Sutherland	
		Katherine Descant	
		Caitlin Attwell	
		McMeeken Lilly	
		Rachael Marley	
		C: Sophia Gowan	

### 2016 Interstate Regatta

Position	Event	Rower/Crew
4 <sup>th</sup>	W1X	Alexandra Hayes
GOLD	M1X	Rhys Grant
SILVER	LTAM1X	Brock Ingram
5 <sup>th</sup>	LW4X-	State Team*
SILVER	LM4-	State Team*
BRONZE	WY8+	State Team*
BRONZE	MY8+	State Team*
5 <sup>th</sup>	Queens Cup	State Team*
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kings Cup	State Team*

\*See High Performance (p34) for crew members



Rhys Grant. Courtesy: Rowing Australia/Delly Carr

## 2016 National Championships

Pos.	Event	Rower	Club/ School
2 <sup>nd</sup> – B Final	U17M1x	Chad Derecourt	SRRC
5 <sup>th</sup> – B Final	U17W1x	Sofia Bekir Fuente	FRC
SILVER	U19M1x	Matteo Sandrelli	SRRC
6 <sup>th</sup> – B Final	U19W1X	Caitlin Attwell	PLC
7 <sup>th</sup> – B Final	U19W1X	Eliza Kelly	FRC
8 <sup>th</sup> – B Final	U19W1X	Lauren Sutherland	PLC
6 <sup>th</sup>	U19W2-	Hannah Wilding Kira Vermeersch	UWABC WARC
8 <sup>th</sup>	U19W2-	Gabrielle Morris Annabel Wilson	PLC
5 <sup>th</sup> – B Final	U19W2-	Claire May Charlotte Hill	PLC
6 <sup>th</sup> – B Final	U19W2-	Emily Newnham Gigi Parker	PLC
7 <sup>th</sup> – B Final	U19W2-	Michali Oliver Anna Gunzburg	PLC
GOLD	U19M2X	Matteo Sandrelli Max Brenner	SRRC SRC
6 <sup>th</sup>	U19M4X	Michael Orton William Jupp Chad Derecourt Reid Quekett	SRRC
SILVER	U19W4x	Hannah Lisa Wilding	WARC
5 <sup>th</sup>	U19W8x+	Charlotte Hill Claire May Gigi Parker Gabrielle Morris Anna Gunzburg Emily Newnham Annabel Wilson Michali Oliver C: Emily Murdoch	PLC
8 <sup>th</sup>	U21M1x	Willis Armstrong	FRC

SILVER	U21LM1x	Patrick Boere	SRRC
8 <sup>th</sup>	U21LM1x	Nicholas Ferguson	SRRC
3 <sup>rd</sup> – B Final	U21LM1x	Raphael Affinito	SRRC
4 <sup>th</sup> – B Final	U21LM1x	Jesse Criddle	SRRC
1 <sup>st</sup> – B Final	U21LW1x	Matilda Morfese	PLC
2 <sup>nd</sup> – B Final	U21LW1x	Siena Zamin	WARC
6 <sup>th</sup>	U21M2-	Gavin Pensini Fraser Pensini	UWABC
4 <sup>th</sup> – B Final	U21M2-	David Latham Solomon Holliday	FRC
5 <sup>th</sup> – B Final	U21M2-	Ruan Greyling Robbie Packer	WARC
7 <sup>th</sup> – B Final	U21M2-	Luke Salerno Patrick Boere	SRRC
8 <sup>th</sup>	U21W2-	Samantha Brenz-Verca Molly Booker	FRC
2 <sup>nd</sup> – B Final		Tanami Ashby-Deering India Warren-Hicks	FRC
BRONZE	U21M2x	Matteo Sandrelli Samuel Marsh	SRRC
4 <sup>th</sup>	U21M2x	Willis Armstrong Solomon Holliday	FRC
BRONZE	U21M4+	Matteo Sandrelli Patrick Boere Luke Salerno Joseph X Fatin C: Alexander Anile	SRRC
6 <sup>th</sup>	U21W4+	Samantha Brenz-Verca Molly Booker Tanami Ashby-Deering India Warren-Hicks C: Lauren Warschauer	FRC
BRONZE	U21M4X	Matteo Sandrelli Patrick Boere Luke Salerno Joseph X Fatin	SRRC



State Men's Youth 8. Photo courtesy: Nick Wakeford

Pos.	Event	Rower	Club/ School	3 <sup>rd</sup> – B Final	OLW1x	Maria Othzen	UWABC
5 <sup>th</sup>	U21W4x	Samantha Brenz-Verca Tanami Ashby-Deering Molly Booker India Warren-Hicks	FRC	SILVER	OW2-	Alexandra Hagan	SRRC
				6 <sup>th</sup>	OW2-	Amanda Rukuwai Alexis Whelan	SRRC
				GOLD	OLM2-	Cameron Fowler Mattias Johansson	SRRC
4 <sup>th</sup>	U23M1x	Samuel Marsh	SRRC	GOLD	OM2X	David Watts	SRRC
5 <sup>th</sup>	U23W1x	Georgia Wheeler	SRRC	4 <sup>th</sup>	OM2X	Matthew Cochran Christopher Hayes	WARC SRRC
7 <sup>th</sup>	U23W1x	Annabelle McIntyre	FRC				
5 <sup>th</sup> – B Final	U23W1x	Holly Child	UWABC	8 <sup>th</sup>	OW2X	Amanda Rukuwai Alexis Whelan	SRRC
SILVER	U23LM1x	James Kerr	UWABC	GOLD	OLM2X	Perry Ward	SRRC
4 <sup>th</sup>	U23LM1x	Mitchell Boros	WARC	5 <sup>th</sup>	OLW2X	Janelle Austin Maia Simmonds	WARC UWABC
3 <sup>rd</sup> – B Final	U23LM1x	Thomas Fairclough	WARC	7 <sup>th</sup>	CW2X	Caitlin MacPhail Hannah Wilding	UWABC
7 <sup>th</sup>	U23LW1x	Pascale Ketelaar	UWABC				
2 <sup>nd</sup> – B Final	U23LW1x	Alexandra Preston	FRC				
SILVER	U23W2-	Bree Kennedy-Smith Bronwyn Cox	UWABC				
8 <sup>th</sup>	U23W2-	Kathryn Farley Caitlin Taylor	CUBC				
SILVER	U23M2x	James Kerr Mitchell Boros	FRC WARC				
5 <sup>th</sup>	U23M2x	Jesse Criddle Nicholas Ferguson	SRRC				
6 <sup>th</sup>	U23M2x	Raphael Affinito William Williamson	SRRC				
4 <sup>th</sup>	U23M4-	Ruan Greyling Robbie Packer Gavin Pensini Fraser Pensini	WARC WARC UWABC UWABC				
GOLD	U23W4x	Holly Child Bronwyn Cox Bree Kennedy Smith	UWABC				
BRONZE	U23M4x	David Latham Willis Armstrong Solomon Holliday Thomas Fairclough	FRC FRC FRC WARC				
SILVER	U23W4x	Georgia Wheeler Annabelle McIntyre	SRRC FRC				
5 <sup>th</sup>	U23W4x	Kathryn Farley Caitlin Taylor Caitlin MacPhail Pascale Ketelaar	CUBC CUBC UWABC UWABC				
SILVER	U23W8+	Bree Kennedy Smith	UWABC				
4 <sup>th</sup>	OM1x	David Watts	SRRC				
6 <sup>th</sup> – B Final	OM1x	Matthew Cochran	WARC				
BRONZE	LTAM1x	Brock Ingram	WARC				
4 <sup>th</sup>	OLW1x	Janelle Austin	WARC				



Brock Ingram. Photo courtesy: Rowing Australia/Delly Carr

GOLD	OM4X	David Watts	SRRC
BRONZE	OM4X	Rhys Grant Timothy Widdicombe Matthew Cochran Christopher Hayes	WARC UWABC WARC SRRC
4 <sup>th</sup>	OW4X	Eliza Kelly Alexis Whelan Amanda Rukuwai Danya Steger	FRC SRRC SRRC SRRC
SILVER	OLM4X	Cameron Fowler Mattias Johansson Timothy Widdicombe James Kerr	SRRC SRRC UWABC UWABC
GOLD	OLM4-	Timothy Widdicombe Cameron Fowler James Kerr Mattias Johansson	UWABC SRRC UWABC SRRC

Pos.	Event	Rower	Club/ School	SILVER	CM8+	Matteo Sandrelli Nicholas Ferguson Luke Salerno Joseph X Fatin Jesse Criddle Raphael Affinito Patrick Boere Michael Orton C: Alexander Anile	SRRRC
BRONZE	OLM8+	Perry Ward Cameron Fowler Mattias Johansson Patrick Boere Mitchell Boros Raphael Affinito James Kerr Timothy Widdicombe C: Alexander Anile	SRRRC SRRRC SRRRC SRRRC WARC WARC UWABC UWABC SRRRC				



State Lightweight Mens 4- . Photo courtesy: Nick Wakeford

## 2016 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 2016 Interstate Regatta

Pos.	Event	Rower/Crew
6 <sup>th</sup>	ISW4x	State Team*
4 <sup>th</sup>	ISW8+	State Team*
6 <sup>th</sup>	ISM8+	State Team*

\*See High Performance (p36) for crew members



State Masters Men's 8. Photo courtesy: Stephen McKechnie

### 2016 National Championships

Pos.	Event	Rower	Club
4 <sup>th</sup>	MB4x	Daniel Real Nigel Lucas Dean Neal Lyle Fowle C: Jess Bosio	CLBC ANA WARC MURC ANA
4 <sup>th</sup>	WME2-	Catherine Kennedy Jennifer Longman	UWABC ANA
6 <sup>th</sup>	WME4-	Ronnie Cooper Kathy Ride Debbie Arnold Sharon Jones	CUBC CUBC SRRC CUBC
5 <sup>th</sup>	MixD4X	Nigel Lucas Phil Cockman Mary Cameron Kay Jansen	ANA
4 <sup>th</sup>	MixD4X	Ronnie Cooper Jeffrey McDonald Colin Armstrong Sharon Jones	CUBC FRC FRC CUBC
6 <sup>th</sup>	MixE2x	Lawrence Bourke Jennifer Longman	ANA
6 <sup>th</sup>	MixE2x	Wylie Geldert Roger Elliott	BRC
4 <sup>th</sup>	MixE8+	Catherine Kennedy Jennifer Longman Nigel Lucas Chris Hall Phil Cockman Lawrence Bourke Mary Cameron Kay Jansen C: Claire Jansen	UWABC ANA ANA FRC ANA ANA ANA ANA ANA

5 <sup>th</sup>	WMB2-	Jennifer Parker Sue Crews	
6 <sup>th</sup>	MMI2x	Alan Salisbury	WARC
GOLD	MMJ1x	Alan Salisbury	WARC
GOLD	MMJK8+	Alan Salisbury	WARC
BRONZE	MMK2x	Alan Salisbury	WARC
5 <sup>th</sup>	WMC1x	Kimberly Robbins	BRC
7 <sup>th</sup>	WMC2x	Carmel Lloyd Kimberly Robbins	BRC
5 <sup>th</sup>	MME1x	Carmel Lloyd	BRC
5 <sup>th</sup>	MixC8+	Wylie Geldert	BRC
BRONZE	MixD2x	Kathy Ride Daniel Real	CUBC CLBC
4 <sup>th</sup>	MixD2x	Lyall Fowle Debbie Arnold	MURC SRRC
6 <sup>th</sup>	MixD2x	Carmel Lloyd Chris Lloyd	BRC
BRONZE	MixD2x	Colin Armstrong Sarah Knight	FRC UWABC
4 <sup>th</sup>	MixFG2x	Wylie Geldert	BRC
BRONZE	MixFG2x	Kathy Ride Ken Price	CUBC MURC
6 <sup>th</sup>	WMF2x	Genevieve Black Sandra Ceriani	CLBC
5 <sup>th</sup>	MixD2x	Jennifer Parker Daniel Real	CLBC
4 <sup>th</sup>	WMD2-	Jennifer Parker Susan March	CLBC PRC
BRONZE	MixD4x	Lyall Fowle Ken Price Debbie Arnold Kathy Ride	MURC SRRC CUBC
5 <sup>th</sup>	MD2x	Jeffrey McDonald Colin Armstrong	FRC
4 <sup>th</sup>	MH1x	Ken Price	MURC
6 <sup>th</sup>	MH2x	Ken Price	MURC
BRONZE	MH4+	Ken Price	MURC
BRONZE	MixE4x	Lyall Fowle Ken Price Debbie Arnold Kathy Ride	MURC MURC SRRC CUBC
SILVER	MixHK4+	Elizabeth Amann	PRC
4 <sup>th</sup>	MixHK8+	Elizabeth Amann	PRC



State Masters Women's 8. Photo courtesy: Stephen McKechnie

## 2016 PENNANT RESULTS

### 2016 Premiership Pennant

Club	2016 Score	% of 2016* Total	2016 Rank	2015 Rank
UWABC	2952	24.42%	1	1
SRRC	2999.75	21.22%	2	2
CUBC	1870	12.96%	3	5
WARC	1508.5	12.57%	4	4
FRC	1303.5	10.74%	5	3
ANARC	1774	10.63%	6	6
CLBC	503.5	2.94%	7	7
MURC	315.25	1.74%	8	9
BRC	293	1.50%	9	8
PRC	285	1.28%	10	10

\* The Premiership Pennant is calculated on the sum of the aggregate percentage points for each grade. Hence this allows for a club to win the overall pennant without having the highest total points if there points are more evenly distributed across all grades.



2016 State Championships Day 1. Photo courtesy: Rene Greyling

## Minor Pennants

A Grade		B Grade		C Grade		D Grade		E Grade	
Club	Score	Club	Score	Club	Score	Club	Score	Club	Score
UWABC	316	UWABC	299	UWABC	556	UWABC	450	CUBC	420
SRRC	277	FRC	271	SRRC	256	CUBC	307	ANA	367
WARC	269	SRRC	270	FRC	177	ANA	305	UWABC	313
FRC	139	WARC	147	CUBC	128	WARC	219	WARC	276
CUBC	10	CUBC	136	WARC	118	SRRC	162	SRRC	180
				ANA	28	FRC	88	CLBC	126
				BRC	12	CLBC	56	MURC	40
				CLBC	6	MURC	44	FRC	31
						BRC	9	PRC	19
								BRC	11

## Novice Sculling Trophy

D & E Grade		
Club	Rank	Score
SRRC	1	940
CUBC	2	793.5
ANARC	3	731
UWABC	4	572
FRC	5	271.5
CLBC	6	189.5
WARC	7	158
MURC	9	60
BRC	8	81
PRC	10	44

## Masters Pennant

Club	Rank	Score
SRRC	1	602.75
ANARC	2	475.5
UWABC	3	429.5
WARC	4	370.5
FRC	5	232
PRC	6	202
MURC	7	187.25
CUBC	8	183.5
CLBC	9	177
BRC	10	165



## SCHOOL ROWING

### Public Schools Association (PSA)

#### 2016 Head of the River - 1st VIII

School	Time	Rank
Trinity College	6:09.2	1
Christ Church Grammar School	6:11.1	2
Guildford Grammar School	6:15.2	3
Hale School	6:19.8	4
Aquinas College	6:20.9	5
Scotch College	6:22.1	6
Wesley College	6:30.2	7



#### 2016 Hamer Cup Winner - Cumulative Points

	TRINITY	GGG	CCGC	HALE	SCOTCH	AQUINAS	WESLEY
1st VIII	42	38	40	36	32	34	30
2nd VIII	30	38	32	36	34	28	26
3rd VIII	32	28	34	30	26	24	DNF
4th VIII	28	30	24	26	22	20	DNF
<b>Senior total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>56</b>
10A VIII	34	30	28	32	26	24	22
10B VIII	28	26	24	16	22	20	18
10 Quad	14	13	11	10	12	9	DNF
<b>Year 10 total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>40</b>
9A Quad	16	14	10	12	11	15	13
9B Quad	14	8	9	11	12	13	10
9C Quad	12	10	7	8	9	11	6
9D Quad	7	10	4	5	9	8	6
9E Quad	8	7	4	3	6	5	2
<b>Year 9 total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>Position</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

### Independent Girls' Schools' Sports Association (IGSSA)

#### 2016 Schoolgirls Premier Trophy

School	Reg 1	Reg 2	Reg 3	Reg 4	HOR	Total	Rank
Presbyterian Ladies College	379	n/a	352	366	378	<b>1475</b>	<b>1</b>
Perth College	284	n/a	294	309	265	<b>1152</b>	<b>2</b>
Methodist Ladies College	264	n/a	248	246	249	<b>977</b>	<b>2</b>
St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls	161	n/a	180	158	176	<b>675</b>	<b>4</b>
Penrhos College	148	n/a	151	159	159	<b>617</b>	<b>5</b>
John XXIII College	36	n/a	36	24	36	<b>132</b>	<b>6</b>

## 2016 All Schools Championship

Every school that competed at the All Schools State Championship accrued points from each event entered.

The Overall Champion of the event series was Shenton College



## All Schools Championship Points Table

Shenton College	195	Grace Christian School	12
All Saints' College	154	Applecross Senior High School	9.5
John XXIII College	117	Willetton Senior High School	8.8
Wesley College	88	Mercedes College	8.5
Great Southern Grammar School	86	Santa Maria College	8
John Wollaston Anglican School	52	Iona Presentation College	7.25
Trinity College	49.125	Kelmscott Senior High School	6
C.B.C. Fremantle	49	Southern River College	5.5
Corpus Christi College	46.5	Methodist Ladies College	5
Kennedy Baptist College	41.625	John Curtin Senior High School	4.5
Perth Modern School	25.125	Melville Senior High School	4.25
La Salle College	22.5	Atwell College	4
Hale School	21.25	Guildford Grammar School	3.5
St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls	17.25	Perth College	3

# AWARDS

## 2016 CHAMPION CLUB OF THE YEAR

The highly successful Champion Club of the Year Award was instituted in 1996 by RWA in an effort to increase participation and improve regatta presentation.

Criteria for the award include:

- The number of new people introduced into the sport;
- Club growth;
- Participation in regattas; and
- The organization and conduct of pennant regattas.

This award has been sponsored by Rowgear for many years, and as a local supplier it's great to see them continuing to support our clubs with a \$1000 voucher which can be used for the purchase of any goods or service from Rowgear.

**In 2016 the winner, for the fourth year in a row, was the University of Western Australia Boat Club**

### Previous recipients of the award include:

1996	Fremantle Rowing Club
1997	Swan River Rowing Club
1998	University of Western Australia Boat Club
1999	Fremantle Rowing Club
2000	Fremantle Rowing Club
2001	ANA Rowing Club
2002	University of Western Australia Boat Club
2003	University of Western Australia Boat Club
2004	ANA Rowing Club
2005	ANA Rowing Club
2006	Bunbury Rowing Club
2007	West Australian Rowing Club
2008	ANA Rowing Club
2009	Fremantle Rowing Club
2010	Swan River Rowing Club
2011	Fremantle Rowing Club
2012	Fremantle Rowing Club
2013	University of Western Australia Boat Club
2014	University of Western Australia Boat Club
2015	University of Western Australia Boat Club

## Scores for 2016 Club of the Year

Club	New Novice	Novice Score	Retention Rate %	Retention Score	Participation Rate	Participation Score	Regatta Score	Total
UWABC	109	10	47%	5.1	22.30%	10	5	30.10
CUBC	78	7.16	55%	5.98	14.36%	6.44	9	28.57
SRRC	53	4.86	69%	7.57	17.06%	7.65	8	28.08
FRC	30	2.75	57%	6.19	12.67%	5.68	10	24.62
ANA	38	3.49	48%	5.24	11.51%	5.16	10	23.89
WARC	53	4.86	48%	5.28	10.21%	4.58	8.5	23.22
MURC	17	1.56	72%	7.84	3.55%	1.59	10	20.99
CLBC	20	1.83	59%	6.48	4.34%	1.95	10	20.26
PRC	10	0.92	92%	10	2.05%	0.92	7	18.84
BRC	11	1.01	47%	5.11	1.95%	0.87	10	16.99



UWA President Adam Fielding accepting the overall Champion Club Pennant from RWA President David Rose

## 2016 OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

This new award for 2016 is designed to recognise those that specifically contribute their time and energy into being a Boat Race Official. The Official of the Year is an individual who has attained a level of excellence in the field of technical officiating and whose performance has been outstanding.

The nominee's achievements over the past year must have been of a standard of excellence to warrant their receipt of this award.

Criteria for the award include:

- Level of officiating and/or participating at club, regional, state, national and international events;
- Demonstrate encouragement and support of fellow technical officials;
- Contribution to the sport of Rowing;
- Shall be a registered member of RWA.



**In 2016 the Official of the Year was Paul Tetley from Swan River Rowing Club**

## 2016 COACH OF THE YEAR

Criteria for the award include:

- An eligible coach who in the opinion of the Selection Committee has the most outstanding performance demonstrated by the success of his/her crews and his/her contribution to rowing coaching in Western Australia generally.

**In 2016 the Coach of the Year was Antonio Maurogiovanni from Swan River Rowing Club**



## 2016 CLUB COACH OF THE YEAR

Criteria for the award include:

- An eligible club coach who in the opinion of the Selection Committee has the most outstanding performance demonstrated by the success of his/her crews and his/her contribution to club rowing coaching in Western Australia.

**In 2016 the Club Coach of the Year was Catriona Walker from West Australian Rowing Club**



## 2016 CLUB VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Club Volunteer of the Year Award was instigated in 2014. It recognises the outstanding efforts of an individual who, in the period from the day following State Championships the year prior to the end of this year's State Championships, has contributed significantly to the benefit of a Rowing Club in Western Australia.

Criteria for the award include:

- Generosity of time, resources and energy
- Making a difference to the rowing community
- Making the needs of others a priority
- Going 'above and beyond'
- Fun and enjoyment



**In 2016 the Club Volunteer of the Year was Colin Armstrong from Fremantle Rowing Club**

## 2016 RWA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The RWA Volunteer of the Year Award was instigated in 2014. The WA rowing community would not be able to function without the widespread enthusiasm and efforts of its volunteers. This award recognises the outstanding efforts of an individual who contributes to the sport of Rowing in Western Australia.

Criteria for the award include:

- Generosity of time, resources and energy
- Making a difference to the rowing community
- Making the needs of others a priority
- Going 'above and beyond'
- Fun and enjoyment



**In 2016 the RWA Volunteer of the Year was Pierre Pougault**

## 2016 AGE OARSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

A new award for 2016, this award has been designed to recognise the success of our elite U23 and younger rowers. Historically these athletes have only been able to be recognised through the open Oarsman/Oarswoman of the Year awards.

The nominee's achievements for the period from the day following State Championships the year prior to the end of this year's State Championships must have been of a standard of excellence to warrant their receipt of this award.

Criteria for the award include:

- Outstanding achievement(s) in performances at an international, national state or club level, Nominees must compete have competed at U23 level or below;
- Shall be a registered member of RWA.

**In 2016 the Age Oarswoman of the Year was Bronwyn Cox from the UWA Boat Club**



## 2016 AGE OARSMAN OF THE YEAR

With the same selection criteria as the women, this is another new award for 2016 designed to recognise the success of our elite U23 and younger rowers.

Criteria for the award include:

- Outstanding achievement(s) in performances at an international, national state or club level, Nominees must compete have competed at U23 level or below;
- Shall be a registered member of RWA.

**In 2016 the Age Oarsman of the Year was Jack Cleary**



## 2016 PARA OARSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Another new award for 2016, the Para Rowing Awards are a further example of the diversity and depth within our sport. The nominee's achievements for the period from the day following State Championships the year prior to the end of this year's State Championships must have been of a standard of excellence to warrant their receipt of this award.

### Selection Criteria:

The following criteria will apply for athletes to be considered for the WA Para Oarsman & Oarswomen of the Year Award:

- Outstanding achievement(s) in performances at an international, national, state or club level at any age level
- Shall be a registered member of RWA



**In 2016 the Para Oarswoman of the Year was Davinia Lefroy from the West Australian Rowing Club**

## 2016 PARA OARSMAN OF THE YEAR

Again, with the same selection criteria as the women, this award is another outstanding example of the diversity and depth within our sport. The nominee's achievements for the period from the day following State Championships the year prior to the end of this year's State Championships must have been of a standard of excellence to warrant their receipt of this award.

### Selection Criteria:

The following criteria will apply for athletes to be considered for the WA Para Oarsman & Oarswomen of the Year Award:

- Outstanding achievement(s) in performances at an international, national, state or club level at any age level
- Shall be a registered member of RWA



**In 2016 the Para Oarsman of the Year was Brock Ingram from the West Australian Rowing Club**

## 2016 OARSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

Criteria for the award include:

- An eligible athlete who in the opinion of the Selection Committee has the most outstanding racing performance demonstrated at International or National or State level.
- In separating two athletes of equal standing under Criteria 1, the Selection Committee shall then have regard first, to the eligible athletes' contributions as a club administrator or coach and secondly his/her contribution to the sport generally.

**In 2016 the Oarswoman of the Year was Alexandra Hagan from Swan River Rowing Club**



## 2016 OARSMAN OF THE YEAR

Criteria for the award include:

- An eligible athlete who in the opinion of the Selection Committee has the most outstanding racing performance demonstrated at International or National or State level.
- In separating two athletes of equal standing under Criteria 1, the Selection Committee shall then have regard first, to the eligible athletes' contributions as a club administrator or coach and secondly his/her contribution to the sport generally.

**In 2016 the Oarsman of the Year was Rhys Grant from West Australian Rowing Club**



# HIGH PERFORMANCE

## SUMMARY OF 2016

The theme of 2016 for high performance in Western Australia was evolution and collaboration which saw unprecedented input from a broad spectrum of stakeholders at all levels of the RWA family. At times the process has been painstaking, requiring a large amount of patience, understanding and cooperation from all involved. However as the developing structures, strengthened partnerships and emerging opportunities come to fruition the benefit of a thorough foundation process will become apparent.

Rowing Australia's high performance review, which began in the second half of 2015 with a view to implement the 2017-2020 strategy prior to the 2016 Olympics, had a major impact on the structure and strategic planning for high performance in the state throughout the year. In early 2016, recognising the different challenges and nature of the training environments in each state, Rowing Australia sought for each member state to present a bespoke model, unique to each environment, aimed at maximising the development and delivery of the talent pathways within the state. In a key strategic move Rowing Australia announced that post the 2016 Rio Olympics current HP resources would be consolidated into two centralized high performance centres for Senior A athletes, with all other locations primary roles being focused on the delivery of pathway programs. Along with the presentation of the bespoke programs, states were asked to bid for the Women's centre with the Men's program located in Canberra at the Reinhold Batschi Training centre. In late 2016 Penrith was named as the location for the Women's training centre, supported by Hancock Prospecting.

The creation of the High Performance 2020 Working Group sought to include all key

stakeholders in the development of Western Australia's bespoke model. The working group included representation from clubs, past and current High Performance athletes, DSR, WAIS and RWA. Under tight timeframes the group submitted the proposal to Rowing Australia which presented a united direction for High Performance in WA. This significant step in HP planning will guide the systems and processes for delivery of talent to the national training centres and support for a fertile environment for nurturing the talent pipeline. This ambitious strategy will promote not only locally identified talent but importantly be a key factor in the successful preparation of underage national crews hosted in Western Australia. Following significant review processes with Rowing Australia 2016 ended with confirmation of funding and approval of the key strategies, including the confirmation of the continuing support of WAIS through the inclusion of rowing as a WAIS pathway program. 2017 will see the roll out and implementation of the Western Australia's bespoke plan and continuation of the collaboration and cooperation of the High Performance working group.



David Watts in bow seat. Courtesy: Rowing Australia

In an Olympic and Paralympic year the selection and preparation of these crews was the undivided national focus at the High Performance level. Western Australian athletes featured throughout the selection processes with a number of athletes, particularly in the lightweight categories, narrowly missing selection. Following the "regatta of

death", the last chance qualification regatta at Lucerne in May, two Western Australian's were selected, David Watts in the Men's Double and Rhys Grant who snatched the final qualification place for the Men's single scull. Josh Hicks was named as the sweep reserve while Alexandra Hagan was a key member of the Women's Eights who received a last minute qualification following the disqualification of the Russian Women's Eight. Rhett Ayliffe coached the Men's and Women's Double Scull as well as Rhys Grant in the Men's Single. Leon Vogels travelled with the team in the important role of Team Physiotherapist. Brock Ingram and Davinia Lefroy were part of the Australian LTA mixed Coxed Four that qualified for the 2016 Paralympics in Rio by winning gold at the selection regatta held in Gavirate, Italy in April. At the Paralympics in Rio, they led the B Final from start to finish, ranking them 7th overall in the world. Crews prepared in Canberra and Europe prior to travelling to Rio to compete in August.



Davinia Lefroy in stroke seat and Brock Ingram in 3-seat.  
Photo Courtesy: Australian Paralympic Committee

Following on from the successful hosting of crews in 2015, the Western Australian rowing community welcomed a further two Under 23 crews in 2016 hosting both the heavy and lightweight Men's Under 23 crews. Of particular note was the Men's Under 23 Heavyweight Quad based in Perth with local coach Antonio Maurogiovanni but with all members hailing from other states. This crew went on to claim the gold medal in this event at the combined Senior A, Under 23 and Junior World Championships. Perth water was also an instrumental part of the preparation for the Under 21 team with 4 members of the team of 16 local athletes. These athletes assisted Australia in returning the Rusty Robinson trophy to Australia in this underage Trans-Tasman competition. No Western

Australian athletes or staff were successful in gaining selection on the Australian Junior team, the first time in many years. While current selection criteria have seen only crews who demonstrate medal winning ability gaining selection it does highlight the need for continued emphasis on the development of junior talent and the successful transfer of talent from school programs to the high performance arena.

The collaboration and cooperation of all stakeholders that contribute to High Performance Rowing in Western Australia will continue to be the fundamental driver for positive growth and increased opportunities for athletes, coaches, clubs and key partners alike. The new Olympiad sees rowing in Western Australia moving forward with the intent to inspire and deliver athletes to the Olympic stage in Tokyo 2020.

## RWA PATHWAY PROGRAM

The RWA Pathway Program continued through the October 2016 with funding received by three clubs being Swan River Rowing Club, Fremantle Rowing Club and West Australian Rowing Club. During this period funded coaches at both Fremantle Rowing Club and West Australian Rowing Club achieved NCAS Level 3 coaching status.

As part of Rowing Australia's 2020 strategy the RWA Pathway Program, which financially supported clubs by matching dollar for dollar coach funding, will be replaced with a program which endeavours to allow all clubs to measure themselves, their coaches and their athletes against the national FTEM model and apply for funding to target key areas of need. This should result in a more direct return on investment along with a greater number of opportunities for talented athletes and the coaches and club environments which support their development, all of which in turn feeds the talent pipeline. The program seeks to support and reward clubs who invest in high performance whilst acknowledging

that talented athletes may be present in any one of the 12 active member clubs.

In order to become a key feeder of talented athletes and performance coaches to the National Training Centres and Senior National Teams, the partnerships between RWA and its member clubs are paramount. These in conjunction with technical leadership from WAIS and national direction from the Rowing Australia should inform the direction of High Performance in the state over the next Olympiad.

## RWA PATHWAY ACTIVITY

Following the success and positive feedback of the Pathway VIII program in 2015, a more structured approach to the selection and activities was developed in early 2016. This saw top athletes from each of the PSA schools receive invitations to trial for this crew. Following the precedent set by WA in 2015 in sending two men's crews to the national Pathway VIII competition this model was adopted by all states. Trinity College, as winners of the 2016 Head of the River accepted the invitation to race as a full crew and along with a composite crew these two crews competed at the Pathway VIII events as part of the Junior Selection regatta held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre in April 2016.



In a key development and with the assistance of WAIS, all athletes were given the opportunity to complete further physiological testing and a number of athletes received opportunities to be part of a strength and conditioning program over the winter. This opportunity was also offered to the top female rowers. This led to a higher level of transfer of athletes from school rowing programs to club rowing programs.

Late in 2016 and in partnership with IGSSA, a selection process was developed towards fielding a Women's Pathway VIII. With over 20 female school rowers nominating the initial indicators point to the process being successful.

With the State Talent Pathway Coordinator position vacated in early 2016 the key responsibilities for this position were split between the RWA employed Development Coach and a new Pathways Coordinator position. The Pathway Coordinator provided a 0.4 FTE resource towards developing TID and school relationships.

With the implementation of the Rowing Australia bespoke plan in late 2016 a new position was created which in turn made the positions of Development Coach and Pathway Coordinator redundant. The new position focus is primarily on TID and pathway strategies with scope to support the WAIS High Performance coach. The WAIS-employed position will be advertised in early January 2017.

High Performance and Pathway activities continue to benefit from increased support in the RWA office through the Project Officer, Development Manager and CEO as well as through the support of the Board.

## 2015-16 WAIS PROGRAM

### Scholarship Holders

Mitchell Boros
Bronwyn Cox
Rhys Grant
Alex Hagan
Christopher Hayes
Brock Ingram
Bree Kennedy-Smith
James Kerr
Davinia Lefroy
Annabelle McIntyre
Sam Marsh

Maia Simmonds
Hannah Vermeersch
Georgia Wheeler
Perry Ward
David Watts

### Training Agreement Athletes

Janelle Austin
Patrick Boere
Matt Cochran
Cameron Fowler
David Latham

## STATE REPRESENTATION

### 2016 State Team

The following rowers were selected to represent Western Australia in the prestigious Interstate Regatta held as part of 2016 Sydney International Rowing Regatta:

Event	Rower/Coach
Presidents Cup (M1X)	Rhys Grant
Neil Slater Trophy (W1X)	Coach: Rhett Ayliffe
LTA1X	Brock Ingram Coach: Catriona Walker
Penrith Cup (LM4)	Timothy Widdicombe Perry Ward James Kerr Cameron Fowler Reserve: Mattias Johansson Coach: Antonio Maurogiovanni Co-Coach: Paul Bolton
Victoria Cup (LW4X)	Maia Simmonds Janelle Austin Thea Adamson Alexandra Preston Reserve: Maria Othzen Coach: Jamie Hewlett Co-Coach: Aidan Smith

Event	Rower/Coach
Noel Wilkinson Cup (YM8+)	Samuel Marsh Patrick Boere Gavin Pensini Fraser Pensini David Latham Willis Armstrong Luke Salerno Ruan Greyling Cox: Darwin Friend Reserves: Joseph Fatin & Solomon McLeod-Holliday Coach: Joseph Tamigi Co-Coach: James Bracey
Bicentennial Cup (YW8+)	Bree Kennedy Smith Bronwyn Cox Georgia Wheeler Annabelle McIntyre Samantha Brenz-Verca India Warren-Hicks Eliza Kelly Molly Booker Cox: Genevieve Vinciguerra Reserves: Tanami Ashby-Deering & Hannah Wilding Coach: Chris Holliday

Kings Cup (M8+)	Rhys Grant David Watts Matthew Cochran Cameron Brewer Joshua Hicks Christopher Hayes Timothy Widdicombe Perry Ward Cox: Maximillian Montanari Reserves: Mattias Johansson & Nick Wakeford Coach: Rhett Ayliffe Co-Coach: Lachlan Chapman	Queens Cup (W8+)	Alexandra Hagan Holly Child Caitlin Taylor Jessica Donnelly Kate Farley Alexis Whelan Amanda Rukuwai-Donnelly Maia Simmonds Cox: Lauren Warschauer Reserve: Janelle Austin Coach: Jack Fischer
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The RWA State Team with RWA Patron Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AO.

## 2016 Masters State Team

The following rowers were selected to represent Western Australia in the Interstate Regatta held as part of the 2016 Australian Masters Rowing Championships:

Event	Rower/Coach
ISWD8+	Susan March Mary Cameron Sue Crews Jennifer Parker Sarah Knight Debbie Arnold Kathy Ride Ronnie Cooper Cox: Katherine Duncan Reserves: Cathy Kennedy and Jenni Longman Coaches: Chris Hayes Vanessa Grant Tim Widdicombe

Event	Rower/Coach
ISMD8+	Jeff McDonald Phil Cockman Chris Hall Nigel Lucas Dean Neal Colin Armstrong Lyll Fowle Daniel Real Cox: Teresa McGuire Reserve: Peter Panizza Coaches: Deb Mason Jess Bosio
ISWD4X-	Kimberley Robbins Sharon Jones Lorelle Klumpp Carmel Llyod Coaches: Plaxy Piercey Glenys Hough Nancy Churchill



State Womens Masters 8+. Photo courtesy: Stephen McKechnie



State Mens Masters 8+. Photo courtesy: Stephen McKechnie

# DEVELOPMENT

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## SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

During 2016 the Australian Sports Commission through Rowing Australia rolled out the Riggers Pilot Program as part of the Sporting Schools Program. This program aims to engage more youth in rowing, particularly from non-traditional rowing schools.



Rowing Australia has supported RWA and Rowing QLD to conduct pilots from Term 4 2016 to Term 2 2017. RWA have been working with RowGear to deliver the 6 week program each term to the students from Applecross Senior High School and Como Secondary School.

As part of the pilot program La Trobe University has partnered with the Australian Sports Commission to conduct participant research into with a pre and post survey to identify their feelings towards sport and more specifically rowing. These findings will guide how we develop the Sporting Schools “Riggers” Program moving forward.

RWA has also been working with rowing clubs to strengthen their relationships with non-traditional rowing schools and engage new schools in rowing programs. RWA have identified 50 schools within a 10 km radius of current clubs. We are working with these identified schools to develop beneficial relationships for both the school and our clubs.

RWA are pleased to see the IGSSA and PSA rowing programs growing in numbers again. RWA have a strong relationship with PSA and IGSSA

associations and affiliated schools which is continually evolving to offer rowing to more school students. A special thank you goes to Ralph Wood (PSA) and Louise Carson (IGSSA) for their time and devotion to the school rowing programs.

## ALL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

The fourth year of the All Schools (AS) regatta program saw a significant increase in the number of participants and spectators. This was driven by increased club support of the program, a revised regatta calendar and additional RWA resourcing toward school engagement.

A productive review meeting was held at the conclusion of the 2016 season to determine ways to improve the program in future. The proposed changes will be incorporated into the 2017 season.

RWA is directing significant resources toward developing the AS program over the next few years to become a stand-alone regatta series with additional events. School rowing is a significant growth opportunity for the sport and early entry into the sport has substantial impact on the entire athlete development pathway, both from a participatory and high performance perspective.

## WHOLE OF SPORT OPEN DAY

After a successful inaugural Open Day in November 2016 which saw over 800 non-rowers exposed to rowing-related activities (including 300 taking part in the ergo challenge), much of 2016 was spent planning for the event’s second year. All clubs again agreed to have their facilities open to the community to show the public that rowing is a sport for all. DSR provided financial support for the 2015 event and Healthway were confirmed as the Naming Rights partner for the 2016 Open Day.

The timing of this event has been established to align with the commencement of some club 'learn to row' programs in November/December, with many Open Day attendees signing up for a course.



**ROWING WA**

**Come and try an Olympic sport!**  
 Sunday, 13 November | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

- Every Rowing Club in WA will have its shed open
- A range of activities and giveaways for all ages
- Test yourself on a rowing machine and win some prizes
- Chat with current athletes and coaches

For more information visit:  
[www.rowingwa.asn.au](http://www.rowingwa.asn.au)

**SUNSMART ROWING**

**OPEN DAY**

Sunday, 13 November 2016  
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thank you to our partners:  
 SunSmart healthway

Albany Rowing Club	Curtin University Boat Club	Perth Rowing Club
ANA Rowing Club	Fremantle Rowing Club	Swan River Rowing Club
Bunbury Rowing Club	Margaret River Rowing Club	University of Western Australia Boat Club
Champion Lakes Boating Club	Murdoch University Rowing Club	West Australian Rowing Club

Media coverage in the lead up to and during the event was reasonable with newspaper, radio and some television coverage achieved. Social and online media provided a significant contribution to the success of the Open Day.

RWA plans to continue an annual Open Day in the future and feedback from clubs will ensure continual improvement of timing, planning and logistics of future events.

## PARA ROWING



Photo courtesy: Paralympic.org

RWA were very pleased to have two of our very own athletes, Davinia Lefroy (pictured centre) and Brock Ingram (pictured left), firstly qualified in the LTAMix4+ for Rio and then went on to win the B Final at the Rio Paralympics. Congratulations to Davinia and Brock.

All clubs continue to be encouraged to support para rowing where possible. RWA continues to offer its adaptive rowing fleet for activities that promote para rowing.

RWA has also worked with Curtin University Boat Club throughout the year to coordinate para rowing 'come and try' and 'learn to row' events. Several events have been organised and supported by several academic departments, however unfortunately there has not been the interest for these events to run.

RWA would like to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of Catriona Walker to drive the growth and development of para rowing throughout 2016. As well as coaching Brock and Davinia, Catriona is a strong advocate and resource for the grassroots development of para rowing in WA.

## COACH AND ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

RWA continued to run Level 1 and 2 coaching courses during 2016. RWA ran four coaching courses in 2016:

- Level I x 2 = 26 Participants
- Level II x 2 – 18 Participants

RWA continues to work hard to increase the completion rate of the post-course work to ensure more coaches gain their qualifications to offer safe and enjoyable rowing opportunities to club and school members. To support the completion of Level 2 attendees we ran our first Level 2 workshop to work through the workbook with a qualified Level 3 Coach in Verity Keogh (RWA HP Director).

In July 2016, RA launched the online Level 1 coaching course so that aspiring coaches can complete the course in their own time. RWA have had another 13 participants complete the online course in the six months that it has been available. The review of the Level 2 course material and delivery is ongoing with the aim of being completed by the end of 2017.

The Hour of Power coach and athlete development sessions were run regularly throughout 2016 covering a wide range of topics. Some sessions had significantly higher attendances than other sessions. Topics and presenters are continually being sort to provide a valuable resource to coaches and athletes.

## OFFICIALS

In 2016 RWA continued to support the development and recognition of our devoted Boat Race Officials. After an extensive promotional campaign, 13 new officials were trained, 9 of which became accredited officials throughout the year with one Level 1 course being held. This year we will run both Level 1 and Level 2 umpiring courses.



Photo courtesy: Dean Neal

We are in the process of finalising our Volunteer Management Plan. Over the last year a range of initiatives were implemented including seeing all BRO recognised at the State Championships medal ceremony with a Rowing WA gift bag.

RWA wishes to thank all of the Boat Race Officials for their dedication and tireless efforts. Without them, regattas would not be possible, let alone delivered to such a high standard.

## MASTERS ROWING

In 2016 RWA held the first inaugural Masters Forum to provide an open floor for masters rowers to provide feedback on all things masters rowing. It was a very well received session providing rowers a great opportunity to have their voices heard. This forum will have an ongoing presence on the RWA calendar.

The Masters regatta calendar was revised in 2016 and was aligned with the All-Schools Regatta. This was a change from the previously all-inclusive 2-day regattas of 2015. The 1-day format was well received and provided for greater racing opportunities for Masters and All Schools rowers. Masters rowers were also able to compete in pennant regattas if they wished, providing additional racing opportunities for those inclined.

RWA also appointed its first Masters focussed director on the Board to recognise the strong influence and distinctive needs of the masters demographic.

# MARKETING

## KEY OBJECTIVES

The key objective this year has been the promotion of rowing to the wider West Australian community. Rowing has long been seen by the general public as 'elitist' and reserved for the private schools. 2015-16 saw the implementation of a range of programs to break down this misconception.

A range of programs were developed to support this objective, commencing in early November 2015 with the inaugural Rowing Open Day. This event saw every club rowing shed in WA opened to the public on the same day, with activities and giveaways to attract the local community.

Building upon this success a 'Festival of Rowing' was planned around the 2016 Open Day including a para 'learn to row' program, rowing displays in the Murray St Mall, the inaugural EQ regatta, the oxford-Cambridge regatta and the PSA Guildford Grammar School regatta.



**BE OARSOME**  
**2015 ROWING OPEN DAY**

Come and experience all that Rowing has to offer on  
**Sunday, 8th November**  
from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

- Every Rowing Club in WA will have its shed open
- A range of activities and giveaways for all ages
- Test yourself on a rowing ergo and win some prizes
- Chat with current athletes and coaches
- Enjoy a delicious BBQ and support the local club

Come and see whether rowing could be the sport for you!!

**LOCATIONS**

Albany Rowing Club 267 Newmans Road, Kalgan	ANA Rowing Club Hinds Reserve (Off Milne Street) Baywater	Bunbury Rowing Club Goldbeech Drive, Bunbury	Champion Lakes Boating Club Champion Lakes Regatta Centre, Kalamondie
Curtin University Boat Club On Elderfield Road and Fairview Garden, Salford Road	Fremantle Rowing Club 75 Riverside Road, East Fremantle	Greenough River Rowing Club Greenough River Road, Cape Bonython (Greenough)	Murdoch University Rowing Club 4 The Esplanade, Mf Pleasant
Perth Rowing Club 4 The Esplanade, Mf Pleasant	Swan River Rowing Club 2 The Esplanade, Mf Pleasant	University of Western Australia Boat Club Hackett Drive, (Off UWA carpark 23, Crawley)	West Australian Rowing Club 171 Riverside Drive, Perth (next to Barrack Street Jetty)

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## PROFILE

In recognising that rowing needs to remain relevant to its consumers in an evolving sporting landscape, to compete with other sporting and non-sporting pursuits that may entice our traditional and non-traditional potential rowers, RWA set about developing a strategy to utilise EQ to establish a higher public profile. Rowing was one of only three sports profiled at the opening of the quay, which saw more than 50,000 people visit the site over the opening weekend.



Grand Opening of Elizabeth Quay

Following the profile gained from the quay opening, RWA pursued others opportunities and successfully coordinated the IGSSA Head of the River preview in EQ, working with IGSSA and the West Australian newspaper to gain significant media exposure for the event. This was the first time rowing boats raced side

by side in the quay. Next, RWA worked with Curtin University, Curtin University Boat Club, UWA and UWA Boat Club to see the start of the VCs Cup held in EQ. Although this event was scaled back due to financial constraints it set a precedent for years to come. RWA now have a plan to hold up to 6 regattas a year in EQ, with a night regatta planned for February 2017. The first regatta will be held on November 12, 2016 during the day and will see club, school and potentially corporate crews compete side by side in the first regatta to be held in EQ.



IGSSA Head of the River Preview in EQ

## SIGNATURE EVENTS

RWA has been working with an event company to bring a unique international event to Perth in the coming years. Initial plans had aimed to see the event commence in 2017 however this has been rescheduled to 2018. The event concept has already received significant government and corporate support.

RWA continues to raise the profile of the Perth to Fremantle race across Australia with all state rowing associations being contacted about the event in 2016. Crews that competed in other major head races held around the country will be contacted directly about entering the 2017 Perth to Fremantle event.

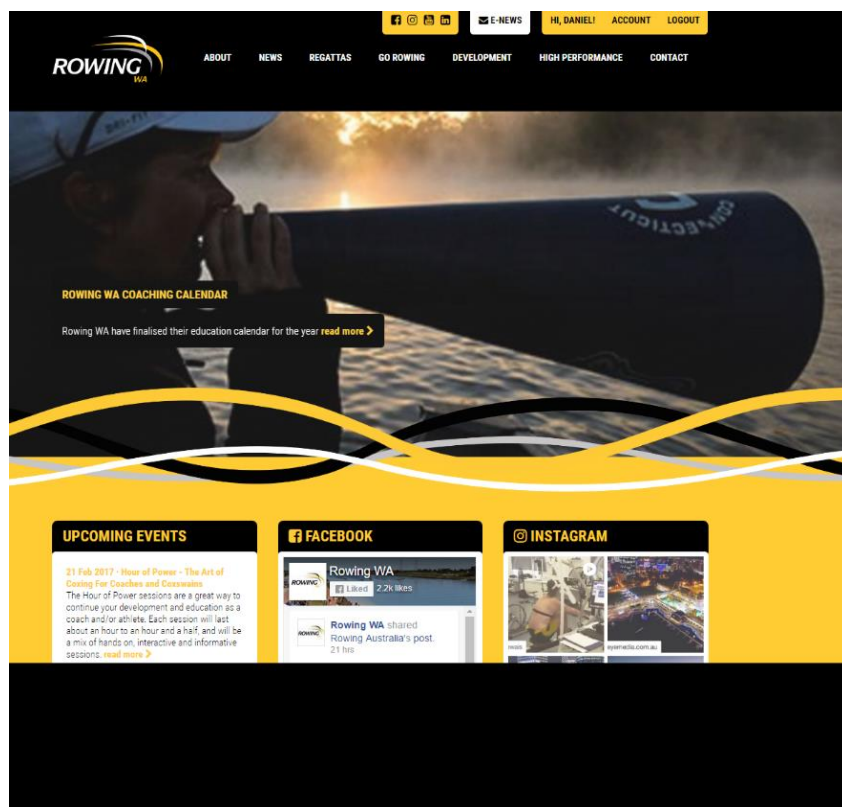
## MARKETING SUPPORT

During 2015-16, the RWA Board opted to disband the Marketing Committee and replace it with a number of special purpose project-focussed committees such as the Elizabeth Quay Strategy Working Group. This and other special purpose working groups will be established on an as-needed basis moving forward.

## PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Extensive research and consultation was conducted to develop the new branding elements that now adorn all RWA media and marketing outputs. The design was chosen due to its 'modern water' theme. This strongly aligned with the changing culture within the sport that is seeing a modern twist on the traditions of a strong rowing culture in WA.

RWA has also invested in several marketing items such as media backdrops and pull-up banners that showcase the new branding elements. These elements are also strongly utilised on the RWA website currently being developed and due for release in early 2017.



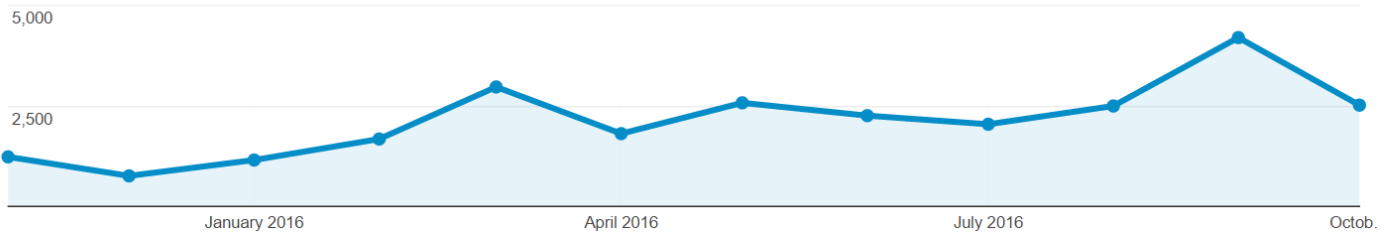
Lachlan Chapman receiving an award in front of the new media backdrop

## WEBSITE STATISTICS

Period: 1 November 2015 – 31 October 2016

The RWA website statistics outlined below are heavily under-represented as the management of regatta entries is completed in another website called Rowing Manager. Statistical data for this site is not available.

● Sessions



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Users

11,603

Pageviews

59,974

Pages / Session

2.33

Avg. Session Duration

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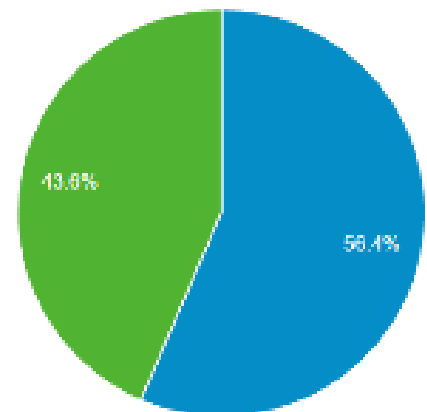
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% New Sessions

43.55%

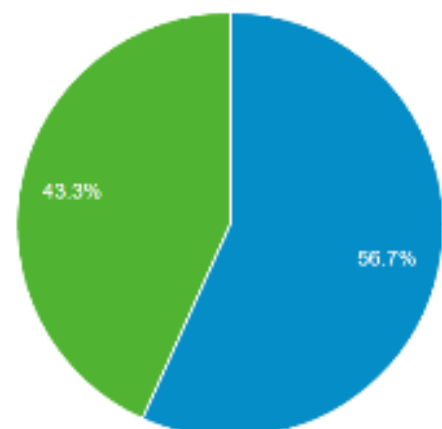
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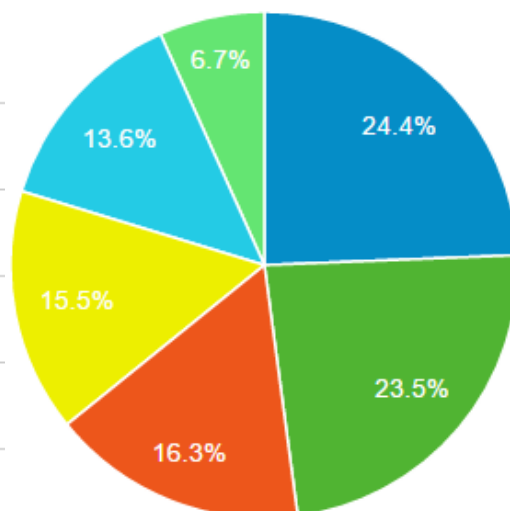
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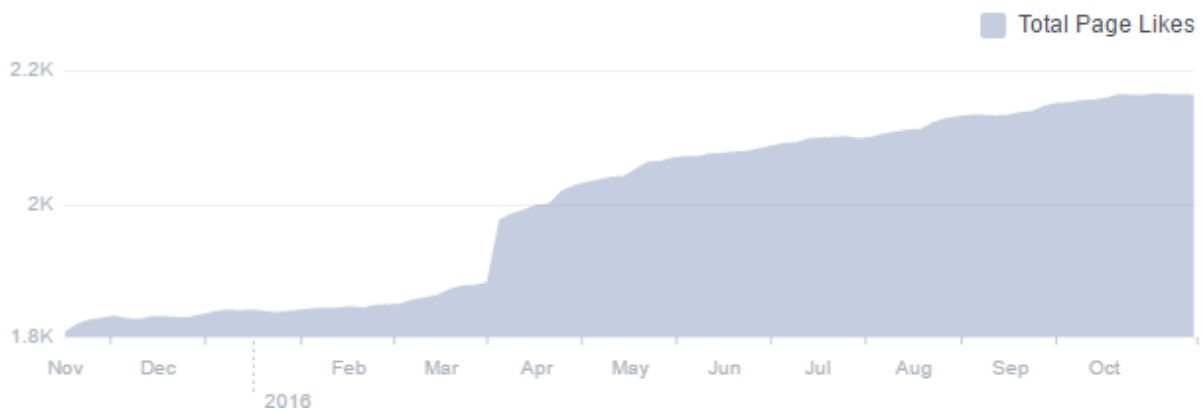
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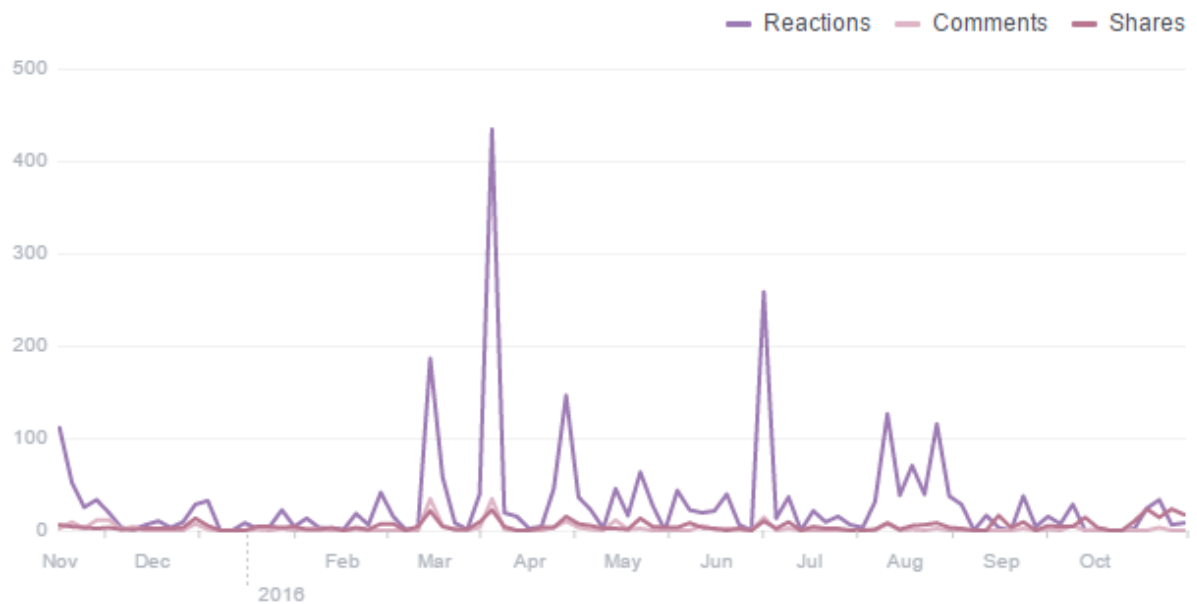


## FACEBOOK STATISTICS



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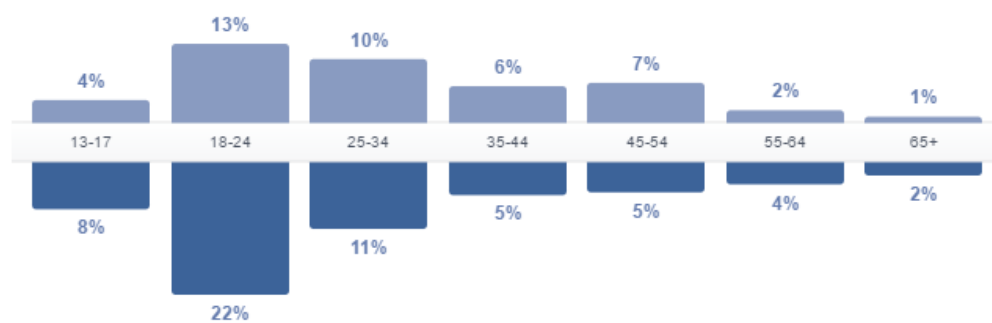
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#### Women

43%  
Your Fans

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Your Fans



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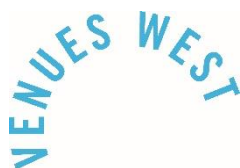
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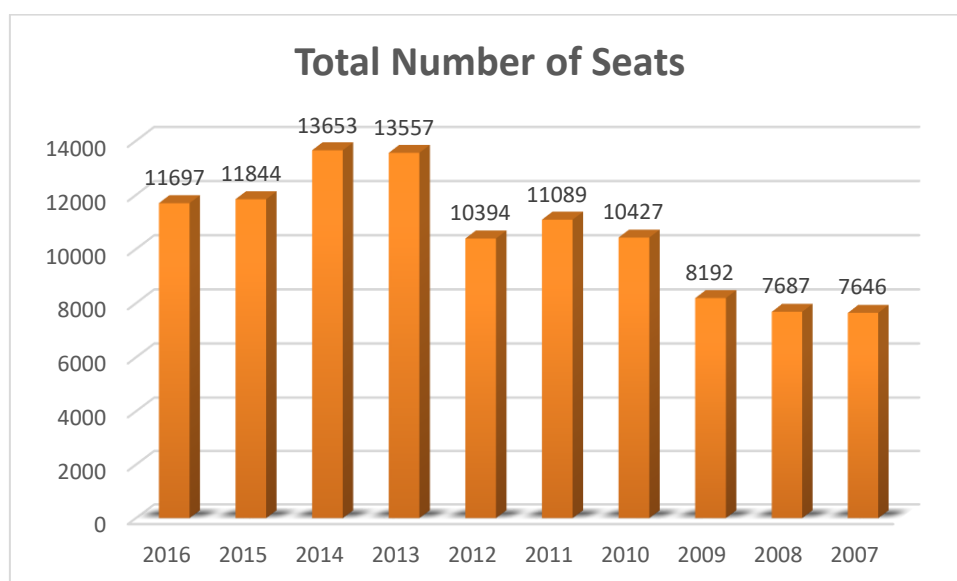
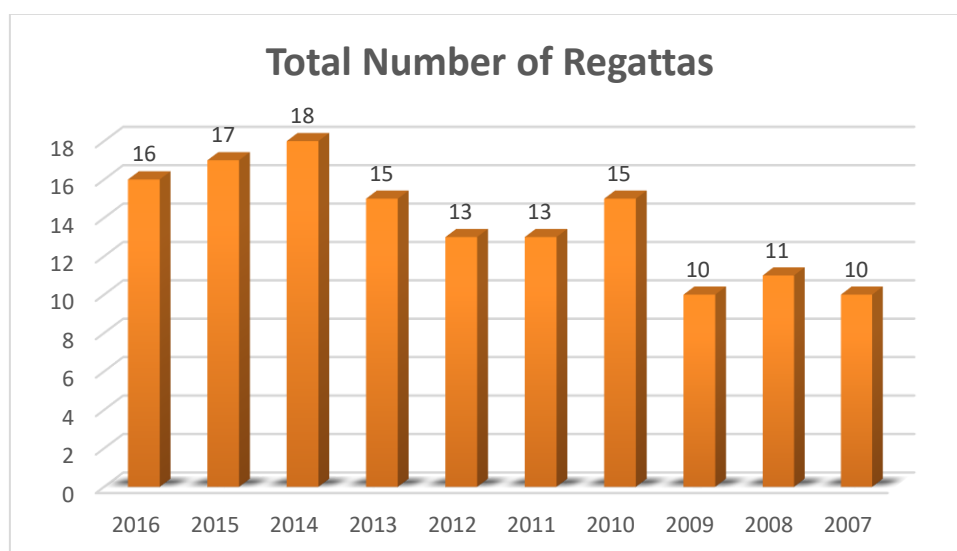
# REGATTAS

## OVERALL REGATTA PARTICIPATION

Several factors have contributed to a decline in total seats in 2016 from previous years:

- 2016 saw one less day of racing scheduled than in 2015 and two less than 2014
- a regatta was abandoned before lunchtime due to inclement weather
- one club not participating in four regattas due to club renovation works.

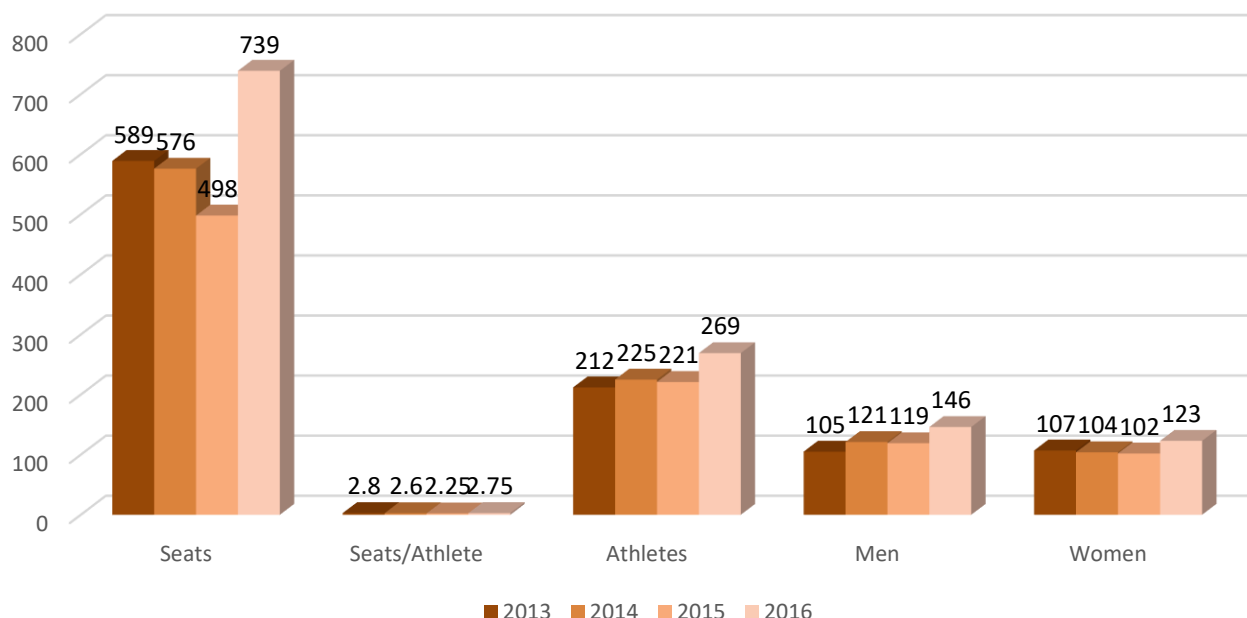
Despite the above factors, other statistics show a 4.5% increase in the average number of entries per regatta and a 5% increase in average seats per regatta from 2015 to 2016. An 'entry' is defined as a boat entering an event. A 'seat' is defined as a seat within a boat (including coswains).



## 2016 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA PARTICIPATION

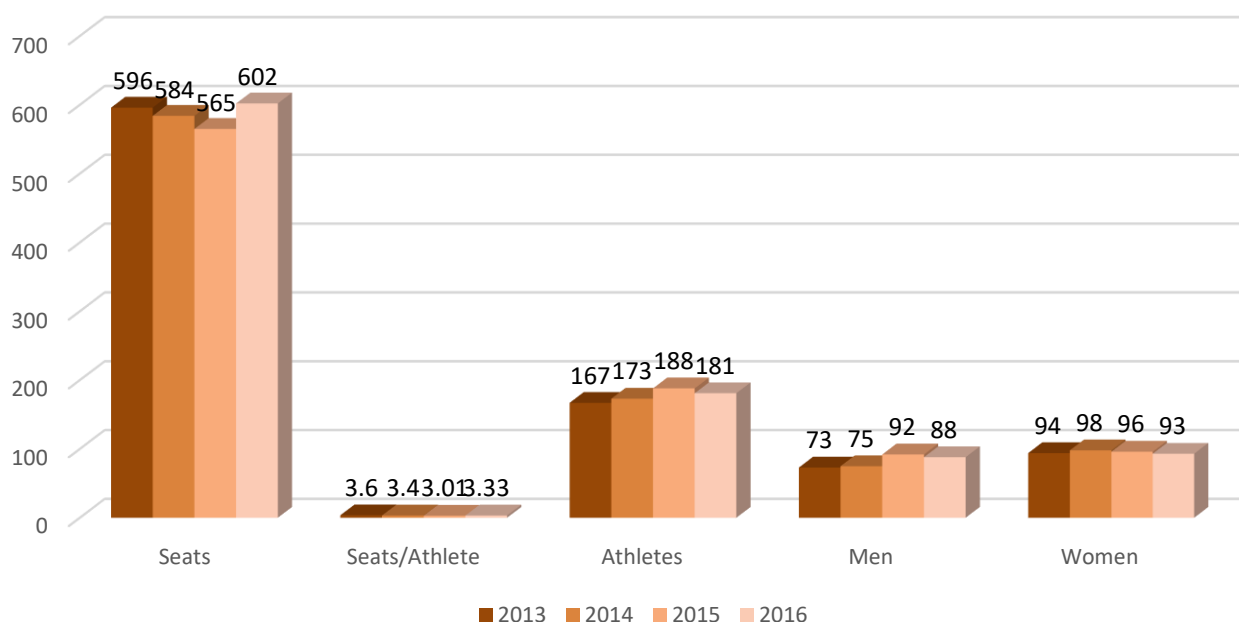
### All Schools State Championships

The All-Schools Championships saw significant growth this year as demonstrated by the 48% increase in total seats and 22% increase in competing athletes. These increases are attributed to the improved regatta scheduling for this event, greater program support from clubs as well as an increased schools focus from RWA staff.



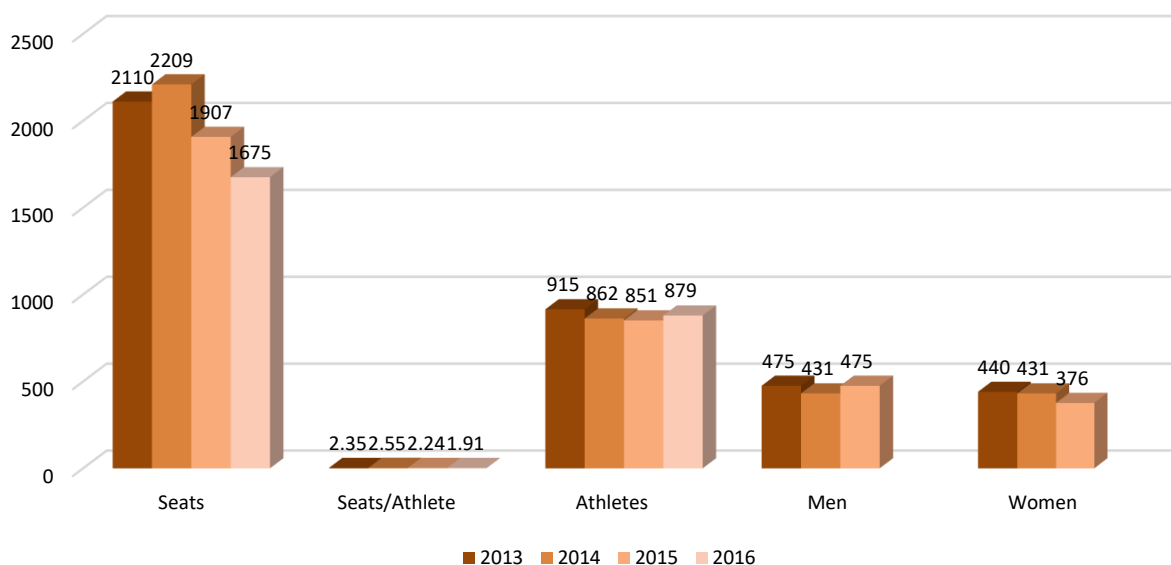
### Masters State Championships

The revised Masters State Championships program also saw a growth in total seats to its highest level in the past 4 years even though the number of athletes did not increase equivalently. This demonstrates that the revised program is allowing masters rowers to compete in more events during their State Championships.



## State Championships

State Championships saw a reduction in 2016 in overall seats and seats per athlete for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. However the number of athletes increase. There is a lack of evidence to support this decline. This could be due to the increased number of club rowers, hence there are less events for each rower to contest.



## 2016 PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS

During 2016 a number of event management initiatives were implemented to improve the overall delivery of RWA regattas:

- A significant umpires recruitment process was undertaken to increase the number of available Boat Race Officials to support regatta operations. Although it will take some time to upskill these new officials, in time this increased workforce will ensure all regatta roles are filled and allow for more regattas to be held without burning out the existing base of officials
- Negotiations commenced with PSA and IGSSA regarding the use of the Rowing Manager regatta management software. This would see all three rowing competitions utilising the same system for the first time ever, providing for ease of transition of rowers from school to club rowing and the ability to track their rowing results prior to competing in Pennant regattas.
- RWA held functions at both the PSA and IGSSA Head of the River regattas. This not only promoted the pathway for school rowers to continue rowing but it also added to the

atmosphere of both events. At the IGSSA event, RWA hosted a function for the old girls

- New regatta medals were implemented for all RWA regattas, providing fully engraved event specific information to all medal recipients. These medals were very well received and a significant improvement from the generic club logo-embossed glassware of the previous few years.
- State Championships received greater focus to try and promote the pinnacle event of the season

In 2017 RWA will continue to implement strategies to enhance the regatta experience for host clubs, boat race officials, participants and spectators. The most notable strategy will be the employment of an event-specific resource who will oversee the development of event policies, procedures and other resources. The role will also work with existing staff to implement new event strategies to improve the enjoyment for existing rowers and attract new rowers to the sport.

## REGATTA MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

RWA adopted and implemented Rowing Manager as our regatta entry platform in 2016. This replaced the existing Rowing Online Management System (ROMS) system that was being used for regatta entries. Rowing Manager is part of the same software package as RP7, the regatta management and results system, and hence provides seamless integration with regatta results. Rowing Manager has received very positive feedback to date from all clubs.

RWA also adopted and implemented the Revolutionise Sport membership database in early 2016 that synchronises membership information into Rowing Manager. This software package also has a full suite of club management tools which has already been discussed.

RWA managed all head races utilising RP7 in 2016 after trialling the system at selected races in previous years. The only issues faced were due to user error and the system will be utilised for all non-Champion Lakes events moving forward, including the Bunbury regatta in 2017. Following a few teething issues the system was extremely successful and provided results to officials in real-time rather than having to wait for manual timing sheets to be collated and checked.

The refinement of pennant regattas continued with race results posted on the web within three minutes of the conclusion of races in most cases.

## 2016 SEASON REVIEW

The Regatta Committee oversaw the pennant season review and met in October and November to finalise the race program and calendar of events for the 2017 Pennant Regatta season. These discussions were underpinned by the 2016 regatta season survey which was circulated to clubs, rowers, boat race officials and other rowing stakeholders and received nearly 300 responses. The

recommendations outlined below were supported by the Regatta Committee to enhance the rowing experience and create additional participation opportunities in regattas:

- removal of freshman event categories in All-Schools events, following a trial in 2016
- further recognition of para rowing by their inclusion in the Champion Club Pennant score
- inclusion of an Elizabeth Quay Sprint Championship during the 2017 season
- continuation of the use of medals for presentations beyond the 2016 trial
- event programming changes to remove grade and boat class clashes and allow for more racing for masters and D and E grade rowers
- continuation of the conduct of medal presentations during the day following a trial in 2016
- A Grade to be re-named 'Open' at State Championships to allow for a true 'best of the best' event.

2016 feedback confirmed that presentations were a very important part of the regatta and that a more significant level of importance should be placed on their conduct.

RWA will attempt to implement the HP Summer Series over the 2016/17 summer as it did in 2015/16 however without support from the clubs with rowers attending Nationals this regatta series may not run.

## REGATTA COMMITTEE

RWA would like to thank all the members of the Regatta Committee, composed of the Club Captains, for their contributions over the last year. RWA would also like to thank Laurie Anderson, Regatta Secretary, who put countless hours into the planning and management of regattas during the season to ensure they ran smoothly. Laurie continues to drive the development and innovation of regatta management.

## FACILITIES

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RWA's facilities encompass three precincts: Champion Lakes Regatta Centre (CLRC), Canning Bridge Rowing Centre (CBRC) and Bayswater Rowing Centre.

### CHAMPION LAKES REGATTA CENTRE

At the end of 2016, only one half bay remains vacant at the Champion Lakes RWA facility. This was previously utilised by RWA to house its development fleet which have now been sold off or given to developing club and school programs. This additional space will be leased out in early 2017 which will see all available bays leased out. Additional recent interest will see demand outstrip supply for the first time as well.



Significant investments were made by VenuesWest to upgrade the regatta centre including:

- water management systems to ensure more consistent access to the facility and improved water quality for school and pennant rowing regattas that are conducted all-year round.
- Continued ongoing replacement of lane buoys
- New water fountains, a bus drop-off area and repair of the illuminated 500m interval towers
- A mobile start line operations caravan to house the timing and communication systems.

This increased investment into the facility signifies the strong relationship between RWA and VenuesWest. RWA continue to liaise with

VenuesWest on future capital improvement projects for the site

### CANNING BRIDGE ROWING CENTRE

To improve the security and out of hours access to the precinct the following upgrades were commissioned during 2016:

- Electronic keypad door lock for the RWA function room
- Electronic keypad door lock for the ground floor amenities
- Electronic keypad door lock and remote entry for the RWA office door
- New RWA office and function room directional signage

The Centre is in its last year of a seven year maintenance program to ensure the building is retained in a safe and usable state into the future. In early 2017 the Facilities Committee will conduct a review of the current maintenance program and liaise with other potential maintenance providers before entering into any further agreements.



Discussions commenced with a third party about the establishment of a café in the current function room at RWA's Canning Bridge facility. The RWA Board accepted a staged approach to this project which commenced with the establishment of a coffee cart to test the passing morning foot traffic. Stages 2-4 will be implemented in 2017, pending the successful review of each subsequent stage.

The potential café offers several advantages to RWA:

- Secure income stream
- Increased precinct vibrancy
- New membership potential

Investigations continued regarding a solution to the subsiding timber river wall adjacent to the RWA facility. Expert marine engineers were engaged to come up with some options to replace the current timber wall with a low-cost low-maintenance solution that is safe for all river users. In 2017, a proposal will be developed for the co-investment and maintenance of a new river wall.

## **BAYSWATER ROWING CENTRE**

There were no major issues or improvements during 2015/16. From an operational perspective the facility is 100% managed by ANA Rowing Club, which continues to ensure it is well-maintained.

## **FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Facilities sub-committee composed Richard Lipscombe (Chair), Peter Beekink, Catriona Walker, Gavin Giles, Glyn Heath, Simon Cubitt and Daniel Tackenberg (RWA CEO). Ian Winfield retired from the committee during the year. RWA thanks all committee members for their time and energy in ensuring all facilities remain a valuable and useful asset to the Association and its members.

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the major and minor capital works as well as coordinating the maintenance program for all RWA facilities. The Committee wish to thank Brett Woolfitt OAM for his continued support in managing the day to day maintenance issues at Canning Bridge and Champion Lakes. They also wish to acknowledge Pierre Pougault for his support in maintaining the RWA facilities at Champion Lakes and taking a lead role in the servicing of RWA regatta vessels and motors.

# OFFICE HOLDERS

## Presidents

1910-12 Cox C B	1967-71 Jeffreys J E
1913-30 Lapsley J M	1971-72 Hemery R C
1931-45 Shaw F E	1972-83 Durston B H
1946-51 Jeffreys R S	1983-90 Cooper W S
1952-56 Child J A	1990-94 Fischer J
1956-60 Howson J F	1994-97 Scott M W
1960-61 Rosser A G	1997-2015 James C H
1961-65 Howson J F	2015- Rose D
1965-67 Hemery R C	

## Hon Treasurers

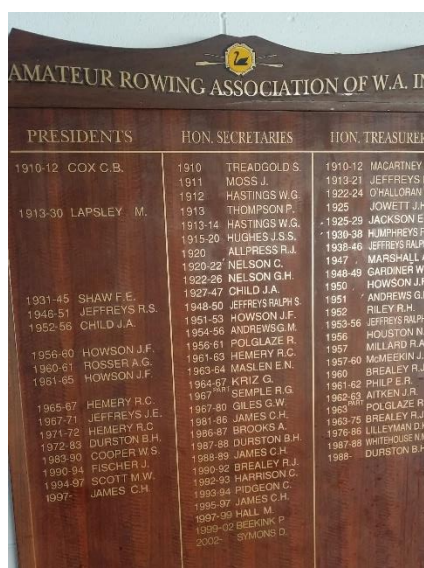
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1913-21 Jeffreys R S	1957 Millard R A
1922-24 O'Halloran F L	1957-60 McMeakin J A
1925 Jowett J H	1960 Brealey R J
1925-29 Jackson E F	1961-62 Philp E R
1930-38 Humphreys F W	1962-63 Aitken J R
1938-46 Jeffreys R S	1963 Polglaze R
1947 Marshall A	1963-75 Brealey R J
1948-49 Gardiner W D	1976-86 Lilleyman D K
1950 Howson J F	1987-88 Whitehouse N M
1951 Andrews G M	1988-2006 Durston B H
1952 Riley R H	2007-2016 Heath G
1953-56 Jeffreys R S	2016- Cubitt S

## Hon Secretaries

1910 Treadgold S	1967 Semple R G
1911 Moss J	1967-80 Giles G W
1912 Hastings W G	1981-86 James C H
1913 Thompson P	1986-87 Brooks A
1913-14 Hastings W G	1987-88 Durston B H
1915-20 Hughes J S S	1988-89 James C H
1920 Allpress R J	1990-92 Brealey R J
1920-22 Nelson C	1992-93 Harrison C
1922-26 Nelson G H	1993-94 Pidgeon C
1927-47 Child J A	1995-97 James C
1948-50 Jeffreys R S	1997-98 Hall M
1951-53 Howson J F	1998-09 Beekink P
1954-56 Andrews G M	2003-04 Symonds D
1956-61 Polglaze R	2004-05 Shahinger J
1961-63 Hemery R C	2005 Clairs I
1963-64 Maslen E N	2006-08 Outhwaite B
1964-67 Kriz G	2008-10 Walker C

## Life Members

1922 Lapsley J M	1971 Gard R T
1925 Shaw F E	1975 Jeffreys J E
1926 Jeffreys R S	1978 Durston B H
1933 Miller M	1980 Pannell W J
1936 Ryan P J	1980 Palfreyman S
1947 Child J A	1983 Cooper W S
1949 Mettam G W	1983 Burbidge W R
1956 Jackson E F	1986 Lilleyman D K
1956 Jeffreys R S	1987 Hemery R C
1957 Lang J W	1996 Stacey C I
1960 Howson J F	1997 Brealey R J
1963 Carrick K H	2001 James C H
1966 Grant K D	2001 Xouris G
1969 Edwards E K	2003 Woolfitt B
	2009 Bayliss L





Rowing Association of Western Australia (Inc.)

**2016**

# FINANCIAL REPORT



**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC**

**Trading as RWA**

(Association Not For Profit)

ABN 56 497 807 382

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 OCTOBER 2016**

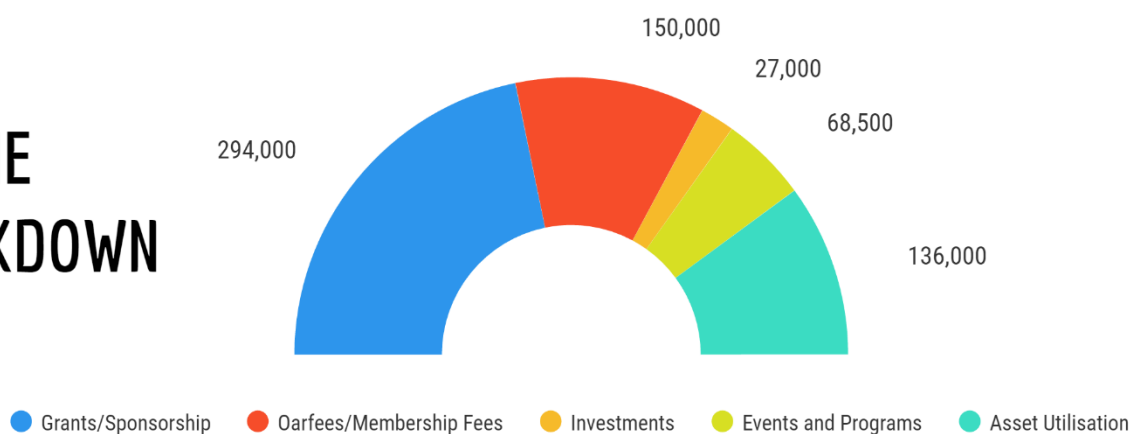
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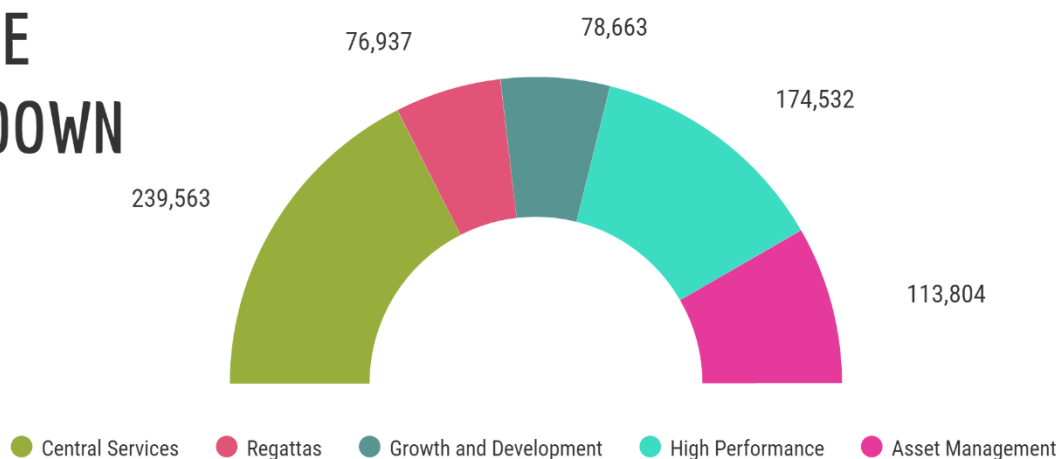
# 2016 IN REVIEW



## INCOME BREAKDOWN



## EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2016</b> \$	<b>2015</b> \$
<b>INCOME BY ACTIVITY</b>			
Sport administration		116,829	50,209
Rowing regatta management		137,737	122,529
Support of rowing athletes		5,170	5,951
Participation in rowing		23,217	39,938
High performance – state teams and pathway development		72,133	41,572
Asset management		136,344	143,666
Government funding support		188,955	180,000
Investment income		23,664	26,105
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>704,049</u>	<u>609,970</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITY</b>			
Sport administration		(321,563)	(201,328)
Rowing regatta management		(76,937)	(81,241)
Support of rowing athletes		(20,827)	(4,450)
Participation in rowing		(29,663)	(31,580)
High performance – state teams and pathway development		(117,532)	(91,836)
Asset management		(113,804)	(120,425)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>(680,326)</u>	<u>(530,860)</u>
<b>Surplus for the year attributable to the members of Rowing Association of Western Australia (Inc.)</b>		23,723	79,110
Retained surplus at the beginning of the year		<u>2,812,982</u>	<u>2,733,872</u>
<b>Retained surplus at the end of the year</b>		<u>2,836,705</u>	<u>2,812,982</u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements*

**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)**  
**ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2016</b> <b>\$</b>	<b>2015</b> <b>\$</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash on hand	2	220,674	27,365
Investments	3	1,195,735	1,257,551
Accounts receivable		67,813	67,653
Other current assets	4	104,372	21,711
Loans receivable from member clubs	5	23,244	31,536
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>1,611,838</u>	<u>1,405,816</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	6	1,527,712	1,564,555
Loans receivable from member clubs	5	18,303	29,776
Investments	7	4,950	4,950
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<u>1,550,965</u>	<u>1,599,281</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>3,162,803</u>	<u>3,005,097</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable and other payables	8	149,677	56,832
Employee provisions	9	13,676	5,283
Grants received in advance	10	162,745	130,000
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>326,098</u>	<u>192,115</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>2,836,705</u>	<u>2,812,982</u>
<b>Members' funds</b>			
Retained surplus	11	<u>2,836,705</u>	<u>2,812,982</u>
<b>Total members' funds</b>		<u>2,836,705</u>	<u>2,812,982</u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements*

**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016**

**Note 1. Summary of significant accounting policies**

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the association's constitution and the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA) and associated regulations. The directors have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members of Rowing Association of Western Australia (Inc.) and that the association is not a reporting entity.

These financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where otherwise stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

**Revenue and other income**

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the incorporated association and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

*Membership, affiliation and regatta oar fees*

Membership, affiliation and regatta oar fees are recognised when received or receivable in the period to which they relate.

*Interest and dividend revenue*

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established

*Grants*

Grants are recognised at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attached conditions will be complied with. Grants providing financial support are recognised as income over the period necessary to match them with related cost for which they are intended to compensate on a systematic basis. Grants relating to the acquisition of assets are recognised as deferred income and recognised as income on a systematic basis over the useful life of the assets

*Other revenue*

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax

**Income tax**

As RWA is a sporting institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Act *Income Tax Assessment 1997*, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

**Cash on hand and on deposit**

Cash on hand and on deposit includes cash on hand and deposits held at call with financial institutions.

**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016**

**Note 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**Accounts receivable and other debtors**

Accounts receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment. Receivables are expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

**Property, plant and equipment**

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Leasehold improvements	25 years
Plant and equipment	3-7 years
Office equipment	3-5 years

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the incorporated association. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

**Impairment of assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the board reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment is carried out on the asset by comparing its recoverable amount, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

**Accounts payable and other payables**

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the incorporated association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

**Employee provisions**

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016**

**Note 1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**Fund accounting**

On occasions RWA may receive resources restricted for particular purposes. To facilitate observance of these limitations, the financial statements list separately those funds which are restricted or designated and those funds which are unrestricted.

Restricted funds are those funds presently available for use, but expendable only for operating purposes specified by RWA's constitution, a donor or by statute. When the Board specifies a purpose for the expenditure of funds, where none has been stated by the original donor, such funds are classified as designated funds.

Unrestricted funds are those funds presently available for use by the Foundation at the discretion of the Board.

Fund accounting has been adopted by RWA for the first time in the year ended 31 October 2016 and where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to facilitate comparison.

**Goods and Services Tax ('GST')**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

**New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted**

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by RWA for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2016. RWA has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations

**Note 2. Cash on hand**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cash at bank	<u>220,674</u>	<u>27,365</u>

**Note 3. Current asset - investments**

Cash at bank and on deposit at financial institution - unrestricted	537,451	627,067
Cash at bank and on deposit at financial institution - restricted	381,499	373,084
Cash at bank and on deposit at financial institution - designated	<u>276,785</u>	<u>257,400</u>
	<u>1,195,735</u>	<u>1,257,551</u>

The restricted funds represent funds provided for in RWA's constitution, that are governed by Trustees appointed under it, which are constitutionally restricted for expenditure on Western Australian representative athletes in national and state competitions

The designated funds represent funds that have been designated by the Board, to provide loans the member clubs affiliated with RWA, to facilitate rowing equipment purchases and facility upgrades

**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)**  
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**Note 4. Current assets - other**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Accrued revenue	2,789	1,956
Prepayments	18,663	19,755
Deposits on acquisition of rowing shells	82,920	-
	<u>104,372</u>	<u>21,711</u>

**Note 5. Current and non-current assets – loans receivable from member clubs**

**Loans receivable from member clubs**

Current	23,244	31,536
Non-current	18,303	29,776
	<u>41,547</u>	<u>61,312</u>

The loans to member clubs are unsecured

**Note 6. Non-current assets - property, plant and equipment**

Land and buildings at Canning Bridge - at cost	379,986	383,518
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(167,409)	(162,645)
	<u>212,577</u>	<u>220,873</u>
Leasehold improvements at Champion Lakes - at cost	1,370,965	1,373,002
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(148,024)	(118,095)
	<u>1,222,941</u>	<u>1,254,907</u>
Rowing plant and equipment - at cost	148,832	267,001
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(79,792)	(184,718)
	<u>69,040</u>	<u>82,283</u>
Office equipment - at cost	30,159	46,641
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(7,005)	(40,149)
	<u>23,154</u>	<u>6,492</u>
	<u>1,527,712</u>	<u>1,564,555</u>

*Canning Bridge land*

In 1963, RWA became the primary interest holder of the Canning Bridge land, pursuant to its transfer to RWA by the Government of Western Australia as a reserve, for the purposes of recreation.

*Champion Lakes*

The Champion Lakes premises were leased in 2011, from the Government of Western Australia for a period of 25 years (with a 25 year option period), with an annual peppercorn lease fee payable

**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016**

**Note 7. Non-current asset - investment**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Shares in listed company - at fair value	<u>4,950</u>	<u>4,950</u>

**Note 8. Current liabilities – accounts payable and other payables**

Accounts payable	62,566	24,111
GST payable/(receivable)	19,201	(1,234)
Other payables and accruals	67,910	33,955
	<u>149,677</u>	<u>56,832</u>

**Note 9. Current liabilities - employee provisions**

Employee provisions	<u>13,676</u>	<u>5,283</u>
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**Note 10. Current liabilities – grants received in advance**

Deferred government grant income	<u>162,745</u>	<u>130,000</u>
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**Note 11. Members' funds**

Restricted by constitution		
Interstate and international competition fund	381,499	373,084
Designated by board		
Equipment fund for member clubs	276,785	257,400
Unrestricted funds available for use at the board's discretion	<u>2,178,421</u>	<u>2,182,498</u>
Retained surplus at the end of the financial year	<u>2,836,705</u>	<u>2,812,982</u>

**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016**

**Note 12. Related party transactions**

a) Board of Directors

The members of the board of directors, who serve in a voluntary capacity and are not remunerated, in office during the whole or part of the year, were as follows:

- David Rose – Chairperson
- Craig James AO
- Simon Cubitt (elected 22 February 2016)
- Karen Clay
- Michael Hinsley
- Kerryn Briody (elected 22 February 2016)
- Richard Lipscombe (elected 22 February 2016)
- Verity Keogh (elected 22 February 2016)
- Paul Beeson (resigned 15 July 2016)
- Glyn Heath (resigned 22 February 2016)
- Catriona Gregg (resigned 22 February 2016)
- Sian Brown (resigned 15 December 2015)
- Catriona Walker (resigned 22 February 2016)

b) Transactions with RWA

There are no transactions, commercial or otherwise, between members of the board of directors and RWA, during the year.

**Note 13. Contingent liabilities**

RWA had no contingent liabilities as at 31 October 2016 and 31 October 2015.

**Note 14. Events after the reporting period**

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2016 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect RWA's operations, the results of those operations, or RWA's state of affairs in future financial years.'

**Note 15. Economic dependency**

RWA has an economic dependency on organisational funding provided to it, as a state sporting organisation for rowing in Western Australia, by the Department of Sport and Recreation of the Government of Western Australia (DSR). Funding for the triennial period to 30 June 2017, is \$180,000 per annum and is not linked to specific programs, however, RWA is required to comply with a number of key performance measures and has reporting obligations with respect to its administration and operating and development activities. At the date of this report, the board of directors believe RWA is in compliance with the terms and conditions of its funding from DSR and has no reason to believe it will not continue.

**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)**  
**DECLARATION BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016**

The board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Board declares that the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 9:

- gives a true and fair view of the association 's financial position as at 31 October 2016 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in note 1 to the financial statements; and
- at the date of this declaration, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



David Rose  
Chairman



Simon Cubitt  
Director

17 February 2017  
Perth

**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016**

**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.  
ABN 56 497 807 382  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC**

**Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Rowing Association of Western Australia Inc. (the association) which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 31 October 2016 and the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the declaration by members of the board.

**Board's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The board of Rowing Association of Western Australia Inc. is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA) and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the board determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Independence**

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

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**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.**  
**ABN 56 497 807 382**  
**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**  
**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC**

***Basis for Qualified Auditor's Opinion***

1. We have been unable to audit the opening balances as at 1 November 2015. Accordingly, we have not been in a position to satisfy ourselves in relation to the comparative financial information nor the opening retained surplus carried forward.
2. The Association receives income from fees from participants in the sport and from fund raising and related activities. Prior to the initial entry of such income in the accounting records, no accounting control can practicably be established over the completeness of accounting for all income received. Accordingly, our audit procedures with respect to income, including inter alia events and fund raising, were restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion as to the completeness of income recorded.

***Qualified Auditor's Opinion***

In our opinion, except for the effect, if any, of the matters described above, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Rowing Association of Western Australia Inc. as at 31 October 2016 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA).

***Other Matter***

The financial report of Rowing Association of Western Australia Inc. for the year ended 31 October 2015 was audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on that financial report on 3 February 2016.

***Basis of Accounting and restriction on Distribution***

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

**WPIAS Pty Ltd**

Authorised Audit Company No. 440306



**LEE-ANN DIPPENAAR BCom CA RCA**  
**DIRECTOR**

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016

**4 Helensvale Road**  
**HELENSVALE QLD 4212**

**ROWING ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)**  
**DETAILED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2016**

	2015-16 \$			2014-15 \$		
Activity	Revenue	Expenses	Net income/(loss)	Revenue	Expenses	Net income/(loss)
<b><u>SPORT ADMINISTRATION</u></b>						
Income						
Affiliation and Membership Fees	50,177			41,771		
Sponsorship	7,182			3,694		
Other Admin Income	59,470			4,745		
Expenses						
Affiliation and membership fees		9,477			9,169	
Salaries		251,873			139,795	
Functions		8,241			7,499	
Office Operations & Stakeholder Meetings		37,518			29,944	
Insurances (including Rower Personal Accident)		10,800			11,895	
FF&E Depreciation		3,655			3,026	
<b>SPORT ADMINISTRATION Sub-Total</b>	<b>116,829</b>	<b>321,563</b>	<b>(204,734)</b>	<b>50,209</b>	<b>201,328</b>	<b>(151,119)</b>
<b><u>REGATTA MANAGEMENT</u></b>						
Income						
Oar Fees and Fines	96,127			101,530		
Contractor Fees	23,350			20,900		
Other Income	18,260			99		
Expenses						
Venue Hire		16,132			18,445	
Logistics		33,572			25,844	
Regatta Equipment & Facilities		20,340			33,022	
Other Regatta Expenses		6,893			3,931	
<b>REGATTA MANAGEMENT Sub-Total</b>	<b>137,737</b>	<b>76,937</b>	<b>60,800</b>	<b>122,529</b>	<b>81,241</b>	<b>41,288</b>
<b><u>ATHLETE SUPPORT</u></b>						
Income						
RA Nationals Travel Subsidy	0			0		
Member Levies and Fundraising Support	5,170			5,951		
International Trust Fund	0			0		
Expenses						
Nationals Travel Subsidies		15,327			0	
Direct athlete donations		5,500			4,450	
<b>ATHLETE SUPPORT Sub-Total</b>	<b>5,170</b>	<b>20,827</b>	<b>(15,657)</b>	<b>5,951</b>	<b>4,450</b>	<b>1,501</b>

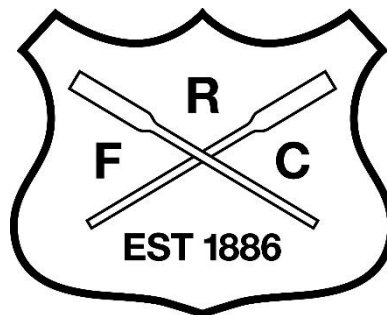
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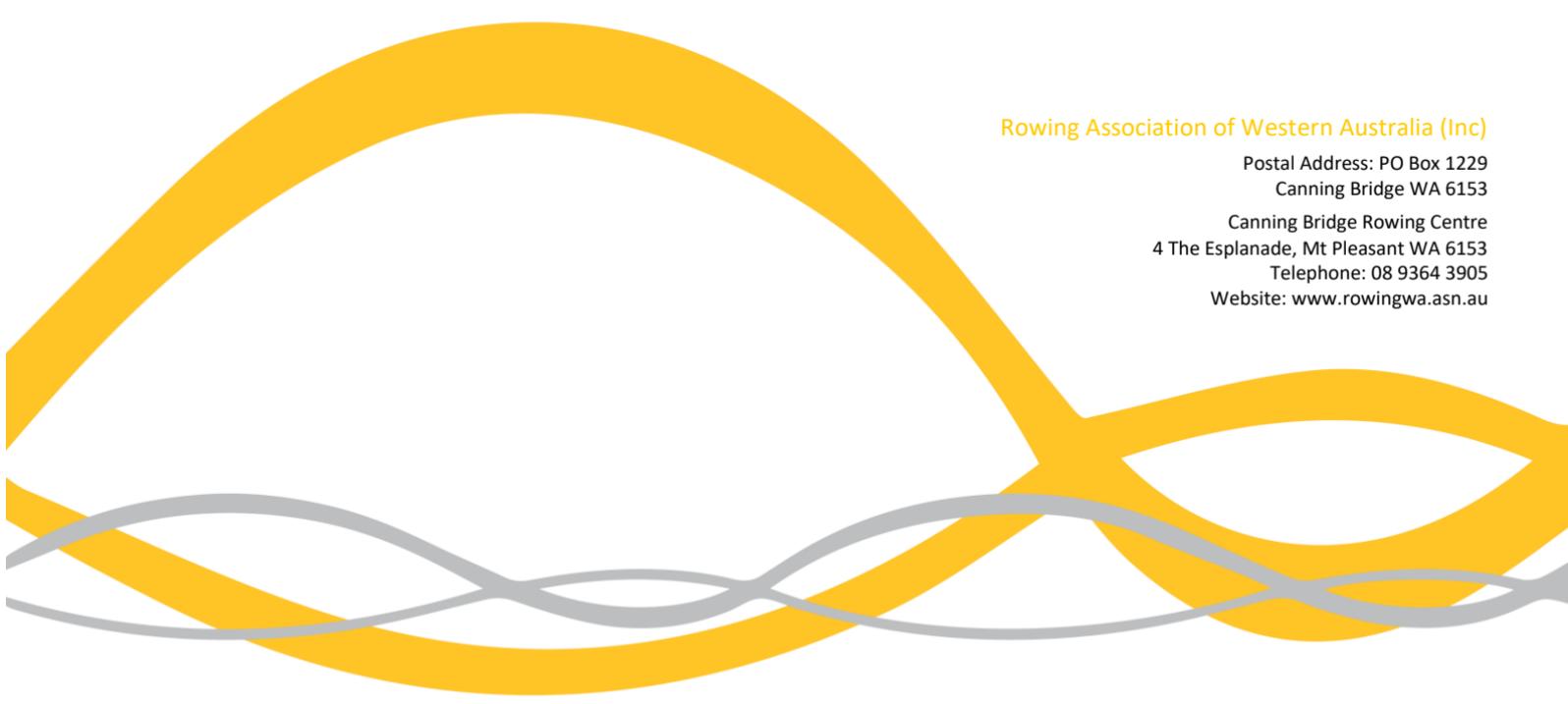
	2015-16 \$			2014-15 \$		
Activity	Revenue	Expense	Net income/(loss)	Revenue	Expenses	Net income/(loss)
<b><u>PARTICIPATION</u></b>						
Income						
Grants	10,000			5,000		
Coaching Courses	12,347			3,442		
Coach Development	870			31,496		
Other Development Income	0			0		
Expenses						
Growth Projects		8,433			6,558	
Club Development		9,891			504	
Coach Development		11,340			24,518	
<b>PARTICIPATION Sub-Total</b>	<b>23,217</b>	<b>29,663</b>	<b>(6,447)</b>	<b>39,938</b>	<b>31,580</b>	<b>8,359</b>
<b><u>HIGH PERFORMANCE</u></b>						
<b><i>State Teams</i></b>						
Income						
Interstate Fund (investment dividend)	4,231			0		
RA Nationals Travel Subsidy	20,300			19,500		
Masters Teams Contribution	2,599			2,072		
Expenses						
State Team Boats - allocation of purchase		8,025			16,110	
State Team Expenses		20,877			34,384	
Masters State Team		4,214			0	
<b><i>Pathway Development</i></b>						
Income						
RA Nationals Hosting Fee	20,000			20,000		
Pathway 8/Junior Trials	25,003			0		
Expenses						
Pathway Coach Support		61,000			37,794	
Pathway Athlete Support		23,417			3,548	
<b>HIGH PERFORMANCE Sub-Total</b>	<b>72,133</b>	<b>117,532</b>	<b>(45,399)</b>	<b>41,572</b>	<b>91,836</b>	<b>(50,264)</b>

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	2015-16 \$			2014-15 \$		
Activity	Revenue	Expense	Net income/(loss)	Revenue	Expenses	Net income/(loss)
<b><u>ASSET MANAGEMENT</u></b>						
<b><i>Canning Bridge</i></b>						
Income						
Hall Hire	45,135			65,728		
Lease of Bays	31,751			27,638		
Recoup of costs	19,661			19,075		
Expenses						
Maintenance, Cleaning and Outgoings		50,767			46,746	
Hall Hire Deposits + Expenses		328			19,887	
Insurance		11,279			9,544	
Depreciation Building		13,296			7,892	
<b><i>Bayswater Rowing Centre</i></b>						
Income	4,339			5,413		
Expenses		4,214			4,588	
<b><i>Champion Lakes</i></b>						
Income						
Lease of Bays	23,625			13,934		
Equipment Hire	1,918			9,022		
Recoup of costs	0			0		
Expenses						
Maintenance & Outgoings		33,919			31,768	
Depreciation						
<b><i>Boats/Dinghys/Equipment</i></b>						
Disposal of Assets	9,915			2,855		
<b>ASSET MANAGEMENT Sub-Total</b>	136,344	113,804	22,540	143,666	120,425	23,241
<b><u>INVESTMENT INCOME</u></b>						
General Account Interest	15,843			8,867		
Equipment Fund Interest	3,183			7,511		
International Fund	4,173			4,713		
Interstate Fund (inc above)	465			5,015		
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME Sub-Total</b>	23,664	0	23,664	26,106	0	26,106
<b><u>FUNDING SUPPORT - GRANTS</u></b>						
Department of Sport and Recreation	184,955			180,000		
Healthway	4,000			0		
<b>FUNDING SUPPORT Sub-Total</b>	188,955	0	188,955	180,000	0	180,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>704,049</b>	<b>680,327</b>		<b>609,971</b>	<b>530,863</b>	
<b>Surplus for the year attributable to members of Rowing Association of Western Australia (Inc.)</b>			<b>23,723</b>			<b>79,110</b>

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