



TAPPING IN APRIL 2018

Dear Fellow RRC Members,

I, Janet Lawrenson, have taken on the task of sending out our monthly newsletter. Hugh Orr, as the editor over the last 13 years, did an amazing job and I am approaching the task with a little trepidation. A heartfelt 'Thanks!' goes to you Hugh for keeping us all informed of club events, results, history, stories and even jokes over so many years. I only hope that I too can provide relevant information each month for all our members.

My vision for 'Tapping In' is one of a communications network not only for sharing tales of rowing prowess, personal stories and photographs and advising of forthcoming club events, but also a way of introducing newer members, meeting older members, providing boat repairing tips and including anecdotes, poems, quotes and even recipes! However, I cannot do it on my own and I would encourage all of you to contribute in any way you can. Let's make it a real avenue of social connection (rowing and otherwise). If you have any photos of rowing crews or of dinners/events at the club that were a great success or even your personal photos of trips you have made please send them to me for the newsletter or post them on the Riverside Facebook page.

On a sadder note, my first duty as editor is to remember our very much missed, past crew member, Zandra Smith. For those of you who were not able to make the funeral, please see Jane's Dawson's eulogy below where she conveyed for all of us the realisation the void that Zandra's passing has left in our lives.

Vale Zandra Smith



Photo courtesy of Hugh Orr, Riverside Rowing Club

Zandra Smith (70) passed away following an extended battle with cancer on March 3, 2018.

'Zandra was one of our most successful rowers and she was very fit and competitive- if there was a regatta going you could be sure Zandra would be in it! She competed in the Australian Masters Rowing Championships in Canberra, Sydney, Tasmania, Victoria and Queensland. Zandra was selected for the South Australian Ladies Masters State Crew which rowed in the Australian Masters in Penrith in 2007 with the E Grade crew winning a Bronze.. The highlight of competing for Zandra, was winning a Bronze Medal in the 2009 World Masters Games at Penrith in the F Grade coxless four. In the 2014 Australian Masters Rowing Championships in Adelaide, Zandra won a gold medal with Richard Clark and Hugh Orr and Jane Dawson in the H Grade mixed coxless quad sculls. Zandra was very excited to compete in rowing at the World Master Games in New Zealand in April last year and in May 2017, Zandra competed in 5 events and won a silver medal in the MMix8+at the Australian Masters Championships at Nagambie.



Above all, Zandra had a highly developed sense of fair play and was an exceptionally good sport. She was modest in the extreme. These qualities endeared her to all members of Riverside RC and the wider rowing community. Zandra served on the RRC Committee from 2004 for three years until 2007 and again as Secretary from 2011 until 2013. During this time, she was instrumental in establishing a Future Fund, helping to design the current club uniform and making a detailed inventory of the club trophies. Just a few weeks before she passed away, a double scull was named the ZANDRA SMITH in Zandra's honour at a ceremony at the Rowing Centre at West Lakes.

The importance of friendship would be top of the list of priorities for Zandra. She had the unique ability not only keep in touch, but to bring people together. Zandra's dedication and resilience saw her confront some very difficult and challenging times. During her last few weeks, when Zandra became very ill many of her Riverside friends had the privilege and pleasure of spending quality time and even staying overnight with her to ensure she was not left alone. Zandra knew that she could depend not only on her family but her friends to comfort and support her in her last few weeks with us. This dependability and trust is an integral aspect of rowing and is highlighted in a quote from Harry Parker a famous rower and coach of the Harvard Varsity Heavyweight Crew (1963 - 2013)

"What's unique about [rowing] is this utter dependence on one another - no one rower can make the boat go faster by herself; So [rowers] really do learn to trust one another and depend on one another in a pretty unique way."

We salute and admire Zandra for the positive way she influenced so many of our lives. We were so fortunate to have her as a member of Riverside! We all miss Zandra very much but she has left a wonderful legacy of memories to share and reflect upon'

MANNUM REGATTA (7th Apr)

This regatta, seeing in the last month of the season, provided Riverside with the coveted trophy in the Arnold Cup. Here is Ian McBryde's information on the race.:

Riverside Rowing Club won the Arnold Cup last weekend at the annual Mannum regatta. This is an event for Men's Coxed Fours and is for third grade. This race has been contested since 1911. Last year 2 Riverside rowers, Mark Johnston and Graham Hunt, won it in a composite crew - this year it was an all RRC crew.

The crew comprising Wayne Chadwick, Ian McBryde, Greg Walters, Ben Dunsheath and well coxed by Jaime Crossley, won by a tiny 0.27secs from a youthful Adelaide crew, also beating Port Adelaide and two Unley High Crews. Although the win was special for all the rowers it was extra special for Wayne Chadwick as his Dad won it around the mid-50's (before Wayne was born) and so to have his name on the same cup is pretty awesome. The crew and others from Riverside enjoyed the celebrations at the Chaddy Shack that night.



Jaimie Crossley (cox), Doug Raymond (coach), Ian McBryde, Ben Dunsheath, Greg Walters and Wayne Chadwick

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UPCOMING APRIL/MAY REGATTAS

| April | | | | | | |
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| 14/4/2018 | Sat | Masters & Grade Regatta | Rowing SA | W Lakes | Club, Masters | RRC has 30 rowers in 14 different events through to 8s and 4 different coxes used for the 8s and coxed 4s. The RRC men are well represented with 4 x M2-, 4 x M1x and 5 x M2 |
| 14/4/2018 | Sat | 2018 Captain's Challenge | Rowing SA | W Lakes | Special Event | This allows rowers to only row once and ascending points are given to each rower for their place in the race e.g. 1 point for 3 rd , 2 for 2 nd and 3 for 1 st if only 3 boats in the race. The newly formed Selection Committee had a busy time covering all bases and trying to give everyone a go in the Challenge |
| 20/4/2018 | Fri | Rowing SA Night Sprints | Rowing SA | Torrens Lake | Club, Masters | |
| 28/4/2018 | Sat | Masters, 3rd Grade, & Novice State Champs | Rowing SA | W Lakes | State Champs | Hugh has been working hard on putting a women's eight together to retain the Championship title won last year by RRC's W8. The men are going from strength to strength and are working on the crews intended to race on the day |
| May | | | | | | |
| 10/5/2018 | Thu-Sun | 2018 Australian Masters Rowing Champs | Rowing Tas | Lake Barrington, TAS | Masters | |

COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2019 – 2020

As the AGM is only a few months away, some thought needs to be given to the selection of committee members for the next Committee moving forward. Any members who are interested in standing or who would like to nominate potential future committee members are asked to submit a nomination.

Current members stepping down & needing to be replaced for terms of 2 years each are:
 Ian Mc Bryde – **President** Don Telford - **Secretary** Janet Lawrenson – **Comm member**

NEW MEMBER



Anthony Perry (with son, Lachlan) has recently joined Riverside and is seen regularly down on the Torrens in a quad, an eight, or a double. He has taken to it like a 'duck to water', but has not, fortunately, warranted mention in the same sentence as the Duck Award. Perhaps this stems from the fact that his family has a bit of a history with rowing. His father was rowing and coaching at Pulteney Grammar School in the 1960s, and later coaching the Walford first eight to a large number of Head-of-the-River titles in the 1990s and 2000s. He believes that there might have been a couple of national schoolgirls' titles in there as well. His sister also coxed at Walford from 1988 to 1990. However, in his school days at Pulteney Grammar School Anthony was heavily involved in swimming, (the Duck Award would pose him no problem then if he ever did capsized!). As a result of his swimming commitment, rowing never really came up as an option.

In later years, Anthony's son, Lachlan, picked up rowing at Pulteney in Term 4 in 2017. Ant says his father used *him* as an example of what *not* to do when using his ergo – to help Lachlan, of course. Ant figured that if he was going to be down at the Torrens anyway then he might learn to row himself. One day, about a week before the learn-to-row sessions were due to start, he strolled next door from the Pulteney shed towards Riverside and met Doug. He was persuaded to do the learn-to-row and after it was finished, he joined the club! He got straight into the membership thing and did bar duty in about the second week as his wife, Kirsty and his boys were heading interstate for a music camp. 'What else would I do on a Saturday night?' he asked.

Anthony says, "The Tues night gym sessions and boat sessions on Thursday and Saturday have been great. I have really enjoyed getting out in the boat and feeling fit. Hopefully my commitment will see me still turning up in the darker winter months."

We hope it does too. Welcome to Riverside Rowing Club, Anthony!

HEAD OF THE YARRA (HOY)

Although it may seem premature, now is the time to decide if crews are keen to do HOY. Training needs to start and travel arrangements need to be considered. For our newer members, this race is always in eights and is held on the last November of the year on the Yarra River in Melbourne. It's long and it's tough, but it's great fun! Riverside has been a contender every year for many years and one year RRC alone sent – was it 8 eights? Besides selecting the crew now, accommodation is always at a premium and shouldn't be left until the last minute.

P & Q's (Poems & Quotes)

A short acknowledgement written about the loyal members of the club who work hard behind the scenes and some of whom receive no or little recognition. If some have not been mentioned it is not because they are not appreciated, just that they prefer perhaps to not be front and centre. (Written on an iphone on the bus from Melbourne airport to hotel for HOY in 2010???)

The Riverside Women

This is for those 'not on the list'
So they get a mention, as I insist!
I talk, of course, of the good ol' hard core
They're here now and they were before.

They also keep the club afloat
Even without their name on a boat
All are still rowing – some with same crew
Others have joined so are relatively new,

But either way – they are always there
To row, to train, to play and to share.
Some have travelled to win interstate
And even O/S in Turin - now ain't that great!

Representing our club both near and far
And at home they have worked hard in our bar.
They've been on committees and swept the shed
Worked on the newsletter 'til 'put to bed,'

Stayed late until it's really all over
Or producing at functions that delicious pavlova!
To some they appear not serious enough
'Cos they don't talk 'inboard' and all that stuff,

But it's these 'little' people when all's said and done,
Who hold the club dear and work as one.
I list them now from stern to stem
So all will be knowing who of they are them:

Buttrose, Walsh, Booth, Lawrenson and Gore,
Kenner, McMullen, Gibbs, Lane and more
Like Zoontjens, Dawson, Begg and Hocking
(Sometimes their enthusiasm's shocking!)

There's Pennington, Fuller, Walker, Rose and Rae
Some row on Mondays and some any ol' day
As a cox, a fourth or a fill in fifth -
a perfect example is our Zandra Smith.

Let's too not forget Wallent, Irwin and Wall
For the catering, the deco's, the quizzes and all.
So here's to them! You get the gist...
They can stand proud that they're on *this* list.

If you would like me to book accommodation for your crews in Melbourne, please let me know and I shall make the necessary enquiries and advise what is available and where. Payment is usually required on booking.

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I would like to take this opportunity to explain the method in my madness for taking on the role of editor (and offering to book Melbourne accommodation for you all). It is not totally selfless one. I have recently become a franchisee/travel designer with Kaleidoscopic Travel and am back working in retail (for *myself* this time) after 40 years in the travel industry. I approached the committee and requested we work together, in that I will be a sponsor of the *Tapping In* by donating my time as editor and also sometimes have Kaleidoscopic Travel sponsor races. In return, in each monthly edition of the newsletter, I will be pointing out travel specials that you may or may not have seen in the press. Perhaps some of you read the article on “Inside the secret world of the travel agent” in the Escape section of this last Saturday’s Advertiser. It’s all true.

The newsletter will be an opportunity to let you into this secret world and keep you informed about unpublished specials, warn you on preregistration for extremely popular offers that you might not want to miss and advise on other issues relating to travel - to mention just a few benefits for those of you who are travelling this year, next year or even in 2020. This month concentrates on cruising as this is so popular – and becoming even more so..

TRAVEL IDEAS:

The focus is on cruises this month as there are exceptional experiences on offer right now for 2019 and 2020 but time is of the essence as many of these fill up the same day registration opens later this month.

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Book by 31st May – filling FAST

Weekend Coastal Experience from \$599pp

Ship: Astor • Departs: Adelaide • Sail Date: Thursday 28th Feb 2019 2200 hrs • Returns Adelaide Monday 4th Mar 0700 hrs • 630 passenger capacity
Duration: 4 nights. Visits KI and Port Lincoln. Group bookings available.

- **Please advise interest in attending a talk by Ann Hope from Cruise and Maritime Voyages at 7.30pm on 4th May at Riverside Clubrooms.**



PRINCESS CRUISES will be releasing their cruise departures for 2019/2020 on 19th of April.

If anyone is interested in any of the cruise itineraries, please call me on 0452 058483 with your preferred departure, number of passengers, names as per passport, dates of birth and cabin

preference (inside/outside/balcony/suite) as Kaleidoscopic is applying for group status which would provide extra benefits in price and service. See attached Princess Cruise calendar.



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- **Please advise interest in attending talk by Justin Southern from Lindblad Expeditions at Riverside Clubrooms on a date to be advised**

Been to Galapagos, but still want to spend time in South America? **AIR NEW ZEALAND** has just released **amazing fares** for both Economy & Business class passengers from **ADELAIDE to BUENOS AIRES** for sale until the 23rd April for Business Class, Premium Economy Class and until 20th Apr for Economy Class. All for travel between 01 May – 22 Jun and 13 Jul – 14 Sep 2018. All prices are return and subject to availability.

Economy Class *from* \$1229 plus taxes. Book by 23rd April
Economy Class *from* \$959 plus taxes. Book by 20th Apr. Travel between 01 May – 22 Jun 18
Economy Class *from* \$1039 plus taxes. Book by 20th Apr. Travel between 13 Jul – 14 Sep 18
Premium Economy *from* \$2276 plus taxes
Business Class *from* \$4549 plus taxes.
Restrictions apply to the above fares. Higher fares with less restrictions are also available.

For those of you have been everywhere and still feel the urge to go to places 'where no man has gone before' (except the explorers and traders) the **SCENIC ECLIPSE ACROSS THE NORTH WEST PASSAGE** itinerary departing Kangerlussuaq on 19th August 2020 may be just the ticket. **Register now for this inaugural 2020 voyage.**

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