

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB 2012 ANNUAL REPORT



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A program of the ANU Sport & Recreation Association





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2012 ANU BOAT CLUB COMMITTEE
Elected 3 December 2011

President : Nick Hunter

Vice President : Anthony Pardy

Captain : Richard Young

Vice Captain : Jacqui Williams

Treasurer : Adrienne McKenzie

Secretary : Justine Riordan

Committee members : Riley Owen

Margot Deegan

Chloe Mackenzie (resigned 10 July 2012)

Lachlan Peattie (appointed 18 July 2012)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2012 was a great year for the club. The club grew to its largest membership in memory, with 138 members across all levels, from introductory to international.

It was a strong year of competition, with ANUBC rowers winning medals at the Australian, NSW and ACT Championship regattas, and the Australian University Games.

A competition highlight was the Australian University Games. With 25 athletes ANU had the largest rowing team at the Games, and was the only university that competed in every rowing event. The team's 2nd place in the overall point score equalled ANU's best, having finished in the same position in 1980 and 1991. It was great to see the double scull of Dave Wright and Dylan Conolan on top of the podium: ANU's first University Games gold medal since 2005.

ANUBC also had another impressive showing at the 2012 Head of the Yarra. Three ANU eights competed, with the men's eight crossing the line tenth overall out of 179 crews, and the mixed eight finishing second in its category.

Amongst the most important factors in the club's success in 2012 have been the club's coaches and committee. These people took on an enormous task of running and developing the Boat Club during the year.

They have done a great job, and on behalf of the entire club I would like to thank them for their commitment and hard work over the last 12 months.



Nick Hunter
President
9 December 2012

MEMBERSHIP

In 2012 the club had 138 members, a 28% increase on membership numbers from 2011

Introduction to Rowing Program

The club ran a very successful Introduction to Rowing program in first semester to introduce to the sport members of the ANU community who have never rowed before. Forty five people participated in a course that gave them each eight structured lessons. Eight of this group progressed all the way to competing at the Australian University Games later in the year.

The club ran another successful ITR course in October 2012. Eighteen people participated, with ten (56%) converting to full club membership at the end of the course.

The Boat Club committee intends to continue this successful model in 2013.

ANUBC Community

An important factor that adds significantly to the enjoyment of being a member of the Boat Club is the schedule of off-water social activities. The club's Social Coordinator Margot Deegan has organised a regular range of activities, including barbeques, pizza nights, the Oarscars, Disher Ball and Christmas brunch. The club's combined thanks go to Margot for her excellent work in organising these events.

In 2012 the club continued to re-engaging with its alumni. The first alumni newsletter was published in June, with the intention of building past members' interest in the club as it prepares for its 50th anniversary in 2014.

Several "Old and Bold" members continued their restoration of the club's 1968 tub pair the Mary Evans during the year. The hull has now been restored to a shiny varnished state, with only the final interior fit-out and oar restoration remaining.



COMPETITION

International

2012 World University Rowing Championships, Kazan, Russia

ANU sculler Riley Owen competed in the Australian men's double scull at the World University Championships. The Australian double finished 2nd in the B Final, placing them 8th overall.

Coincidentally, Riley's doubles partner Sam Volker is the son of a former ANUBC member. Another coincidence of the Championships regatta was that the 8th placed Swedish double scull included 2011 ANUBC member Mathias Maier.

M2x

(Riley Owen)

8th



Paralympic Games, London, United Kingdom

Nick Hunter was a late addition to the Australian Paralympic Games Rowing Team when the management of athlete injuries required additional coaching resources during the final lead-up to the Games. Nick coached the Australian TA Mixed Double Scull to fifth place.

National

2012 Australian Championships, Champion Lakes, Western Australia

Seven ANU Boat Club members competed at the Australian Championships, achieving good results. The highlight was a bronze medal won by Dylan Conolan and Mack Wilcox in the Open Men's Lightweight Quad. The ANU team's performances were a credit to the ANU coaches, especially Katrina and Andrew Mackenzie who travelled to Western Australia to support the ANU team. The results of ANU rowers in Championship finals were:

OML4x	(Dylan Conolan, Mack Wilcox)	Bronze
OML2x	(Dylan Conolan, Mack Wilcox)	4th
OM2x	(David Wright, Riley Owen)	4th
U23M1x	(Riley Owen)	5 th
OM1x	(David Wright)	12 th
U23ML1x	(Dylan Conolan)	12 th

ANUBC rower Charlie Mackenzie finished 6th in the final of the Australian Schoolboy Singles Championship rowing for Dickson College.



2012 Interstate Regatta, Champion Lakes, Western Australia

ANU sculler Riley Owen was the ACT’s sole representative at the 2012 Interstate regatta. At an ANU Boat Club dinner in Fremantle the night before the regatta Riley was formally presented with his ACT racing colours by club Vice-Captain Jacqui Williams. In a great race Riley finished 5th out of the seven state scullers.

ISM1x	(Riley Owen)	5 th
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2012 Australian University Games, West Lakes, South Australia

The ANU Boat Club had the largest rowing team at the Games - 25 athletes – and was the only university that competed in every rowing event. A point worthy of special mention about the ANU team is that 9 of the athletes had graduated from the club’s Introduction to Rowing Courses over the last few years.

The ANU team performed outstandingly, winning 1 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze medals. The highlight was a gold medal won by Dylan Conolan and David Wright in the men’s double sculls. This was ANU’s first rowing gold medal at University Games since 2005. Also the men’s eight’s third place in the Oxford and Cambridge Cup was the club’s best ever result in that race.

The ANU team finished the regatta ranked 1st in the men’s point score, 3rd in the women’s and 2nd overall of the 21 participating universities. The men’s first place meant that ANU was awarded the men’s pennant and the Bill Webb Trophy. The overall ranking equalled ANU’s best ever overall rowing ranking, having also

finished 2nd in 1980 and 1991. It also meant that rowing was ANU's best performed sport at the 2012 Australian University Games.

M2x	(Dylan Conolan, David Wright)	Gold
W2-	(Rebecca Piesse, Sarah Bourke)	Silver
M4+	(Conolan, Young, Wright, Snelgar, Domaschenz)	Silver
M1x	(David Wright)	Silver
Mix4+	(Caudle, Williams, Snelgar, Wright, Domaschenz)	Silver
M8+	(Wade, Carey, Peattie, Trowell, Peake, Young, Conolan, Snelgar, Domaschenz)	Bronze
WL4x	(Deegan, Bradley, Fry, Lipp)	Bronze
W1x	(Jacqui Williams)	4 th
W2x	(Emily Caudle, Jacqui Williams)	4 th
ML4-	(Wade, Body, Peattie, Gooding)	4 th
W4+	(Williams, Brownhill, Caudle, Bourke, Salmon)	4 th
WL1x	(Colette Lipp)	5 th
W8+	(Deegan, Bradley, Fry, Lipp, Sakoda, Paton, Piesse, Bourke, Salmon)	5 th
Mix8+	(Brownhill, Body, Elliott, Carey, Bradley, Sakoda, Gooding, Wade, Salmon)	5 th
M2-	(Adrian Trowell, Jonathan Peake)	6 th
ML1x	(Lachlan Peattie)	10 th

A special note of thanks goes to coaches Katrina and Andrew Mackenzie, Renae Domaschenz, Ben Adams, Tom Watkins, Chris Lethbridge, Nick Hunter and Kent Weyand,, and to team manager Anthony Parady for their outstanding work in preparing and managing the team.



2012 NSW Championships, Penrith Lakes, New South Wales

Eight ANUBC rowers competed at the 2012 NSW Championships. The ANU crews qualified for seven finals, with the top results being Riley Owen's gold in the Under 23 Men's Single Scull, and Natalie Graf's and Jacqui Williams' gold in a composite ANU/CRC Women's Under 21 Quad.

The results of ANU rowers in Championship finals were:

U23M1x	(Riley Owen)	Gold
U21W4x	(Natalie Graf, Jacqui Williams)	Gold
U21W1x	(Jacqui Williams)	4 th
ML2x	(Mack Wilcox, Dylan Conolan)	4 th
M2x	(David Wright, Riley Owen)	5 th
U21M1x	(Dylan Conolan)	9 th
ML1x	(Dylan Conolan)	9 th



2012 Youth Cup, Penrith Lakes, New South Wales

Five ANU rowers and one coach represented the ACT at the 2012 Youth Cup Regatta against crews representing the Australian states and New Zealand:

Francis Snelgar
Adrian Trowell
Alex Carey
Jacqui Williams
Emily Caudle
Renaë Domaschencz (coach)

2012 Head of the Yarra

This was the club's fourth successive year of competing in in the 8.6km Head of the Yarra. ANUBC entered three eights: one men's, one women's and one mixed.

ANU's highest-ranked finisher in its category was the mixed eight, finishing 2nd.

Our men's eight was looking to improve on its 7th place in 2011. However, in a tough field the ANU crew dropped several places to finish in 10th position. This was still an excellent result, as it was out of a total field of 179 eights from all over Australia.

A special note of thanks goes to coach Andrew Mackenzie and team manager Richard Young for their hard work in preparing and managing the Head of the Yarra team.



ACT Regattas

2012 Disher Cup

In the 2012 Disher Cup Regatta ANU fielded one men's eight for the Disher Cup, one men's four for the L W Nichol Shield, two women's fours for the Colonel Diane Harris Trophy, two men's singles and two women's singles. The women's eight event was not raced in 2012.

ANU won every event except the men's eight, which ADFA won in an upset.

W1x	(Jacqui Williams)	1 st
M1x	(Riley Owen)	1 st
W4+	(Williams, Piesse, Caudle, Brownhill)	1 st
M4+	(Adams, Peattie, Body, Wade)	1 st
M8+	(Snelgar, Conolan, Wright, Young, Owen, Carey, Peake, Trowell, Domaschenz)	2 nd
W1x	(Graf)	2 nd
M1x	(Conolan)	2 nd
W4+	(Fisher, Bradley, Paton, Elliott, Deegan)	4 th

Plans are afoot for a big reunion of past members to coincide with the 2013 Disher Cup

2012 ACT Winter Time Trail Series

In 2012 the ANU Boat Club had 47 members participating in 42 separate ANU crews and singles through the series. This is by far the largest number of participants ANU has ever had in one year's Winter series

ANUBC crews and scullers achieved podium positions on final points in 4 of the 9 events in the series.

2011-2012 ACT Point Score Regattas

The club had a healthy representation at the 2011-2012 ACT Point Score regattas, with 47 club members competing through the series.

ANU also had a great weekend at the 2012 ACT Rowing Championships, with over 40 ANU rowers competing, and picking up 6 gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze in the Championship events, and 5 gold and 1 silver in the non-Championship events. Of significant note was ANU's win in the Uriarra Cup for men's eights. It was ANU's first win in that Championship in over 30 years.

The Championship medallists were:

Gold

- WCh1x Jacqui Williams
- MCh1x Riley Owen
- WCh2x Gabby Hall/Jacqui Williams
- MCh2x Dave Wright/Riley Owen
- WCh4x Imogen Blanch/Emily Caudle/Tessa George/Jacqui Williams
- MCh8+ Wilcox/Snelgar/Young/Parry/Mackenzie/Conolan/Wright/Owen/Mackenzie

Silver

- MChU192x Charlie Mackenzie
- MCh4- Francis Snelgar/Dylan Conolan/Steve McGlynn/Riley Owen
- WCh8+ Williams/Graf/George/Hall/Piesse/Farrell/Blanch/Fisher/Domaschz
- MChU191x Charlie Mackenzie
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Bronze

- MCh4- Adrian Trowell/Jonathan Peake/Ben Adams/Charlie Mackenzie



Awards

ANU Sport and Recreation Awards

As at the time of printing, the ANU Sport and Recreation Awards for 2011 were yet to be presented.

ANU Boat Club Awards

At the 2012 ANUBC "Oarscars" Awards night several awards were handed out for the year. The individual winners included:

Club Point Score Champion:

Jacqui Williams

President's Award for Outstanding Contribution:

Justine Riordan, Richard Young, Ben Adams

Life Membership:

The club honoured Adrienne McKenzie with Life Membership in recognition of her extensive service to the club, in particular her work as club Secretary and more recently as Treasurer.

Coaching

The club was very fortunate to have the services of a team of excellent coaches for 2012.

Katrina and Andrew Mackenzie, Renae Domaschenz and Tom Watkins took on the coaching of the senior squads. In particular, Katrina and Andrew coached the seniors to the 2012 National Championships in Western Australia. The senior squad coaches are now preparing for the 2013 National Championships one of largest ANU teams to compete at a Nationals for many years.

Ben Adams and Chris Lethbridge did a magnificent job in coaching the club's intermediate squad. A large part of this group competed successfully at the Australian University Games

Nick Hunter coached in the Novice and Intermediate squads in 2012

Anthony Pardy, Renae Domaschenz and Nick Hunter coached at the Australian University Games regatta in Adelaide.

Catherine Garrington, Anthony Pardy, Chloe Mackenzie, Liam Gooding, Ben Adams and Jacqui Williams played a valuable role in delivering the club's quality Introduction to Rowing program. They were assisted by an experienced group of coxswains: Bec Fry, Margot Deegan, Charlie Mackenzie, Tessa George and Sophie Salmon.

We cannot praise too highly the contribution that these people have made to the Club's success. Coaches of the standard we have are very hard to come by and we

were particularly fortunate to have been able to secure their services for 2012. The club sincerely thanks them for their support.

We hope to be able to build the club's coaching team further in 2013.

Coach Development

The club is committed to supporting the development of its coaches. In 2012 it supported coach Renae Domaschcz to attend the Rowing Australia Conference in Sydney, and to qualify for her First Aid and Sports Trainer's certificates. These development activities were co-funded with the club by the ANU Sport and Recreation Association



Officiating

The ANU Boat Club has made a significant contribution to regatta officiating and was represented on the panel of boat race officials for almost every local regatta in 2012.

ANU added a further 3 trainees to the local officiating ranks, with Susan Ackhurst, Justine Riordan and Richard Young all attending a level 1 officiating course in 2012.

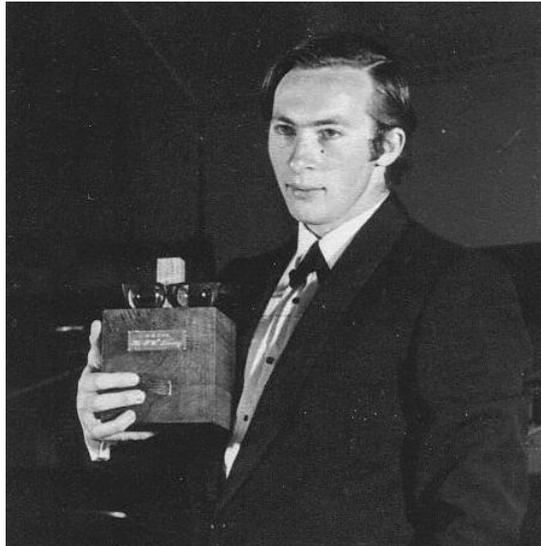
At a national level Nick Hunter umpired at the 2012 Australian Championships in Western Australia. Nick was also the sole mentor for Rowing Australia's National Umpires Academy.



Vale

Michael Sumner-Potts

The club sadly noted the passing of one of its 1960's "Old and Bold" Michael Sumner-Potts earlier this year. Potts, as he was known, was a member of the first ANU eight to compete at an Intervarsity Regatta, in Penrith in 1967. He was also well known as the first winner of club's prestigious FW trophy. Potts' funeral in Cairns was attended by several surviving members of the club's Old and Bold.



Michael Sumner-Potts with the FW trophy, 1967

External Appointments

In 2012 ANU members were appointed to several committees that are important to the functioning of the sport.

- ACT Rowing Association Board (David Wright, Nick Hunter)
- Australian University Sport Rowing Advisory Group (Nick Hunter)
- National Capital Authority Lake User Group (Nick Hunter)
- ANU Sport & Recreation Council (Nick Hunter)

Equipment

Improving the state of the Club's equipment remains one of the committee's top priorities.

This year the club bought a second-hand heavyweight men's double scull from the ACT Academy of Sport, eight new M2 adjustable sweep oars, 4 new sets of S2 adjustable sculling oars, and 4 new sets of S5 fixed length sculling oars.

It also purchased two new trekker coaching boats and two 9.8hp Tohatsu engines. This completed the long-planned upgrade of the club's engines to a full set of three

Tohatsu's, so that from now on one engine will be replaced each year to maintain a group of engines that are never more than 3 years old.

The heavyweight women's double scull "Orroral" was fully refurbished in 2012.

Under the club's eight year equipment purchase and maintenance plan implemented in 2007 the club has now replaced or refurbished 17 boats, and spent over \$100,000 on equipment.

The priorities for 2013 will be replacing some of the club's tracer sculls and the "Parents and Friends" coxed four.

The Club acknowledges and is grateful for the funding support it receives from the ANU Sport and Recreation Assoc for purchasing and maintaining equipment.



Golden Jubilee Foundation

Building a fleet of competitive equipment is a constant challenge, especially when trying to keep membership fees as low as possible for students. To purchase a fleet of new boats to meet the need of the current club size would cost over \$250,000. Consequently, the club mostly buys racing equipment on the second hand market.

With the approach of the club's 50th anniversary in 2014 the committee, with the help of the ANU Sport and Recreation Association, has established a tax deductible fund called the "Golden Jubilee Foundation". The fund is for the express purpose of raising \$50,000 to purchase two new Sykes coxless fours/quads in 2014.

Even though the fund was only established three days before the end of the 2011/2012 financial year, it received over \$4,000 in opening donations. The donors will all be recognised on a special honour board to go up at the end of 2014.

The 2012 donors were:

Josh and Ann Fishley
Nick Hunter
Jeremy McGrath
Adrienne McKenzie
Peter Newsom
Alexandra Wedutenko

Facilities

In December 2011 the National Capital Authority dropped the lake level 50cm for two years in order to conduct maintenance on Scrivener Dam. After some urgent lobbying by the club the NCA relocated a floating pontoon to Sullivan's Creek so that the club could continue to launch from the university. The pontoon has been a great asset, as it has double the launching capacity of the ANU landing.

Throughout 2012 the club has been active in running the boat shed as a well-functioning training facility. Unfortunately, the shed's aging infrastructure is limiting the club's capacity to grow further.

In 2010 the club made a submission to the Draft ANU Campus Master Plan 2030. The draft plan includes the continuation of an ANU boat house within the proposed Sullivan's Creek linear park. Then in 2011 the club was invited to submit a proposal to ANU Sport and Recreation for a new boat house, to be included in ANU Draft Asset Management Plan.

Consequently, a new boat house has been set as a priority for the ANU Sport and Recreation Association.



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB
2012 REVENUE & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AS AT 26 NOVEMBER 2012

Opening bank balance at 23/11/2011	\$12,912.30	\$338.52	\$0.00	\$13,250.82
Add: REVENUE	MAIN ACCOUNT	AUGS	SPECIAL EVENTS	TOTAL
Membership fees	32,840.10	0.00	0.00	32,840.10
2011 SRA grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Athlete fees and levies	3,188.50	0.00	0.00	3,188.50
Uniforms	3,743.00	0.00	0.00	3,743.00
Fundraising	429.00	500.00	0.00	929.00
Equipment recovery	3,450.00	0.00	0.00	3,450.00
	<i>2012 AUGs Team</i>	<i>20,257.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>21,927.00</i>
	<i>SISI grant</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>1,000.00</i>
	<i>SEEF grant</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>
2012 AUGs	1,670.00	26,257.00	0.00	27,927.00
2012 HOY Team	0.00	9,295.60	0.00	9,295.60
2012 Nationals Team	0.00	5,430.00	0.00	5,430.00
Social function	3,345.26	0.00	0.00	3,345.26
Other	320.00	90.00	0.00	410.00
Sports Foundation donations	0.00	0.00	3,018.40	3,018.40
Total Revenue	48,985.86	41,572.60	3,018.40	93,576.86
Less: EXPENSES				
Competition Fees	-4,848.40	0.00	0.00	-4,848.40
Registration & Affiliation	-2,365.00	0.00	0.00	-2,365.00
Coach development	-1,374.00	0.00	0.00	-1,374.00
Equipment	-26,411.84	0.00	0.00	-26,411.84
Shed Supplies	-2,677.67	0.00	0.00	-2,677.67
Social function	-4,014.00	0.00	0.00	-4,014.00
2011 Spring Fling Social function	-200.00	0.00	0.00	-200.00
2011 Spring Fling Coaching	-250.00	0.00	0.00	-250.00
Fuel	-1,985.40	0.00	0.00	-1,985.40
2012 Coaching	-5,350.00	0.00	0.00	-5,350.00
Uniforms	-2,874.85	0.00	0.00	-2,874.85
Fundraising	-706.96	0.00	0.00	-706.96
Account fees	-5.00	-0.20	0.00	-5.20
	<i>2012 AUGs team</i>	<i>-22,502.81</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>-24,172.81</i>
	<i>2012 AUGs refunds</i>	<i>-3,650.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>-3,650.00</i>
2012 AUGs	-1,670.00	-26,152.81	0.00	-27,822.81
2012 HOY team	0.00	-9,330.60	0.00	-9,330.60
2012 Nationals team	-280.00	-5,150.00	0.00	-5,430.00
General refunds	-608.00	-111.00	0.00	-719.00
Total Expenses	-55,621.12	-40,744.61	0.00	-96,365.73
Annual Operating Result	-6,635.26	827.99	3,018.40	-2,788.87
Closing bank balance at 25/11/2012	6,277.04	1,166.51	3,018.40	10,461.95

