

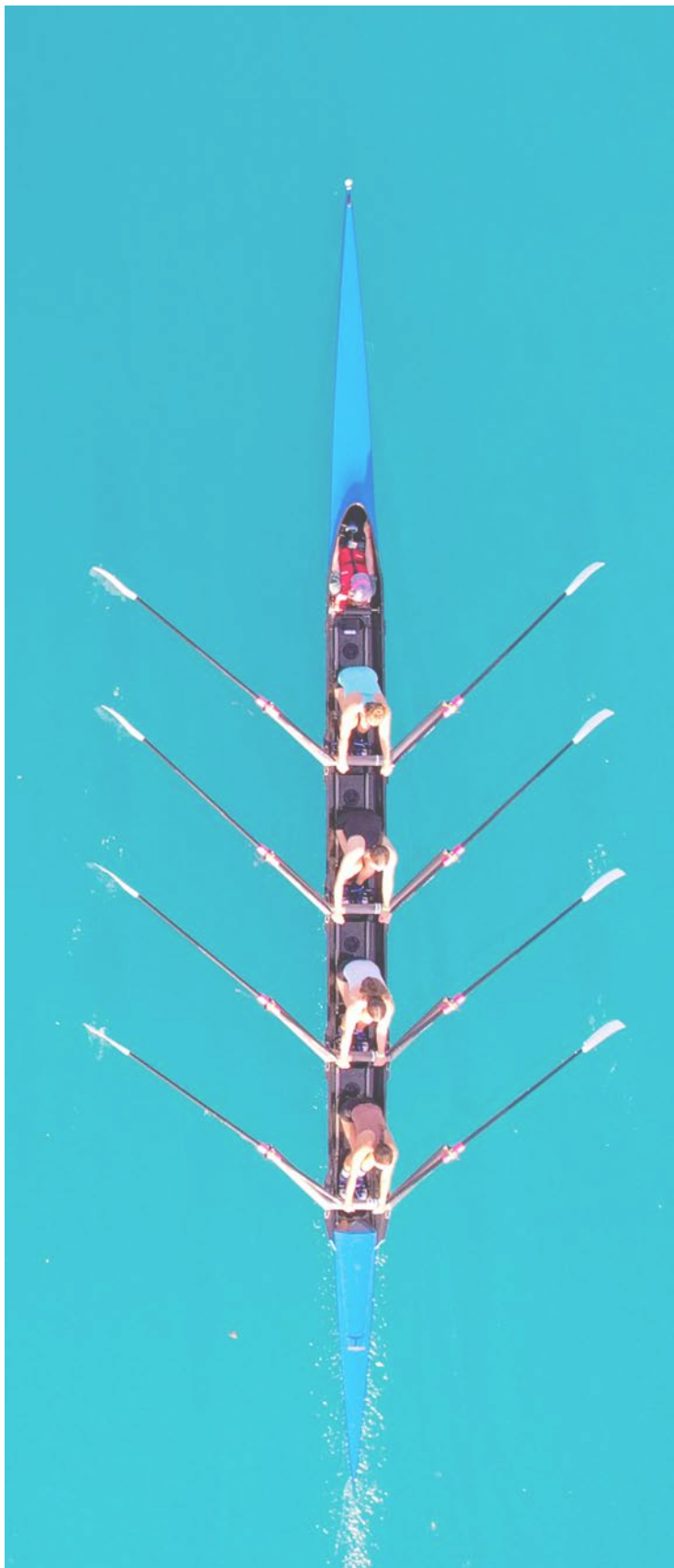


Nelson Rowing Club 2022 Annual Report





NRC Guiding Principles



Mission Statement:
To facilitate and foster the sport of rowing to the wider Nelson Community for personal development, competition and pleasure.

Guiding Principles:

- 1. Governance**
Establish an effective governance structure that provides leadership in a transparent and accountable manner.
- 2. Health & Safety**
Maintain and regularly review all Health and Safety policies and practices in line with regulatory guidelines.
- 3. Membership**
Grow our membership, within our capacity, to responsibly cater for all members.
- 4. Financial**
Be a financially responsible and sustainable organisation.
- 5. Facilities**
Keep current facilities operational to meet the needs of all our members.
- 6. Culture**
Develop and support a culture (internal and external) that is friendly, respectful and inclusive.
- 7. Coach Development**
Develop a coaching pathway that aligns with Rowing NZ and provides enough skilled local coaches.



President's Report

Grant Wilson

It has been my honour to lead the Club and the very capable Committee this last 12 months.

Review of 2021/22

Covid-19 continued and continues to impact society and our Club. Thankfully all regattas were held due to the innovative South Island Rowing Team coming up with covid safe plans to run events. Despite some of our members getting covid at a critical time in the season there are numerous great results and achievements to celebrate. The Club attended more regattas in the season than normal as there was the real possibility of lockdowns throughout the season.

Without good coaches Club members wouldn't achieve the outstanding results they do. Thank you to Tim Babbage and his dedicated Coaching Team for their time and for sharing their extensive knowledge and encouragement on the water.

Thank you to our members for your dedication and training especially for our competitive: college, club and masters rowers. We congratulate all our members on their achievements at Regattas.

We thank Jacqui Day and Fiona Lulham along with the Regatta Management team for the smooth running of regattas in the summer racing season.

It is fantastic to congratulate our Nelson athletes who were selected in to NZ Teams. Congratulations to Brook Robertson for his inclusion in the NZ Elite Team in 2022. Congratulations to Nicole Campbell and Ollie Ransom for their selection into the NZ U21 Team.



Congratulations to Tim Babbage on being elected to the Board of the New Zealand Rowing Association and being elected as the Chair of the Board of South Island Rowing.

Thank you to Sally and Phil Knight for organising and supporting the Coastal Rowing Beach Sprints in January. Also thank you to all club members who helped make it such an enjoyable, memorable and successful event. This event is gaining momentum and putting Nelson and the Club on the map.

We also acknowledge the increasing number of recreational members joining the sport and enjoying the amazing environment we have (on nice days in a flat-water boat or on rougher days in a coastal rowing boat). Thank you to Russell Mincher and members who teach new adult learn to row members.



President's Report cont.

I also want to thank members, family and friends who made the inaugural memorial row from Awaroa to Nelson a success. This event was a very fitting tribute to Myles Sellers and was very special for Margarete, Olivia, Hollie and family. Margarete did an amazing job rowing in two legs of the row and would have made Myles proud.

I can't think of a better place to experience rowing in our country. It is magnificent.

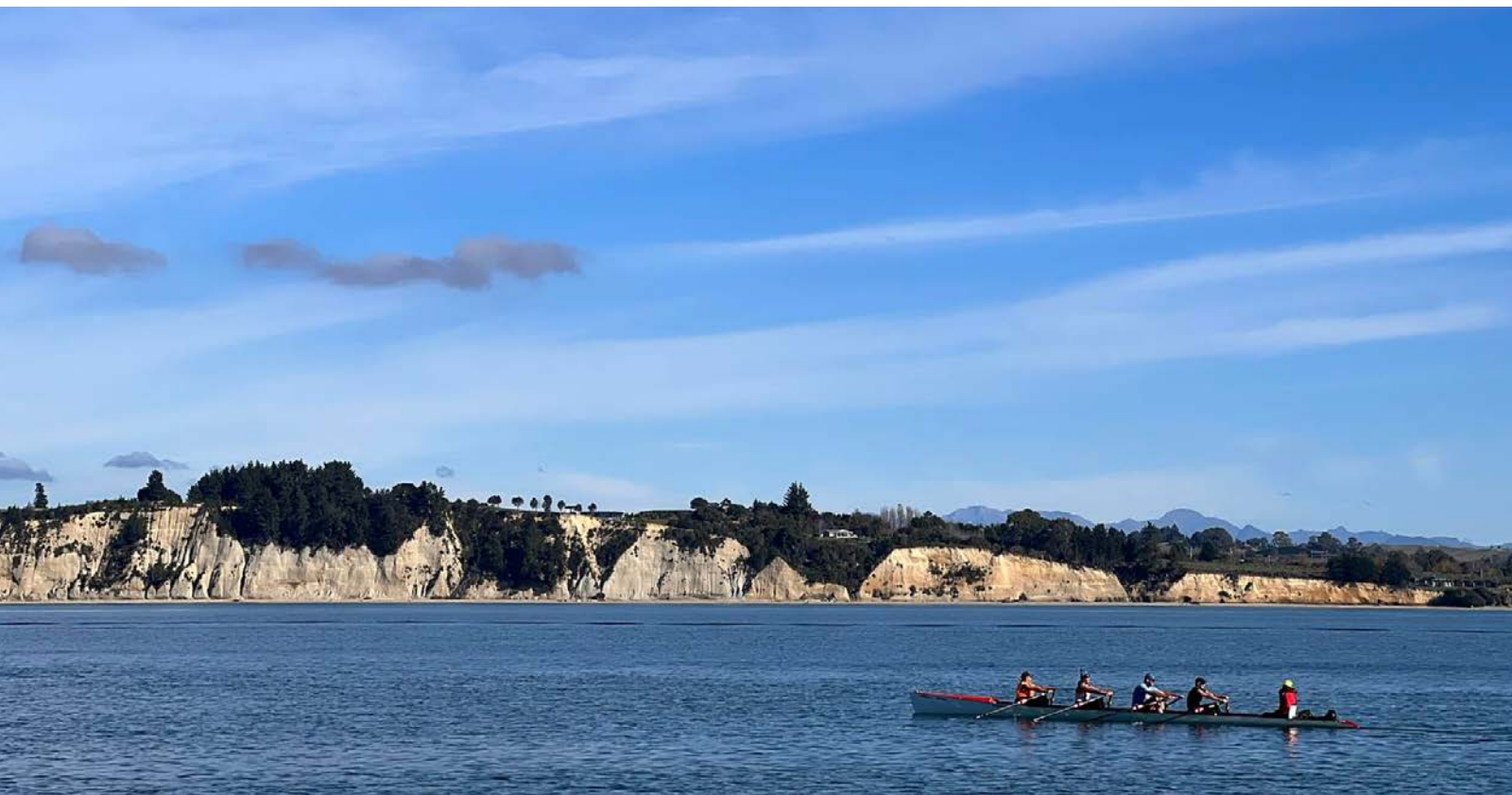
Sponsorship and fundraising

A major highlight of the year was the extension of the club naming sponsorship agreement with Nelson Pine Industries (Golden Edge). We owe them and in particular Murray Sturgeon a huge debt of gratitude for their more than 30 years of continuous sponsorship of the Club. Murray is a champion of supporting organisations that focus on positive youth activities and sport.

Thank you to our other sponsors Pub Charity, Lion Foundation, NZ Community Trust Grants, Bowater Motors and Swift Racing NZ for their ongoing generosity.

Total funds received from our sponsors and grants this year exceeded \$80,000, which is absolutely phenomenal. Without this funding the Club wouldn't be able to offer the boats and coaching we do without substantially lifting our subscriptions.

A big thank you too, to Margarete Sellers and the Sellers Room for their sponsorship of the new marquee for the upcoming season.





President's Report cont.

Our main fundraising activity each year has been the Corporate 8 event held from late April to the end of May. This year due to Covid infections peaking at the time it was decided to cancel the event. We will be running a quiz night later in the year to make up this funding shortfall in 2022 and expect to hold the Corporate 8s in 2023.

Committee and Club Running

We are incredibly lucky to have Fiona Lulham, our Club Administrator, to help keep us all on track. We are also fortunate to have a great functioning committee with many years of rowing experience that volunteer their time to the Club. To Tony Crosbie, our Treasurer, we thank you for your countless hours keeping our finances in order. To Sally Knight, you are an outstanding Club Secretary and organiser. To Bob Gilchrist our Club Captain, your experience and calm coaching manner are appreciated, and we thank you for your time as Club Captain. To Colin Brown, thank you for taking over the health and safety mantle and managing that well. To Rebecca Inwood, thank you for your continued service and sage advice. The committee has had to deal with a few challenges this year with covid and other matters. At times we have had to seek external advice to help us navigate through these matters. We thank Club and Club Life Members for your support with these matters too.

We thank those members who have given up their time to support maintenance of the: boats, equipment, club building and the Rotoroa Lodge. Thank you especially to: Terry Bourke, Warren Amos, Roger Watts and Bob Gilchrist. Also thank you to others who have chipped in to help with maintenance, cleaning and fundraising.

Looking forward

There are many things we are doing right as a club and recent member surveys confirm this. We are thankful for the efforts of past committees and members that have created a great legacy and foundation for the future of the club.

The incoming Committee will focus on areas highlighted in the surveys which included:

- areas where communication can be improved
- more coaching (especially for masters after learn to row)
- more events that bring all members together (like the "Fungatta" and coastal rowing adventures) and
- more structured maintenance.

After a couple of covid interrupted years we need to focus on growth in college novice rowing to keep building our competitive programme. We are targeting at attracting at least 20 girls and boys to the club each season. Giving them an enjoyable experience to get them into more competition from the second year.



President's Report cont.

Costs are going up due to high inflation. To moderate subscription increases we need members and supporters to help the Club grow membership and help raise more money through fundraising initiatives. Remember the Club is a registered charity and as such donations are tax deductible.

The Marina Master Plan consultation took place in July, and we thank all members who submitted their thoughts on the combined Sea Sports Facility. Thank you to Tim Babbage for your leadership of the unified Sea Sports Alliance. This project needs to be fit for our purpose and the future growth of the Club. The Council will see there is significant support for a combined Sea Sport Facility in our community. Any changes are still about 3 years away and the Committee will keep members informed as plans progress.

A reminder to all members and supporters, the club is run largely by volunteers and needs you as a member to help from time to time. This includes responding to requests quickly, paying accounts in a timely manner and helping with fundraising.

Finally, all the best to everyone for the upcoming season and may you achieve your rowing goals. For me and others I know that is about getting back to full health and getting back in a rowing boat.

Grant Wilson





Club Captain's Report

Bob Gilchrist

The 2021/22 season started well with the Masters going to Twizel to attend a combined regatta - New Zealand Masters and Aoraki 1000. The regatta was held under Covid event conditions that South Island Rowing put in place to enable regattas to go ahead under the Alert and Traffic Light systems. It was fantastic to have a rowing season!

The start of the season was very busy with Masters training, learn to row courses, and school rowing. Saturday mornings were full on.

But then we all settled down to business as usual with crews training, regattas and camps at Lake Rotoroa with our new rowers being introduced to the Lodge's fine rustic facilities.

With funding from Pub Charity and The Lion Foundation, the Club was able to purchase two new rowing skiffs - a four/quad named JOSH HANNEN and THE LION FOUNDATION double/pair.

The Club held a Beach Sprint regatta on Tahunanui Beach with Swift Racing sponsoring the regatta. It was a great fun day with crews from across the country in attendance. The event continues to grow and this year it was fantastic to have a couple of NZ elite athletes amongst the competitors.

Overall the season was a challenging one for everyone involved from the committee, coaches, rowers, parents and supporters but we got there in the end.

This is my last report as Club Captain as I am stepping down. I have enjoyed the position and look forward to supporting the new Boss.

See you round the boatshed.
Bob





NRC Committee



The Nelson Rowing Club is a Charitable Trust and Incorporated Society. It is run by a volunteer committee who meet monthly to ensure the smooth running of the Club. 2021/2022 Committee (from left to right): Rebecca Inwood, Tony Crosbie, Bob Gilchrist, Colin Brown, Sally Knight and Grant Wilson.



Our Patron

Brian Palamountain

Brian is the Club's Patron of many years. He first joined the Club in 1952 when he was 17. This was when the Clubrooms were situated in what is now The Boathouse and the Club hosted Saturday night dances which featured live bands. Brian rowed with NRC until 1966, when he took a break from rowing until he retired. He then joined the Masters crews and rowed until he was 80.

Brian is pictured with NRC Life Member Kevin Strickland enjoying the 2020 Prizegiving dinner.





NRC Life Members



The Nelson Rowing Club is proud of its Life Members who have contributed huge amounts of time and energy to the Club over many years. From left to right they are: Kevin Strickland, Tim Babbage, Nanette Thompson, Warren Amos, Terry Bourke and Jack Collin.



Richard Martin

At the 2021 AGM, Richard Martin joined the ranks of Nelson Rowing Club's Life Members.

In 2004 Chelsea Martin joined NRC, despite her parents telling her she wasn't allowed to row. After several weeks training Richard and Denise relented, and Chelsea went on to have a very successful rowing career. As supportive parents, Richard and Denise both became involved with NRC. Richard volunteered to drive the truck, towing the boat trailer, to regattas North and South, and Denise regularly helped with catering and parent help. Around the time Chelsea finished school, Richard and Denise joined the Club as Novice Masters and they have both continued through the years as very enthusiastic members of the Masters group. Richard made himself available to serve on the committee and did so for approximately ten years. After a break of a year or two Richard took on the position of President which he held for a further five years. Richard has been unstinting with his commitment to the Club and a worth recipient of a Life Membership.



2021/2022 - The Year in Review

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- August 2021: NRC AGM is held
 - 17 August 2021: NZ moves to Alert Level 4 lockdown. The clubrooms close.
 - 31 August 2021: NZ moves to Alert Level 3
 - 7 September 2021: NZ moves to Alert Level 2
 - 7 September 2021: Marlborough Association Awards
 Luke Brady wins best Male Rower
 Nicole Campbell wins best Female Rower
 NRC womens quad - Lucy Munro, Macy Kappely, Nicole Campbell, Sophie Hawkins win best Club Crew
 NC double - Ollie Ransom, Rico Fraser win best College Crew
 - October 2021: Mainland Inter-provincial Champs, Lake Ruataniwha. 9 NRC rowers - 2 x 1st, 2 x 2nd, 2 x 3rd
 - October 2021: NZ Masters Champs, Lake Ruataniwha. 7 rowers - 1 gold, 6 silver
 - November 2021: Marlborough Champs, Wairau River Blenheim. 68 College, Club and Masters rowers from NCR take part in the 2 day regatta
 - 2 December 2021: NZ moves to Traffic Lights. South Island in ORANGE
 - December 2021: Sport Tasman Sports Awards
 Nicole Campbell wins Junior Sportswoman of the Year
 Ollie Ransom & Rico Fraser win Junior Sports Team of the Year
 - December 2021: Otago Champs, Lake Ruataniwha. 49 college rowers - 4 x 1st, 4 x 2nd, 5 x 3rd
 - January 2022: NRC hosts the Swift Racing NZ Coastal Rowing Beach Sprints National Champs on Tahunanui Beach
 - 22 January 2022: NZ moves to Traffic Light RED



2021/2022 - The Year in Review

January 2022: South Island Club Champs, Lake Ruataniwha Twizel. 51 college rowers, 10 Masters rowers - 2 gold, 4 silver, 4 bronze

January 2022: NZ National Rowing Championships, is moved to Lake Ruataniwha Twizel

February 2022: Naming of the JOSH HANNEN, new womends quad/four

February 2022: NZ National Rowing Championships, Lake Ruataniwha Twizel. 20 rowers - 1 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze

February 2022: South Island Junior Regatta, Lake Ruataniwha Twizel. 31 rowers

March 2022: South Island Secondary Schools Championships, Lake Ruataniwha Twizel. 34 rowers - 1 silver, 2 bronze

March 2022: Maadi Cup, Lake Karapiro Cambridge. 35 rowers - 1 gold, 2 silver, 8 top ten placings

13 April 2022: NZ moved to Traffic Light ORANGE

April 2022: Ollie Ransom and Nicole Campbell are selected onto the NZ U/21 team

May 2022: NRC 2020/2022 Prizegiving is held at The Boathouse Nelson

May 2022 Myles' Memorial Row from Awaroa to Nelson. 36 members and supporters take part in the adventure.

May 2022: Rowing NZ AGM. Tim Baggage is elected onto the Rowing NZ Board

May 2022: NRC hosts the Rowing NZ Awards Dinner at The Boathouse Nelson

June 2021: Ollie Ransom and Nicole Campbell represent NZ in the U/21 Trans-Tasman regatta in Canberra Australia

June 2022: Brook Robertson represents New Zealand at the Henley Regatta, England and World Cup II in Poznan, Poland



Club and College Rowing

Tim Babbage, Head Coach



The 2020/21 season was one of huge contrasts. From lockdowns to vaccine mandates, from normal regattas to regattas under the legendary traffic light system. Its fair to say that at times it was hard to plan days ahead, let alone weeks, months, or a full season as we normally would. But our struggles were minor compared to our Rowing brethren in the upper North Island who could barely come together to train, not to mention that for a number of clubs their first regatta was NZ Champs. You can definitely say the C word had a huge impact on what happened this season.

With the ever looming threat of Covid possibly drawing a premature end to the season we travelled to more regattas than ever before. This caused a corresponding strain on our resources and the coaching team have to thank the Club Management and Regatta Management teams for their never-ending hard work and good humour at the increased workload. Promise we won't do it again 😊.

Meridian South Island Champs was one of the few times weather interrupted a regatta this year. We also had a good good group of masters joining for the trip south. A ton of "A" finals without the ability to race most of them ☹️. One final that did complete and worth noting was Macy Kappely and Nicole Campbell winning the Womens Premier Pair.

The Rocket Foods NZ Club Champs were moved from Karapiro to Ruataniwha with only three weeks notice after Karapiro Rowing informed RNZ that they didn't have the ability to hold the Regatta under Covid Traffic light Orange. Whilst disappointing it was great to see South Island Rowing step up to the plate and pledge to deliver a full NZ Champs with only a few hours deliberation.

With 18 "A" Finals, Gold in the Senior Womens Eight, Silver in Womens Premier Pair, Womens Senior Pair, Intermediate Mens Coxed Four, Bronze in the Senior Mens Squad, Senior Womens Quad and Mens Intermediate Coxed Quad. This led to quite a number of enjoyable trips to the make-shift covid-safe podium.



NRC Club and College Rowing cont.

With the very real risk of Covid spread, the decision was made to downsize the NZ Secondary School Champs aka Maadi Cup. Entries were only accepted from rowers in years 11,12 & 13 and U15 races and Novice 8's were removed from the program. The worries were not so much about the ability to hold a regatta at Lake Ruataniwha, but more about the risks of getting everyone there and home safely. Whilst this was hugely disappointing for a significant number of our athletes, the risks of regattas were rammed home to us when, after returning from both SISS and Maadi Cup, we had athletes test positive for Covid. With the Rowing NZ protocols for return to exercise after having Covid being widely distributed we certainly followed those.

So a small team went south to Twizel for a very different looking and feeling Maadi Cup. The sole male member of the team was Ethan Steele, now better known as Big E. Being thrown into the single very late in the piece, Ethan got better with each outing and finished 2nd in the C Final of the U16 and 1st in the D Final of the U17. For the girls it was the Maadi of the B Finals. U18 quad, double and pair all made their respective B Finals as did the U17 four and quad.

Thanks to our amazing group of coaches - Joe Bennion, Kylie Johnson, Al Middleton, Hamish Tomlinson, Grant Wilson, Terry Bourke, Annabelle Curry and Rosie Mirfin.

Bring on 2022-23 and we may we pretty please not have to use the "C" word.





NRC Club Culture

Club Culture is something we discuss a lot on the management and coaching team at Nelson Rowing Club. There are a number of things that we strive to achieve on a daily basis, which form the foundation of our Club Culture:

- Self-Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the athlete to be organized and communicate with their coaches and teammates over attendance and availability. It is not the responsibility of their caregiver to do this.

- Hard Work

It's up to each athlete to work to the best of their ability in training and racing. It is not our expectation that everyone can be a National Champion or row for New Zealand. We are one of the few programs in NZ that don't limit selection to the majority of regattas on performance. We do however expect everybody to apply effort and perform to the best of their ability.

- Team

Part of creating a team culture is every Friday all of the rowers (male, female, junior, senior) in the shed are mixed up and put in crews and compete with one another in what we call Power Strokes. We expect all of the crews to encourage their crewmates to strive harder vocally during these sessions. Very few clubs and coaches around NZ allow this interaction across squads. But its invaluable for the younger athletes to learn how hard they are capable of working. And its great that even the Senior Women for example learn and interact with the Novice Boys.

- Learning

We would be one of the few places that you would get on a regular (weekly) basis some of the top nonprofessional athletes in the country are happy to train alongside and in the same boats as second year 15-year-old athletes. They realise the advantages to the entire team of showing the youngsters the art of how to move a boat efficiently. It was done for them by their older peers, and they do it for the group coming through behind them without complaint.





NRC Club Culture

• Standards. We make no secret of the fact that we have high standards. But those standards are focused on self-responsibility, effort, and respect. Performance can only follow once those standards are achieved. Part of that is honest feedback.

These things that we strive for don't always run smoothly but be rest assured that doesn't mean we don't keep trying to be better.

Better Coaches. Better Athletes. Better Administrators. Better not perfect.





Masters Rowing

Tony Crosbie

The number of competitive masters this season has been more consistent, particularly with a regular womens quad training alongside the men.

The first regatta of the season was the Masters National Champs held in Twizel. 7 masters went to Twizel. COVID was still interfering with plans and the regatta was run under COVID rules, but credit to South Island Rowing, the weekend went ahead without a glitch. One of the highlights of the weekend was the long-distance race on Sunday morning into a howling head wind, it made the Haven look blissfully calm on a bad day. The mixed quad picked up a silver beating several 8's which was very satisfying. Medal haul was 1 gold and 6 silver.

Next up Marlborough Champs over the hill, this year happily we had no broken bones, probably because Roseanne was controlling the boat launching area with her clipboard. A review of the video of the mixed doubles race between two Nelson crews, identified there was a lot of excitement from the bank but then there was a synchronised "OOH", followed by an "oh no" as a certain person in the leading crew who will remain nameless and totally blameless caught a humongous boat stopping crab and ended up losing the race by a whisker.

Following Marlborough Champs, a group of 10 Masters went to South Island Club Champs at the end of January. The womens quad decided to take on the juniors in the Intermediate races over 2000m and had an impressive row and were in the lead at about 1500m when smoke started to appear above their heads, we think they may have blown a few gaskets and in the end they finished 4th which was a fantastic effort.





Masters Rowing

Tony Crosbie

I may have mentioned last year that Grant thought he had finished racing but no, he turned up at South Island firing on all 3 cylinders, picking up a bronze in the mixed quad.

Next up was South Island Masters, after two false starts in 2020, and 2021 due to COVID and flooding it looked like it was going to happen in 2022. Only thing is, it was going to be held at Lake Waihola which has several acronyms not to be put in writing. COVID was still an issue, but it looked like we were managing to get through the season.

Lake Rotoroa was the venue for our training camp in May, COVID knocked a few people about, but we managed to get to the lake and dodged most of the rain. On Saturday some crews got to the head of the lake, which was amazing, what an awesome place to row, we just don't use it enough (next year we will change that).

The race schedule for Waihola included a long-distance race (8.5km) on the Taieri River up through the lower Taieri Gorge on the Saturday followed by 1000m racing at Waihola on Sunday. Race entries had been submitted, but Covid was hitting the club the week before we were due to head to Waihola. 19 people were entered, we ended up with 14 attending mainly due to Covid and some injuries. Obviously this meant the entries were a bit muck and fuddled, so creativity was the key. Saturday was a blinder. The sun came out and the wind stayed away - the long-distance race went ahead without a glitch, albeit some anonymous people ended up in crews.

The reputation of high wind and rough water fortunately did not materialise on the Sunday although I believe the phrase "it's a bit chilly" was used on a few occasions. Racing went ahead and I must be honest it is hard to tell what the actual results were as there were quite a few silvers, anonymous crews etc. The official result is 6 Gold medals (aka ribbons) but what I can confirm is the novice ladies quad won Gold in such style that the opposition ended up in the next race!





Coastal Rowing

Sally Knight



Coastal Rowing continues to grow in our region, with the Club's coastal quad Moturoa being used more and more often. The regular Friday Coffee Cruise is a nice way to wind up the week, and magically, conditions often seem to be perfect!

The school crews rowed the quad and a coastal double over to Tahuna Beach for a pre-Christmas event, which started with glassy water but saw conditions get rougher as the day progressed. The coastals just ploughed through the choppy water on the way home, complete with Christmas costumes and accessories.

The NRC Beach Sprint Champs in January 2022, sponsored by Swift Racing NZ, were a huge success. Eighty rowers were on Tahuna Beach early on January 3, to race in perfect conditions. Rowers came from Wanaka to Wellington and many Clubs in between, including the 16-strong Wairau Summer Squad. It was great to see two of NZ's elite rowers at the event, NRC member Brook Robertson and Lucy Spoons. They raced with Ben Mason and roped in Joe Bennion to make the "elite Mens quad" which took out the gold medal in the quad event. Brook, Lucy and Ben enjoyed their coastal experience so much that they are all planning to race at the Coastal World Champs in Wales in October.

In 2022 our course set-up was better than ever, and NRC Masters in their hot pink t-shirts worked hard all day to support great racing. The after-match function at The Workshop was fun - and already we are fielding enquiries from crews wanting to come back and race in January 2023. Plans are well in hand for this event, again on January 3.



Coastal Rowing

Sally Knight

The Moturoa quad is primarily used by Masters rowers, and allows us to take novice rowers out in conditions that would not otherwise be rowing-friendly, and/or to take total newbies. As well as the Beach Sprint Champs, the other highlight of the Coastal year was the Myles Memorial Row. It was wonderful to take Margarete Sellers out in the Coastal a few times before the big row, so that on the day of the event, Margarete could row and enjoy two sections of the journey. We hope this will become an annual event.





Masters Fungatta

Tim Rogers

SMALL BOAT SQUAD

Following member feedback that getting started in doubles, and more specifically singles, was a little too daunting for many masters rowers, mid -2021/2 season the Club began to run “Small Boat Saturdays”.

Members were invited to sign up to use a single at a fixed time on Saturday mornings and have help getting on and off the water and the support of a safety boat while developing their skills and growing their confidence. Early sessions took place in the marina basin near to Talley’s wharf and typically a Saturday session would have 6 singles on the water with one “chaperone” and circa 90 minutes afloat. Early sessions saw surprisingly few swimmers and confidence and numbers grew with one or two more experienced rowers joining to get the benefit of a structured session under the eyes of another member. The squad quickly moved onto the Haven with the introduction of doubles to the fleet in late February.

As the 2021 LTR squad wrapped up their season they were encouraged to join the SBS and in early April SBS ran a 12 crew Doubles “Fungatta” providing a first chance for many to compete in smaller boats. Crews were selected at random and had 2-3 weeks to practice together, again with support boats on hand to give crews confidence.

Post Fungatta, SBS has continued although over the winter the weather has reduced numbers and days afloat somewhat. Following the success in 2021/2 however, as the days lengthen and the weather improves, we expect demand to rebuild and plan to continue this initiative for another season.





Masters Fungatta

Tim Rogers

We are looking for ways to include more members and introduce some additional opportunities for competitive rowing in smaller boats, perhaps ultimately inviting neighboring clubs from the region to also participate.

Many thanks to Roger Watts for his contribution to the success of this program to date.

FUNGATTA

The NRC Small Boat Fungatta took place on a 500m course at high tide on the Maitai River alongside Akersten Street. For the Fungatta, crews were sorted by handicap using the British Rowing system and raced one on one in four round robin groups with group placings leading to A,B, C finals. Crews were offered the opportunity to compete in fancy dress for a little extra help on the handicap.

Despite interruption due to Covid, all entrants turned up on time on the day suitably attired in a range of outfits from fairies and angels to cats and gondoliers. Following the 7 am safety briefing, Erin McNary took up position as our finish judge with Brian Johnson and Nick Brinsley acting as marshals. Roger Watts, Tim Rogers and Grant Wilson acted as starter/race umpires/safety for each race.

The competitive racing that followed saw every crew improve over the morning and led through to Alannah Jones and Karl Newton being crowned inaugural Fungatta champions! The after-match included an award ceremony and consumption of a little too much morning tea.

By popular demand from participants, a similar event is planned for later in 2022.





Myles' Memorial Row

Frances Chin, Stuff article



Olympian's row retraced to honour respected Club Member

An Olympian's long-distance row has been recreated in memory of a Nelson rowing stalwart.

On Saturday 7 May, 36 members of the Golden Edge Nelson Rowing Club rowed from Awaroa to Nelson, a distance of approximately 70 kilometres.

Two five-crew-member coastal rowing boats were used, with 10 people rowing at a time. Safety boats accompanied the journey along the coastline.

The row was completed in honour of long-serving club member Myles Sellers, 54, who passed away unexpectedly last year.

Club president Grant Wilson said rowing was in Sellers' blood, and his great-uncle, Darcy Hadfield, had been the inspiration for route the crew had taken.

Sellers was a man who was passionate about rowing. He had a successful rowing career back in the 1980s, and won a gold medal at the Maadi Cup, as well as being a junior trialist.

Darcy Hadfield won the bronze medal in the single scull in Antwerp in 1920, making him the first New Zealand athlete to win at the Olympics. Previous medals by Kiwis were won for Australasia. Hadfield subsequently went on to hold the Professional World Sculling Championship.

The Olympian grew up in Awaroa, and would often row a 14-foot (4.2m) "clinker dingy" to Nelson for a day out – a total distance of 56 km.



Myles' Memorial Row

Stuff article continued

The Rowing Club replicated this row by rowing from Wilson's Abel Tasman Awaroa Lodge to Nelson Rowing Club.

“The Rowing Club saw this as a very fitting way to remember Myles by following in Darcy’s footsteps and starting the event from Darcy’s home in Awaroa,” Wilson said.

Participants rowed from Kaiteriteri to Awaroa on Friday. The crew then spent the night at Meadowbank Homestead where Hadfield grew up.

On Saturday they set off from Awaroa Beach at 8am. The weather was “gorgeous”, and a massive pod of dolphins was seen out on the water. “We couldn’t have hoped for a better day.”

The crew changed over at Kaiteriteri, Ruby Bay, and Rabbit Island, and reached Nelson Rowing Club at 5pm.

Wilson said the day was a fantastic way to honour Sellers. The day was additionally special as Sellers’ wife Margarete organised for his mother Natalie to come to meet the group at Rabbit Island, where a minister said a few words.

The club was thankful for the support of Sellers’ family, their members, and the team at Wilson’s Abel Tasman that enabled this event to happen.





NRC Medallists for 2021/2022

NZ Masters Champs

29 October 2021
Lake Ruataniwha

Gold: Mens Masters E coxless pair oars - Tony Crosbie, Colin Brown

Silver: Mens Masters F coxless quad sculls - Tony Crosbie, Colin Brown, Kevin Strickland, Fred Murray

Silver: Mixed Masters A-C coxless quad sculls - Tony Crosbie, Colin Brown, Erin McNary, Sue Bonham-Carter

Silver: Mens Masters H double sculls - Kevin Strickland, Fred Murray

Silver: Mixed Masters A-D coxless four - Tony Crosbie, Colin Brown, Erin McNary, Sue Bonham-Carter

Silver: Mens Masters I single sculls - Fred Murray

Silver: Mixed Masters long distance - Erin McNary, Sue Bonham-Carter, Colin Brown, Tony Crosbie

Otago Champs

11/12 December 2021
Lake Ruataniwha

1st: Womens Open coxless pair oars - Macy Kappely, Nicole Campbell

1st: Womens Senior single sculls - Nicole Campbell

1st: Womens Intermediate coxed quad sculls - Jemma Mead, Jesse Heale, Skye Humphries, Thea Speake & Ruby Southwick (cox)

1st: Mens Intermediate coxed quad sculls - Freddy Griffiths, Michael Jones, Ethan Steele, Thomas Goode & Maddie Collis (cox)

2nd: Mens Open coxless pair oars - Rico Fraser, Ollie Ransom

2nd: Womens Open double sculls - Macy Kappely, Nicole Campbell

2nd: Mens Intermediate coxed four - Freddy Griffiths, Thomas Goode, Ethan Steele, Michael Jones & Ruby Southwick (cox)

2nd: Mens Open coxless four - Bryce Stace, Ollie Ransom, Jack Burrows, Rico Fraser

3rd: Girls U16 double sculls - Alexis Phipps, Maddie Collis

3rd: Mens Intermediate double sculls - Michael Jones, Freddy Griffiths

3rd: Girls U18 double sculls - Lucy Munro, Jessie Brown

3rd: Mens Open coxless quad sculls - Flynn Mercer, Ollie Ransom, Jack Burrows, Rico Fraser

3rd: Womens Club coxless quad sculls - Maddie Collis, Jessie Brown, Alexis Phipps, Millie Kappely

South Island Club Champs

29/30 January 2022
Lake Ruataniwha

The regatta was weather affected with a reduced program of finals on Sunday.

Gold: Womens Premier coxless pair oars - Macy Kappely, Nicole Campbell

Silver: Womens Premier single sculls - Nicole Campbell

Silver - Mens Intermediate coxed quad sculls - Freddy Griffiths, Jaxon Taylor, Michael Jones, Ollie Spiers & Charlie Parker (cox)

Bronze: Mens Premier coxless pair oars - Ollie Ransom, Rico Fraser

For events with multiple heats, the fastest times determined the medallists where the final didn't take place.

Silver: Womens Premier coxless quad sculls - Lucy Munro, Nicole Campbell, Macy Kappely, Maddie Collis

Bronze: Girls U15 double sculls - Fern Backhouse-Smith, Hollie John

Masters results:

Gold: Mixed Masters coxless quad sculls - Colin Brown, Tony Crosbie, Kim Kubala, Yvanca Clarisse

Silver: Mens Masters quad sculls - Grant Wilson, Brent Smith, Colin Brown, Tony Crosbie

Bronze: Mixed Masters double sculls - Tony Crosbie, Kim Kubala

Bronze: Mixed Masters coxless quad sculls - Grant Wilson, Brent Smith, Sally Knight, Marnie Brown



NRC Medallists for 2021/2022

NZ Rowing Champs

14/18 February 2022
Lake Ruataniwha

Gold: Womens Senior coxed eight -
Lucy Munro, Macy Kappely, Nicole
Campbell (composite crew with
Marlborough)

Silver: Womens Premier coxless pair
oars - Macy Kappely, Nicole
Campbell

Silver - Womens Senior coxless pair
oars - Macy Kappely, Nicole
Campbell

Silver: Mens Intermediate coxed four
- Freddy Griffiths, Jaxon Taylor,
Michael Jones, Ollie Spiers & Ruby
Southwick (cox)

Bronze: Mens Senior coxless quad
sculls - Flynn Mercer, Ollie Ransom,
Jack Burrows, Rico Fraser

Bronze: Womens Senior coxless
quad sculls - Macy Kappely, Nicole
Campbell, Lucy Munro (composite
crew with Marlborough)

Bronze: Mens Intermediate coxed
quad sculls - Freddy Griffiths, Jaxon
Taylor, Michael Jones, Ollie Spiers &
Ruby Southwick (cox)

South Island Secondary Schools Champs

11/13 March 2022
Lake Ruataniwha

Silver: Boys U17 coxed quad sculls -
Michael Jones, Jaxon Taylor, Buster
Jennings, Ethan Steele & Charlie
Parker (cox)

Bronze: Boys U17 double sculls -
Jaxon Taylor, Buster Jennings

Bronze: Girls U18 coxed quad sculls -
Lucy Munro, Jessie Brown, Jemme
Mead, Emily Cumming & Ruby
Southwick (cox)





2022 NRC Prizegiving



The 2022 Prizegiving was held at The Boathouse to celebrate the successes and highlights of the 2021/2022 rowing season.

Rowing was hugely popular in early Nelson, so much so, that by the 1900's, the NRC had outgrown its clubrooms and in 1906 it built bigger premises on Wakefield Quay which is now The Boathouse. The Club's Prizegiving event is always a fun and social evening for all our members. It's also wonderful to be able to honour the Club's history by holding it in the Club's old home.

Congratulations to this years trophy winners:

Most Improved Novice Girl - Mia Cliffe
 Most Improved Novice Boy - Angus Dixon
 Novice Girl - Hollie John
 Novice Boy - Ollie Lock
 Most Improved Male - Ethan Steele
 Most Improved Female - Emily Cumming
 Coxswain - Madie Taylor
 Masters Contribution - Clare van Eeden
 Administrator - Fiona Lulham
 The Cowbell Award (most vociferous) - Emily Cumming
 Club Contribution - Sally Knight
 Club Captain's Award - Hamish Tomlinson
 Masters Rower - Colin Brown
 Outstanding Male Rower - Ollie Ransom
 Outstanding Female Rower - Nicole Campbell
 Nick Byrne Trophy (for most points in season) - Nicole Campbell
 Crew of the Year - Premier Pair, Macy Kappely and Nicole Campbell
 Taylor Trophy (Sportsperson of the Year) - Macy Kappely
 Myles Sellers Memorial Trophy - Kylie Johnson



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