

# Nelson Rowing Club 2023 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

Dear All

I am pleased to present my report for the last year, a year of both challenges and successes for the Golden Edge Nelson Rowing Club. As I step down from the Committee, I want to reflect on the achievements we've made together and the opportunities for the future of our club.

### Gratitude to the Committee and Supporters:

This year marks my departure from the committee due to business and other commitments. It has been a privilege to serve alongside other committee members who share a passion for our club. We have improved the club's financial position as well as updated rules, policies, and procedures setting up a strong foundation for continued success.

The treasurer role is a big task and done well by Tony Crosbie. He has also secured the NBS as a new sponsor – thank you. Kylie Johnson our Club Captain has done a wonderful job too, balancing the competing needs of our members.

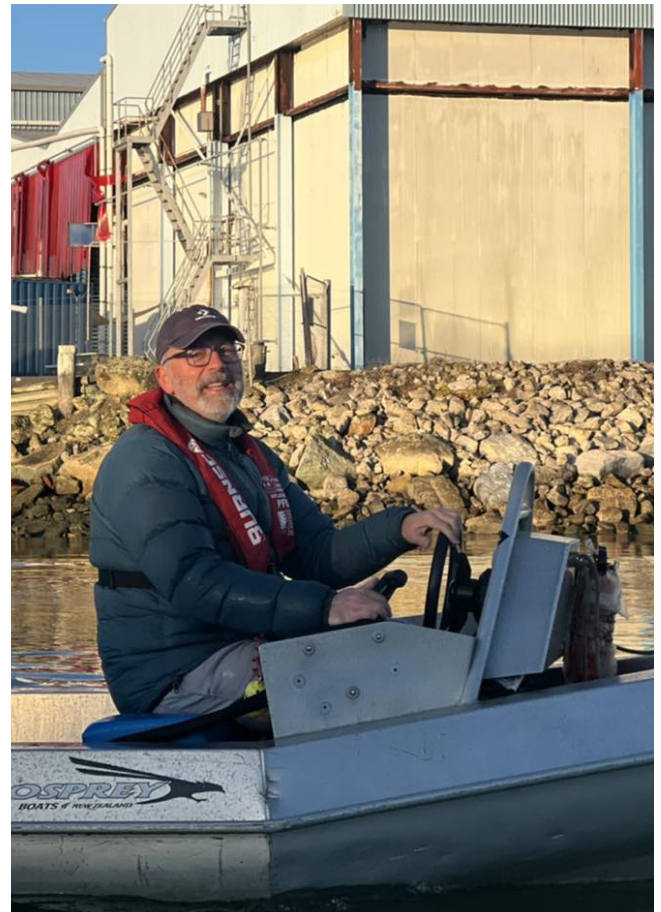
On behalf of the club, I thank each volunteer who helped the club as: committee members, coaches, parent support, fundraisers, and organisers / doers of events (including Beach Sprints and Corporate / Community 8s). I also thank Fiona Lulham our amazing Administrator for all she does for the club. I also want to thank Nic John and Fiona Lulham (again) along with Regatta Management team for the smooth running of regattas in the summer racing season.

### Special thank you to Sally Knight:

A special commendation goes to Sally Knight, who has been an integral part of our committee for the past 6 years. Her tireless service, particularly as secretary, has contributed significantly to our club. We also express our sincere appreciation to Sally and Phil for their generosity in supporting the club, whether through the National Beach Sprints or their contribution of boats.

### Club Safety:

Safety is every members' responsibility. We need all members to enjoy their rowing experience and get home safely. It is important that all members are aware of the implications of safety and maritime law in New Zealand.



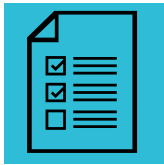
Failure to adhere to the Rowing Water Safety Code could lead to substantial fines for individuals (up to \$10,000) and the club (up to \$100,000). Since the Harbourmaster rescue this year, we have taken steps to improve safety by updating our Club rules to minimise risks to our members and the club as a whole.

Remember, if you are rowing without coach support you must have a personal floatation device for each crew member and have a form of communication with you to contact emergency services (mobile phone in a dry bag or ziplock bag). If conditions are marginal and the weather is forecast to worsen – DO NOT GO OUT – use a rowing machine instead.

**In an emergency** – call 111 and / or use VHF radio channel 16.

There are two other major safety risks the club has:

- Rowing at Lake Rotoroa (or anywhere remote without mobile phone coverage). Where: support boats, VHF radios and EPIRBs are mandatory (flares are required if rowing out at sea).
- Long distance driving to events requires safe travel practices, such as regular breaks and driver swaps to prevent accidents due to driver fatigue.



## President's Report cont.

### Acknowledgment of Sponsors:

We extend our gratitude to our generous sponsors:

- Nelson Pine Industries (Golden Edge), who as naming right sponsor have sponsored the club for more than 30 years. They have supported the club to offer the sport to youth of the region.
- Thank you to our other sponsors: NBS (new), Bowater Toyota, Pub Charity, Lion Foundation, NZ Community Trust Grants and Swift Racing NZ.

### Crews and Coaches Success:

Congratulations to all our crews and dedicated coaches for their performances throughout the year. Their hard work and determination have led to numerous medals at regattas – well done.

Congratulations to the club's various NZ representatives: Brook Robertson (Elite) and Lucy Munro (NZ University).

### In Memoriam:

We remember our Club Patron, Brian Palamountain, with deep sadness as he passed away recently. Brian was our longest living member and our club historian.





## President's Report cont.

### Communication:

WhatsApp is the main tool that groups in the club use to communicate what is happening day to day. Facebook is used to highlight upcoming events for the club. The committee minutes are now available to all members on the members only section of the club website.

As a result of the above the club newsletters have been stopped. I support the incoming committee looking for ways to improve communication.

### Current club priorities:

Firstly, new equipment we have or are applying for:

- New larger trailer – funding accepted and build underway. This larger trailer will allow enough boats to go to the biggest regattas (Marlborough and South Island Champs) and also take coastal boats. It also allows the older trailer to be used for other events / training camps when the new trailer is away.
- New rowing machines to replace old machines
- New oars and sculls – mainly to replace broken ones
- New lightweight coxless four / quad to replace the damaged Stricko as we couldn't find a good second-hand boat equivalent. Insurance proceeds received were \$4,000 and a new boat costs in excess of \$30,000. This will allow the cascade down of one of existing racing boats for recreational use.

Coaching, we have a good number of members involved in coaching or wanting to be involved. The coaching team is led by Tim Babbage as Head Coach.

### My highlight of the Year:

The National Beach Sprints, where the presence of New Zealand Olympic Champions and Australian Representatives added an extra layer of prestige to the event. This showcased the reach and impact of our club both nationally and internationally.

Finally, I am proud of the last year and the position we are in as a club post covid and the floods. I have full confidence that the incoming Committee will continue steering the club towards a bright and successful future. Fingers crossed a new watersports building will come to fruition before the club 150th anniversary in 2026.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,  
Grant Wilson



## Club Captain's Report

Kylie Johnson

Firstly I'd like to thank the members for nominating and allowing me to be the NRC Club Captain this season. It has been a new experience for me alongside coaching the Novice Girls squad. I'd like to thank the previous club captains, as well as life members, committee, rowing parents and volunteers for making it easy for me to pick up the role as Club Captain - there is no way I could have got through the season without you by my side.

It has been awesome to be involved in all the happenings around the Nelson Rowing Club, working along side a wide range of ages and abilities to ensure we have the resources to make it a successful season. It was both a bit of fun and challenging with our large group of rowers at the club but hopefully our numbers continue to grow.

It was a busy start to the season this year, starting with dusting off the cobwebs of our sweeping gear in time for the large group of Novice College rowers. If you didn't know, sweep rowing is my favourite so it was great to see the 8's and 4's out on the Haven which continued throughout the season. It was fantastic to see a large number of skiffs and the coastal fleet out on the water each weekend and I thank the members for looking after the gear including handling the boats around the shed and giving them a good wash on returning from a row.

This year the club completed some great fundraising including a quiz night, ergathon and we welcomed back our Corporate/Community 8s rowing. Was awesome to see the entire club get involved in all the events both young and old with their competitive streaks and working together to help out the club.

This season the Lake Rotoroa Lodge was well used with at least 7 weekend visits to such a beautiful lake. Thanks to Blenheim and Wairau Rowing clubs for hosting us on various occasions on the Wairau Rivers for camps and practice racing. A big thanks to Bowater Toyota for always making sure we can get our boats and trailer there and back safely from regattas, it is such a great support you provide and we look forward to working with you in the future.



Finally I am excited that we managed to secure funding for the construction of a larger new trailer to carry the amount of boats the club needs for regattas in Marlborough, Twizel and the North Island where we encourage all our members to attend. It will be awesome to have the flexibility to have members in two locations at once.

I congratulate all those rowers, coxens and parents for getting through the season and I look forward to seeing you all around the club next season. Keep on rowing and smiling :-)

Kylie

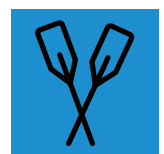


## NRC Committee



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.

2022/2023 Committee (from left to right): Colin Brown, Tony Crosbie, Kylie Johnson, Erin McNary, Sally Knight and Grant Wilson.



## In Memoriam



### Brian Palamountain: 1935-2023

Brian was the Club's Patron for 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 recalled how they used to dry the floor of The Boathouse before the dances by riding a motorbike around inside with a sack of hay tied on the back! 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. Even in retirement he was a regular at the Club on Sunday mornings when the Masters rowed, helping to prepare morning tea and enjoying the chat and conversations afterwards. He was a keen historian who kept meticulously filed records of the Club's history. RIP Brian



## 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.







## 2022/2023 - The Year in Review

7 August 2022: NRC AGM is held

7 August 2022: Naming of "The Lion Foundation"

27 August 2022: NRC helps clean up the Boulder Bank after devastating floods hit the city and region

7 September 2021: Marlborough Rowing Association Awards

Nicole Campbell wins Best Female Rower

NRC/Wairau Senior 8+ win Best Club crew:

Lucy Munro, Macy Kappely, Nicole Campbell

Ruby Southwick wins Best Coxswain

NRC Mens Masters K2- win Best Masters crew:

Tony Crosbie & Colin Brown

17 September 2022: NZ Masters Champs, Lake Karapiro. 8 rowers - 2 gold, 6 silver, 5 bronze

8 October 2022: Mainland Inter-provincial Champs, Lake Ruataniwha. 12 NRC rowers - 2 x 1st, 2 x 2nd, 1 x 3rd

10-16 October 2022: Brook Robertson represents NRC at the World Rowing Coastal Champs in Wales, winning a silver and a bronze medal

16 October 2022: Picton Long Distance Paddle

23 October 2022: Dunstan Arms Long Distance Race

8 November 2022: Quiz Night at The Turf

3-4 December 2022: Marlborough Champs, Wairau River Blenheim. 64 College, Club and Masters rowers from NCR take part in the 2 day regatta

6 December 2022: Sport Tasman Sports Awards  
NRC/Wairau Senior Womens 8 win Junior Sports Team of 2022. Lucy Munro, Nicole Campbell & Macy Kappely

3 January 2023: NRC hosts the Swift Racing NZ Coastal Rowing Beach Sprints National Champs on Tahunanui Beach



## 2022/2023 - The Year in Review

21 January 2023: Erg-a-thon

28-29 January 2023: South Island Club Champs, Lake Ruataniwha Twizel. 56 college rowers, 1 Masters - 3 bronze

7 March 2023: Have-a-go Day with Nelson Hospice at Tahunanui Beach

10-13 March 2023: South Island Secondary Schools Championships, Lake Ruataniwha Twizel. 45 rowers - 2 silver

27 March-1 April 2023: Maadi Cup, Lake Karapiro Cambridge. 32 rowers - 4 x top ten placings

14-18 February 2023: NZ National Rowing Championships, Lake Ruataniwha Twizel. 22 rowers - 1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze

12 April 2023: Lucy Munro is selected onto the NZ Universities Team

April-May 2023: Community 8's

13 May 2023: Nielsen Kellerman (NZ) Masters Regatta, Lake Karapiro Cambridge. 5 rowers - 1 x 1st, 4 x 2nd

18 May 2023: NRC 2022/2023 Prizegiving is held at The Boathouse Nelson

23 May 2023: Rowing NZ Awards in Auckland. Warren Amos was the recipient of the MRA Volunteer of the Year Award

1-4 June 2023: Australian Masters Rowing Championships, Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith. 7 rowers - 1 gold

3-4 June 2023: South Island Masters Regatta, Picton. 25 rowers - 2 gold, 6 silver, 5 bronze



## Club and College Rowing

Tim Babbage, Head Coach



The 2022/2023 season was a welcome change from the past few years with the Club and all the Regattas running without Covid restrictions.

The Club again traveled with a fairly large group making daily logistics challenging but thanks to the organisational powers of Fiona Lulham and the corralling skills of Nic John, everyone got to where they needed to go, on time, well fed and most importantly safe. Big thanks to all parents, supporters and helpers who made the circus work.

This years coaching team was a large one with the Boys being guided by Joe Bennion, Brent Smith, Miles Aralambulam and Sam Johnston. Joe left us in mid January for a new job in Blenheim so thanks to Brent for stepping up and running the Senior Boys after that. The Girls were coached by Kylie Johnston, Clare Van Eeden, Leah Van Eeden, Hamish Tomlinson and myself.

The shining stars, results wise, this season were the youngsters with the Novice Girls picking up medals consistently through the season including Kylie's first ever National Championship coaching medals. So well done to Kylie.

Maadi was it's usual frenetic event with some great tight racing and just a few almost medals. If you haven't attended a Maadi in recent times it is truly one of the worlds great regattas and the pageantry and atmosphere are hard to beat with more than 10,000 spectators on course for finals.

A final thanks to our College Captains Emily Cumming and Jaxon Taylor for leading the charge during the season. We put a lot of responsibility on young shoulders and they perform admirably.

Looking forward to seeing what 2023/24 brings!  
Tim



## NRC Club Culture

Tim Babbage, Head Coach

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.

- **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

Erin McNary

It's been a busy year for Nelson's Masters rowers, with events from Karapiro to Sydney and everywhere in between. Here's a round-up of the 2022/23 year!

### Nationals – September 2022

A group of 8 went up to NZ Masters Nationals hosted in Karapiro. This year saw the most competitors show up since covid and forced the NRC team to step it up and go for it every race. The weather set the scene for a great weekend and the team enjoyed a well run event.

The weekend kicked off with the newly nicknamed ToCo take gold in their first race of the weekend, the Men's E Pair. The medals just kept coming with ToCo collecting a bronze in their double and Kim, Yvanca, Marnie and Erin snagging both silver and bronze in the B and A quad races. Not to be outdone, Huw joined ToCo and grabbed some more medals in the men's four and eight races while Fred joined them for a silver in the mens F quad. Colin/Erin and Tony/Kim capped the weekend off with a gold and silver in the mixed double for the final race of the weekend.

### Picton Long Distance – October 2022

Beautiful sunshine and dolphins were the name of the game for NRC's visit to Picton for the annual long distance regatta. This year those in the coastal boats found themselves quite chuffed as they rowed through the ferry wake with no problem. With 4 quads heading over for the race, our masters squad had a great day and can't wait to go back next year for more dolphins!

### Cromwell Gorge - October 2022

In what was a total change of scenery, 10 Masters (2 quads and a double) from Nelson rowed the length of the spectacular Cromwell Gorge in the long distance race hosted by Dunstan Arm Rowing Club. Despite a strong head wind midway along the gorge, all crews enjoyed the opportunity to row in such a beautiful part of the country.

### Legions (Nielsen Kellerman Masters Regatta) – May 2023

Tony, Colin, Huw, Sue and I flew up north to compete in another regatta in Karapiro and get some more racing under our belts. After a short fog delay, and too much time waiting on the water to sit with my own thoughts, I survived my first (and possibly only?) singles race, but if you've ever thought you may want to try racing a single, I say go for it!





## Masters Rowing cont.

Erin McNary

As a crew, we brought home a heap of silvers, and a gold for Erin/Sue quad and some important lessons learned:

- Sue found that if you hang out near the pontoons, you might just get to go in bow with some ex-olympians and get a gold medal for your efforts
- Tony, Colin and Huw learned that it's impossible to race in an event if you are still rigging when the race starts
- I don't recommend adjusting your foot plates on the water in the thick fog where no one would see if you fell in!
- We're grateful to Cambridge and Wellington for letting us borrow boats, and its nice to not have to re-rig when we get home.
- Everyone is keen to go back up for next year's regatta, so add it to your calendars

### Sydney – June 2023

Talk about an epic experience! The Nelson crew joined some other Kiwis from Cromwell and Wakatipu for a trip across the pond to race against the Aussies in their 2023 Australian Masters Nationals hosted at the Penrith Olympic Regatta Centre outside of Sydney.

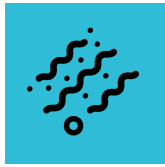
For some of us, it was our first experience competing in a 4-day regatta where you might only have 1 event for a whole day. For others, you could see them trying to hide their excitement (looking at you Tony and Colin) and playing it cool like experienced regatta veterans.

Like everything else in Australia, the event was bigger and had over 1000 competitors. This meant our races had at least 1 heat to get to finals and every lane was full for most events. We had a good laugh every time someone asked where we were from, since for some of us, saying 'New Zealand' in a non kiwi accent gave a few people pause; thankfully we had our born and raised Kiwi team members (Colin, Marnie and Grant) we could use as our crew's spokesperson.

Even with so many competitors, the racing was very fast and the event ran like clockwork. Despite our best efforts, our first few races came up empty until the Mixed E Quad with ToCo, Yvanca and Maude flew through to the finish line snagging a fancy gold medal! After that, everyone started to find their rhythm and started to get used to the aggressive starts and 36 stroke rate that was required to not get left in the wake.

We all owe a huge thanks to Marnie for the great idea, Tony for sorting boats and races and Sally for being the best cheer squad we could ask for. We had a lovely crew and the biggest regret of the regatta was forgetting the group picture... Lets go do it all again next year?





## 2023 SI Masters

Tim Rogers

The SI Masters Regatta took place as has been tradition, on "Monarch's" Birthday weekend - this year in Picton. The event was well attended with 17 clubs competing from across the Mainland as well as a few crossing the ditch from the LNI. A total of 235 athletes in all dodged their way through ferry wash, steering challenges and the occasional squall to contest the Championships.

With the Aussie National Masters being contested by NRC on the same weekend we knew we would be missing a few of the NRC hardcore but with an early heads up from the host as to likely events we were able to call for expressions of interest earlier than previously and get a few crews training together. Trevor Banning organised an excellent training "camp" at the club with Robbo (John Robinson) a couple of weeks prior and everyone was primed and ready.

Our squad of 25 (9 men and 16 Women) entered an average of 5 events per person with a strong presence in all the boat categories (4 Singles, 17 Doubles, 11 Quads, 5 Eights +/-). We placed 9 podiums with outright wins to Sylvia Walsh in a high energy sprint for the line in W1x EK and our W4xEK of again Sylvia alongside Denise Martin, Jayne Brinsley and Trish Strickland. NRC crews also won several surprise medals as fastest in age group despite not winning their race.

Notable mentions to: the W4xEK who also took home the trophy for Fastest Quad of the Regatta on adjusted time proving that there are benefits to aging after all; and, the M8+EK who took home a medal for M8+G despite turning sideways across the course shortly after the start due to a steering "malfunction".

A great time was had by all competitors. Picton RC did a fine job as hosts, the traditional Sunday night function was sold out well ahead of time and the NRC crews definitely won "Dancing under the Stars".

Thanks to Josh for dragging the boats over and congratulations to him for not pranging them on the awkwardly placed lighting pole that helped Avon RC have an early chat with their insurers on Friday.



We all took away some great memories as well as an important reminder that Rowing is a dangerous sport even when off the water when Kevin, Trish, Denise and Leane suffered a serious trailer mishap while loading for home. Thankfully everyone is well on the road to recovery.

Next year SI Masters 2024 will be hosted by Wanaka over the ANZAC weekend.



## Coastal Rowing

Sally Knight

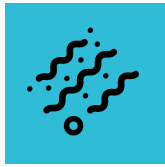


Enthusiasm for coastal rowing continues to grow at Nelson Rowing Club. This year the Club purchased a Coastal double and single to add to the Coastal Quad. These boats are primarily used by Masters, and there are regular groups setting off for the 'Coffee Cruise' to Tahunanui Beach.

Nelson Rowing Club was represented on the international stage at the World Coastal Rowing Champs in October 2022, held in Wales. A group of eight elite NZ rowers attended World Champs, and had an exceptional regatta, bringing home 5 medals from the 9 events they contested. Brook Robertson is a Nelson Club member, and paired up with Ben Mason to compete in the Mens' Double, winning the bronze medal. Check out Brook's Nelson Rowing Club beanie on the medal podium!

The third edition of the NZ National Beach Sprint Champs was held on Tahunanui Beach on 3 January 2023. Hosted by Nelson Rowing Club and sponsored by Swift Racing NZ, over 120 competitors had a fun day of racing. It was exciting for some of our school rowers to race at the same event as elite NZ rowers such as Emma Twigg, Matt Dunham, Jackie Kiddle and Michael Brake. A group of four athletes and two coaches from Australia also attended, as this was the qualifying regatta for the Bali Beach Games. Rowers came from Auckland, Cambridge, Wellington, Picton, Blenheim, Nelson and Christchurch. TV One sent a cameraman, and Nelson Rowing Club made the TV News, with Club President Grant Wilson interviewed, as well as Tokyo Olympic Gold Medallists Emma Twigg and Michael Brake. The after-match prizegiving at Nelson Rowing Club was a great success, with 'medals' (river rocks) handed out by Mark Weatherall, Rowing NZ's General Manager Community and Development, and Sean Colgan, Rowing NZ's major sponsor.





## Community 8s

Erin McNary

### Community 8s – April – May 2023

This year, we saw the return of the Community 8s fundraiser, formally known as Corporate 8s. Suzanne, Tim R, Russ, Murray and Erin set out to organise and run the event.

Following some awesome cajoling from Murray and support from the club, we had 7 teams sign up for the 4 week training for indoor and on water rowing events. Suzanne's efforts behind the scenes ensured we were all set, and teams were kept well informed. With an excellent balance of humour and \*%@!Tim managed to make it so the majority of competitors showed up for training on time, even if the boats were not always back when they were scheduled. Each team was paired with a Coach as well as an Assistant Coach and Coxswains from the squad of college rowers. After an intro night and evening on the ergs, teams had the opportunity to get on the water up to 4 times. With all the trash talking and strong competition between the teams and their coaches, it was bound to be an epic regatta.

The indoor regatta arrived, and the Nelson Girls College provided the ideal location to host. Kevin, Russ and our awesome masters squad were amazing getting the gym all set up and ergs connected and running seamlessly for every event. After a warmup, we were off to the races with a series of 500 metre, 100metre and 1 min sprints leading up to the Team Relay. The race on the screen was neck and neck with WSP leading the way until the final 1000 metres where a fluke of a transition saw WSP's erg have the equivalent of a flat tyre allowing Findex to glide into victory, taking the win for the night.

What is that saying- Even the best laid plans can go awry? Following the high of the indoor regatta, a huge wet weather event hit Nelson and a safety call was made to delay that weekend's regatta. Despite everything working against our team, we managed to pull off a race with a series of heats through morning races and a final race out next to the boulder bank.



The final saw an epic face off between Hamish's team - WSP, Bob's team - Duncan Cotteril/BNZ and Tony's team - Hurst & Taylor Pharmacy. After an epic battle, Hurst & Taylor took the victory and Tony, Ciara and Holly take out bragging rights for the year.



## NRC Medallists for 2022/2023

### NZ Masters Champs

17/18 Sept 2022  
Lake Karapiro

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

Gold: Mixed Masters A-C double sculls - Colin Brown, Erin McNary

Silver: Womens Masters B coxless quad sculls - Kim Kubala, Yvanca Clarisse, Marnie Brown, Erin McNary

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

Silver: Mens Masters E coxless four (comp crew) - Tony Crosbie, K Maker, Colin Brown, Huw Mitchell

Silver: Mixed Masters D-F double sculls - Tony Crosbie, Yvanca Clarisse

Silver: Mens Masters E coxed eight (comp crew) - Tony Crosbie, K Maker, S Wade, A Jolly, P Newsome, Huw Mitchell, Colin Brown, C Brooks, cox Marnie Brown

Silver: Mixed Masters A-C double sculls - Tony Crosbie, Kim Kubala

Bronze: Mens Masters E double sculls - Tony Crosbie, Colin Brown

Bronze: Mixed Masters D-F coxless quad sculls - Tony Crosbie, Colin Brown, Yvanca Clarisse, Marnie Brown

Bronze: Womens Masters A double sculls - Erin McNary, Kim Kubala

Bronze: Womens Masters B double sculls - Yvanca Clarisse, Erin McNary

Bronze: Womens Masters A coxless quad sculls - Kim Kubala, Yvanca Clarisse, Marnie Brown, Erin McNary

### South Island Club Champs

28/29 January 2023  
Lake Ruataniwha

Bronze: Womens U19 coxed quad sculls (comp crew) - D Vavasour, Lucy Munro, Emily Cumming, Maddie Collis, cox Madie Taylor

Bronze: Womens Club coxless quad sculls (comp crew) - D Vavasour, Emily Cumming, Skye Lasenby, Maddie Collis

Bronze: Girls U15 double sculls - Fern Backhouse-Smith, Mia Cliffe

### NZ Rowing Champs

14-18 February 2023  
Lake Ruataniwha

Gold: Mens Premier coxless pair oars - Brook Robertson, Matt MacDonald (North Shore RC)

Silver: Womens Novice coxed four - Brie Williams, Naomi Robertson, Greer Robertson, Millie Treder, cox Madie Taylor

Bronze: Womens Intermediate coxed eight - Fern Backhouse-Smith, Hollie John, Mia Cliffe, Naomi Robertson, Greer Robertson, Millie Treder, Isla Martine, Sarah Scholefield, cox Ruby Southwick

Bronze: Womens Novice coxed eight - Brie Williams, Naomi Robertson, Greer Robertson, Millie Treder, Isla Martine, Juno O'Connor, Zoe Dunstan, Lucia Maskell, cox Madie Taylor





## NRC Medallists for 2022/2023

### South Island Secondary Schools

10-13 March 2023  
Lake Ruataniwha

*Nelson College:*

Silver: Boys U15 double sculls -  
Murdoch Smith, Ollie White

*Nelson College for Girls:*

Silver: Girls U18 Novice coxed four -  
Millie Treder, Greer Robertson, Chloe  
Steele, Naomi Robertson, cox Madie  
Taylor

### 2023 Maadi Cup

27 March - 1 April 2023  
Lake Karapiro

*TOP TEN PLACINGS:*

*Nelson College:*

4th: Boys U15 double sculls -  
Murdoch Smith, Ollie White

6th: Boys U16 single sculls -  
Murdoch Smith

*Nelson College for Girls:*

4th: Girls U18 Novice coxed four -  
Millie Treder, Greer Robertson, Chloe  
Steele, Naomi Robertson, cox Madie  
Taylor

7th: Girls U18 Novice coxed eight -  
Lucia Maskell, Millie Treder, Greer  
Robertson, Naomi Robertson, Chloe  
Steele, Juno O'Connor, Brie Williams,  
Frankie Palmer, cox Madie Taylor

### South Island Masters Regatta

3-4 June 2023  
Picton

Gold: Womens Masters E-K single  
sculls - Sylvia Walsh

Gold - Womens Masters E-K coxless  
quad sculls - Sylvia Walsh, Jane  
Brinsley, Trisha Strickland, Denise  
Martin

### 2023 Australian Masters Rowing Champs

1-4 June 2023  
Sydney

Gold: Mixed Masters E coxless  
quad - Tony Crosbie, Colin  
Brown, Yvanca Clarisse, Maude  
O'Connell





## 2023 NRC Prizegiving



The 2023 Prizegiving was held at The Boathouse to celebrate the successes and highlights of the 2022/2023 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 - Chloe Steele  
 Most Improved Novice Boy - Cooper Nichols  
 Novice Girl - Millie Treder  
 Novice Boy - Olly White  
 Most Improved Male - George Moloney  
 Most Improved Female - Fern Backhouse-Smith  
 Coxswain - Madie Taylor  
 Masters Contribution - Tony Crosbie  
 Administrator - Nic John  
 The Cowbell Award (most vociferous) - Juno O'Connor  
 Club Captain's Award - Madie Taylo  
 Top Male Masters Rower - Tony Crosbie  
 Top Female Masters Rowers - Erin McNary  
 Outstanding Male Rower - Murdoch Smith  
 Outstanding Female Rower - Lucy Munro  
 Nick Byrne Trophy (for most points in season) - Naomi Robertson  
 Crew of the Year - Womens Novice Coxed Four, Brie Williams, Chloe Steele, Naomi Robertson, Millie Treder, Greer Robertson, coxed by Madie Taylor  
 Taylor Trophy (Sportsperson of the Year for Honesty, Loyalty, Diligence) - Emily Cumming  
 Myles Sellers Memorial Trophy - Hamish Tomlinson



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