



## NEW ZEALAND ROWING ASSOCIATION INC

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### 132<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### AGENDA

**The 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the New Zealand Rowing Association Inc.**

**Held at The Intercontinental Hotel, 2 Grey Street, Wellington**

**on Saturday 18th May 2019 commencing at 1.00pm**

**1. Welcome by the President**

The president, Tony Popplewell, welcomed everyone to the 132<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Rowing Associations Annual General Meeting, bringing a close to the 2018/2019 season.

The 2018 Annual Report was received as a record of activities for the past year. The President acknowledged Rowing NZ staff and the efforts they make on behalf of the sport. The Rowing NZ Board have provided good leadership and governance throughout the year.

Legacy – Rowing NZ acknowledged the NZRF's efforts with the Legacy Programme. Appreciate their work to acknowledge the history and background of our sport.

- International  
Elite – wishing team well for qualification  
U23 + jrs performed well.
- Domestic  
Maadi and nationals both very successful regattas.

**2. Confirmation of Delegates**

Auckland	Mat Jensen, Ged Campbell
Bay of Plenty	Sharon Morrell, Ross Morrell
Canterbury	Justin Wall, Peter Midgley
East Coast	Alex Hyland, Simon Lack
Marlborough	Tim Babbage, Dave Henry
Otago	Lauren Farnden, Maysie Scott
Southland	Peter Sinclair, Kevin Flutey
Waikato	Catherine Stapleton, Louise Beaumont
Wanganui	Gus Scott, Jemal Weston
Wellington	Sean Durkin, Christie Davis
NZSSRA	Janey Wackrow, Trudy Keys

**3. Confirmation of votes available to be cast at the meeting**

Twenty two (22) votes. Two (2) per Local Association.

**4. Recognition of Other Attendees - Board Members, Life Members and Affiliates**

The president noted the attendance of Gerry Dwyer (Chairman of RNZ) and Fred Strachan (Vice Patron).

RNZ Board Directors: Bob Evans, Jock Mackintosh, Bruce Tong, Geoff Taylor, Jerry Rickman – welcomed and thanked Board members who governed the sport throughout the year.

NZRA Life Members: Bill Falconer, Ivan Sutherland, John Wylie, Fred Strachan, Gerry Dwyer, Johnny Johnson, Evan McCalman, George Tuffin – round of applause for all life members.

Affiliates: Karapiro Rowing Inc., South Island Rowing Inc., NZ Universities Council (apology), Legion of Rowers (apology), Indoor Rowing Association (apology)

RNZ Staff: Simon Peterson, Rachelle Stoddart, Sonya Walker, Tim Wilson, Judith Hamilton, Rachael Kennedy.

Observers present: Amanda Puddle, Cedric Bayly, Derek Jones, Don Baron, Harvey Nelson, Judy Jones, Kaye Surgenor, Mark James, Paul O'Brien, Pete Yeoman, Raechel Cummins, Richard Reese, Scott Wilson, Steve Cushing, Terry Tidbury, Tony Nelson, Virginia Le Bas, Andrew Carr-Smith, Christine Moffat, Logan Keys, James Harvey, Karl Morgan, Tony Debbage, Mike Shutes, Chris Klassen, Vicki Maclean, Bruce Fraser.

**The chairman acknowledged the presence of Derek Jones at the AGM and Judy Jones, Richard Reese, and Maria Reese at the AGM dinner later tonight.**

**5. Apologies**

Rowing NZ Board Directors: Tonia Cawood, Hayden Dillon and Annabel Ritchie

NZRA Life Members: Lesley Milne, Mike Hartley

Legion of Rowers: Brian Parr

Other: Roger Milne, Robert Bristow

**MOVED: That the following apologies be sustained.**

**Auckland / Canterbury**

**CARRIED**

**6. In Memoriam**

James Boyce Karapiro Rowing Inc.

Ray Flannagan Avon Rowing Club

Tony Austin East Coast Rowing Association

Tim Dobbie	Wellington Rowing Club
Georgie Salter	Oamaru Rowing Club
Ron Moore	Alexandra Rowing Club
John Williams	Otago Rowing Association
John Kestrup	Aramahoe Whanganui Rowing Club
Mary Thomas	South Island Rowing Inc.
Gael Spargo	Whakatane Rowing Club

*A minute of silence was respectfully observed.*

**7. Confirmation of Minutes from the 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

**MOVED:** *That the minutes of the 131<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Rowing Association held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Dunedin, subject to any amendments, be accepted as a true and correct record.*

*Wellington / Whanganui CARRIED*

**8. Matters Arising**  
Nil

**9. Adoption of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.**

**a) Report on behalf of the Board**

Gerry Dwyer, Chairman, spoke to the report.

2018 was a challenging year with a lot of media attention on HP sport. Rowing NZ can be very confident on where we are heading and how we are placed.

The chairman thanked Derek Jones for 14 years of continued support to Rowing NZ. Management staff were acknowledged especially the CEO, Simon Peterson.

Bob Evans is retiring after 6 years of service to the Rowing NZ Board. Bob has done some tremendous work over the last few years especially with Domestic Rowing.

Alan Cotter retired after 10 years of service. Congratulations, thanks and best wishes to Alan for an outstanding period of service to RNZ.

**b) CEO Report**

Simon Peterson spoke to the report

Simon acknowledged the Rowing NZ staff and Board.

Simon took time to recognize Evan McCalman for the extraordinary amount of work done on the History of Rowing. Evan presented Simon with the final chapter (chapter 4) prior to the AGM.

Standing ovation from all present in acknowledgement of Evan and the work that he has done.

**c) High Performance Report**

Judith Hamilton, High Performance General Manager – Performance, to spoke to the report.

**d) Domestic Report**

Bob Evans spoke to the report.

Bob thanked his fellow Board members for the last six years.

He also acknowledged the work of the Rowing NZ Chief Executive and staff members.

Bob believes the rowing community is served well by the current Board model of both elected and appointed members and stated that the new members will increase skill set of Board.

In 2012 the Rowing NZ Board commissioned a report to revitalize NZ rowing. Despite this work being done, a lot of clubs have struggled to adapt to the changes suggested by the report.

Bob thanked the Board members and the rowing community for their support over the years.

**e) Audit, Finance, Risk and Compliance Committee Report**

Jerry Rickman spoke to the report

Result from 2018 was slightly better than budgeted.

Sport NZ loan has decreased significantly.

Emphasis placed on the contribution from donors and sponsors. Their support has made all the difference over the last few years.

Looking forward, 2019 is a big year. A lot of Rowing NZ resources will be consumed in Olympic qualification and Olympic preparation however confident we have enough resources in place.

**f) Universities Committee**

Tim Wilson spoke to the report

2018 was the biggest Aon NZ University Rowing Championships with just under 400 athletes competing. 25% of these rowers were novice. 50%

only competed at University Championships in the 2017/18 season. This shows that there is a demand for a shorter, less intense form of rowing.

High Performance University Rowing – University World Championships was very successful in 2018 with the Women’s double (Amy Mills and Georgia Allan) winning bronze, and Harrison Sommerville winning gold in the Men’s lightweight single.

Tim thanked the University Committee and everyone that supported university rowing in 2018.

**g) Schools Committee**

Bruce Tong spoke to the report.

In 2019 we continued to see growth in school rowing.

Bruce was asked at the NZSSRA AGM to approach the Secondary Schools Sports Council (NZSSSC) to review lightweight rowing. The NZSSSC confirmed that lightweight rowing would remain a non-sanctioned event therefore would not appear on the programme.

Bruce acknowledge the tremendous support of Aon and volunteers.

Bruce thanked the Race Committees at both SIR and KRI for the work they do especially during trying times at regattas.

Bruce acknowledged Sonya for her fantastic work with NZSSRA, as well as all school coaches and supporters of school clubs.

**MOVED: That ALL the reports and the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, subject to any amendments be received.**

**Bay of Plenty / Otago CARRIED**

***The Chairman noted the arrival of Richard Reese and thanked him for his continuing support of Rowing NZ through Rocket Foods.***

**10. Annual Report of the Waiariki Rowing Club**

The Waiariki Rowing Club is a legitimate vehicle for crews formed by Rowing New Zealand to compete in overseas Club regattas where the rules of those regattas require that all competing athletes should represent a rowing club rather than a National Federation.

**No crews competed under Waiariki Rowing Club in 2018.**

## 11. Election of Officers

Patron: The Governor General – Dame Patsy Reddy – GNZM QSO  
DStJ

*This was formally noted, as there is no need for election.*

Vice Patron: Fred Strachan (Wellington, Waikato)  
**CARRIED unanimously**

President: Bill Falconer (Wellington, Canterbury)  
**CARRIED unanimously**

## 12. Election of Directors

Nominations for three vacant Elected Director position on the Board:

Raechel Cummins	(Auckland RA, Whanganui RA)
Gerald Dwyer	(Canterbury RA, Wellington RA)
Annabel Ritchie	(Canterbury RA, Wellington RA, Southland RA)

Annabel Ritchie will end her first, three-year term, in May. Annabel will be standing for reelection at this year's meeting.

Annabel has been nominated by Wellington Rowing Association and Seconded by Southland Rowing Association and Canterbury Rowing Association for re-election.

**Moved: That the election of Annabel Ritchie to the Rowing NZ Board as an Elected Director be endorsed**  
**CARRIED unanimously**

Gerald Dwyer will end his second, three-year term, in May. Gerald will be standing for reelection at this year's meeting.

Gerald has been nominated by Wellington Rowing Association and Seconded by Canterbury Rowing Association for re-election.

**Moved: That the election of Gerald Dwyer to the Rowing NZ Board as an Elected Director be endorsed**  
**CARRIED unanimously**

Bob Evans will end his second, three-year term, in May. Bob will not be standing for reelection at this year's meeting.

Raechel Cummings was nominated by Canterbury Rowing Association and seconded by Wellington and Southland.

**Moved:** *That the election of Raechel Cummins to the Rowing NZ Board as an Elected Director be endorsed.*

**CARRIED unanimously**

Raechel introduced herself with a brief background on her life, career and involvement in rowing.

### **13. Appointments to the Board**

Appointed Directors Jerry Rickman and Hayden Dillon retire by rotation. Jerry Rickman concludes his term at this year's AGM.

The Board Recommended to reappoint Hayden Dillion without the need for advertising due to the skill set, value and continuity that Hayden brings to the Board. The recommendation has been considered and supported by the Chair of the Independent Appointments Panel. The Board submits the appointment of Hayden Dillon to the delegates for endorsement at the AGM.

**Moved:** *That the reappointment of Hayden Dillon to the RNZ Board as an Independent Director be endorsed.*

**CARRIED unanimously**

The Independent Appointments Panel has considered various applicants for the vacant position and has forwarded a recommendation to the Board which has been accepted. The Board, therefore, submits to the delegates for endorsement at the AGM.

**Moved:** *That the appointment of Virginia Le Bas to the RNZ Board as an Independent Director be endorsed.*

**RNZ Board / Canterbury CARRIED unanimously**

Virginia introduced herself with a brief background on herself, career, and involvement in rowing.

The Board have asked that Jerry Rickman remain on the board in his role as Chair of the AFRCC. Jerry has agreed to stay on for a 15-month term to help with financial planning through to 2024. The Board would like to co-opt Jerry to the Board. Seeking ratification of this from the delegates.

**Moved:** *That Jerry Rickman be co-opted to the Rowing NZ Board as an Independent Director be endorsed.*

**CARRIED unanimously**

**14. Election of Auditor**

KPMG were appointed the Association's auditors in 2018 and have indicated their preparedness to continue to serve. The Board recommends that KPMG be re-appointed for another year.

**MOVED**            ***That KPMG, having indicated its willingness to continue be reappointed as Auditors, the fee to be determined by the Board.***

***Whanganui / Auckland***            ***CARRIED***

**15. Election of Legal Counsel**

Maria Clarke having previously filled the role of legal counsel has indicated the potential for a conflict of interest through her current work with HPSNZ

Rob Hart is a former member of the New Zealand Sports Tribunal. The Board recommends that Rob Hart be appointed as Rowing NZ's Legal Counsel for the next 12 month period.

***Wellington / Auckland***            ***CARRIED***

**16. NZRA Levies**

**a) Association Levies**

The Board recommends that the levy for Local Associations remain at \$250 per Association plus GST for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2020.

**MOVED**            ***That the levy for the Local Associations remain at \$250 per Association plus GST for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2020***

***Auckland / Southland***            ***CARRIED***

**b) Subscriptions**

***The Board moves:***

***That the Competition License Fee for the 2019-20 season be:***

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| <b><i>1.</i></b> | <b><i>Annual Competition License Fee</i></b> | <b><i>\$80.00 +GST</i></b> |
| <b><i>2.</i></b> | <b><i>Seat Levy</i></b>                      | <b><i>\$1.00 +GST</i></b>  |

***Bay of Plenty / Waikato***            ***CARRIED***

**17. Allocation of the 2021 New Zealand Rowing Championships**

Application received from South Island Rowing to host the 2021 New Zealand Rowing Championships at Lake Ruataniwha from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> February with 21<sup>st</sup> being a spare day.

Championship and Non-Championship Event fees for the 2021 New Zealand Rowing Championships will be confirmed at the 2020 NZRA AGM.



**MOVED**                    ***That the application to host the 2021 New Zealand Rowing Championships as tabled be approved***

***Otago / NZSSRA                    CARRIED***

**18.                    Confirmation of fees for the 2020 New Zealand Rowing Championships**

Application received from Karapiro Rowing Inc for the event fees at the 2020 New Zealand Rowing Championships.

<i>Championship Events:</i>		<i>Non-Championship Events:</i>	
<i>Eight</i>	<i>\$62.00+GST</i>	<i>Eight</i>	<i>\$62.00+GST</i>
<i>Fours/Quads</i>	<i>\$52.00+GST</i>	<i>Fours/Quads</i>	<i>\$52.00+GST</i>
<i>Pairs/Doubles</i>	<i>\$45.00+GST</i>	<i>Pairs/Doubles</i>	<i>\$45.00+GST</i>
<i>Singles</i>	<i>\$37.00+GST</i>	<i>Singles</i>	<i>\$37.00+GST</i>

*Amenity fees: \$40.00 per competitor including coxswains.*

The Chair of KRI explained the increase in fees: National Championships is no longer subsidized by KRI. The above fees, budgeted on 800 athletes, will provide a break-even situation.

**Moved:**                    ***That the 2020 New Zealand Rowing Championship fees and amenity fees be accepted***

***Bay of Plenty / Marlborough                    CARRIED***

**19.                    Allocation of the 2019 New Zealand Masters Rowing Championships**

The 2019 New Zealand Masters Rowing Championships will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at Lake Ruataniwha, Twizel.

South Island Rowing have confirmed an entry fee of \$70.00 +gst per competitor.

**MOVED**                    ***That the 2019 New Zealand Masters Rowing Championships be held in Twizel on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September and that the entry fee of \$70.00 be accepted.***

***BOPRA / WAIKATO                    CARRIED***

**20.                    Awards**

NZRA Life Membership; NZRA Service Awards; NZRA Volunteers and Club of the Year.

**Volunteer Recognition Awards** – Citations and pins presented to the following:

- Auckland – Jolene Muliaga
- Bay of Plenty – Hugh Monro
- Canterbury – Paul O’Brien
- East Coast – Ross Webb
- Marlborough – Mark James
- NZSSRA – Natalie Matheson
- Otago – Maude O’Conner
- Southland – No nomination received
- Waikato – Harvey Nelson
- Whanganui – Jemal Weston
- Wellington – Jared Cummings

***CARRIED with acclamation***

**Club of the Year:**

Four nominations received from Dunstan Arm Rowing Club, Waikato Rowing Club, Wellington Rowing Club and Hamilton Rowing Club.

Club of the Year is awarded to Dunstan Arm Rowing Club

***CARRIED with acclamation***

***Other awards will be made at the AGM dinner this evening.***

**21. Classification According to Ability Review**

**a) Classification According to Ability**

This proposed rule change covers off the changes recommended by the classification review committee. This committee was established as required by Rule 13.7 of the rules of racing. Their recommended changes are attached as appendix 1. Each of the 11 associations had a representative present at the review meeting and were in agreement that the changes to Rule 13 be put to the AGM for ratification. The Board approved the changes to classifications at yesterday’s meeting. The vote is a simple approve or reject. This needs 75% to pass, all 11 associations have two votes.

The rule change was moved by the Rowing NZ Board and seconded by Whanganui Rowing Association. The rule change then went to a vote with each association given two votes.

**For: 16**

**Against: 6**

**Verdict:** the rule change has not been passed

President declares the vote has been lost and that it is not appropriate to revote. This issue needs to be brought back to the committee for consideration ahead of the 2020 AGM.

Feedback from Associations that voted against the rule change:

- Both Otago and Canterbury Rowing Association were uncomfortable voting through all four changes in one vote, in particular the addition of U17 winners into Senior grade.

Auckland Rowing Association proposed that the Terms of Reference and members of the Domestic Committee should be reviewed. This is supported by Whanganui Rowing Association.

**b) New Zealand Rowing Championships Exhibition Events**

The Classification Review Committee also considered the way exhibition events are handled at the New Zealand Rowing Championships and their effect on classifications. The Committee submitted an addition to Rule 7 – New Zealand Rowing Championships, to the RNZ Board for their consideration at the meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. This recommendation is submitted to the delegates for ratification at the AGM.

See Appendix 2 with the recommendation.

This proposed rule change sets out how Exhibition events are included at NZ Championships, how they affect classifications and how they are added to the championships' programme. Again, the vote is a simple approve or reject. This needs 75% to pass, all 11 associations have two votes.

**For:** 22

**Against:** 0

**Verdict:** passed unanimously

**Moved:** *That the 2019 Rocket Foods New Zealand Rowing Championships exhibition events are added as full events to the 2020 Rocket Foods New Zealand Rowing Championships programme.*

*Wellington / Marlborough CARRIED*

**22. Remits**

There were no further remits received.

**23. General Business**

23.1 – New Zealand Indoor Rowing Association – there was no report to be considered

***Meeting deferred to 6.30pm at the Awards Dinner.***

## **24. Meeting Reconvened**

The meeting reconvened at the AGM Dinner at the Boat Shed and was hosted by New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Association with Simon Peterson as MC.

### **Service Awards**

The President, Tony Popplewell, presented the following awards and citations were read by Simon Peterson:

Terry Tidbury – Auckland Rowing Association  
David Henry – Marlborough Rowing Association  
Deidre Burke – Wellington Rowing Association

### **Legacy Presentations**

The NZRA Chair, Gerry Dwyer, and Chairman of the NZRF, Ivan Sutherland, presented the following awards with citations read by Simon Peterson:

No. 62 Peter Aitchison  
No. 63 Richard Tuffin  
No. 81 Geoff Bengé  
No. 91 John Gibbons  
No. 96 Graham Shaw  
No. 97 Thomas Just

### **Sir Don Rowlands Medal**

The NZRA Chairman, Gerry Dwyer, presented this award and read the citation.

The Sir Don Rowlands Medal was awarded to:  
Fred Strachan.

## **25. Closure of Meeting**

Simon Peterson thanked the Rowing NZ staff that helped to organize the 2019 AGM. Simon also congratulated the New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Association for hosting a great dinner.

There being no other business, Tony Popplewell handed over to the incoming NZRA President, Bill Falconer, who declared the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting closed.

**Signed:**

**President, Tony Popplewell**

**Date:**

## **Appendix 1**

### **2. Classification Regattas and Races**

- a) Classification Regattas are used to assess the ability of rowers. They are the New Zealand Rowing Championships and NZSSRA's New Zealand Championships.

### **3. Moving Up a Class**

- a) An unclassified person becomes Novice when rowing in their first race.
- b) A rower moves up to Intermediate at the first end of Season after becoming Novice i.e. the end of NZSSRA's New Zealand Championships.
- c) A rower moves up to Club at the start of the next Season after qualifying by:
  - 1. progressing to an A or B final in any event (excluding Novice and U15) at a Classification Regatta; or
  - 2. progressing to an A or B or C or D final in an U17 or U18 event (excluding U18 Novice) at a Classification Regatta.
- d) A rower moves up to Senior at the start of the next Season after qualifying by:
  - 1. winning gold or silver or bronze in the A final in an U17 or older (excluding U18 Novice), Club, Senior, or Premier event at a Classification Regatta; or
  - 2. being selected to row for New Zealand in any Junior, Youth Olympic, U21, U23, Elite, or similar crew (as defined by NZRA).
- e) A rower moves up to Premier immediately when selected to row for a RPC.

*Note: A rower may move up more than one class by achieving the requisite qualification standard.*

### **4. Moving Down a Class**

- a) A rower moves down to Senior immediately when the rower is no longer a member of a RPC and has not raced in the current season and was not selected to row for New Zealand in any U23, Elite, or similar crew (as defined by NZRA). A Premier rower who is no longer a member of a RPC may at any time apply to NZRA to be re-classified to Senior with immediate effect.
- b) A rower, after a Season as Senior, moves down to Club at the start of the next Season if the rower:
  - 1. at the New Zealand Rowing Championships competed in a Senior event and did not progress to an A final in a Senior, Premier, or U19 (or older) event.
  - 2. at NZSSRA's New Zealand Championships competed in an U18 event and did not progress to an A final in an U18 event;and in any of the above cases was not selected to row for New Zealand in any Junior, Youth Olympic, U21, U23, Elite, or similar crew (as defined by NZRA).
- c) A rower, after a Season as Club, moves down to Intermediate at the start of the next Season if the rower:
  - 1. at the New Zealand Rowing Championships competed in a Club event and did not progress to an A or B final in a Club, Senior, Premier, or U19 (or older) event.
  - 2. at NZSSRA's New Zealand Championships
    - a) competed in an U16 event and did not progress to an U16 A or B final, or to any U17 or U18 final; or
    - b) competed in an U17 event and did not progress to any U17 or U18 final;
    - c) competed in an U18 event and did not progress to any U18 final.and in any of the above cases was not selected to row for New Zealand in any Junior, Youth Olympic, U21, U23, Elite, or similar crew (as defined by NZRA).
- d) No rower can become Novice again.
- e) No rower can move down classes in consecutive Seasons.

## **Appendix 2**

### 7.2 Exhibition events

- a) NZRA's Domestic Committee may seek approval from the Board to conduct an exhibition event during the New Zealand Rowing Championships. An exhibition event:
  - 1. shall only be open to crews not contemplated under the existing Rules; and
  - 2. shall not be eligible for medals, awards or trophies; and
  - 3. shall be in addition to, not part of, the list of events.

Approval may be given on such terms and conditions as shall be specified by the Board.

- b) An exhibition event may be added to the list of all events at the New Zealand Rowing Championships by the annual general meeting held in the same year as the exhibition event is conducted.