

BLACK MOUNTAIN ROWING CLUB

BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT (2008/09)

The 2008/09 year has seen a number of marked changes occur at Black Mountain Rowing Club, including the acquisition of new boats and increased participation by Club members in regattas and rowing events, both locally and interstate.

Equipment

The efforts of numerous Club members this year saw the following boats purchased:

- *Zing* (8+) through the funds raised by the Construction Control Boys (CC Boys);
- *Gudgenby* (4x-);
- *Canberra Building Society* (4-);
- *Canberra Pub, Fire and Maligan* (1x); and
- *Big Bird* (1x) through the Steve Fairfax Fund.

The Club's capacity was also increased through the conversion of previously coxed quads to coxless.

Other activities saw the Club's boat trailer refurbished, new quad sculls purchased for the *Donna Martin* and custom-made steps purchased.

Rowing performance

Club members were competitive throughout the local regatta season, which was unfortunately affected by bad weather conditions, and the current Winter Time Trail series. Dominique Greenaway, coached by Rod Goodall, won the Women's U17 Championship Single at the ACT Rowing Championships.

Club members also competed at New South Wales Masters Regatta held at SIRC, while the CC Boys (and Geoff Ellacott, Yvonne Poels and Judy Mann in their former Club) participated in the *Head of the Tweed*. Of note, the Mens C eight finished a very close second at the New South Wales Masters Regatta.

The past year also saw BMRC participate in Canberra Rowing Club's Corporate Rowing Program, coaching Booz & Co. through to the knock-out regatta.

Future directions

Increasing pressure is being placed upon the Club's equipment, consequent to its increasing membership and increasing membership competitiveness. To alleviate these pressures I would encourage the Club to consider, as part of its forward planning, the purchase of appropriate-weighted quads/fours and doubles/pairs.

On a personal note, as the outgoing Boat Captain I would like to extend my thanks to all Club members who have contributed to the Club this year. Your efforts are noticed and are appreciated by the whole Club. I would also like to congratulate all Club members who have participated in the various Regattas and Winter Time Trials – it has been fantastic to see

BMRC well-represented out on the water. Finally, I hope to see all of you continue to enjoy rowing and representing BMRC, and actively participate in building the Club in partnership with your incoming Boat Captain and Executive.