



**RICHMOND ROWING CLUB INC.**  
PRINCES' BRIDGE, MELBOURNE 3004

**MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SATURDAY 27TH JULY 2019 10:00AM**

1. Open meeting and welcome all attendees
  - a. Quorum is 5% of members entitled to vote (ie Full members, Senior members, U23 members over 18, Life members, but not Associate members or unpaid members. ie [161-23] \* 5% = 7 members
  - b. Congratulation to everyone who competed in the Winter sculling handicap series which finished today. A special congratulations to Kirsty Fergie, who in her first season won the Ramsbottom Trophy for the Tub category.]
  
2. Attendances, apologies and proxies
  - a. Present: Dennis Beck, Kim Begelhole (Secretary), Barry Campbell (Captain), Ray Dennis, Rob Hendley, Timothy Evans (Head of Rowing), Mike Numa, Jon Roberts (President), Shern Timmins, Yashwini Vegi (General Member), John Carey, Steven Sheppard, Aline Dejaegher (VP), Diana Vernon, Imogen Aitken, Kirsty Fergie, Anthea Amos, Stef Dudczig (General Member), Allan Randall, Robert Gordon, Matt Ebbatson, Michael Calvert, Nathan Brumley, Charlie Burke, Alex Reid, Red Skelton, Amy Catlin
  - b. Apologies – Kathy Macrow, Christine Sullivan, Leigh Sullivan and Karen Doggett
  
3. Confirmation of minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting
  - a. Minutes include the attendance list, approval of financial statements, auditors and committee members' reports on the financial statements.
  - b. VOTE is only by members who attended last meeting – majority acceptance required.  
Proposed: Jon Roberts  
Seconded: Aline Dejaegher
  
4. Presentation of Annual Reports of activities during the year
  - a) President (Jon Roberts)  
I would like to thank all of my fellow Committee members for their support and dedication throughout the year.  
Two years ago we held a strategic planning session which all members were invited to contribute toward, we ultimately identified four objectives to guide our 5-year vision for RRC to 2022. I would like to touch on these objectives:

**Membership Growth**

Following a 14% increase in members last year, our financial member numbers grew by a further 13% to 161 (from 142 last year). Thank you to our Secretary Kim Begelhole and Stef Dudczig for managing the process of bringing new members into the club.

Member number growth continues through our Learn to Row program transitioning into our Development squad. As a result we have invested in increased coaching for this group of new members to continue to increase their skill levels as they start to compete at regattas and look to progress into other squads. Whilst we will continue to focus on Learn to Row courses in the coming



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year we will focus them on the summer months to maximise numbers and retention so the Development Squad continues to have a critical mass.

Thank you to all the volunteers and coaches that have supported our Learn to Row, Development Squad and competing crews during the year. In particular, I would like to thank Tim Evans for leading the rowing program during the year.

I would also like to say thank you to Michael Gehling for taking on the role of coach for the Development Squad this year, it is great to see our experienced members stepping up to pass on their knowledge

### **Member Engagement**

Our events continue to bring the club together socially while generating funds for clubs fleet expansion. We held 6 major events, a number of smaller events and our training camp during the year from casual BBQ's to Quiz Night, Presentation Night, New Year's Eve. Thank you to Christine Sullivan for leading the Fundraising role with support from many of our members, a special thank you to all of the members that have helped out during the year.

The Committee has also turned their mind to our environmental impact as a club, thank you to Ally Dejaegher for driving a number of these initiatives that I am sure she will touch on in her report.

### **Demonstrate Club Success on the Water**

In 2018/19 we expanded the number of paid coaching resources to support our volunteer coaches and we will continue this in the coming year

It has been great to see excellent participation and regatta results throughout the year, lots of successes and members competing in their first regattas. In particular the results at the State Championships, where we picked up three golds including Michelle Joy and Kate Dyball in the Women's A Grade Double.

### **Governance and Finance**

Our venue continues to generate significant income through day and evening rentals resulting in a strong financial position. Thank you to Lucy Crunden for her tireless work managing our facility and Kathy Macrow for her dedication managing the clubs finances.

We have continued to invest in the rowing program, but we must also continue to invest in our facilities to generate this revenue. Surplus funds generated are split between fleet and facility, with funds prudently reserved for significant capital works expected on the building in coming years. During the year the club invested in re-racking the rear middle section of the shed to increase boat capacity, at the same time we renegotiated the MLC sublease to progressively take back part of the third bay for our own use as the fleet expands.

We again invested heavily in our fleet, christening three new Sykes boats, a coxless quad and men's and women's double/pairs, and a second hand Wintech mid-weight single. We also expanded the number of oars and added a further 4 ergos to the gym.



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For FY19/20 we have further expanded the fleet, replacing the Jennifer Campbell with a 5 year old Sykes 8+, buying a second-hand Sykes double and a new mid-weight Wintech single. Thank you to Barry Campbell for his continued maintenance of our fleet and focus on its growth.

To sum up, our club would not be able to operate without all of our members who volunteer their time. In the coming year, we will continue creating more volunteer roles to take some of the pressure of the usual suspects. Please help out where you can.

- b) Vice President (Aline Dejaegher)  
Report tabled. Specific emphasis during the past year of getting the club a little more environmentally friendly. This will be an ongoing process, but we have already taken small steps in the right direction:
    - We use compostable cutlery and plates for events
    - We now have recycling bins throughout the club
    - We have participated in two Yarra river clean-up events, and will be hosting the next Yarra blitz on Sunday 25th August
    - We are planning on installing a rainwater tap for boat washing in our main boat shed
  - c) Secretary (Kim Begelhole)  
Report tabled.
  - d) Treasurer (Kathy Macrow)  
Report and financial statements tabled
  - e) Head of Rowing (Tim Evans)  
Report tabled. Specific emphasis on expanding rowing coaching in the coming year.
  - f) Captain of Boats (Barry Campbell)  
Report tabled. Specific emphasis on fitting of Bat Logic foot plates to boats and rowers given the option of providing their own shoes, or using club shoes in boats
  - g) Facilities Coordinator (Lucy Crunden)  
Report tabled
  - h) Fundraising Coordinator (Christine Sullivan)  
Report tabled
  - No vote required
5. Presentation of Financial Statements for the year ended 31 May 2019
- a. Treasurer tabled financial statements. Statements were accepted by the members



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6. Confirmation of election of the members of the committee one nomination per position:
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| a) President               | Jon Roberts               |
| b) Vice-President          | Aline Dejaegher           |
| c) Secretary               | John Carey                |
| d) Treasurer               | Kathy Macrow              |
| e) Captain of Boats        | Barry Campbell            |
| f) Head of Rowing          | Tim Evans                 |
| g) Facilities Coordinator  | Lucy Crunden              |
| h) Fundraising Coordinator | Christine Sullivan        |
| i) Two ordinary members    | Kim Begelhole, Amy Catlin |

Welcome to our new Committee members

B. No positions were contested so no vote is required

C. Thank you to retiring committee members

Stefanie Dudczig and Yash Vegi have been the 2 ordinary members over the last year. Stef has provided great assistance to the Secretary with the new member process and Yash has worked closely with Tim in relation to the Learn to Row organisation. Both of them will continue to assist with these areas in non-Committee roles. Thank you to both of you for your contribution to the Committee.

7. Confirmation of the amounts of annual subscriptions
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| a. Full      | \$565 |
| b. Senior    | \$410 |
| c. Under 23  | \$425 |
| d. Associate | \$80  |

Vote required – accepted unanimously by members present

Our annual membership fees which include mandatory Rowing Victoria fees and levies (\$80). Following a benchmarking exercise against other clubs the fees include a small increase for Full and Senior members reflecting our ongoing investment in coaching, our fleet and facilities, the Committee unanimously agreed to raise the fees this year (Full \$565, Senior \$410,), with Associate and Under 23 membership fees unchanged. (U23 \$425, Associate \$80)

8. Appointment of auditor for the 31 May 2020 financial year  
Smarter Accounting and Advisory Knox

Vote required – accepted unanimously by members present

9. Close of meeting 10:30am