The "young" and the "more life experienced" members at our social row, all of whom have contributed to our club—unfortunately we couldn’t use any photo with one of our men as they all look too much RAM in Photoshop to make acceptable!

ANNUAL REPORT

2013-2014

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2013-14 LMRC Club Person of the Year – Mark Williams (the young bloke standing in the foreground on the left...)
President’s Report

It’s been another great year – some differing challenges but excellent results building on our previous years. We should be very pleased with what has been achieved in the level of participation, the continued growth in membership; and our people working together, assisting each other at the shed and at regattas. Well done all!

On behalf of the club I’d like to again acknowledge the continued, significant contributions over the season from our own BRO’s Brian Kelleher and Greg Weir (Greg is ‘retiring’ this season after 14 years’ service), and the valued assistance of our many non-LMRC member allies, including Newcastle Grammar School, Lake Macquarie City Council, the Central Districts Rowing Association, our sponsors, and other supporters.

I am pleased to provide my report on season 2013-14 – I’ll cover some of this year’s highlights, mindful that other Committee member’s reports will provide further detail.

Special recognition:

- As in previous years thanks to Howard, Lou, Peter S, Ray, Mishella, Chris B, and others who have towed club and private trailers with LMRC boats and equipment to and from our regattas – easily taken for granted, but much needed & appreciated.

- To the many regulars assisting with trailer loading/unloading, our Learn to Row and Novice coaching, the (only) slightly less exciting cleaning duties, and those who assist with general repairs, etc. which are all vital to the functioning of a rowing club, and are duties in which all members should contribute.

- Kim Elkovich, Wayne Diemar, and the Mezzanine Sub-Committee for their work on associated grants and costings - members need to be clear as to their support of this project if we wish to pursue.

- Anita Bickle for co-ordinating the Learn to Row and assisting Irene in her duties as Club Secretary, and Irene in her additional role as “Orphan Co-ordinator”! We’ve made a number of improvements in how we manage these areas, with good results. The challenge is to continue to improve and support our new rowers.

- Our social rowing morning and Easter training weekend were great events and well supported – I believe this also reflects our growth and strength as a club, and not just a collective of individuals. Sue Diemar has been pivotal in coordinating these events, with the help of a critical few – such as Jane Goddard.

- Christening of our two new boats: “The Kellehers” (4X-) – recognising Brian and Fran’s many voluntary contributions to Rowing at CDRA, State, National, International and club levels, including: Brian’s past Committee memberships, and Kevyn Webb OAM Award 2011 (to an individual or Club accomplishing major advances in the sport); both involved in rowing and our club since the 1990’s.

  “The Endurance” (2X-) – thanks to our modest sponsors Gary Brown Office Supplies.

- Congratulations as always to those competing in their first season and/or winning their first medal.

- As always, I thank all coaches and crews, particularly all those who raced with and/or helped our new people (competitors or social rowers), well done to all and thank you for your ‘clubpersonship’.

2013 Awards & Presentations

Congratulations to all individual LMRC Award winners – much deserved.

Howard has provided additional details and ‘stats’ in his report, so I will summarise:

- **CDRA Club Point Score** – well deserved recognition of the efforts of all our competitors and supporters and of the work of our Club Captain, Howard Williams in getting some 1369 entries in and organised within the CDRA regattas! The highest number of entries for several years – some CDRA ‘stats’ later in my report.

- **CDRA Titles going to LMRC this season were:** Overall Point Score (3 years running), Multiple Sculls (3 years running), and Single Sculls Point Score Awards! These reflect the great level of participation over this year – well done to all competitors. Let’s regain the CDRA Sweep Oar Point Score next season to complete the set!
• **Our LMRC (CDRA) Point Score winners** – strong and almost full representation of men and women across the categories i.e. Juniors, Seniors (only Women’s awarded as we’re still waiting for some of our fine young men to get older!), and Masters. See Howard’s report for our individual winners.

• **Masters’ States & Nationals** – continuing our great representation and excellent results, with Bruce Sharp receiving well-deserved results and recognition, as does Tess Fearn with her NSW WM4X squad selection.

• **Schoolgirl & Schoolboy, AHIGS-IGSSA, and CHS rowers** performing well with some personal bests, including some first-time places and races! I hope we will continue to support our Juniors for these races next season as these young men and women are regular LMRC competitors and deserve time to shine in their respective school-based arenas. **Congratulations to “the triplets’ on their educational scholarship – LMRC wishes you well.** Coaches, crews, & parents please make sure you work with the new Committee as it’s too easy to “lose” these events amongst the many over the season!

• **Most Improved (Men’s & Women’s)** – we are always pleased to extend this award, where our Club Captains provides recognition of individual development, and not just race performance. The two people who stood out amongst some strong competition were Deanne Johnson and Mark Phillips, many congratulations – well deserved.

• **Club Person of the Year** – our congratulations and thanks to Mark Williams.

The Committee this year sought input from our membership as part of our deliberations – according to demanding criteria that that warrant special recognition, in what continues as our most difficult selection. Common to all people considered was the recognition from their peers of their “clubpersonship”.

Mark has been a long-term stalwart of HRC/LMRC, and has been responsible for the development and success of our Junior men’s crews, and has contributing greatly to our club throughout his membership. It is also fitting to acknowledge others nominated by their LMRC peers for consideration of this award: Anita Bickle – past Secretary, assistant to Irene, and LTR Coordinator; Bruce Sharp – coaching and assistance to members and crews; Fran Kelleher – coaching juniors; National, RNSW & CDRA volunteer; Gaye Pullen – coaching, & assisting Howard with his Club Captain work; Kim Elkovich – new member and social rower, active in mezzanine work & social events; Lucy Wallace – one of our Junior rowers, contributing significant time and effort coaching our young ladies; Louise Turmine – our fabulous new web site and work on LMRC regatta programmes over many years; and Natalie Meisenhelter – coaching Juniors &School.

**Other items of note for this report include:**

• **2013-14 Annual Dinner & Presentation Night** – continued what has become an excellent night and tradition with good numbers attending from ALL membership categories as well as supporters. A most fitting end of season celebration. Thanks to all those who have supported the Club (and one of our regatta sponsors) by attending, and in particular to Susan D and Jane G for their work in organising, and to those assisting.

• **With respect to membership, we continue to see good growth in our numbers** – from ~103 members at the end of 2012-13, to ~119 as at end of June 2014; with new members across many categories (‘stats’ follow).

I hope our new members’ introductions have been successful - thank you for your excellent choice, and for your commitment to our club.

• **As outlined in Gary’s (Treasurer’s) report, we committed significant funds to two new race boats this year after a lack of suitable second-hand opportunities matching our targeted fleet additions.**

Another sizeable but one-off expenditure was that of past water and sewer rates incorrectly allocated to TASC – this was finalised early in the season as was anticipated and reported at last year’s AGM.

As outlined in the July update to members and Gary’s report, we have raised concerns with LMCC regarding Lease increases – specifically the significant differences in increases between various community organisations (draft lease renewal has increases of 11% pa for LMRC for the next 5 years). It should be noted that the worst case scenario would add about $1,100 total, extra cost over the 5 year period. Member input is welcomed and we will brief the new Committee so they can finalise.
Following previous adjustments of Asset Values to better reflect market values and insurance schedules, ‘Retained Earnings’ was reviewed - ‘QuickBooks’ automatically shows undistributed income (dividends) to balance the equity section of the balance sheet. Accounts are correct but as our net income is either banked or used to purchase assets, the Balance Sheet actually shows Accumulated Retained Earnings (not current year only), therefore figures after Net Assets aren’t as relevant. We suggest that an independent audit is due.

With respect to the most significant, potential, future capital expenditure - that of a mezzanine floor (including upstairs amenities & kitchen, an area for off-water coaching, & gym facilities, etc.) – we are recommending allocation of funds each year to a dedicated capital ‘pool’ so as to improve the potential for successful Grant applications.

A draft budget has been prepared should the membership & new Committee wish to pursue. The Mezzanine project will require continued Grant applications, appropriate care and maintenance of our equipment, and a focussed return to targeted, quality second-hand fleet purchases, with suitable expenditure controls.

Although requiring timely membership fee renewals for next season, we still have a sound financial position with positive cash flow from our strong membership growth and NGS fees (whilst achieving appropriate increases this past season, we have also sought to establish clear fee and payment schedules for NGS up to 2016-17 – to address some unacceptable issues persisting from previous years).

- **Break-up of CDRA stats:**

  Although NGS returned in-part to our 2013-14 Regatta, total seat entries were down (as opposed to the increasing trend in average seats per regatta within the CDRA).

  Another LMRC Regatta cancellation on top of this worrying trend resulted in the Committee moving our 2014-15 Regatta to Berry Park in February (as an LMRC & ERC double-header). Despite the reducing seat numbers, LMRC Regattas have remained very profitable.

LMRC’s strong membership growth and enviable % of competitors (out of total membership) has continued, and contributes to our successes – not just our excellent rowers and good-looking supporters!

- **Break-up of our current LMRC membership:**

  ACTIVE ROWING MEMBERS – excl. Social Members. Growth in new i.e. not yet competing “Juniors” (up 5%) and some new “Seniors” (up 2%) - with many intending to compete next season.

  All Active Rowing Members - not just competitors. Growth in Seniors – predominantly from Juniors. New members across many age groups - the rest of us are just getting older (particularly the “D’s”)!
%’s defined by age group from ALL members.
Increases in ‘new’ Seniors – Master’s stable.

%’s of Total Membership – ~2% increase in Men.
61% of our Master’s aged members are Women.

My thoughts on the opportunities / challenges for the future:

- Engaging more of our members:
  - Greater personal responsibility in supporting our various rosters (cleaning & coaching),
  - Assisting Committee members in their roles / projects, and other Fundraising;
  - Grants for the mezzanine and/or shed/boat improvements (with feedback to & from members), and
  - My as yet unrealised but sentimental favourite – regular working bees to maintain our boats & equipment (also improving understanding of the technical aspects of rigging and rowing);

- Securing additional BRO’s – we are very fortunate to have Brian Kelleher continuing to support us and the CDRA, but we need a replacement following Greg Weir’s retirement this season;

- General fleet improvements - not just our competitive fleet;

- Being mindful of reducing “local visibility” given our regatta’s move to Berry Park, I suggest options such as a coaching weekends complete with ‘races’ on the Lake in prime spectator locations, or in conjunction with ‘Paddlefest’ / LMCC Masters games, (or similar) could be fundraisers and maintain our community profile.

- Compliance to the impending Working with Children Checks (WWCC) & requirements; and

- Sweep Oar rowing – great opportunity for a ‘clean sweep’ across all CDRA Point Score results (pun intended).

Finally, thanks again to our Committee members Susan Diemar, Gary Freeman, Irene Cuska, Howard Williams, Jane Goddard, and David Clinton for their great work over this past year – a strong mix of skills and differing experiences; in their roles as Committee and LMRC members, each has contributed greatly to our successes.

As I am not seeking a role on the 2014-15 Committee, I take this opportunity to thank you for your support of our Committees and club during my 4 year tenure, and to wish the new Committee and LMRC members well.

I hope that all members will actively contribute to our club - still a great group of people, with a great future.

“Go ‘Lake Mac’ and Friends!”

Ian Krix

El’ P residente’
Vice-President’s Report

LAKE MACQUARIE REGATTA
Wild winds ensured that our regatta was cancelled but they also managed to blow customers in the direction of our canteen and raffles. A huge thank you to the social rowers, mums and juniors who manned the canteen and raffles, without them it would not have happened. Special mentions go to Ian Allan (BBQ King) and Amanda Patton for bringing her ‘Amanda’s on the Edge’ restaurant management skills to the lake. As always, donations for our raffles surpassed expectations. Thank you again to all the people that donated and helped leading up to and on the day, it was greatly appreciated.

HAIR STRAIGHTENER AND LMRC CLOTHING RAFFLES
Thank you to Jane Goddard’s ‘Splash of Colour’ for her donation of hair straighteners as a special raffle prize for our regatta. Later in the season, we ran an extra raffle to highlight the club’s range of clothing.

WEB SITE
2013 saw the launch of the club’s new website which, if you cannot get to the noticeboard at the club, is now the go to place for announcements and copies of rosters and policies etc. The site looks fantastic and professional. Thank you to Louise Turmine (LDot Design) for her many hours of work in creating the site and keeping it up to date.

RACING UNIFORMS AND CLOTHING RANGE

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS
December included ‘Christmas on the Lawn’ and dinner at Awaba House. Thank you to Ray Beeton for organising the dinner and thank you to all those who attended and brought donations of food to share (and scratchies) for the ‘Christmas on the Lawn’.

SOCIAL ROW
The New Year started off with the inaugural LMRC Social Row which was a great opportunity to have a morning off from training and mix crews and social and competitive rowers up together. The rowing was followed by a lot of tea, toast and talking.

BOAT NAMING
With the purchase of our new racing boats came the rare opportunity for naming rights. Brian and Fran Kelleher’s services to the club over many years were recognised in the naming of the Quad/Four. The naming of the Double/Pair - ‘Endurance’, was generously sponsored by Jan and Gary Brown.

EASTER COACHING SESSIONS
A huge bonus for members came in the form of a weekend coaching clinic at the club with NSW Rowing coaches Alan Bennett and Lizzi Chapman. The clinic was only possible due to Tess Fearon’s success in being named in the NSW State Women’s Masters Quad team, so a big thank you to Tess, her State crew, the coaches and the weather Gods for a great weekend.
TAFE FUND RAISING DINNER
A TAFE fund raising dinner organised for March was cancelled due to a lack of numbers.

BUNNINGS BBQ
Our first ever Bunnings BBQ was held at Glendale on the Anzac weekend. It was a very wet day which affected our sales of drinks but many volunteers made light work and a few of our members thoroughly got into the role of ‘playing shop’. Thank you to all the volunteers for getting into the spirit of the great Bunnings BBQ fund raiser.

PRESENTATION NIGHT
Our presentation night and annual dinner was again held at the venue of one of our main sponsors - Brownsugar. It was a great time to mix with others, reflect on the year, acknowledge achievements and see what people really look like. Thank you to Jane Goddard for her help in organising.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Wayne and James who have helped me at every event over the year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Vice-President, however I will not be standing next year due to study commitments.

Thank you to my fellow committee members, especially Jane Goddard who has been a mentor throughout. I would encourage anyone who is thinking about volunteering their time to sit on the committee to do so.

Sue Diemar
Vice President
Club Captain’s Report

1. Competition Results

Our club has had another successful competitive season. We won the overall CDRA point score, winning the single sculling and multiple sculling categories. In the Rowing NSW competition point score, LMRC ranked 8th in the overall category and ranked 4th in the Masters category. A praiseworthy achievement considering NSW has 46 competing clubs.

Total number of seats entered in CDRA regattas was 1369 for the season, up 10% from last season and a record number for the club.

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Seat entries increased by close to 10% which was not reflected in medals and this in part was due to new members flowing through the learn to row program into the novice category and racing for their first season. This trend, however, looks promising for future medal wins.

Unfortunately our home regatta was cancelled due to high winds and the Endeavour Rowing Club’s regatta was also partially cancelled due to the excessive high temperature. This resulted in a lower than expected medal count this season in CDRA regattas for LMRC.

Our Masters squad performed well at the National Rowing Championships in Adelaide with 14 first, 9 second and 7 third placegetters.

At the NSW Masters Championships in Sydney, our Masters squad performed well again with 23 first, 29 second and 23 third places.

LMRC RESULTS FOR THE NATIONAL AND STATE MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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As was the case last season, both Junior and Masters categories were hotly contested again. The point score winners and runners up are listed below.

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Mark Phillips was awarded the most improved male rower and Deanne Johnson was awarded the most improved female rower.
3. Coaching

A well-earned, deserving thank you to our regular coaches who contributed many hours during the season – Mark Williams, Fran Kelleher, Michael Budden, Robert Wallace, Jeanette Beaton, Brian Kelleher, Lucy Wallace, Bruce Sharp, Gary Freeman, Kim Hinkley and others.

The LTR program was very busy this season with a significant increase in participants. It stretched our resources to handle the increased numbers but resulted in an increase in novice members graduating from the program. This is good news but again it is stretching our coaching resources. Any members who are thinking of contributing their coaching talents to the club, please step forward for next season. Novice rowers need coaching to further their progress.

The Junior Rowing Camp was conducted at the Endeavour Rowing Club and was well attended by LMRC juniors. Forty-two rowers from 5 clubs attended. Visiting coaches, Allan Bennett and Steve Whittington were provided through Rowing NSW, assisted by local coaches, John McLeod, Peter Bond, Mark Williams, Stephen Townsend, Ivan Adlam and Graham Nix. The cost was $10 per day for participants with catering undertaken by the Central Coast Rowing Club.

Another highlight of the season was Tess Fearon being selected for the NSW Women’s Masters State Squad and winning second place for NSW in the WM 4x at the Masters National Championships in Adelaide. We were also very fortunate to have the NSW Women’s Masters Squad together with their coaching staff for a weekend training session where they provided coaching to our club crews.

Thank you to Brian Kelleher and Greg Weir as Boat Race Officials for our club. It is a requirement of our club to supply two BROs to each regatta. As Greg is retiring as a BRO this coming season, we are seeking more members to take on the role as a BRO. Also a special thanks to Brian in his role as vice president of the CDRA.

Howard Williams

Club Captain.
Boat Captain’s Report

1. Report

Introduction

This year we have gone through the introduction of two new boats to the fleet, the departure of the Owen Ruffles and the construction of a light weight single axle trailer more suitable for non 4-wheel drive tow vehicles. We have also made some changes within the boat shed itself. Kim Elkovich’s excellent grant submission writing allowed us to utilise a LMCC grant to replace the small electric hot water tank with a much larger solar system (and a smaller electricity bill).

Boat Shed Alterations

The boat shed also had some alterations done to the roller doors. All doors received new pulleys and chains to rectify the problems we had experienced with difficult operation and chain jumping.

Boat Fleet

The boat fleet was extended with the purchase of 2 new Sykes Boats. The quad /four “The Kellehers” and the double scull “The Endurance”. Both boats have been raced in the 2013-14 season and seem to be catering for an extensive range of rowers at the club.

Equipment Storage

Storage of club equipment was reconfigured to optimise the finite space within the club and to improve delineation between Newcastle Grammar designated space and LMRC space. Most LMRC boats are stored on the southern side of the club and Newcastle Grammar School boats are now stored on the Northern side. This provides LMRC members with improved access to equipment. Oar storage has been relocated to the western end of the club to enhance access. Rigger locations have been altered to enhance accessibility.

Boat Repairs

Boat repairs have been completed on most boats at some point (filling holes, replacing worn equipment). Ageing Shoes have been replaced with a new synthetic adjustable shoe which caters for a broad range of rower physiques.

Note: Asset records to be adjusted to reflect disposal of Owen Ruffles 4X+ (donation to Scone Grammar School) – total $ value of insured equipment remains as reported.

David Clinton

Boat Captain
Asset list & valuations provided to members only.
Treasurer’s Report

Club costs exceeded budget by $10,000 due to water costs, including TASC arrears of $8,000, and additional boat maintenance of $2,000.

Racing entries increased by 37% to $21,070.

During the year the Club purchased two new Sykes boats and an additional trailer. As a result fixed assets increased by $50,615 to $503,391.

Note that Club equity of $502,058 only reflects accumulated asset purchases at cost. It does not reflect depreciation schedules, current market value or equipment in or out at nil cost.

We are recommending that member’s fees increase from 1/7/14 by $6,000 pa to restore an annual net income of $30,000. This sum is to service future equipment purchases and the mezzanine project. The increased costs include water rates, rent, insurance for the new assets, and equipment maintenance.

This year I would like to acknowledge the assistance provided by Vice-president Sue Diemar. Sue help organize and run the Bunning’s fund raiser, the coaching weekend and the presentation dinner, plus filled in for me if I was absent.

We have opposed Council’s lease proposal that would see our rent increase by 11% pa for the next 5 years to $2,300 pa. This is in additional to water costs of approximately $1,500 pa. We have learnt that over 100 other Community groups are exempt from any charges and regard this selection as discriminatory and unfair to our members. The Committee has decided not to acknowledge the new charges until the incoming committee members can be briefed.

Summary of Profit & Loss; and Balance Sheet are included in this report.

Note: Balance Sheet adjustments for ‘Retained Earnings’ – refer Presidents note. Debtors of $24,058 from outstanding State Masters entries as at 30/6, and pre-invoice of NGS Boat Storage and Capitation Fees (due end July & subsequently moved into 2014-15 accounts). All debts are considered recoverable.

Gary Freeman

Treasurer
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Our thanks also to Brian and Elaine for use of their block!!!