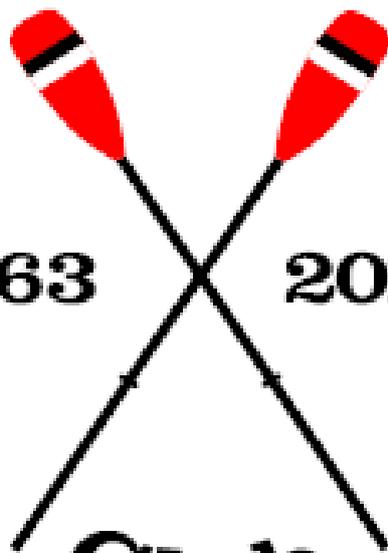


Corowa Rowing



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Corowa Rowing Club History

Early History

Corowa Rowing Club was established in 1863.

The foundation of rowing around this district was laid in 1860 by crew members of the paddle steamers which traded between Wahgunyah and Echuca. Some history of the first races in 1860-1862. No bridge spanned the twin towns of Corowa and Wahgunyah back then, a punt did brisk business carting human cargo. In 1860 at the Wahgunyah wharf, 5 paddle steamers lay at their moorings while passengers and crew joined the fun.

In 1861 there were 3000 people present to watch the race, they travelled in buggies, drays and dog carts with a few coaches from the goldfields at Beechworth as well. Police from Albury attempted to close a shanty bar on the NSW banks of the river, but they were unsuccessful.

From 1862 the regatta moved from the river in Corowa to Lake Moodemere, here there was a race for Aborigines in bark canoes, but the main event was the Challenge cup which was rowed over a four mile course.

The first Corowa crew for which we have names date from 1881, and was boated as E Clayton (Stroke), T Donnelly, A Clarke, P Ritchie, W Crisp (Cox) this crew won the Maiden Four in Gigs in 1881, and again in 1882.

In 1884 Hiskins, Campbell, Chandler, Chivell, Nugent (cox) won the Maiden Four in Gigs.

In 1888 the club won the four oared handicap gigs 'Moodemere Stakes' with the crew of P Tyrell, J Oswald, J Mahoney, C Clayton and cox C Nugent.

In 1892 our club had success in the Consolation Fours in Gigs – D Kuschert, D Nixon, J Mahoney, J Nugent with M Grimmond (cox) and the same year had D Nixon, D Kuschert with M Grimmond as cox winning the Borough Handicap Gig pair oared.

1893 saw the Borough Handicap Gig pair oared won again by the same crew D Nixon, D Kuschert with M Grimmond. In 1894 there was a change of cox with Buckley stepping in to win the same race.

1899 we won the Consolation Four in Gigs again with C McLellan, A Stephens, R Ralston and T Oglovie (cox unsure)

The club first win of the Grand Challenge Cup Fours at this regatta in 1907 with the crew D Oswald (Stroke), R Wise, F Kuschert, R Ritchie, C Nugent (Cox), they also won it in 1908.

In 1908 Corowa also won the Maiden Four in Gigs (Challenge Cup) with D Oswald, H Wise, F Kuschert, A Ritchie. This same year also saw W Sefton, F Nixon, W King, G Cook with H Chivell (cox) win the Moodemere Stakes in the handicap gigs.

1910 saw Corowa win the open handicap with AV Ritchie, F Kuschert, A Kuschert, H Broadbent (cox unknown).

World War I did not leave the club unscathed. Private William Herbert Crisfield, blacksmith, the eldest son of Mr John Crisfield, veterinary surgeon and equine dentist, died in action. William was well known throughout the Riverina for his sporting prowess in rowing, football, coursing and athletics. He enlisted August 1914 in Corowa, left Melbourne in October 1914, was wounded at the historic landing at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915 (severe gun shot wound to the thigh), taken to Alexandria on 30th April 1915 and died there on 6 May 1915. In a letter to authorities, a family friend Fred Carrigg noted that William was his father's favourite son and whilst his father was proud that he fell for his country, grieved terribly for him.

1917 saw another win for the Consolation Fours in Gigs with E Cowan, W Parry, J Bufford, W Eaton (unknown cox).

1918 saw Corowa win the Youths Fours with T Pearce, G Oswald, H Clayton, W Eaton. T Pearce, G Oswald, H Clayton, (stroke unknown) with W Eaton as cox won the Maiden Four in gigs in 1918.

Corowa won the Challenge Cup again in 1918, 1919 and 1920 with the following crew W Cowan, J Bartlett, H Sheridan, C Holmquest and W Mackay (cox).



These early races were professional with cash prizes and run over a course of one mile, 500 yards with a turn around an island. Needless to say when around the island and out of view of the judges and most spectators many underhanded tactics were resorted to. At the old professional gatherings it was quite in order to ram your opponent at the turning point of the course or use other various devious methods to lead at the turn. Rule 8 as quoted in the 1873 programme under Appendix B merely forbade the use of hands during the confusion of turning. Boats and oars have many unusual uses as old professional rowers had discovered. Even in the early years of the MRA regatta interference was a problem because the "Murray Gazette" on March 17th 1863, complained about "shameful fouls" in the handicap race of that year where one boat asserted that the crew of another boat had tried to push a man out of their boat with an oar. The accused crew retaliated with the protest that their opponents had tried to unship their rudder to put them out of the race. In another year it was reported a fight had developed while rounding the island. The Rutherglen crew led until the turn when the Corowa boat ran full tilt into them and the "Lady of the Lake" went under with

the whole bow smashed to pieces. Both crews at least stopped but the Rutherglen crew requested that the race continue so the Lake boat passed both the others and won easily. The Rutherglen crew were rescued by pleasure craft and put ashore. This incident gave rise to a little unpleasantness but beyond a little blood spilt, no harm resulted. The professional status for oarsmen disappeared when the Murray Rowing Association became affiliated with the Victorian Rowing Association in 1892, and rowers have since competed for trophies and the prestige of winning. This event was contested in Gig fours which we have on display this weekend in one bay of the shed.

This particular boat was purchased off Rutherglen rowing club for the princely sum of 25 pounds in 1929.

The boat is now over 100 years old and not quite ready to race, and is usually housed in the Corowa Federation Museum.



The new bridge with old wooden bridge being demolished in the background



Newly opened bridge charged Tolls



The old wooden bridge and Foords Bonded Stores



1926 Winners of the Elswick Challenge Cup



1927 Winners of the Dunkling Shield

1928-1970

In the early twenty's participation by the club was reported to be spasmodic until 1928 when DC Brown began his record 30 years of Presidency.

On the 13 September 1928 the club was reformed. The proprietor of the Corowa Free Press (AC Leslie) chaired the meeting and DC Brown was elected president. This period included the Second World War with R Constantine as Secretary and D. Oswald as Captain. This re-organisation paid dividends as a successful period followed.

The club lent a gig from Lake Moodemere from October 1928 which is the gig mentioned above that we then purchased in 1929.

In the early years a popular way of raising funds was to hold sweepstakes on all big horse races, they also had lottery tickets.

Some winning crews and tidbits of information from this era consisted of:

1929 – Nagambie - Corowa Lightweight Maiden Premier – G Rosser, J Cuthbert, S Loverage, T Ash, N Adams (cox/coach)

1930 – Corowa Maiden Premiers – G Rosser, J Cuthbert, V Howard, D Howard, N Adams (cox/coach)

19 November 1930 it was moved that the club purchase a racing boat from Edwards & Sons which was named 'Corowa Lass' on 23 January 1931.

1931 – Corowa Youth Premiers – F Kernaghan, A Osborne, B Tucker, C Philips, N Adams (cox) and D Howard (Coach)

1931 – Moodemere – Maiden Four – R Howard (Stroke), V Howard, J Cuthbert, G Rosser and N Adams (Cox)

In **1932** the Mayor of Corowa, Mr J Chivell, tendered a civic reception to visiting VRA officials and oarsmen.

1932 – Henley – Junior Four – G Rosser, J Cuthbert, V Howard, R Howard, N Adams (cox)

1933 – Moodemere - Maiden Four – G Rosser, A Ash, C Bextream, R Howard, G Wilson (cox)

1933 – Maiden Fours – H Strong, J Marsh, J Bufford, J Neilson, N Adams (cox)

1933/4 – Junior Four – G Rosser, T Ash, C Bextream, R Howard, N Adams (cox)

1934 – Moodemere - Maiden Four – G Rosser, A Ash, C Bextream, R Howard, G Wilson (cox)



1931-34 Maiden & Junior Four
G Rosser, J Cuthbert, V Howard, R Howard

It was at the August 1934 meeting that the matter of changing from poppets to swivels first come up, but was held over for the present period of time.

The club purchased a racing boat and on 22 November 1934 it was named 'DC Brown'

In 1935 the membership fee was Seniors 10/6 and youths 7/6 (bit different to the \$150 seniors and \$75 U18 that it is in 2013)

The club was going through a successful period and was able to also purchase a racing pair in September 1935, which was named 'John Chivell' in December 1935.

1935 – Nagambie – Maiden Pairs – J Strong & H McInnes

1935 – Mildura – Junior Fours – Harry Strong, George Strong, Jack Neilson, John Marsh



1935 – Junior Four – Mildura

L-R: Harry B Strong, George H Strong, Jack Neilson, John Marsh

1935 – Youth Four – F Taylor, A Cosi..rne, B Oswald, B Quin, N Adams (cox)

1935 – Footscray – Junior Pair – J Strong & H McInnes (all Corowa Final)

1935/6/7 – Youths Four – F Taylor, O Wilson, L Bartlett, A Osborne, N Adams (Cox)

1936 – Moodemere – Maiden Pair – J Strong & H McInnes; Junior Pairs – J Marsh & J Neilson

1936 – Footscray – Junior Pairs – W Jones & H McInnes; Senior Pairs – J Marsh & J Neilson

1936 – Upper Yarra – Junior Pairs – W Jones & H McInnes; Senior Pairs – J Marsh & J Neilson

1936 – Ballarat – Senior Pairs – W Jones & H McInnes

1936 one member J Nielson rowed in the Victorian King's Cup crew and in the same year W Jones was also selected although unable to row on the day.



The 1936 Victorian Eight

It was finally in this year that the club changed from poppets to swivels in August 1936 – Max Maclean remembers this change as he did not like swivels

1941 saw the first **life membership** awarded to **GW Rosser**.

In 1944, during the Second World War, Corowa lent its boats and oars to RAAF units stationed at Corowa and Tocumwal.

1945 – Rutherglen - Youth Fours – T Howell, G Cook, G Dwyer, K Green, F Berry (cox)

1945 – Mulwala - Youth Fours – T Howell, G Cook, G Dwyer, K Green, F Berry (cox) same crew also won the Maiden fours at this regatta.

1945 – Yarrawonga – Maiden Fours – T Howell, G Cook, G Dwyer, K Green, B Faulkner (cox); Open Fours – C Green, T Ash, J Grimmond, R Howard, B Faulkner (cox)

With R.Howard as Secretary for many years from 1946 interest in the club was sustained

At the 17th April 1947 meeting it was moved that the new boat the club purchased be named ‘Duff Howard’.



To run water to the shed they used to have to use Fred Taylor’s old Bedford truck to tow a single forough to make a trench and it usually had Max Maclean hanging off it. The water was finally connected to the shed on 11 December 1947. It was also at this time the club notified the council that the club intended to put electric lights in the shed.

In 1948 the rowers travelled to Bairnsdale in the back of a stock truck belonging to Alf Martin. This truck was covered in canvas with boats on top and the rowers camped in the truck. There were 14 people that travelled to this regatta and when the host club Bairnsdale asked if there was anything

the club needed, Duff Howard was quick to ask for 7lb steak for breakfast for the crews. When the club travelled to Melbourne the above stock truck even made it to Boathouse Drive in front of the Mercantile Shed – wonder what they all thought!!

On the 8 March 1948 the committee decided to try and borrow some thoul pins from Wahgunyah Rowing Club until others could be purchased. This year the membership was 1-1-0 senior and 10/6 U18.

Max also was responsible of the planting of the plane trees around the shed in the late 1940's.

1948 – Mulwala – Maiden Four – R Faulkner, M Maclean, G Noonan, F Taylor, B Stanger (cox)

1948 – Mulwala – Youth Fours – R Faulkner, J Faulkner, G Noonan, M Maclean, G Rosser (cox)

1948 – Yarrawonga – Maiden Four – R Faulkner, M Maclean, G Noonan, F Taylor, G Rosser (cox)

Youth Four – R Faulkner, L Howell, G Noonan, M Maclean, G Rosser (Cox)

1953 – Moodemere - Lightweight Fours - G Rosser, B Richardson, G Clarke, M Maclean cox S Weston

1954 - Moodemere – Beginners Pair - I Harrison, B Harris cox T Cornelius

13 October 1955 the club brought 2 second hand tub pairs and a set of swivels that they decided to rig practice boats with.

It wasn't until 7.30pm on 17 October 1956 though that a working bee was to be held to covert oars and change to swivels and they also revarnished boats.

1957 - Yarrawonga – Begineers Pair - K Howard, B Lugg, cox P Rosser

1957 - Yarrawonga – Novice Pair- H Dam, R Rosser cox P Rosser; Novice Fours H Dam, R Rosser, J Middleton, J Van Klaveron cox T Cornelius

August 1958 saw a letter to Victoria Rowing Association re the changing of registered colours of the club to the colours that they still currently use today. This same month saw the club order a tub pair with oars, this boat was named 'Guys & Doll's in May 1959.

1958 - Moodemere – Novice Four - H Dam, R Rosser, J Middleton, J Van Klaveron cox T Cornelius;
Beginner Four – B harris, K Howard, R Lugg, I Harris cox B Bender



28 July 1959 saw **DC Brown** honoured with a **life membership** for all his years of service to the club. The committee also ordered another new boat – this time a racing pair from J Botterill that was delivered in November 1959 and was christened 'Corowa Citizens'.



1960 B K Howard and S J Van Klavern with M Bugler cox won the Junior Pair Oared Championship of Victoria. The next state championship wouldn't come until 2003.

The Corowa Citizens boat was taken to Barham for use of Corowa's Olympic test crew.

In July 1960 the first step was taken that would ultimately end up with the river having an 8 knot zone out the front of rowing shed. A letter was sent to council asking that motor boats owners be discouraged from using water in front of rowing sheds.

At the open day on 8 October 1960 – Mr D Rowles stated that some ladies had approached him about learning to row, this was to be discussed at the next meeting – looking forward to the next meeting minutes shows no mention of this being brought up!!!

On the 15 November 1960 the club purchased 2 Racing oars from G Towns 11'-10 1/2" long 30" blade and 6 3/4" wide, inboard 3'-8" at a cost of 9 pounds plus 12 1/2% sales tax. It was also discussed the possibility of having light connected for certain periods during the season.

This year the club held a pig raffle – the pig was donated by WJ Buckingham and the president urged all members to sell extra tickets to increase their profit.

Another raffle the next year Mr R Moffat donated a duck and the club added a fowl and 6 beers as prizes.

1962 saw the president, treasurer and secretary draw up balance sheets and all members had to become financial within a week after correspondence from Victoria Rowing Association regarding dis-affiliation.

1968 - Yarrawonga – Novice Pair - D Martin, G Grimmond cox D Northey

The club continued to work hard travelling around Victoria competing against crews at all levels with success. The travel was always an issue with long trips to Melbourne with boats and rowers but the club remained competitive and made a strong presence on the water.



1930s Crew from the Strong Collection



1934 Henley on the Yarra

George Strong, Harry Strong, G Howard, John Marsh



1930s Boat Christening – Probably the DC Brown



Club invitation to use the Mercantile Rowing Club 8 on the Yarra – date unknown

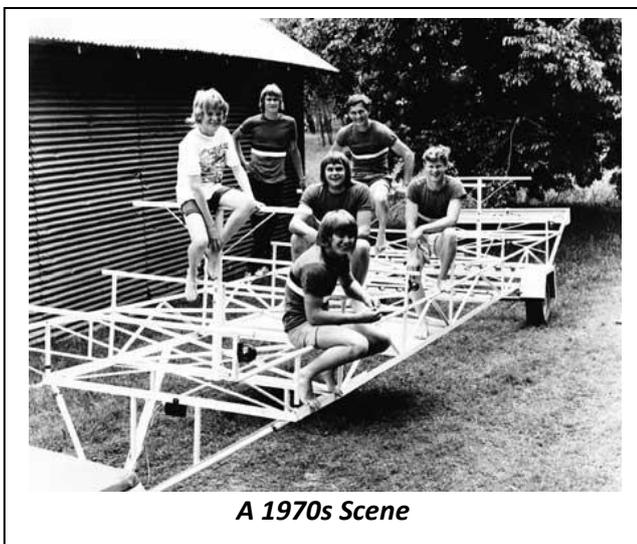
Cox: N Willett, R Lugg, K Howard, K Rosser, L Harrison, M Warhurst, S Kuschert, B Carter, B Harris

1970/1980's

The 70s and 80s saw the club taste success winning division 2 Rowing Victoria title and many Country Championships with Gus Good a leading force around the Club.

With strong team work the club was able to raise funds and start replacing the racing fleet of boats making our crews able to use modern technology. Some of the unique raffle prizes on offer were a 14lb cod, ½ gallon wine even a boat & motor (1975) when they were seriously fundraising for a new four (Gus Good) and a second hand eight which was finally purchased in 1977 for \$200 (Cora Howard).

1971 saw **life membership** be awarded to **R Howard**.



Some of the early winning crews include:

1971 – Nagambie – Novice Four - D Martin, G Grimmond, L Good, D Good cox T Buggy

1972- Moodermere – Novice Four– D Martin, G Grimmond, L Good, D Good cox T Buggy

1972 - Nagambie – Schoolboys four - K Stanger, L Johnstone, M Howard, P Irvine cox R Mitchell

1972 Yarrowonga – Ladies Beginners Pair - I Upton, L Walsh cox T Buggy

1973 Lake Moodemere - Ladies Beginners Pair – L Mensforth, L Richardson cox J Houlihan

The sport saw a major change with the introduction of Kevlar boats and oars replacing the traditional timber boats and oars. In 1978 it went to a vote on the committee as to the kind of boat they should buy – Bond Wood or Fibreglass tub pair – the vote was 4 in favour of fibreglass (Corowa Members)

The purchase of boats and oars during this period was also assisted by the Social committee of the rowing club via the discos they held. In 1977 the social club had over 30 members and decided that they would have a barrel every fortnight to raise money for the rowing side.

This period also seen quite a few second hand boats purchased off other rowing clubs ie a tub four from Melbourne Church of England Grammar in 1973 for \$25

The committee also considered building a new shed to house the growing number of boats and equipment, they even got quotes, but ended up building two skillions (one at back and one at side) to be able to house the 8 and the boat trailer that they built in 1973 for a pricey sum of \$180.19, with a lot of materials given at a great discount and with N Willett from Bob Jane Pty Ltd donating 3 good second hand tyres. Another way of fundraising during this period saw the introduction of a silver circle, which was run quite often.

The school rowing program that is so strong now has history back to 1962 (from high school corovian) but was not constantly ran every year, with the school expressing interest in 1975 to start it back up again under the assistance of Barry Powells and Mick Turner. In 1977, Barry Powells purchased a tub four from a Sydney club that the Corowa High School paid for – this boat had the oars included.

Another fundraising idea that is still going strong today is the meat raffle at the local hotels. In 1976 John Elmore who was at the Globe Hotel offered Gus to run a meat raffle following the football season. In the following year, Gus offered to donate 12 bottles of beer to the person that sold the most tickets over the next 26 week duration....no record as to who won this competition though.

In 1977 it was noted that Corowa Rowing Club did not have any wins at registered regattas, but did at club regattas winng Open & Novice fours.

During the 77/78 season, there was a lot of interest in the club, with one open day attracting 120 people. The club competed in beginners and novice regattas with the club winning at Wagga, Corowa, Wahgunyah, Yarrawonga, Rutherglen.

The presentation night in 1979 was noted to have been held at Ray Pullings house and how everyone was sozzled by the time the keg went off at midnight. Also in 1979 the social club held a bbq which was a great success and that same night the 'DC Brown' was burnt by George Rosser.



Burning of the DC Brown

At the start of the 1980 season it was discussed having a club night once a month to keep people interested, with Mark Howard even suggesting that a hangi be held.

Electricity was put on to the shed in December 1979, so next step was to build toilets in the shed. The toilets were completed by August 1980 and they cost \$120 to build.

1980 saw success at the MRA regatta with Corowa bringing home the MRA shield for the most wins. During this period we purchased a second hand pair from Yarra Yarra for \$20 and we were given a tub four from the YMCA club in Melbourne.

In the 79/80 season Ross Maclean won best first years oarsman, good to see 33 years later he is still heavily involved in the rowing club and still competing on a regular basis.

1980 saw another new boat purchased – racing pair (Mark Howard) that cost \$3500.



1979-81 Junior and Open Fours – VRA Special Regatta, Wagga & Warrambool
Bow: L Good, 2 M Howard, 3 Terry Eyers, Str C King, Cox M Pulling Coach K Howard

During the period of growth, 4 club members (P Gamble, M Good, J Akrap, J Sinclair) also signed guarantees at the bank so the club could get a bank loan of \$2000 to help pay for the pair, and when that was paid back they stayed signed up as guarantors for a \$5000 overdraft in 1984.

In 1982 the boat trailer was upturned by horrific winds at Ballarat which damaged some boats.

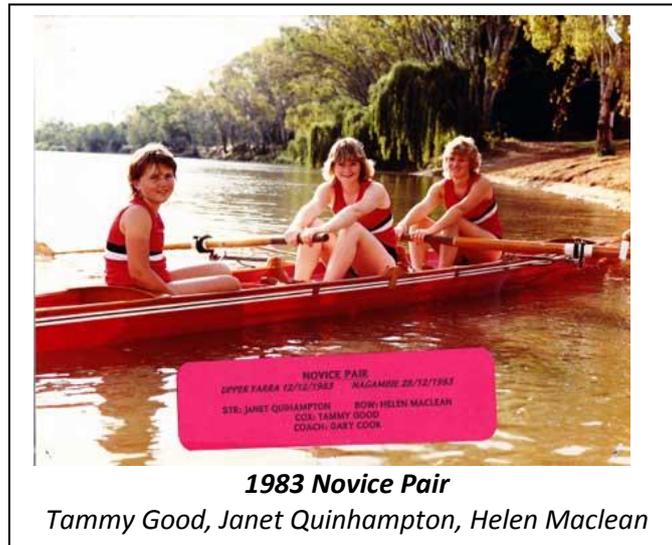
1981/82 saw the club win the Junior 2nd Division premiership– this was the first time that a country club had won the premiership. The club also finished this year by ordering a new tub scull at a cost of \$1778.04.

Quite often during this period the club purchased oars through the Corowa High School as to save sales tax.

In 1982 a crew won a treble of wins at Melbourne, Horsham and Dimboola –G McNamara, M Cook and N Good (Cox).

The first year women are mentioned winning trophies at a presentation night are in 1983 with Cassendera Good winning Most successful oarswoman and Janet Quihampton winning Most improved oarswoman and Tammy Good winning most successful coxswain (it was called section 2).

This year also saw Robert Evers win the Best Clubman Award, good to see he is still working hard for the club so many years later...



In 1983, the club was offered an unusual offer by the Globe Hotel social club to purchase a 1/4 share in its pool table, the club decided not to go ahead with this offer. Also in this year we ordered a new eight from Jeff Sykes which was the first time this mould was used. The 4 members extended their guarantees. This eight was named the Corowa Members 1982/83. Max Maclean then donated \$200 to go towards the purchase of oars for this boat.

In 1983 **life membership** was awarded to **Leigh "Gus" Good**.

In February 1984, the senior coach Gus advised the club of its advancement to junior standard. This year seen a wool drive take place to fundraise, the club also cancelled marine insurance during the winter months in an attempt to become more financial.

April 1984 saw **life membership** awarded to **Kelvin Howard**.

The stand out performers in 1983/84 season were Robert Evers and Anthony King in the maiden pairs and Helen Maclean & Janet Quihampton in the Novice pairs. The Junior 8 also rowed well during this season. Again in 1984 it was proven how committed our members were in that 6 members all donated \$40 each to cover the costs of double scull riggers. (D McNamara, R Maclean, M Pulling, M Howard, S Hughes, L Good)

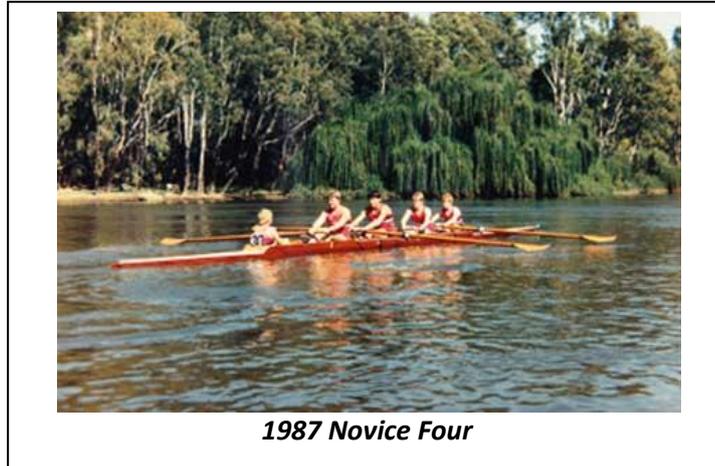
Jason Binns was the stand out rower for the 1985/86 season with him winning the most successful oarsman, be part of the most determined crew (Novice pair) and also the best clubman.

It was in 1986 that the club took steps to becoming incorporated. During this season Mark Howard (Captain) advised that the club did not have a successful year on the water, but the club was well represented and that all boats were in good condition, this was reinforced by the senior coach Gus, in that while numbers were down, there is promise for the future.

Another function that is still happening every 2 years started in 1986 when Marlene & Kelvin Howard requested permission to use the shed for their family Christmas function.

The shed was repainted in 1987 by a crew of members including Kevin & Colin Hall, Jason Binns, Rowan Sorenson, Chris Pensini, Gary Cook and Mack Good.

The social club ceased being a separate entity in 1987 as well. In August this year we purchased Wahgunyah's racing four "Des Pearce" for \$2000. (Not sure what happened here as this boat is still at Wahgunyah)



At the AGM in September 1987, a motion was moved for **Mark Howard** to be **awarded life membership**; this was award in May 1988.

During this period of the 1980's the major raffle every year was 2 bikes (man and woman's).

In 1988 Uncle Toby's (Best Foods as it was known then) donated \$300 to improve the sheds roof on the west side of shed.

During this period, the membership of the club waned a bit so in July 1988 it was decided to run a fresh blood campaign to get some young people interested in rowing again. This year they also sent letters to all present, past and associate member's re the upcoming AGM.

Interesting to note at this stage the club was busy chasing up all outstanding monies as they were still over \$2000 into the overdraft, so maybe why a big membership drive was launched.

In February 1988, honorary life memberships were approved for Bob Carr and Glenn Bartlett. It was in 1992 that it was moved that the honorary life membership be presented to Bob Carr in recognition of his long time support of the club.

It took until March 88 to have the first registered regatta win for the season at YWCA Albert Park with S Ronfeldt and R Hillas with Greg Dickins cox winning under the coaching of Gus Good.

August 1989 saw the club finally climb out of the overdraft, and start to trade profitably. The club achieved this by the hard efforts of the members doing raffles, concreting jobs and tree pruning. At this time Gus was looking around for a second hand regulation 4 to purchase from Leichardt Rowing in Sydney for \$500 (The John Harrison).

The rowing calendar was a bit busier before xmas in 1989 than now, with Yarrawonga hosting 2 regattas, Upper Yarra hosting one, Nagambie and then our own local regatta.

1990's

The 1990's started how the 80's finished up, with the club members working hard to raise money, via a lawn mower raffle and more concreting jobs. This is also the year that the incorporation was completed by Lethbridge & McGowan staff for a minimal cost. The club also finalised their constitution bringing it up to date in 1990.

The club during the late 80's had a few issues with break in's so in 1990 they spent \$950 and installed a security system.

That year also saw the purchase of three boats which was quite unheard of. A second hand fibreglass four was anonymously donated and was painted by Terry Cornelius – this boat was christened "Terry Cornelius". The club brought a 2nd hand fibreglass four for \$2500 which was christened "Max Maclean" and finally they purchased a new fibreglass tub pair that was christened "Garry Cook". This new tub pair was the first new boat the club had purchased since the early 80's.



1990 Christening of the Terry Cornelius, Garry Cook and Max Maclean

In 1990 the flood waters were enough of a concern that the boats were moved out to Max Maclean's shed for safekeeping. Robert O'Halloran mentioned in his captain's report how our fleet of boats would be one of the best in the country area.

December of that year saw the club make the decision that life members only need to pay affiliation fee if they compete, there is no membership fee to the club.

1991 saw the club break a 30 year drought by winning at the Footscray Regatta (first since 1960). The Novice 4 girls won and then backed it up with a win in the U16 four. The crew was made up of Melinda Carlisle, Cher Hetherington, Melanie Atkinson, Simone Binns & Michelle Corfield as cox. The Novice 8 men also had a win against the much more experienced 8 rowers – this crew consisted of Rick Good, Glen Martin, Esad Skalic, John Bookluck, Robert O'Halloran, Tony Dale, Terry Salmon, Rohan Hillas and cox Joel Dunkley.

This year also saw the club mention shed extensions again.

March 91 saw the club be represented at the Combined High School Championship in Sydney in conjunction with Corowa High School. The girls four won this regatta.

In 1991/92 Robert Evers designed a new & fairer point score system that is still in place today. The major fundraising during this season was tree pruning, with Max Maclean donating his tray truck at all working bees. There was 15 weekends from Feb 91 – Sept 91 that members gave up their time.



91/92

At the end of 1991 a training scull was written off in an accident whilst returning from Bendigo regatta so a new one was ordered via insurance. The new scull was named 'Kelvin Howard II' and the old scull (fixed up) be renamed the 'The Dunk' after Garry Dunkley.

1991 also saw a ladies committee form with K Howley the inaugural president. They held BBQ's and at Essendon they provided breakfast for \$2.00 per person. They also organised the food stall at the MRA regatta. They wanted their first lot of money to go towards the striking of a medallion.

1992 also seen the treatment of female rowers come under scrutiny via a complaint made to the committee.... the club was committed to prove that they would not favour the male crews. This was the year the club decided to start to save for a new regulation four.

February 1992 saw 24 oarsman & women compete at the Essendon regatta, they also then followed that up to break a 10 year drought at Banks regatta winning the Mens Intermediate 8 with Rick Good, Glen Martin, Scotchy O'Halloran, Dave Clarke, Esad Skalic, John Bookluck, Terry Salmon, Rowan Hilas and cox Joel Dunkley coached by Gus Good – these boys were noted to have rowed 160km in 14 days of training. At this stage in 1992 Corowa was coming second in the 2nd Division Country Premiership.

To encourage more school kids to take up the sport on a Sunday morning in February they had 20 kids and 5 teachers come down to "learn to row".

The ladies committee presented a cheque to the club for \$500 that was used to purchase a second hand regulation four brought from Hamilton Rowing Club, and the ladies got to choose the name. One fundraising raffle they conducted was of a porcelain doll which raised \$870. The Corowa High School also purchased a regulation four from Hamilton.

The committee paid \$1000 towards the updating of the trailer which was listed as first priority over the winter in 1992.

During this period the club also purchased a weekly tattsлото ticket – maybe hoping to finally extend the shed.

The club had plans to submit a proposal with plans to council to put an extension on the shed for increased boat storage, toilets, change rooms & gymnasium area.

There was a special meeting in August 1992 to approve the design of the medallion that would be struck.

92/93

It was in October 1992 that the committee decided that the crews needed an ergometer for crew development off water, especially to be used when river in flood. Until the club could buy one Sally & Andrew Withers donated the use of theirs and it was decided to charge the club members a gold coin donation to cover wear & tear on it. It was even written up in the Free Press how ex Olympic rowers Sally & Andrew Withers had joined our club's coaching panel.

The club purchased a coaching punt (12ft) from Leigh Martin Marine for a sum of \$795, then they purchased a outboard motor 9.8HP for \$750.

Andrew Withers also donated to the club a used chainsaw to assist with the ongoing tree lopping jobs.

November 1992 we purchased a second hand fibreglass regulation four from YWCA for a sum of \$3500.

1993 saw great success in the woman's crews under coaches Sally Withers and Gus Good. Pam Westendorf from the AIS in Canberra came down for a weekend and gave advice to coaches and crews. The successful ladies were Kaye Burling, Naomi Nixon, Karen Cann, Tammy Good with Kristen McLean cox and Joanne O'Halloran in the U16 single sculls.

It was decided in 1993 to hold over shed extension plans until the following year due to the number of novice rowers, the club needs a good novice four.

Also noted in 1993 there was a clipping in the paper re a new 20 year lease with an option for a further 10 years for the clubhouse site.

This year also seen the club venture into selling loads of wood which would have been from the tree pruning.

The club decided to buy Mark Howards racing scull with a raffle being held at \$50 per ticket to win your name going on the boat. Not sure what happened to the raffle, but the final payment to Mark was not made until 2002...(slight delay)

In 1993 **life membership** was awarded to **Garry Cook**.

93/94

It was in 1993 that the club purchased their first ergo for \$1100. This was purchased from Pam Westendorf. We also purchased 10 oars from Mercantile Rowing Club.

To assist in the business of tree lopping, Georges Mowers of Corowa donated a new chainsaw for use. It was also suggested during this period that the High School be charged to use our facilities (\$5 per person). Whereas the ladies committee was kept busy doing cake stalls, chocolate sales and another doll raffle. The ladies finished the 1994 season with over \$2000 in the bank and they funded the bus trip to Footscray out of the Chocolate sales. This committee also raised over \$200 from a perfume party.

1993/94 season had only a small number of rowers competing, with Joanne O'Halloran a stand out achiever. During this year the club participated in lots of working bees – 13 tree lopping jobs, 7 lawn jobs, and then shed working bees. Max Maclean donated his truck still for all these and Marg & Tammy supplied the morning teas.

1994 saw **Shirlene Good** receive **life membership**.

94/95

1995 saw a dip in attendance at meetings with only 2 committee members showing up in both January and February.

The mens novice 8 won again at the Essendon Regatta in 1995.

Winter 1995 saw work being completed in the river to stabilise river bank. In 1995 the ladies committee donated \$1000 towards the purchase of the J Garde from Lothar Hall.

During this year the club members continued to tree prune which was the club's biggest fundraiser.

95/96

Wes Canny made his first appearance at a club meeting in 1996 to discuss the future of rowing in this district with a view to the future.....Wes is still a prominent member of our club 17 years later.

The ladies committee in 1996 was still going strong with their first purchase of the year being crockery and an urn. It was during this year that the possibility of hooking the club up to town sewerage was being investigated. This was done on the 6th February 1999.

In 1995 we purchased the "Black Dog" racing four from Essendon Rowing Club and later converted it to a racing quad scull.

It was during this year that the old Bowling Club was being turned into a sports club in which we nominated our president to represent us. All participating clubs paid \$10 membership and at the first meeting Ivan Ross made the statement that in 2 years all clubs will be richer!!! This club was sold to the RSL on the 3rd Feb 2002 – no riches were made ☹. Chris Pensini was our clubs long term representative on the board of this new club.

96/97

In October 1996 the boat shed was flooded for 14 days, so training was moved to Lake Moodemere, at that stage of the season we had 9 females and 4 males training – all beginners. There was also ergo training at the captain's house whilst in flood.

Kelvin Howard looked into the possibility of being selected for a training venue for the upcoming Sydney Olympics 2000.

Another coach's boat was purchased from Leigh Martin Marine for \$400.

In December 1996 the captain mentioned that he was having trouble with kids not wanting to row due to a wild duck problem.

During the past few seasons it should be noted that Terry Brain built the trailers for the coach's boats as well as scull racks.

During 1996 the tree pruning business was still going very well and along with the meat raffles they were the biggest fundraising activities the club held.

97/98

In 1998 the club participated at the first ever regatta held on the cause way course in Albury. We also had two crews go to State Championships that were held at Nagambie.

The club travelled to 11 different regattas with 25 wins for the season.

A special mention was made in July 1997 to thank Wes Canny for the donation of gym equipment to enable him to open the sheds on Monday and Wednesdays for exercise programs and the use of ergos.

98/99

It was in 1999 that we organised the sectioning of the red eight to ensure legal transportation, this was completed in July 2001 at a cost of \$5133. We also started to convert the existing oars into cleaver blades at a cost of \$165 per oar.

It was also moved that the MRA regatta which was held on the river in 1999 due to blue green algae to stay on the river until the facilities at Lake Moodemere be upgraded including sewerage, luncheon stand, bar stand, electricity, drinking water and green grass being provided. This was carried unanimously.....not sure what happened but as of 2013 there is still none of the above at Lake Moodemere but the regatta is a huge success!!!

The stand out rowers in 1999 was Karla Robinson and the men's U16 Four. Captain Wes mentioned that everyone could learn from Karla with her no nonsense approach to the sport. Again during the winter the club struggled with numbers attending meetings with both the September and October meeting not reaching quorum.

2000-2013

99/00

In 2000 the biggest donation was received by the RSL club of \$1000. The club started to look around for a 2nd ergo to buy. This year seen the Yarrawonga members (6) join our club due to unworkable arrangements with the boats and gear at their own club. They were charged only half membership. This year also saw the club venture into yet another type of fundraising – catering at parties, the first one they did they made a profit of \$500 – this was put down to the hard work of Tammy Salmon and Terry Brain. The introduction of GST in July 2000 was addressed by the committee in May 2000 by obtaining an Australian Business Number (ABN). More work was done on the boat landing over this winter.

00/01

The bike raffle for 2000/2001 year was still going strong with a profit this year being \$1295.00.

At the MRA regatta held in January 2001, Corowa had their best ever performance – we had 5 wins in divisions from Novice through to Open class. Some of the competitors here were: Adam Bowland, Marc Harrop, Brent Cocoran, Brett Skinner, Rick Good, Robert O'Halloran, Brendan Eyers, Matt Rogers, Jim Eyers, Mark Howard, Terry Eyers, Robert Eyers, Terry Brain and Aaron Robbins.

At the end of the season it was decided that Wes keep trying to source a second hand ergo and that Robert Eyers was to be put in charge of boat maintenance over the winter. The club suggested that the monies from the ladies committee be used for the ergo. The Concept II ergo was purchased from Jeff Sykes in May 2001 for a price of \$2288.00. At the same meeting, Peter Gamble was able to offer the club 4 x fours and maybe a scull, these came from Scotch College.

April 2001 saw **Chris Pensini & Daryl Martin** receive **Life Membership**.

In 2001 Robert Goodall stepped in with a cheque of \$500 to be able to be the major sponsor, this also came with a 50L keg of beer. There was lots of discussion re what to do with the keg, but can't find any evidence as to what actually happened. There was more work completed on the landing in July 2001.

Since 2001 there has been a large amount of changes in the Corowa Rowing, this must be credited to a strong and steady committee especially the president Robert Eyers who is currently serving his 12th year after becoming president in 2001 and captain Wesley Canny who is serving his 9th year, the treasurer Stacey Whitechurch is also serving her 9th concurrent season.

01/02

In 2001, a life member of the club Peter Gamble restarted the school rowing program that is going from strength to strength in partnership with Corowa High School. This program is now run by Wes Canny with assistance from another life member Daryl Martin.

Garry Cook in 2001 donated the cost of 8 concept II scull gates to the club. 2001 had such an influx of new rowers that the "Guys and Dolls" had to be brought out of retirement. The Star Hotel Corowa donated \$300 towards the pair of scull oars with the club putting in the balance of \$173.00

Noted in the 2002 Wahgunyah Regatta write up is our winning crews – one in particular was Marc Harrop, Aaron Robbins coxed by Jayden Deas winning the Beginner pair (later to win State Championship, see below). Other new faces at the club competing include: Karissa Maclean, Shannon Groves, Brea & Thomas Williams, Kerrie Carlisle, Keresten Williams, Linda Groves & Jill McCrum.

The Rotary club in 2002 donated \$470 towards a pair of scull oars. This year the bike/fishing tackle raffle made \$1154 (going from strength to strength)

April 2002 saw the purchase of a cox box. Interesting how at the end of the April 2002 meeting the meeting actually closed at 9.15pm but the bar shut at 11.45pm whilst the attendees sat around discussing the boat shed extensions!!

Another way of raising funds was re-introduced in 2002 with advertising signage been sold. Whilst some of the smaller signs have changed over the years, Max Maclean has consistently been our major supporter. These signs had to be approved from the Shire which Robert Evers organised.

02/03

2003 saw the introduction of a fundraising co-ordinator with the job going to Sally Casey, and this year also saw Wes Canny take on the job of Treasurer (look out exercise books), luckily he had assistance with putting it all on computer via MYOB accounting program (Stacey Whitechurch).

This year also had an influx of coaches/teachers put their hand up to help out including some new faces – Gus Good, Wes Canny, Terry Salmon, Mark Howard, Rick Good, Aaron Robbins, Charlie & Sam Haywood, Peter Gamble, John Gorman, Sally Casey and Linda Groves.

A new fundraising idea that launched this year was the 50 club – this is still an ongoing idea that is done every year.

2003 also saw the first major development in the new shed construction, with Daryl Martin & Wes Canny attending a Corowa Lions Club meeting to outline our proposal.

This year also saw more new faces join including – Nathan Collins, Mark Pfeiffer, Caroline Deas, Peta Johnstone, Melinda Longford and Kate McGregor.

The Santa regatta in 2002 saw an all Evers family affair consisting of Robert, Terry, Brendan, Jim and Zane (unfortunately they were not successful).

It was in January 2003 that the committee felt the need for a second fibreglass tub four, it was decided to keep an eye out to buy a second hand one.

This year saw the bike raffle raise \$1466.66 and the 50 club raise \$1716.00 in profit.

The first **state championship since 1960 came in 2003** that was won by Marc Harrop and Aaron Robbins coxed by Jayden Deas, coached by Wes Canny. These two also were awarded with an outstanding achievement award at that year's presentation night. We started to keep the bow numbers of all the winning crews but after 3 years realised this was not going to be sustained due to the sheer numbers of winning crews.



2003 State Championship

Marc Harrop & Aaron Robins cox Jayden Deas, Coach Wes Canny

At the April 2003 meeting it was announced that the shed plan drawing is almost complete and with two copies to be sent to the Corowa Shire for approval. The cost of labour and materials was reported to be \$71,300 – but the labour had to be removed from this price due to voluntary labour. Daryl & Robert attended the Lions July meeting and the Lions club announced they will commit \$15,700 to help us attain a grant, with ½ to be repaid. The old tyres that used to line the bank were removed from June 2003, with working bees being held to get this done

03/04

The 2003 AGM saw Wes Canny take up his still current position of Captain and Stacey Whitechurch take up her still current position of Treasurer. This year also saw the introduction of a trivia night for a fundraising idea, and it raised \$1412.35 profit.

This year saw a move up from State Champion cox Jayden Deas into a scull – which he was quite successful.

A third ergo was decided to be a necessary purchase leading into winter as the club was going to be open over winter.

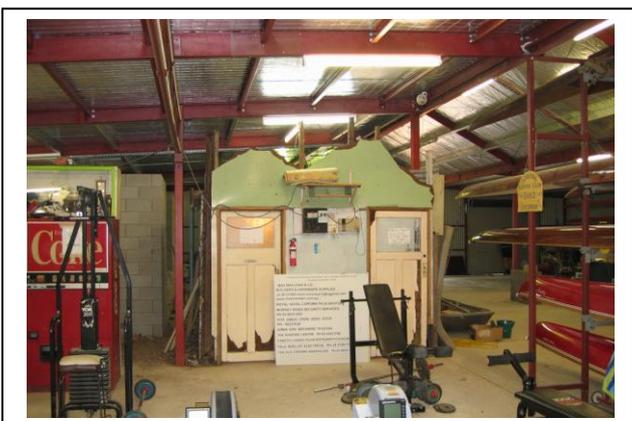
This year saw the introduction of an Easter Egg raffle to finish the year off with. Some new rowers this year that were successful at the annual Essendon/Footscray regatta were: Jamay Pfeiffer, Stephanie Whyte, Serena Wilson, Lucy Kelly, Karsha, Nadine & Cody Mills.

During this period the club was still looking for a 2nd hand tub four and new racing pair.

A third ergo was purchased in April 2004.

The big news arrived in June 2004 – the club received a NSW Sport & Rec Grant of \$37,000 to go towards renovating/rebuilding of the club that is expected to cost \$80,000. There has been a slide show prepared to show all the steps that happened during the rebuilding. It is important to note that the grant we received was to complete the 1st stage of renovations and the next 2 stages would be done at a later date. Due to the donation of all labour and great discounts on materials, all three stages were completed using the one grant!

This is the beginning of Robert Eyer’s grant writing skills, with the club receiving numerous grants over the next 10 years.



In September 2004, the club purchased a second hand 12ft punt and a motor will be purchased to go with it. The club decided against the position of a fund raising co-ordinator from this season, feeling that the committee as a whole should be involved.

04/05

2005 was the beginning of purchases for the gym – the first purchase being an exercise bike for \$890.

This year also saw the introduction of an international crew representing Corowa, it was made up of Andrew Johnstone (Australian), Ryan Person (American), Cedric Melin (French) and Ed Van Gool (Dutch) – they qualified for a final in the State Championships in the Male Beginner Coxed Four but did not win.

Unfortunately in **2005 no State Championships** were won, we were competitive but just missed out, especially Jayden in the scull coming a very close second.

This year saw such an influx of rowers that also included masters. One crew that focused on social rowing was Kaye Corfield, Heather Lowe, Virginia Phibbs and Dot Peterson, these ladies really got into the spirit of social rowing calling themselves the “River Queens”

The trivia night in 2005 made \$1986 profit.



Social Bus Trip



Trivia Night

This is the year that the club purchased a 2nd hand regulation four that we named ‘Peter Gamble’. To make room in the shed for this we cut the bow off the ‘Terry Cornelius’ which now can be seen on the wall. The newly formed Albury Rowing club also took some surplus equipment off our hands. We were also successfully in receiving a \$2600 grant from the RSL club that was used to purchase another Concept II Ergo.



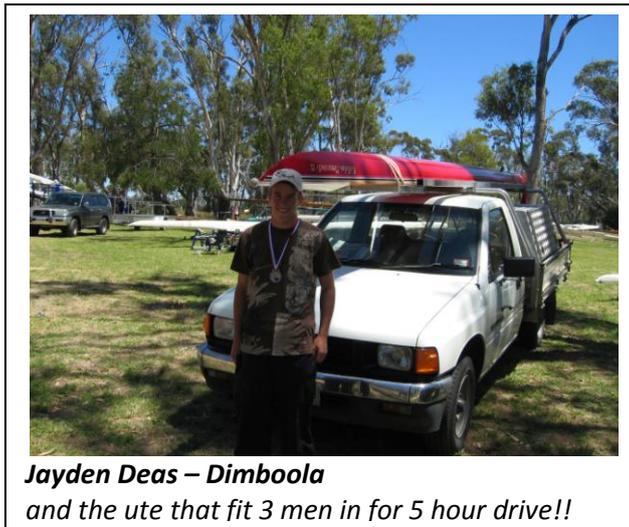
January 2006 Christening Peter Gamble

Over the winter months of 2005 it was full on shed building.

July 2005 saw the purchase of our first floaty training scull for \$2000, this was named in honour of the long time pub raffles – ‘Global Star’. This year saw the introduction of Police Checks for all committee and coaches.

05/06

At the beginning of this season, it was obvious that Jayden Deas and Peta Johnstone would be very competitive. Jayden showing how keen he was by travelling in a ute to Dimboola with Robert & Wes (Squashy fit) with the boat on roof. It paid off though with a win on the Sunday after coming a close 2nd on Saturday.



Jayden Deas – Dimboola
and the ute that fit 3 men in for 5 hour drive!!

This year also saw a change to the traditional raffle prize, we moved from bikes to a BBQ raffle, this was a success with it raising \$2848 profit.

2006 also allowed us to discover that we could not hire the shed out (even to members) without purchasing an additional insurance policy for \$2500!!! The committee suspended clubroom hire for the time being until this problem could be sorted out.

2006 also saw more equipment purchased for the gym, with another exercise bike, treadmill and some weight stands being purchased.

At the end of the 2006 season the club purchased a tub scull from Tom Prime for \$5500 + oars \$600 ‘Corowa Lions Club’ – this boat was able to be purchased through assistance from the Lions Club. Originally for the rebuild of the shed they donated \$7850 and loaned us \$7850 to be repaid, but they then decided to waive the repayment to allow us to purchase this new scull.



2006 Christening Corowa Lions Club

This year also saw us start winning at the **2006 State Championships** again with the following crews:

2 Wins:

Peta Johnstone (D Grade Single Scull);

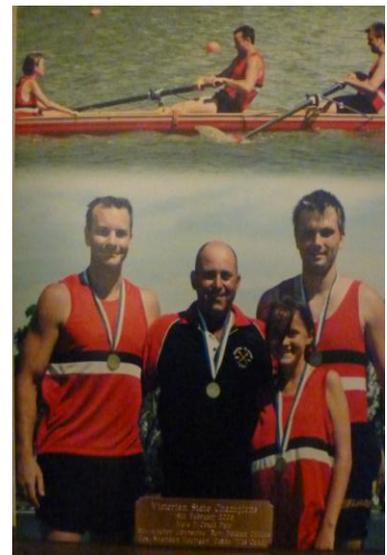
Andrew Johnstone, Nathan Collins coxed by Sheridan Horrigan (Male D Grade Coxed Pair).

Peta & Jayden's dedication paid off this year with the two of them taking out the most successful woman & man.

Jayden was also successful in winning the Victorian E Grade Rower of the year.



***Peta Johnstone
coaches Wes Canny & Len Johnstone***



***Nathan Collins & Andrew Johnstone cox
Sheridan Hourigan Coach Wes Canny***

This is the year that the rowing club got sun smart and purchased a large free standing shade to take to all regattas – this was made possible from the RSL Sports Grant program costing \$2885.

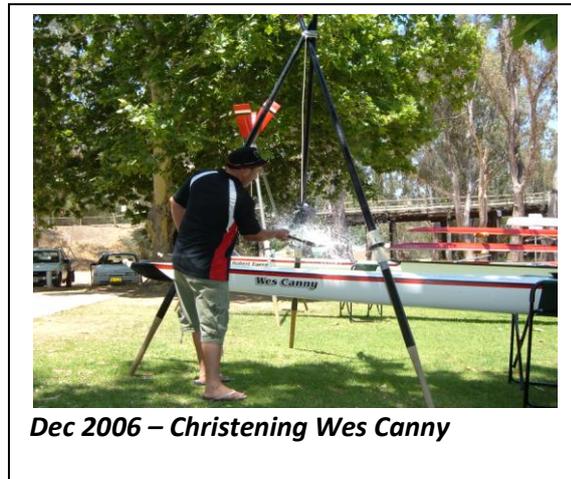
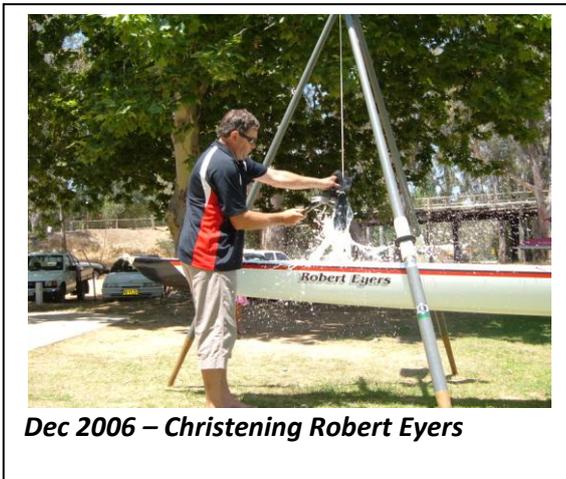
After the 2006 MRA regatta we also received a \$2500 dividend just going to show how successful this two day regatta had become.

This is the year that the club had their first ever representation at a National level in Masters – with Robert Eyers, Jim Eyers, Terry Eyers, Len Johnstone coxed by Steeven Grae compete. Robert also competed in a single scull making the final. This regatta was held at Nagambie.



Corowa Master Rowers

July 2006 saw the huge decision to swap over to Swift Racing boats.....we ordered a new racing pair/double scull and a new racing four for \$17,000. These boats very fittingly were named 'Wes Canny' (pair/double) and 'Robert Eyers' (four/quad).



Robert Eyers and **Len Johnstone** were both presented **Life Memberships** at the AGM in August 2006.



September 2006 saw the club have the opportunity to join forces with the Corowa Rutherglen Football Club to purchase all the gym gear from the closed Corowa Golf Club gym.

06/07

It was obvious we had two talented kids that had begun to row for the club – Chloe Williams and Rhylee Deas both doing extremely well in their E grade class.

November 2006 saw the club apply and receive a multi function liquor licence that allows 26 functions a year. This is still going today.

2007 also saw the beginning of the MRA dinner that we hold for the rowers and supporters that come up to row. This started off slow with about 80 people the first year, growing to 350 this year and that will be able to extend to 400 by next year.

Peta Johnstone continued with her good form winning three medals at the local MRA regatta. This is also the first time in 141 years of the regatta that Corowa took out the Red Gum Shield which means

we won the most races out of all clubs that had entries. Another talented sculler started to shine through the ranks at this regatta – Phoebe Ward who travelled down from Lake Hume to train 3 times a week – she won both the D and E Class single scull.

Robert Eyers was also recognised by Corowa Shire as Citizen of the Year in 2007 for his service to the rowing club.



Chloe, Rhylee, Phoebe and another sculler James Bridges all represented the club at the Yarra Yarra regatta with Phoebe winning the D grade single scull.

Phoebe (coached by Robert Eyers) then went onto the Carrum regatta where she won the Year 10 single race by 8 boat lengths.

Corowa had great success at the **2007 Victorian State Championships** – coming away with 7 titles.

The following all had wins –

Phoebe Ward won the U17 single scull, E grade single scull and then teamed up with Peta Johnstone, Chloe Williams, Felicity Williams cox Connor Johnstone to win the E grade coxed quad scull.

Rhylee Deas won the E grade single scull and he teamed up with Jayden Deas, Taylor Good, Nathan Collins cox James Bridges to win the E grade coxed quad scull.

Callum Payne, Zane Eyers, Taylor Good, Jayden Deas cox Connor Johnstone won the E grade coxed Four and finally Doug Shelley, Rick Aitkin cox James Bridges won the D Grade Coxed Pair defending Corowa's title.



***E Grade Single Scull
Rhylee Deas with coaches Robert
Eyers and Peta Johnstone***



***E Grade Coxed Four
Jayden Deas, Taylor Good, Zaine Eyers,
Callum Payne, cox Connor Johnstone, coach
Wes Canny***



***E Grade Coxed Quad Scull
Rhylee Deas, Taylor Good, Nathan Collins,
Jayden Deas, cox James Bridges, coach
Wes Canny***



***E Grade Single Scull & U17 Single Scull
Phoebe Ward coach Robert Evers***



***D Grade Coxed Pair
Rick Aitkin & Doug Shelley, cox James
Bridges, coaches Wes Canny, Len
Johnstone and Robert Evers***



***E Grade Coxed Quad Scull
Felicity Williams, Chloe Williams, Phoebe
Ward, Peta Johnstone, cox Connor
Johnstone, coaches Wes Canny, Gus Good
& Robert Evers***

Rhylee was the only winner at the Victorian State School Boys that year with him taking out the Year 9 boys division in a single scull.

The club had its first representative at **National level at Nagambie in 2007** with Phoebe Ward competing in Female U17 single in which she was ranked no 9 in Australia, setting a standard for the next generation to follow. Phoebe also rowed with members from Footscray Rowing Club to form a composite quad in the U19 age group, this saw Phoebe and her dedicated family travel to Melbourne for training. Coach Robert attended the weeklong regatta in support of Phoebe.

Phoebe finished the year off by attending the largest all female regatta in the southern hemisphere – Head of the Schoolgirls – which is held at Geelong’s Barwon River. There are over 2000 competitors at this regatta. Phoebe competed in the Open Single Scull division which she won her heat and semi easily to progress to the final. The final was held in tough conditions with a head win but Phoebe still managed to win by 2 lengths. Phoebe was selected as a finalist for the Border Mails Young Sports Achiever of the Year Award but was unsuccessful.

The year was finished off at the Essendon/Footscray regatta in which the young rowers did extremely well again, Chloe Williams winning three medals in E grade single and with crews and Phoebe winning both D and C grade single sculls.

Corowa Rowing Club was again rewarded by Rowing Victoria by Chloe Williams winning the Female E grade rower of the year, must be noted that Chloe was only 13 years old then and Rhylee Deas winning the Male E grade rower of the year, with Jayden Deas coming 2nd in this class.

We received another grant from the RSL sports grant program for \$3418 to purchase four pairs of sculling blades. This year it was also decided that a new boat trailer was needed, the committee was on the lookout for 3 second hand sculls and 2 regulation fours for the influx of members.

Robert & Stacey & James Webb along with local businessman Greg Milthorpe decided to try to sell advertising to cover the cost of the new boat trailer. The local transport companies – Milthorpe's, Willet, Chester, Francis, Lewis, SBA Transport, Talbots, D & S Collins, along with Dunkley Panels and Colrain all came on board with donations and the trailer was designed and built by James Webb of Focus Engineering with Robert Eyers and was ready for the 2008 MRA regatta. We sold the old trailer for a sum of \$900.



07/08

The club ordered a new single racing scull off Swift Australia for a price of \$5200, this was christened 'James Webb'. We found a 2nd hand tub four from Tom Prime for the sum of \$8000 that the club named 'Len Johnstone'. The club also brought another cox box \$1300.

January 2008 saw the club take out the MRA Red Gum Shield for a second time in its 142 year history. The same young rowers were dominant in Chloe Williams, Phoebe Ward and Rhylee Deas but a first time rower did very well in Kirsty Thomson winning the D grade single scull. Robert Eyers was successful in the master events. After this success Rhylee and Chloe travelled to Ballarat to row over 2000 metres for the first time in the U17 events, with 15 year Rhylee coming 4th and 13 year old Chloe astounded all by winning over much older competitors.

In March 2008 the club purchased an oartech rowing machine – this machine is different to ergo's as it is more of a rowing simulator – this cost the club \$5000 which we were allowed to pay in instalments.

Corowa this time travelled to Geelong in February to compete in the **2008 State Championships** with another 4 gold medals brought home.

The winners were:

Saturday Junior Championships –

Rhylee Deas (Year 10 single),

Chloe Williams (Year 9) other crews made the A finals but the regatta was cancelled due to windy conditions.

Sunday held the club championships –

Chloe Williams, Peta Johnstone, Kristy Thompson, Bernie Rogers, Allison Naish, Sally Casey, Felicity Williams, Nicole Grigg and cox Sara Williams won the D Grade 8.

Nicole and her sister Fiona Grigg coxed by Chloe Williams won the D grade coxed pair.

Kirsty Thompson won the C grade single by many lengths.

Doug Shelley, Rhylee Deas, Ryan Person, Angus Smith coxed by Demi Whitechurch won the D grade coxed quad scull.

Both Allison & Angus are first year rowers which is impressive.



D Grade Coxed Pair
Nicole & Fiona Grigg cox Chloe Williams,
coach Wes Canny



D Grade Womans 8
Nicole Grigg, Felicity Williams, Sally Maclean,
Alison Naish, Bernie Rogers, Peta Johnstone,
Kristy Thompson, Chloe Williams cox Sara
Williams, Coach Wes Canny



E Grade Single Scull
Kristy Thompson, coach Wes Canny



D Grade Coxed Quad Scull
Angus Smith, Ryan Person, Rhylee Deas,
Doug Shelly, cox Demi Whitechurch, coaches
Robert Eyers & Wes Canny

The club through school rowing competed at the Victorian Schools rowing competition with Chloe Williams winning Year 9 single and James Bridges finished 3rd in Male Yr 10 division.

In June 2008 the club decided to purchase a new racing scull with quick release riggers for \$6020 which was christened 'Ross Maclean'.



2009 Christening Ross Maclean

In **March 2008** Rhylee Deas represented the club at the **Nationals** that was held at the Penrith Olympic Centre. Robert Eyers (coach) and Wes travelled with Rhylee. He competed in the U17 single scull and combined with Nagambie and Richmond rowers in composite crews for doubles and a quad. (Tim Day, Aaron Bunton, Alex Tattersall (cox) from Nagambie and Nick Schouten from Richmond). Rhylee finished 14th overall in his single finishing his run at the semi finals. The quad made it to the final where they finished 5th.



Rhylee with his National Team mates

On Australia Day in 2009, Rhylee won the Emma George Junior Sporting Scholarship from Indigo Shire that awarded him \$8000 to go towards his rowing costs.

Interesting to note that even though Phoebe Ward had left Corowa due to a family relocation to Queensland, she kept her rowing up and at the 2008 Queensland State Championships she won 4 gold and 1 silver.

Robert Evers competed in the National Masters in May 2008 where he finished 7 in his age division.

During winter 2008, more concreting was done on the landing.

08/09

The subs for this season were set at \$100 senior and \$50 junior.

This year the club held a major raffle in conjunction with other sporting clubs in town, the Lions club offered the main prize and all clubs got to keep the \$ value of whatever tickets they sold. We raised \$2120 profit.

October 2008 Rowing Victoria provided 2 ergos for our students members to use to raise the profile of indoor rowing. We purchased these machines once trial ran out.

A new single scull was ordered in January 2009, it was a heavy weight and this came about because of an anonymous donation of \$5000 to the club leaving us to pay the \$1300 balance. This was christened 'Ryan Person'.



Dec 2009 Christening Ryan Person

The season started with Rhylee and Chloe showing their National hopes by racing at the Ballarat Regatta held at Nagambie where Chloe finished 3rd in B Grade single scull and 1st in the U17 single scull. Rhylee finished 2nd in the U17 single. This led to a regatta in February that was part of the Victorian U17 development squad selection. Corowa sent 3 rowers – Rhylee, Chloe and Angus Smith. Rhylee won the single and Angus got 4th and then racing was cancelled due to the weather. The following morning saw selection trials and Rhylee was selected to row U17 single, double and quad with Nagambie, Footscray & Richmond crew members. Chloe was also selected in U17 single, double and quad with Nagambie & Barwon members. Angus finished 4th just missing out.

Angus & Rhylee teamed up to win the U17 double at the Senior School State Championship, Rhylee then came 2nd in the single. Chloe was leading in her single but didn't complete the race but she then teamed up with Sarah Cannell in the U17 double to get 2nd.

At the **2009 State Championships** we came away with 4 wins.

Saturday saw us compete in the Junior Schoolgirls State Championships but no medals were awarded.

On the Sunday the winners were:

Male D grade 8 – Doug Shelley, Tony Langfield, Jono Vale, Ross Maclean, Damien Pleming, Cedric Melin, Angus Smith, Ryan Person coxed Demi Whitechurch;

Male D Coxed Pair – Cedric & Jono coxed by Lexi;

Male D coxed Quad scull – Doug, Cedric, Luke Prescott, David Langren cox Hannah Cannell;

Male D coxed four – Jono, Ross, Damien, Tony cox Lexi.

Silver medals went to –

Sally Maclean & Emily Bush coxed by Kate Cannell in the Female D grade coxed pair;

Male C Grade coxed quad – Luke, Doug, Ryan, Angus coxed by Demi.

2009 saw Corowa win **GOLD** at the **Nationals** for the first ever time in history!!

Chloe Williams won GOLD as part of a composite crew in a U17 coxed quad scull with Addy Dunkley-Smith & Jen Cleary both from Barwon, Renae & Alex (cox) Tattersall from Nagambie. Chloe did not make the final in the single or in the double that she rowed in with Renae.



Chloe with her National crew winning GOLD



Chloe with her National crew winning GOLD

Rhylee also competed at 2009 Nationals and finished his single in the semi finals, and then teamed up with Nick Schouten in the double that came 5th. The composite quad did not make the finals. The Nationals this year was held at Lake Barrington in Tasmania with Coach Robert travelling over with the 2 rowers and their families for the week long competition.

In March 2009 Chloe followed up her golden year by winning the Year 10 division 1 single scull at the prestigious Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta in Geelong.

The Junior Schoolboys States held at Nagambie saw John Webb, John Raschke, Lewis McCrum, Jake Kruen coxed by Harrison Borg compete in the Year 9 male coxed quad scull – be sure to keep in mind that these boys were only in Year 8 at the time. They were written off at the start of the final by the coach of the Scotch College crews, so imagine their surprise when our boys came in 2nd place. John Webb & Jake also competed in singles with Jake finishing 2nd and John in 3rd place.

April 2009 saw **Peter Gamble** receive **life membership** from the rowing club.



Earlier it was mentioned the building of scull racks & oar racks, once Terry Brian left the club, Robert Evers started to do these in his spare time not spent on the water!!!

At the 2009 Master State Championships – Robert came 3rd in his division in the single scull.

The club decided in April 2009 that a new eight was required to remain competitive as our old boat was purchased in 1982. James Webb along with Robert Evers decided to do something totally different and sell advertising along the boat. After approval was granted from Rowing Victoria to do this, the fundraising happened with the following business taking up the offer – Beechworth Honey, Max Maclean Hardware, Rod Stones Automotive, Phil Cannell Fencing, Metal Land, Skylift Rentals, Focus Engineering, Border Bearings and Corowa Shire. July 2009 saw the club order a new eight (\$22,500) and a new double scull (\$8,500), these were named 'Corowa Means Business' and 'Daryl Martin'



Dec 2009 Christening Daryl Martin



Dec 2009 Peter christening Corowa Means Business



Sponsors of Corowa Means Business

4th October 2009 - Robert Evers was awarded the inaugural "Kath Bennett Award" to recognise Outstanding Service to Rowing Victoria. This was awarded due to the outstanding work performed in the rowing community. At the 08/09 Rowing Victoria Awards, Corowa was again rewarded with Jonathon Vale winning the Male D Grade Rower of the year, with Cedric Melin coming runners up. The MRA regatta also won the People's Choice Regatta of the year award.



Robert with Kath Bennett



Jono D Grade Rower of the year

Later this same month Corowa rowers travelled to Sydney to compete in the World Masters Games. Unfortunately for the crew rowing in the male eight and the mixed eight, the event was called off due to inclement weather conditions. Robert Evers made it on the water though and competed in a single as well as a composite double with Geoff Lowe from Footscray. We had entries in the woman's eight with Cherie Collins, Bronwyn Collins, Sally Maclean and Jill McCrum joining forces with Essendon Rowing Club. The Mens eight was to be rowed by Tony Langford, Simon Withers, Robert Evers, Ross Maclean, Junge Evers, Wes Canny and Will Day. The four ladies along with Tony, Wes, Ross & Jungle were also planning on rowing in the mixed eight. These eights were to be coxed by Demi Whitechurch.



World Masters Crew



Mixed Eight

09/10

In October 2009 we catered for the Lions Club convention dinner and we had 200 people attend, this was done by club members as a way to thank the Lions club for all their past help.

November saw another cox box arrive this one cost \$1100. We also brought another kind of rowing simulator for the gym, this one cost \$1850 and is an oartec slider.

We travelled to Dimboola again, this time we were lucky enough to book the only cabins in the caravan park (lucky as it was wet and very windy). We had quite a few wins with Doug, Rhylee, Angus, David & Robert along with cox Demi winning medals.

John Webb, Lewis McCrum, John Raschke, Jake Kruen and Harrison Borg (cox) started their rowing year with a win in the Male D grade coxed quad over 7km at the Head of the Goulburn in November, Angus Smith won his D grade single and our D grade female quad coxed quad consisting of Cherie Collins, Jill McCrum, Sally Maclean, Bronwyn Collins and Demi Whitechurch (cox) won.

That year at the MRA regatta our Master 8 had a win in our new sponsored 8 – John Atkin, Wes Canny, Nigel Goodall, Jamie Webb, Jim Evers, Ross Maclean, Tony Langdon, Robert Evers and coxed by Demi Whitechurch, the male C grade 8 also won in it with Cedric Melin, Ryan Person, Angus Smith, Jono Vale, Ross Maclean, Tony Langford, Rhylee Deas, Doug Shelley coxed by Demi Whitechurch.

In 2010 another young rower that tasted instant success was Georgie Goodear after rowing under Wes Canny for only 6 months. Georgie was only in year 8 and 13 years old at the time winning the Year 9 single scull division at the Victorian Junior School Girls State Championship.

The five boys John, Lewis, John, Jake and Harrison competed at the Victorian Junior School Boys State Championship in which they won the Year 9 Division One Coxed Quad Scull

This year we decided to slightly change the point score system to eliminate masters and school only rowing regattas as not fair to other club rowers.

At the February meeting it was decided to order a swift elite quad scull \$15,400, this boat was christened 'Stacey Whitechurch'. Also had to buy some oars for \$116/pair due to the number of new boats. We also got rid of two old timber boats to make room.



Dec 2010 – Christening Stacey Whitechurch

Corowa once again travelled to Nagambie to compete in the **2010 State Championships**. Again we won Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. The club won 2 gold.

Winning crews were:

Female D grade coxed four – Cherie Collins, Jill McCrum, Bronwyn Collins, Sally Maclean cox Olivia Stones.

Angus Smith and David Landgren won the D grade double scull.



***D Grade Coxed Four
Bron Collins, Cherie Collins, Sally
Maclena, Jill McCrum cox Olivia Stones,
Coach Wes Canny***



***D Grade Double Scull
David Landgren & Angus Smith
Coaches Robert Eyers & Doug Shelley***

Silver medals went to:

Male 8 (Robert Eyers, Tony Langford, Simon Withers, Ross Maclean, Jono Vale, Nigel Goodall, Lewis McCrum, Cedric Melin cox Tom Whitechurch) and

Male C grade coxed quad scull (Doug Shelley, Rhylee Deas, Luke Prescott, Ryan Person cox Demi Whitechurch).

Bronze medals were awarded to:

Male D grade 8 (Doug Shelley, Rhylee Deas, Luke Prescott, Nigel Goodall, Lewis McCrum, Angus Smith, John Webb, David Landgren cox Lexi Horwood) and

Female D grade coxed quad (Georgie Goodear, Ashlei Molnar, Sara Williams, Brittany Stones cox Harrison Borg).

In March the rowing club in conjunction with the Corowa High School travelled to Geelong to compete at the Victorian State Secondary School regatta. Georgie stood out winning both Year 7/8 single and Year 9 single. Of the 20 crews representing Corowa High they had 4 wins, 10 seconds and 3 thirds – this allowed us to take out the most successful school as well as the best performing school at the regatta. Winning crews were

Male Year 9 Quad (John Raschke, Lewis McCrum, Matt Vogel, Justin Roach cox Harrison Borg);

Year 9 Double (Jake Kruen & John Webb);

Female Yr 9 Double (Megan Leahy & Rachel Hansen) and

Female Year 7/8 quad (Demi Whitechurch, Sara Williams, Hannah Cannell and Lexi Horwood).

The club was also successful in the on land ergo races.

March 2010 saw **life membership** awarded to **Wes Canny**.



Wes receiving life membership

After the end of our official rowing season in 2010, a group of dedicated masters started to train and compete to be ready for the State Championships & Nationals. This was started off by Robert Evers competing in Mildura/Wentworth over the Easter weekend, he then competed in Melbourne at the Banks regatta and at Geelong.

The club had a group of rowers travel up to the NSW State Championships – Ross Maclean competed in a composite D grade Quad and Bronwyn Collins, Sally Maclean and Cherie Collins competed in a composite A grade quad (in a coxless boat) but did not have any success.

At the Victorian State Championships the club was represented by Robert Evers who got 3rd in his age division in the single scull. He then teamed up with Geoff Lowe from Footscray to get third in the double scull.

Robert was selected in the Victorian state quad as an emergency for the Nationals that were held in Perth in June 2010. Robert travelled to Perth and whilst did not get a call up as part of the state quad, he was successful in rowing as part of a composite and mixed composite crews with Footscray rowing club – he came away with a gold in the C Grade quad scull and a silver in the A/B Grade quad scull.

Robert also competed in his age group in a single (coming 6th) and in a composite double with Geoff from Footscray. Tony Langford & Ross Maclean also competed in the double but did not make it to the final.

That year in Perth also saw a male four entered – Ross Maclean, Simon Withers, Tony Langford and Will Day coxed by Demi Whitechurch also showed great presence in winning a silver medal in the Male C grade coxed four. Ross, Simon, Tony and Will also competed in a coxless quad scull C division but had no success (after 3 weeks of training in sculling).

Tony rowed in a D Grade Male 8 with Perth club ANA which he won a silver medal for and Ross & Simon also joined ANA club to win a bronze medal in the C Grade Male 8.

So in total Corowa won 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze at the Nationals.



Robert Evers part of the Gold winning composite crew



Simon Withers, Ross Maclean, Will Day, Tony Langford cox Demi Whitechurch

Once again Corowa was invited to the Rowing Victoria award night where this year Wes was awarded for his Outstanding Service to the Sport of Rowing – by winning the Club Person of the Year award.

Doug Shelley and Rhylee Deas also took out equal second place for the Male C grade rower of the year, finishing a close 2 points behind the winner.



10/11

This season saw the club through allocating a coach, Robert Evers, focus on a dedicated crew of 5 young men that travelled all over Victoria in the lead up to the Nationals that were held at Adelaide that year. The crew was made up of John Webb, John Raschke, Jake Kruen, Lewis McCrum and coxed by Harrison Borg.

We received a RSL grant this year for \$1895 that we put towards an elliptical trainer for the gym.

December 2010 the club christened 3 new boats – Racing Quad Scull ‘Stacey Whitechurch’ and two training sculls ‘Little Red Rocket’ and ‘Big Red Rocket’.



***Dec 2010 Wes Canny christening
Big Red Rocket***



***Dec 2010 Cherie Collins christening
Little Red Rocket***

2011 State Championships were held at Nagambie in February in which the club brought home 2 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals.

Winners were:

Male U17 quad (John W, John R, Lewis, Jake and Harrison);

Lewis & John R teamed up for the Male D Grade coxed pair with Jordon Evers as cox



Male U17 Quad

**Jake Kruen, Lewis McCrum, John Webb,
John Raschke cox Harrison Borg, coach
Robert Evers**



D Grade Coxed Pair

**Lewis McCrum & John Raschke cox Jordan
Evers, coach Robert Evers**

Male D Grade 8 which missed gold by 1 second (Doug Shelley, Rhylee Deas, Lewis McCrum, John Raschke, Angus Smith, John Webb, David Landgren, Matt Vogel coxed by Demi Whitechurch);
Female D Grade quad (Bronwyn Collins, Cherie Collins, Sally Maclean, Sarah Cannell coxed by Olivia Stones) were only 1.7 seconds behind first place;

John Raschke and Lewis McCrum in the Male D grade double

Bronze medals were for:

John Webb & Jake Kruen in the Male D grad double;

Male D grade quad scull (Jono Vale, Jake Kruen, Josh Cooper and Andrew MacDonald coxed Charlie Langford)

Georgie Goodear defended her Year 9 Single scull title at the Victorian Junior School Girls State Championship.

In February 2011 the club ordered an Elite Double and a Club A Heavy weight Quad for total price of \$19,000. This will arrive in time for next season.

This is also the month that the club finally sorted out the shed hire problems. New insurance means that the club can be hired out. The committee drew up a matrix that will be used to determine price and availability of hire.

That year at the Victorian State Secondary School Championship Georgie Goodear took out the Year 9 and Year 10 single scull.

Our Female Yr 8 quad won (Hannah Cannell, Hannah McDonald, Ashleigh Cavill, Demi Whitechurch cox Megan Holmquest);

Male Yr 10 quad won (John Webb, Lewis McCrum, Matt Vogel, John Raschke cox Harrison Borg) and Male Yr 10 Double (John Raschke and Lewis McCrum) also won.

At the Victorian Junior School Boys State Championship the club was represented by Andrew MacDonald, Josh Cooper and Matt Vogel – Andrew won gold in the Yr 9 singles with Josh getting silver. Andrew then doubled up and competed in the Yr 10 singles which he got Silver behind Matt Vogel who won gold.

March 2011 saw the 5 boys (John Webb, John Raschke, Jake Kruen, Lewis McCrum & Harrison Borg) along with coach Robert Eyers and families travel to Adelaide for a week of rowing at the **Nationals**. There were 16 people that made the trip.

Corowa also supplied a cox (Demi Whitechurch) for the Essendon rowing club's U17 female quad to compete at the Nationals, this crew had come 2nd at the States only weeks before. Unfortunately the girls were not successful at the Nationals getting knocked out in the semi finals.

The boys rowed in the quad, but also split down to doubles and singles to ensure lots of rowing each day through heats, repechages, semi finals and finals.

Single Sculls were on first – all boys went through repechage, only John Webb and Lewis McCrum making it to the semi finals – both boys needed to come 1st or 2nd to make it into A final, unfortunately John got 6th and Lewis came 5th in his semi.

Quad –In the heat they came fourth meaning repechage, which the boys stamped their authority and proved their heat was a bad row by winning the repechage by over 7 seconds. They then came 2nd in the semi to make it into the final. The boys then did everyone extremely proud by winning a **BRONZE** medal. Distance was 1st then 5.8 seconds to Second then only 1.24 seconds to us, then only 1.48 seconds to fourth.

Double – John W & Jake teamed up and John R & Lewis teamed up – John R & Lewis made it straight to semis whereas the other crew missed by 1.46 seconds forcing them into the repechage, they came 2nd ensuring both crews were in the semi's. Both crews were put in the same semi with the top 3 going into the final – our boys came 4th and 5th so just missing out on a spot in the final.



U17 Bronze Medal winners
Jake Kruen, John Webb, Lewis McCrum,
John Raschke, cox Harrison Borg coach
Robert Eyers



Demi Whitechurch coxing for Essendon
U17 girls

This year saw Georgie Goodear compete at the Head of the Schoolgirl regatta in Geelong – Georgie won the Year 9 Division 1 single scull by 7 seconds.

Over the winter this season we purchased more gym gear including 4 spin bikes, punching bag & speed ball, ab machine and another treadmill to further enhance winter off water training.

11/12

The 2011/12 year saw the club not as competitive on the water after such a successful year previously.

The November 2011 committee meeting had a funny ending, about half way through the power went off, lucky Robert had torches in his bag so we could finish the meeting off.

April 2012 saw the order of another elite heavyweight double that Swift Racing is going to give us at cost price \$5500 if we name it after our 150th year celebrations next year.

A flat screen tv was purchased for the gym area for \$398.

2012 State Championships were held at Nagambie, but for the first time in a few years no Gold was brought home, we did win three silver medals though:

Andrew MacDonald & Josh Cooper in the U17 double over 2000metres,

Male C Grade quad (Matt Vogel, Brett O'Rourke, John Raschke, John Webb coxed Harrison Borg) and

John Webb & John Raschke coxed by Harrison Borg in the Male D grade pair missed by .19 seconds.

At the Victorian State Secondary School Championship the club had success with Megan Vogel winning the Year 7/8 single scull and Brad Pearsall getting a very close second in the Male Year 7/8 single. We took 34 rowers & supporters to Geelong.



2012 Victorian Junior School Boys State Championship saw Brad Pearsall get 2nd in the Year 9 singles. John Raschke got 2nd over 2000m in the open single scull. Josh Cooper won silver in the Year 10 singles and Andrew MacDonald won the B final in the Year 10 by 25 seconds.

Over the winter in 2012 the club underwent extensions (already) with another bay being added towards the bridge. This was done via a series of working bees with all labour donated. This allowed for an expansion of the gym and also more boat storage.

12/13

It was decided to name the quad that arrived last season 'Max Maclean II' due to the retirement of his originally named boat and for his continued support of the Rowing Club.



This season has seen a huge influx of members especially juniors. It is nothing unusual to see on Monday nights no boats or oars still in the shed available to use. Our membership is over 130 this year which is our highest number ever. Our fees this year have been set at \$150 adults and \$75 for Junior's with social members charged \$20.

To encourage the social side of the rowing club, this season we decided to hold pizza nights – the first one had 46 people attend with us cooking 36 large pizzas, but the 2nd night just before Christmas had 90 people attend and 58 pizzas cooked!!!!

We also held a ten pin bowling social night for the first time – this is something the club will look to keep doing.



The rowing club also introduced a new way of fundraising at the MRA regatta, with us taking on the coffee along with the bar – due to the cold snap in the weather we sold over 1300 cups of coffee but not too much beer. The MRA weekend continues to be a major fundraiser for us with this year raising over \$10,000 in profit via the bar, coffee, raffle and the MRA dinner for 350 people.

This year has seen some dedicated kid's row at some early regattas with great success as the club plans to mount a campaign to win at State and National level again.

Sara Williams and Megan Vogel are a leading force in the U17 doubles and singles with wins at all regattas. They also have teamed up numerous occasions with Demi Whitechurch and Georgina Pearsall cox Tom Whitechurch to win D grade quad scull.

Andrew MacDonald, Josh Cooper, Bradley Pearsall are all still training hard and competing well in U17 and D Grade competitions.

We also have a crew of masters that are competing at regattas – Julie Underwood, Jill McCrum, Cherie Collins, Bronwyn Collins, Sally Casey are all focusing on the upcoming state titles.

Robert Eyers will be aiming to compete at this year's Master Nationals that will be held in Canberra. Some of the older boys are still rowing – John Webb, John Raschke, Matt Vogel and Lewis McCrum which is great to see after a year off.

3rd February 2013 will see the christening two new swift racing double sculls – both of these will be named in honour of our 150th year. 'D C Brown II' in honour of our longest serving President and life member and 'Corowa 150 Years'. These will be christened by Triple Olympian Sarah Tait and her husband, Bill Tait who is the head coach of rowing at the Victoria Institute of Sport at our family day.

Appendix 1 – Life Members

Year	Life Member
1941	G W Rosser
1959	D C Brown
1971	R Howard
1977	K R Howard
1983	L Good
1987	M S Howard
1993	G N Cook
1994	Mrs S J Good
2001	D J Martin
2001	C F Pensini
2006	R Evers
2006	L Johnstone
2009	P Gamble
2010	W Canny
2013	Max Maclean

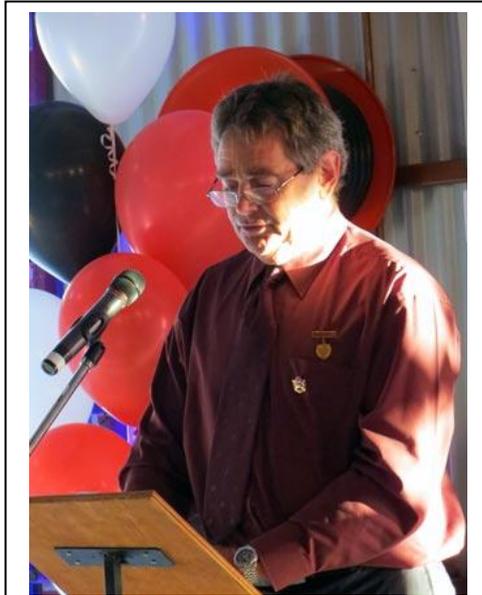
Appendix 2 – Office Bearers

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Captain
1928	D Brown	R Constantine	R Constantine	D Oswald
1929	D Brown	R Constantine	R Constantine	D Oswald
1930	D Brown	G Rosser	J Bufford	D Oswald
1931	D Brown	G Rosser	K Dunne	V Howard
1932	D Brown	G Rosser	K Dunne	V Howard
1933	D Brown	G Rosser	H Strong	V Howard
1934	D Brown	G Rosser	H Strong	R Howard
1935	D Brown	H Strong	H Strong	R Howard
1936	D Brown	J Neilson	J Bufford	R Howard
1937	D Brown	J Neilson	G Strong	R Howard
1938	D Brown	J Neilson	G Strong	R Howard
1939-45	War years			
1946	D Brown	R Howard	R Howard	T Ash
1947	D Brown	R Howard	R Howard	F Taylor
1948	D Brown	R Howard	R Howard	F Taylor
1949	D Brown	R Howard	R Howard	F Taylor
1950	D Brown	R Howard	R Howard	F Taylor
1951	D Brown	R Howard	R Howard	F Taylor
1952	D Brown	R Howard	R Howard	F Taylor
1953	D Brown	R Howard	R Howard	M Maclean
1954	D Brown	R Howard	F Wiggins	R Howard
1955	D Brown	R Howard	F Wiggins	F Wiggins
1956	D Brown	R Howard	H Dam	R Howard
1957	D Brown	R Howard	H Dam	J Vanklaveren
1958	D Brown	R Howard	E Bender	J Vanklaveren
1959	G Rosser	R Howard	T Reid	K Howard
1960	L Willett	R Howard	I Black	J Culhane
1961	L Willett	R Howard	I Black	K Howard
1962	L Willett		I Black	M Warhurst
1963	A Martin	R Howard	I Black	R Rosser
1964	A Martin	R Howard	R Rosser	R Rosser
1965	A Martin	R Howard	R Rosser	K Howard
1966	A Martin	R Rosser	R Rosser	K Howard
1967				

1968				
1969				
1970				
1971	K Howard	G Grimmond	D Martin	L Good
1972	K Howard	G Grimmond	H Martin	L Good
1973	K Howard	R Howard	D Martin	L Good
1974	D Martin	R Howard	D Martin	L Good
1975	R Taylor	R Howard	K Hansen	L Good
1976	F Ross	R Howard	T Eyers	L Good
1977	L Johnstone	M Howard	J Sinclair	L Good
1978	P Gamble	S Good	L Patten	L Good
1979	P Gamble	S Good	J Akrap	L Good
1980	K Howard	S Bennett	J Akrap	L Good
1981	J Sinclair	S Bennett	J Akrap	L Good
1982	M Good	R Hughes	J Sinclair	M Howard
1983	M Good	R Hughes	G Cook	M Howard
1984	M Good	R Hughes	G Cook	M Howard
1985	M Good	R Hughes	G Cook	M Howard
1986	M Good	R Eyers	G Cook	M Howard
1987	M Good	C Good	C Pensini	M Howard
1988	G Cook	R Taylor	C Pensini	M Howard
1989	G Cook	D Taylor	C Pensini	M Howard
1990	T Dale	D Taylor	J Bookluck	R O'Halloran
1991	W McLean	C Pensini	J Bookluck	R O'Halloran
1992	W McLean	C Pensini	S Good	D Martin
1993	R O'Halloran	G Sandral	G Cook	T Salmon
1994	L Good	G Sandral	G Cook	T Salmon
1995	C Pensini	G Sandral	G Cook	T Salmon
1996	C Pensini	T Salmon	G Cook	T Brain
1997	C Pensini	T Salmon	G Cook	W Canny
1998	M Howard	D Martin	G Cook	W Canny
1999	M Howard	D Martin	G Cook	L Good
2000	M Howard	D Martin	G Marton	M Rogers
2001	R Eyers	D Martin	G Martin	M Rogers
2002	R Eyers	D Martin	W Canny	T Salmon
2003	R Eyers	D Martin	S Whitechurch	W Canny
2004	R Eyers	D Martin	S Whitechurch	W Canny
2005	R Eyers	D Martin	S Whitechurch	W Canny

2006	R Eyers	D Martin	S Whitechurch	W Canny
2007	R Eyers	D Martin	S Whitechurch	W Canny
2008	R Eyers	D Martin	S Whitechurch	R Person
2009	R Eyers	D Martin	S Whitechurch	W Canny
2010	R Eyers	B Collins	S Whitechurch	W Canny
2011	R Eyers	B Collins	S Whitechurch	W Canny
2012	R Eyers	B Collins	S Whitechurch	W Canny
2013	R Eyers	C Pensini	S Whitechurch	W Canny

2 February 2013 – Celebrations of 150th



President Robert Eyers speaking at the 150th celebrations



Guest speakers Andrew Guerin, Bill & Sarah Tait



The Shed looked great filled with people



Sarah Tait, Stacey Whitechurch & Robert Eyers



Andrew Cleary, Wes Canny & Bill Tait



Sarah Tait with Hannah Cannell, Riley Ralph and Demi Whitechurch



Bill Tait with Tom Whitechurch



Rhylee Deas & Cedric Melin



John & Elaine Sinclair



Wayne Nettlebeck



Paul Shelley, Carolyn Canny & Kelly Ralph



Cherie Collins, Sally Maclean & Bron Collins



Ron & Helen Lugg



John Raschke & John Webb



Jim & Wendy Evers



Life Member Gary Cook, John & Annette Akrap, Denise Martin



Riley Ralph, Patrick MacDonald, Tom Whitechurch



Rutherglen Lake President Paul Somerville checkina out the 'Ladv Jackson'



Monique & Brett Skinner, Ricky Good, Matt Rogers, Marc Harrop, Jayden Deas, Aaron Robins, Amy



Wes Canny addressing the 150th Breakfast celebrations



Robert Evers addressing the 150th Breakfast Celebrations



Robert Evers & Tom Whitechurch cutting the 150th birthday cake



Sarah Tait christening the single named 150 Years



Bill Tait christening the double named DC Brown II