



LEGION OF ROWERS

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Maintaining Rowing Connections – Past, Present and Future

JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER

It is time to renew your membership

Thank you for your past support of the Legion of Rowers. The reason the Legion exists is to build and maintain camaraderie amongst the rowing community by linking past, present and future rowers. We do this by

- offering the NZ Junior Awards programme, which provides much needed funding to individual NZ Junior rowers.
- running a superb annual Masters regatta. This will raise funds that will go towards the NZ Junior Awards programme
- organising other events which link rowers and build the camaraderie within the rowing community

This year we increased the value of the Legion's Junior Rowing Awards from \$750 to \$1500 in recognition of the financial burden on Junior Rowers and their families.

So please renew your membership for just \$30 and your donation would be appreciated.

To renew either

- go to our website www.lor.kiwi and renew online or
- pay by cheque - please complete the attached form make your cheque payable to "The Legion of Rowers", post to Legion of Rowers, PO Box 14-301, Panmure, Auckland 1741.

Junior Rower Awards

The Junior Rowers leave in late July to represent New Zealand at the World Junior Champs in the Czech Republic. Competing at this level can be financially challenging for the rowers and their parents.

With the increased value of the Legion's Junior Rowing Awards we have had a huge increase in interest this year, we have 17 applications under review by the judges.

Saturday July 21st, at 11.30 am - the Awards will be announced at Podium Lodge, 20 Peake Rd, Cambridge, Juniors depart July 29th.

Sunday August 5th, at 11 am - Legion AGM at Auckland Rowing Club – please make a special effort to attend the meeting and enjoy a chat and shared lunch afterwards. *For those not yet Members, please feel free to come along and join the planning of possible events for the rest of 2018 going into 2019 (you can join on the day).*



Our Guest Speaker will be Rob Bristow.

Rob has been very involved with rowing in both the UK (he started with Reading Club in 65/66, represented GB at the European Champs in 1969 and very involved with several clubs until 1972, when he retired from active rowing).

He moved to New Zealand in 1974 and became very involved with rowing in New Zealand; President of Clifton Club in Taranaki, becoming

a licensed official, plus taking photos of the rowers over many, many years at many regattas.

Rob's presentation title and Bio will follow with the AGM Agenda and last year's meeting minutes.

Saturday August 11th, 9 am - Mercer Regatta

Mercer Rowing Club and the Legion of Rowers would like to invite you to attend the Mercer Masters Regatta on August 11, 2018, starting at 9am. Racing will be on a 1000m (ish) course upstream. Come along and experience the Waikato in winter and then warm up with some good food in the clubrooms! All welcome, especially novices.

The notice and Events List is attached.

August 8 – 12th, Juniors Racing in Racice, Czech Republic

Saturday September 1st, BOP/Rotorua Regatta, Lake Karapiro,

September 15 & 16th, New Zealand Master Championships, Lake Karapiro
Rowing New Zealand

October 20 & 21st, Masters Weekend away (Labour weekend), Hawkes Bay – schedule of events will be circulated soon. Watch out for Grab-a-Seat tickets should they come available.

May 22 – 25th 2019, Australian Masters Rowing Championships, Perth Western Australia

This event has been highly recommended by Tony Popplewell.

One possibility for small numbers of people interested outside their own clubs is to form Legion Composite Crews, we would welcome expressions of interest in this?

In 2019, the Australian Masters Rowing Championships (AMRC) will be hosted in Western Australia at the FISA recognised Champion Lakes International Regatta Centre from Wednesday May 22 – Saturday May 25, 2019.

This is a Rowing Australia event hosted by Rowing Western Australia. Rowing WA last hosted this regatta in 2010 where over 600 rowers descended on Perth to participate in the 4-day regatta. In 2019, Rowing WA is putting together a unique program of activities and events to offer interstate and international participants an opportunity to truly experience Western Australia.

Activities and events include:

- *Opportunities to row at iconic WA locations, such as Margaret River and Albany, supported by our strong club network*
- *4 action-packed days of racing on a FISA Championship course*
- *An opportunity to row in Australia's longest Head Races(16km) from Perth to the port city of Fremantle on Sunday 26 May 2019*
- *Opportunities to come early and stay later and conduct rowing camps with WA rowing clubs Rowing*

WA would be delighted to see masters rowers from New Zealand Rowing Federation join us for this world class event and to enjoy all that our beautiful state has to offer. We would greatly appreciate any assistance New Zealand Rowing Federation could provide in promoting the 2019 AMRC to your rowing clubs and associations. Tools to promote the event are available below. If your federation, your associations or clubs wish to experience true Perth hospitality and develop life-long rowing friendships and networks, have any questions or require further information please contact me directly at ceo@rowingwa.asn.au or +61 8 9364 3905