



CLUB NEWS 2018

Calendar year 2018, was another another strong year for UTS Haberfield Rowing Club. The Club continues to compete very successfully in regattas at an elite level, at university games, at club level, as well as delivering our popular Learn to Row program for UTS students.

In December 2017, UTS had six female and five male rowers invited to the National Training Centre (NTC) camp to trial for the National Team. The Men's NTC is located at the AIS in Canberra, while the Women's is located on the Nepean River at Penrith.

At our Christmas Party in December 2017 we took the opportunity to christen some new boats and acknowledge those who had contributed to the Club as generous supporters and outstanding athletes and coaches, over a long period of time. New boats were named after Rosalind Dubs, Jacqui Delipetar, Stuart Welch, Andrew Black and Ellen Randell – congratulations to all.

NSW State Championships

The NSW State Championships were held from 16 - 18 February 2018. UTS came second in the overall medal tally.

Most notable performances came from Olivia Bartram and Adelaide Scott coming away with gold and silver in the Women's U21 Single Sculls. UTS won gold in the Men's U21 Pairs, Lightweight U23 Double Sculls, Elite Lightweight Quad, Elite Lightweight Double, Elite Fours, and Elite Coxed Fours. The women came away with gold medals from the Elite Lightweight Quad Sculls and U23 Lightweight Double Scull, as well as silver and bronze in several elite and underage events.



Australian Senior Team - Selection Trials

UTS had eight athletes invited to the Senior Rowing Team selection trials. The following Athletes were selected into national teams:

Emma Fessey AUS W8, Georgia Rowe AUS W8+, Sarah Pound AUS LW2x/4x, Tim Masters AUS M8+ and Hamish Playfair AUS M4x.

Australian Championships

The Australian Championships were held during the week of 19 - 25 March 2018 at the Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith.

UTS finished 4th out of 197 clubs and schools who competed at the Sydney International Rowing Regatta. A very strong result.

UTS Gold Medal Performances were achieved in the:

- OW Composite Eight
- OWL Single Scull
- OWL Double Scull
- OWL Quad Scull
- U23LW Double Scull
- U23LW Quad Scull
- U23LM Double Scull
- U19W Eight
- School Girls Single Scull

The Interstate Regatta was also held during the Nationals and UTS had 21 members compete for their home State teams. There were 16 athlete and coaches in the NSW State Team, three athletes in the Victorian State Team and two athletes in the Queensland State team. UTS Athletes were in the winning King's Cup eight, Victoria's Cup Lightweight Women's Quad Sculls, Penrith Cup Lightweight Men's Fours, and Men's Youth Eights.

NSW King's Cup

Hamish Playfair, Peter Koster

NSW Queen's Cup 8+

Emma Fessey, Georgie Rowe

NSW Penrith Cup

James Waldersee, Matt Curtin, James Chuter



NSW Victoria Cup Lwt 4x

Sarah Pound, Georgie Masters, Sophie Jerapetritis, Rosie Beasley (Reserve)

NSW Bicentennial Cup WU21 8+

Olivia Bartram, Adelaide Scott

Other State Team Members

Tim Masters (Vic), Ben Coombs (Vic), Nick Lavery (Vic), Patrick Holt (Qld), and Maddie Coonan (Qld).

Junior, U21 and U23 – National Team Selection Trials

UTS Had 10 athletes invited to trial at the underage national team selection trials. The following athletes were selected to represent Australia at the U19, U21, and U23 World Championships.

Matthew Curtin U23LM2x, Georgina Masters U23LW2x, Patrick Holt U21 Men's Sweep, Nick Lavery U21 Men's Sweep, Olivia Bartram U21 Women's Sculling, Nikki Martincic U19 Women's Double Sculls

Zac Von Appen and Rebecca Harrison were both selected in the U23 team.

NSW Grade Championships

In April, UTS performed strongly at the NSW Grade Championships also known as the Edward Tricket Regatta. This regatta doesn't include most of our elite athletes but is an opportunity for our general club athletes to compete. UTS won the overall point score and medal tally for the two days of competition. UTS came away with 18 gold medals, 3 silver, and 1 bronze.

Premiership / Trophies / Shields

This year UTS added to the silverware and won the following:

The Men's Open Shield, the Women's Open Shield, the Men's Elite and U23 Shield, the Women's Elite and U23 Shield and the Grade Championship Trophy.

The other shields reflect the highest points accumulated throughout the 2017/2018 regatta season.

School Program

During winter, UTS had 70 school girls and school boys participate in our Winter Program. They worked with our world class coaching staff aiming to improve their skills and fitness for the upcoming season. These school aged athletes also represented the club in the JB Sharp Series and form the basis of the next generation of UTS rowers.



UTS student - Learn to Row Program

In 2018, 170 UTS students registered for the popular Learn to Row program. This was across two semesters, over 16 weeks. Pleasingly, numbers were slightly up from 2017. Approximately one third complete the full program, however we also had some repeat from previous seasons. Interestingly, the majority who sign up to the program are international students, which provides a unique and positive experience for them in their time studying at UTS.

U21 Trans-Tasman

Olivia Bartram, Paddy Holt, and Nick Lavery competed in the U21 Trans-Tasman against NZ from the 28 – 30 June. This is a points competition with racing held over three days in Australia, and another three days in NZ. Paddy and Nick were undefeated, winning the Pair, Four and Eight, whilst Olivia competed in the Quad and Eight.



Three UTS Athletes and two coaches were involved in the second leg of the Trans-Tasman competition for U21 Athletes. In this competition, Australia and New Zealand compete for the Rusty Robertson Trophy. Coming into the competition Australia had a slender two-point lead. After three days of competitions Australia pulled away to win the series by 24 points. Special mention to Nick Lavery and Paddy Holt who came out of the series undefeated.

Henley Royal Regatta

UTS had eight Athletes, across four crews, competing at the world-renowned Henley Royal Regatta, in England, 4 – 8 July. Henley Royal Regatta is one of the premier rowing regattas in the world. Tim Masters competed in the AUS 8 for the Grand Challenge Cup and raced Great Britain in the first round. Georgie Rowe was in the AUS Women's 8 competing for the Remenham Challenge Cup. Peter Koster, and Ben Coombs were competing in a straight four for the Visitor's Cup. Paddy Holt, Nick Lavery, Zac Whitehead, Georgie Finlayson combined with Sydney Rowing Club to form an eight to compete for the Ladies Challenge Plate.



JB Sharp Series

UTS Junior Men and Women competed in the JB Sharp Series which ended with the Leichhardt Regatta on Sunday 29th July.

The JB Sharp series involves a unique format that requires athletes to compete on different courses, with different conditions and crew combinations each regatta. It has been a great way for athletes to gain some extra racing experience in the winter off-season while enjoying a challenging series.

There were plenty of impressive performances over the series from UTS girls competing in the Single, Double and Quad scull events. As a result of their combined efforts in the JB Sharp series - the UTS women took out the Women's Open and Intermediate Point Score. UTS Rowing Club has been awarded the Kayser Shield for the JB Sharp series of 2018.

Special Mention must also go to Amelia Cooper (also rows for St Catherines) who was awarded the female BMG Aviation - JB Sharpe Series U/18 Scholarship for her efforts for her first two seasons of rowing. Amelia also won the point score for the U/16 event.

Rowing World Cup II - Linz Austria

Tim Masters, Georgie Rowe, and Emma Fessey competed at World Cup II in Linz Austria. Georgie Rowe and Emma Fessey won a Bronze medal in the Woman's Eight behind NZ and Holland. Tim competed in the Men's eight which came 5th.



U23 World Champs - Poznan Poland

Georgina Masters, Rebecca Harrison and Zac Von Appen competed in Poznan Poland, 25 - 29 July. All three made A finals in their respective events. Georgina Masters finished 5th in the Lightweight Women's Double Scull, Rebecca Harrison 6th Women's Eight, Zac Von Appen 6th Men's Coxed Four.



World University Games

Rosie Beasley competed in the 2018 World University Games in Shanghai in the Lightweight Double Scull with ANU rower, Jilly Roberts. They came away with a Bronze medal.

Australian Uni Games - Nationals Division 1

UTS Rowing Club took 16 athletes to the Uni Games Nationals Division 1, on 26 - 28 September. The club came away with being ranked 3rd overall on points. Most notable performances were:


Mixed 4+ - Gold, ML4- - Gold, and M2x - Gold.

2018 World Championship Regatta



Four of our UTS Haberfield rowers contributed to the Australian Rowing Team's remarkable successes at the 2018 World Championships at Plovdiv in Bulgaria, during September. The team achieved two Gold, four Silver and two Bronze medals.

Tim Masters, rowing in the six seat of the Australian Men's Eight won a Silver medal, with the crew coming a very close second to Germany in the final. Georgina Rowe and Emma Fessey won bronze medals, coming third in the Women's Eight final. Emma is particularly to be congratulated as she was selected as the reserve but stepped in and stroked the crew. Sarah Pound competed in the Women's Lightweight Double.



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HANCOCK PROSPECTING

Watch Georgia Rowe's interview with Rowing Australia about still-water rowing and how she's achieved so much in only 18 months.



Head of the Yarra

In November, four UTS eights travelled down to Victoria and competed in the Head of the Yarra Regatta. This is an 8.7km race that starts at Southbank and finishes at Hawthorn. It is only raced in eight oared boats and draws 254 entries from around the country. Two Men's eights competed in the Men's Open Eight, coming 6th and 8th. The Women's eights competed in the Women's Open Eight and B grade eight and they came 4th and 6th respectively.



NSW Institute of Sport Scholarships

NSWIS Scholarships for 2018/19 have been awarded. These scholarships are awarded to athletes representing their country in their age category. It allows athletes to use NSWIS services at no cost or at a subsidised cost. It aids in the development of athletes to a higher level in their sport whilst also allowing them to study or work. The scholarship awards went to the following UTS athletes:

Paddy Holt, Nick Lavery, Zac Von Appen, Matthew Curtin, Hamish Playfair, James Medway, Tim Masters, Ben Coombs, Georgie Masters, Nikki Martincic, Rebecca Harrison, Emma Fessey, Georgie Rowe, and Sarah Pound.

National Training Centre Invites

The National Training Centre (NTC) invited elite athletes from around the country to participate in a trialing camp from 15th-19th October. Sarah Pound, Madeline Coonan, Hamish Playfair, Ben Coombs, James Medway, and Henry Lees all received invites to trial for a position in the training centre.

Sarah Pound, Hamish Playfair, James Medway all received invites for a place in the NTC for the next 12 months. They join Georgina Rowe, Emma Fessey, and Tim Masters who automatically gained a position due to good results in the Men's and Women's eights at world champs.



International Visitors to the Club

New Zealand Olympic champion, Mahe Drysdale, trained at UTS Haberfield whilst in Australia in late 2017. It was a great opportunity for our oarsman to train alongside one of the fastest men in the world on the water.

Shane O'Driscoll, Gary, Paul, and Mark Donovan from the Irish Olympic Rowing Team and Skibbereen Rowing Club in Ireland also trained at UTS Haberfield from February to April 2018 preparing for the Sydney International Regatta and the 2018 International season. They all went on to compete for Ireland for the 2018 world championships.

2018 Hancock Prospecting Rower of the Year Nominees

Our legendary UTS coaches, Tim McLaren and David Gely, were both nominated for the Australian Institute of Sport's Pathway Coach of the Year Award.

Congratulations also to Tim on his appointment to coach the NSW Queen's Cup, Women's eight and to Dave on his appointment to coach the NSW Victoria Cup, Women's lightweight quad, for the 2019 National Regatta.

2019 Women Leaders in Sport Program

Congratulations to our own Chloe Congdon, (UTS Rowing Club and Loretto Normanhurst), has been named as the 2019 Women Leaders in Sports Program recipient.

Donations and Fundraising

The Club extends its thanks and enormous gratitude to the supporters who have made generous donations during the year.

The success of our young athletes as described in this report and the continuing function of the Club as a "Centre of Rowing Excellence" producing world class athletes, depends on your continuing support.

Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on 21 November 2018. The new Committee has a mix of new faces and old hands. After 10 years in the role, Andrew Black passed the President's baton to Sinclair Taylor. Pleasingly, Andrew is staying on the Committee as Vice-President. The Committee has agreed to conduct a review of Club's Constitution in light of legislative changes, requiring updates, and to review the Club's strategy for 2019-2023. All members, supporters and stakeholders are invited to participate in this important process.



Christmas 2018

First the clean-up.



Then the party.

