



Auckland Rowing Association - Update for Member Clubs 14 September 2021

We hope you are all safe in your bubbles and that Clubs and Schools have still been able to train as best they can at home. Below are some updates from the Auckland Rowing Association (ARA) for Member Clubs and affiliated Schools.

Well done!

Well done to all Auckland Rowing athletes who have been selected onto the National Pathway (see the full list on the Rowing NZ website), and to all athletes and coaches selected into the Light Blues Squad and Open Squad who will, alert levels allowing, travel to Twizel in October to compete in the Mainland Interprovincial Regatta. All the best!

For details on all these athletes go to the Auckland Rowing Instagram or Facebook page.

Eric Verdonk Memorial Regatta - Postponed

This has been postponed. An alternative date is being explored for later in the Season. If it can be rescheduled, Clubs and Schools will be advised as soon as possible.

Auckland Rowing Blues Programmes and Interregionals - we want your feedback!

The ARA is wanting to get feedback from coaches and clubs in the region on the various initiatives that we run through the winter (U16/U17 Blues; Light Blues; Dark Blues) as well as the Interprovincial trip. This will inform our planning for 2022 so make sure you have your say!

The Survey link is [HERE](#). Please provide feedback by *Sunday 10 October*. This will also be a topic of discussion at the ARA Coaches Conference.



Reminder: ARA Coaches Conference - Saturday 16 October 2021

Reminder that we have the ARA Coaches Conference scheduled for 12 pm - 5 pm on Saturday 16 October at the Parnell Conference Centre. An agenda will be circulated closer to the time. For more details, go to the [ARA website](#).

Rowing NZ Coach Scholarship Program 2021

Rowing NZ is again offering a Coach Scholarship for two coaches from each Association, which involves spending some time at RNZ in November. See the end of this newsletter for more details from Rowing New Zealand on the opportunity.

If you are interested in attending (please check you meet the criteria in the email) as one of the ARA's selected coaches, please email Tricia Balle at secretary@aucklandrowing.org with an expression of interest including a brief background no later than Friday 24 September 2021.



New ARA Board

There have been several changes to the ARA Board recently. Mat Jensen has stepped off the Board due to his recent election as a Board Member of NZRA, and Michael Arms has also recently stepped down due to other commitments.

The current Board Members are Sean Durkin (Chair), David Vallance, Paula Halliday, Michael Smyth, Jade Uru, and Kim Dowden. The Officers of the ARA are Don Craig (President), Tricia Balle (Secretary), and Terry Tidbury (Treasurer) and the Patron of the ARA is Brian Hawthorne.

If you need to get in touch with the Board, please contact Tricia at the email address listed above.

Member Club Observers

At the AGM in early August the Board advised Member Clubs that if they do not already have a representative on the ARA Board, they might appoint an observer to attend ARA Board Meetings. This person may attend the meetings and speak but will not have a vote. If your Club is interested in this, please email Tricia Balle at the email address listed above.

Levies for the 2021/22 Season

The total Levies for the 2021/22 Season remain the same as the 2020/21 Season (\$65.00 plus GST per Rower). This Season, however, levies will be divided up differently, into the Auckland Rowing Association levy (\$25.00 plus GST) and the Development Levy (\$40.00 plus GST). The Levies will be used for the benefit of the region in the following ways:

ARA Levy: This levy covers Association administration costs, insurance, Rowing NZ costs, and other miscellaneous costs like the ARA Awards Evening. This levy is also used to contribute to the cost of using the RowIT entry system for ARA Regattas.

Development Levy: This includes:

- Contribution to ARA Regional Manager role (note this is to become a full-time role; see below)
- Costs of the U16/U17 Blues programme, the Light Blues programme (excl trip), and contributes to the Dark Blues programme
- Subsidy of Light Blues Interprovincial trip and Open Squad Interprovincial trip
- Coach Development initiatives including the ARA Coaches Conference 2021
- Other development initiatives (TBC given uncertainty regarding NZ Rowing Pathway)

Auckland Rowing Regional manager

As discussed at our recent AGM, the ARA is looking to contract a full-time regional rowing manager. If you think this role might interest you (or if you know of someone it might interest) please keep an eye out as we will be advertising this position soon.

We look forward to seeing you all on the water again soon!





Rowing NZ Coach Scholarship 2021 Program

What is the RNZ Scholarship program?

Each of the NZ Rowing Associations are asked to nominate up to 2 promising coaches from their region. The program runs over 3 days and is held at RNZ HQ at lake Karapiro, with up to 10-12 coaches at a time from all over the country. The coaches will receive upskilling from various HPSNZ staff about key areas, including nutrition, physiology, psychology etc, as well as sessions external knowledge providers.

Like last year's popular program, there will need to be a co-payment by the associations for each of their attendees. This cost will be \$250 per participant.

RNZ Scholarship 2021:

We have 3 dates set aside for these to run in 2021

- November 14th-16th (Sun – Tue)
- November 21st-23rd (Sun – Tue)
- November 28th-30th (Sun – Tue)

Attendance at this scholarship does require a Monday & Tuesday off work which we appreciate is not easy, but this allows for the best access to the HPSNZ staff and Rowing NZ Elite Coaches.

Start time will be at 4pm on Sunday and finish around 12pm Tuesday to allow for return travel.

The coaches will get the following:

- An outing/s with where possible either the Elite and/or elite development squads
- Guest speakers (inside and outside of rowing)
- Presentations from HPSNZ & Rowing NZ staff onsite, food and accommodation at the nearby Karapiro Domain.

The criteria for 2021 are:

- Coaches need to have coached for at least 2 seasons. This is due to the level of content delivered, we want to make sure coaches are at a similar level.
- Coaches who have attended the program before are able to be re-submitted, so long as they first completed the scholarship before 2018
- The coach cannot already be on another coach development program such as PCA or the Career Coach Program
- Coaches cannot be part of RNZ age group teams – e.g., juniors or u21s (u18 coaches are fine to attend)
- We would also like to encourage associations to nominate one male and one female from their region