FROM THE ROWING CO-ORDINATOR

What a fantastic evening last Friday at the 'Back to the Boatshed' function at the Torrens! It was great to see so many rowing supporters make the effort on such a warm day! Thank you to all involved in the preparation and running of this event, which we hope will grow year by year!

Unfortunately, last weekend's regatta was shortened by the hot weather but not before some impressive racing by Pulteney crews. Congratulations to the Year 9B boys who survived their first regatta and to the junior girls who showed real determination just to get to their second race. Victims of the foreshortened program were boys and girls 1st IV crews and the intermediate boys who looked very smooth in their heat but did not get to test themselves in the A final. It was great to see the improvement in the boys 8 which finished well, within reach of the leading pack after an indifferent first round race.

Next week (21–22 February), Pulteney will be attending the usual regatta at Murray Bridge, which this year will be run over two days. The format of this regatta is to recognise the feats of the Murray Cod who represented Australia at the 1924 Paris Olympics! Please check with your coach to see what events they are going to be required for!

On the subject of regattas, please note that Rowing SA has scheduled the 1st Grade State Championships on Saturday and Sunday of the Adelaide Cup long weekend (7, 8 and 9 March). We intend to enter as many crews as possible in this regatta so please let your coach know if your rower is not available as early as possible.

The countdown is on – now is the time to produce your best ergo or your longest, strongest bridge – Row hard – no excuses!!!

Richard Sexton, Rowing Co-ordinator

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last week we saw a great example of the community, which is the Pulteney Boat Club. The 'Back to the Boatshed' function was a real success and despite the heat of the day, the shed was packed with current rowing families, as well as a good group of past rowers, parents and coaches. The latter seemed delighted to be asked back to the club and to re-establish a connection with something that meant a lot to them in the past. That's precisely what we're hoping to achieve through the '100 Club'. It's about reaching out to those who have been before us and to re-engage them with the Pulteney rowing community. The secondary objective of the '100 Club' is to achieve a base of funding from what we hope in time, will be a special group of 100 supporters for the club. Their modest contribution will mean a great deal to the club and help build it into the future.

At the launch of the ‘100 Club’ I also spoke about the need to have champions for rowing within the school and to better market rowing to students. It's a wonderful sport, but being largely hidden from the rest of the school by being off-site, it's challenging to raise the profile of rowing. Like anything, it's a numbers game and it is important – in fact vital, to build the participation rate. We appreciated the presence of Principal Anne Dunstan, Deputy Principal Greg Atterton, Head of 190 Nicholas Brice and Director of Community Relations Mark Bourchier. They spoke warmly with me about embracing these challenges and helping build the club. So in launching ‘100 Club’, may it be the beginning of even better things for the Pulteney Boat Club and the foundation for building future success. Thanks to all those who supported the occasion and signed up.

Finally while January was quite cool, summer has arrived in a vengeance, cutting short last week's regatta. The same may be likely for this weekend and that's a shame, because when it gets into the mid 30's or higher, we don't run the BBQ and miss out on key fundraising chances. Here's hoping for some cooler Saturdays to finish the season.

Leigh Radford, President
DIARY DATES – 2015

14 February  West Lakes – Super School Series/WL Regatta – Walford
21 February  Murray Bridge Regatta – Murray Bridge Rowing Club
14 March   Pulteney Hosted Regatta (West Lakes)
21 March   Head Of The River – Schools’ Regatta
8–11 October Pre season Rowing Camp, Ankara Youth Camp - Walker Flat

A full schedule of important dates is available on the Rowing page of the School website: Follow this link

RACE ENTRIES

14 FEBRUARY 2015 DISTANCE TIME
This week’s Regatta entries will be circulated by email.

Richard Sexton – Rowing Co-ordinator

FROM THE COMMITTEE – Check out our new Facebook page –
Navy Blue Rowing 29
Thank you to our Committee member, Rob Gordon, for producing this wonderful Facebook page; we greatly appreciate Rob’s valuable IT time in support of Pulteney Rowing. Also, many thanks to the committee members who contributed to sharing the page with other members of the community.

We encourage rowers and families to get behind this excellent initiative for staying in touch!! Please review the page at:
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Navy-Blue-Rowing-29/1507829679461809

Navy Blue Rowing 29 promotes the activities and achievements of the Pulteney Boat Club.

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Heather Glynn-Roe, Secretary

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