



ACT ROWING
ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED

ANNUAL REPORT

2006-07
SEASON

Members,

The Committee of the ACT Rowing Association Incorporated is pleased to present its report on the Association's activities over the 2006-07 rowing season.

ACTRA Premiership Competitions

The Committee congratulates Canberra Rowing Club for winning the aggregate points score for the Men's and Women's Premiership Competition (Bill O'Brien Shield), the Men's Premiership points score (ACTRA Premiership Pennant) and the Women's Premiership (ACTRA Women's Premiership Pennant).

Canberra Grammar School won the Schoolboys'/Junior Premiership and Canberra Girls Grammar School the Schoolgirls'/Junior Premiership

Final point scores are as follows:

Premierships and Aggregate Club Point Score

Club	Men's	Women's	Aggregate
Canberra RC	231	327.5	558.5
Black Mountain RC	133	280.5	413.5
Capital Lakes RC	136	243.5	279.5
Radford RC	139	134	273.0
Canberra Grammar RC	202	-	202.0
Canberra Girls' Grammar RC	-	135.5	135.5
Gippsland	46.5	38.0	84.5
Daramalan	39	38	77.0
Lake Tuggeranong RC	14	58	72.0
Sale	54	12.5	66.5
Shoalhaven RC	-	59	59.0
Kinross	44	-	44.0
ANUBC	32	11	43.0

Junior/School Competition

Girls		Boys	
Canberra Girls Grammar School	87	Canberra Grammar School	130
Capital Lakes RC	63	Kinross	81
Canberra RC	36	Radford College	73
Radford College	27	Gippsland	36
Shoalhaven	30	Hunter Grammar	36
Black Mountain RC	18	Black Mountain RC	24
St Clare's	15	Marist College	18
Gippsland	12	Capital Lakes RC	16
Lyneham High	6	Canberra RC	9
Nowra High	6	Lake Tuggeranong RC	6

Representative Rowing

The Association has had a busy year in selecting and supporting representative teams with the requirement to send a team to the Youth Olympics Festival held from 17 – 21 January 2007 in addition to the normal requirement to provide a team to the Youth Cup. The Youth Cup was held at Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre, Nagambie Victoria from 31 August to 2 September 2007.

The ACT has been well represented in this year's national teams through the following selections:

World Junior Championships - Beijing, China

Junior Men's 4x

Zac Cleaver (ACTAS/CRC) –
Nicholas Barnier (ACTAS/CGS)
Coach Regan Sanders (ACTAS/CRC)

Junior Women's 2-

Christabelle Northam (ACTAS/CGGS)
Veronica Tamsitt (SERAS/CGGS)
Coach - Gordon Marcks (ACTAS)

World Rowing Championships – Munich, Germany

Women's VIII

Sarah Cook (AIS/CRC)

Women's 4x

Sonia Mills (AIS/CRC)

Further details on representative crews are provided in the ACTAS report at Attachment A.

Administration

The Association's Executive Officer Camilla Hayman resigned during the year. Camilla has made a remarkable contribution to the Association in her term as Executive Officer, working beyond her paid hours to make major improvements in areas such as corporate planning, coach development, regatta management and communication with the membership.

The Association was fortunate to appoint Matthew Ronke as Executive Officer in June 2007. Matthew comes from a background in motor sport administration in Victoria and has quickly become familiar with the ACT rowing scene and the issues specific to rowing administration.

During the year the Association moved from the office which we shared with ACT Squash to our own office within Sports House. This gives an improved working environment for the Executive Officer and a superior venue for Committee meetings.

National Elite Development Program

On 12 March 2007 Rowing Australia released documentation for the National Elite Development Program (NEDP). Under this program, funding is provided to each State for the identification,

recruitment, development and management of talented rowing athletes for Junior (U19) and U23 World Championship competition. The Program replaces the Elite Development Funding and Elite Club Funding Programs that have operated across Australia from 2005. The program will be overseen through the Joint Management Committee process in each State.

The aim of the NEDP is to support the State Rowing Organisations and Academies of Sport to implement jointly agreed strategies to recruit talented athletes and prepare, develop and manage them for selection and competition in the Junior and U23 World Championships. These strategies will be as identified in the Elite Athlete Development Pathway document in each state. Specifically the NEDP provides a contribution to full time salaries to:

- recruit and develop talented U19 athletes and the coaches of junior athletes into pathway programs in each state; and
- to develop, manage and retain talented U23 athletes and the coaches of U23 athletes in pathway programs in each state.

Program funds from Rowing Australia will be supplemented with funds previously provided to ACTAS and with Association funds. In negotiations with Rowing Australia and ACTAS the Association has emphasised the need for the occupant of this position to work closely with Club coaches and athletes aspiring to elite competition. An appointment to this position is imminent.

Committee

The Committee met on 11 occasions over the year. Attendance was as follows:

D. Bagnall	11
H. Neil	10
N. Hunter	10
P. Davoren	9
T. Langdon	7
K. Borger	6
A. Borger	4
B. Prout*	4

* part year only due to leave of absence

The Association has had a heavy workload arising from implementation of the strategic plan, the regatta planning process and external priorities including the upgrading of the Yarramundi Reach Course.

There will be significant changes in the composition of the incoming committee with Alan Borger and Nick Hunter not standing for election for 2007-08. Alan has made a strong and timely contribution to the Association drawing on excellent financial skills and a strong background in the sport as a representative oarsman. Nick has been an invaluable executive member because of the breadth of his involvement in rowing and perspective over management issues common to all sports from his work at the Australian Institute of Sport.

ACT Academy of Sport Rowing Unit

The Rowing Unit of the ACT Academy of Sport is a joint venture of the ACT Government and Rowing Australia funded through broadly similar contributions from both bodies. The Association provides its input to administration of the unit through its position on the ACTAS Rowing Unit Joint Management Committee and welcomes the views of affiliated clubs on how the Rowing Unit might better serve the interests of the ACT rowing community.

The ACTAS program is a critical element in the Association's elite athlete development pathway by providing the daily training environment for the ACT's national squad athletes and identified emerging athletes (elite under 23 and elite Junior). A detailed report on the ACTAS rowing unit is provided at Attachment A.

Masters Rowing

The Association was well represented at the 2007 Australian Masters Rowing Championship held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre from 1 - 3 June 2007. Apart from many winning individual and crew performances, ACT was successful in the Interstate Women's Quad Scull (second), Men's VIII (third) and Women's VIII (third). The venue for the championships in 2008 is Nagambie, Victoria.

Reflecting the high level of interest in masters rowing in the ACT, a large contingent of ACT rowers competed at the FISA World Masters regatta held at Jarun Lake, Zagreb, Croatia from 6-9 September 2007. In addition to many minor places, ACT rowers from Canberra Rowing Club were successful in winning their races in Women's C Quad Scull and Women's C Pair.

Following implementation of the current competition format in 2005-06, Masters rowers have been integrated into the competition according to their rower score. This move is considered to benefit the Association overall in terms of increasing competition and reducing the length of regattas, but it does disadvantage some Masters competitors in the older FISA age categories. The Association is keen to address such issues in consultation with Masters competitors, possibly by introducing masters regattas.

Infrastructure

Following refurbishment in late 2003, the Association's main asset, our 1800 metre rowing course, remains in reasonable condition but requires regular maintenance. For a number of years, John Simson of Canberra RC has served as honorary course curator, retrieving and replacing dislodged buoys. John has indicated that he needs a break from this work. This will have to be done by a new volunteer or, failing that, by clubs on a roster basis. Rowing coaches have been identified as the major culprits for this damage and should demonstrate more thoughtful use of our main facility.

The Association sees the four new boatshed sites on Black Mountain Peninsula agreed by the National Capital Authority as the main avenue for growing the sport through establishment of new clubs. Seven years after seeking a boatshed site on Black Mountain Peninsula, Radford College has secured a site and has committed to construction of a boatshed. The project is expected to commence in the New Year. The Committee welcomes this development which coincides with an increased entry and success of Radford rowers in local regattas.

Rowing has recommenced on Lake Ginninderra under the guidance of Ken Hopkinson who has a lengthy background in ACT rowing. This is a potentially important development in delivering rowing to the large population of Belconnen.

2000 Metre Course

Upgrading the current 1800 metre course would greatly increase the level of amenity for ACT rowers as well as assisting our efforts to attract major events to the ACT. Our current course is inadequate in terms of number of lanes and finish facilities for us to conduct even a major Masters regatta let alone an international event. Accordingly, the Association welcomed discussions last year with the Australian Sports Commission and the NCA about the feasibility of an international standard 2000 metre course on Yarramundi Reach. These discussions led to NCA commissioning a feasibility study which was released in June 2007.

The feasibility study identifies two course alignments costed at \$37 and \$47 million, acknowledging that a detailed siting and design exercise could reduce these costs. The study recommends that the NCA consult with the Australian Sports Commission, Australian Institute of Sport, Australian Olympic Committee, the ACT Government and other interested parties to determine their interest in undertaking further investigation. Of course, the major unresolved issue is funding of such a significant project.

The Committee recommends that, pending a decision on the 2000 metre course, the Association should press for urgent improvement to the existing spectator and competitor "facilities" at the finish line of the current course. There are few if any other sports in the ACT where the main competition venue has no toilets, no drinking water and very limited parking. Andrew McKenzie of Capital Lakes Rowing Club has kindly offered to produce a landscape design for the finish area that will assist in our discussions with NCA.

Yarralumla Bay Redevelopment

The NCA has recently announced its intention to redevelop Yarralumla Bay, the site of five ACT rowing clubs and the boatshed for the ACT Academy of Sport rowing unit. As these buildings house the equipment and facilities for much of the Association's membership, the redevelopment is a major issue for the future of our sport on Lake Burley Griffin and will be followed closely by the Association.

It seems that the redevelopment will permit current boatshed owners to enter arrangements with businesses to fund new facilities at which boatsheds are co-located with businesses such as coffee shops and restaurants. The NCA has engaged a consultant to produce a master plan for the bay by the end of 2007.

Major Events

In the 2007-08 rowing season the Association will be conducting the Independent Schools Rowing Association Regatta on Yarramundi Reach from 23 – 24 February 2008.

The Committee sees staging of such events as immensely valuable in promoting the sport in the Territory and would establish our credentials for staging major regattas. A significant upgrading of current course facilities would be required, however, before we could compete with other States for these events.

Lake Use and Administration

Over the past season the Association has become an active participant in the Lake Users' Group where we have been represented by David Bagnall and Kate Borger. Important issues discussed on the LUG this year have included the Immigration Bridge and the future development of Yarramundi Reach.

Water Safety

Fortunately, there seems to have been a reduction in the number of collisions this year between rowing boats due to better adherence to the agreed Traffic Flows by rowers at all levels. This outcome seems to reflect a higher standard of instruction of rowers by their clubs.

The Committee considers that safety must remain a high priority in club administration and that clubs should undertake a systematic assessment of the risks in their operations and act to address them. It also seems desirable that clubs appoint a safety officer to provide advice on safety issues and that a water safety code be adopted along the lines of the British Amateur Rowing Association Water Safety Code.

Union of Boat Race Officials

Mr Geoff Northam has ably led the Boat Race Officials to another successful year. Our officials have built on their already strong reputation within and outside the ACT for efficiency and a courteous attitude towards competitors.

Ensuring that the level of participation in the Union of Boat Race Officials is sufficient to meet our requirements for staffing ACT point score regattas remains a high priority for the Association, which has some concern about how responsibility for providing BROs is shared between affiliated clubs. Clubs are exhorted to remind their membership about the need for more recruits for BRO training.

ACT Academy of Sport Rowing Report 2006-2007

ACTAS athletes and coaches were prominent in the 2007 national junior team with four athletes and two coaches selected to represent Australia at the Junior World Championships in Beijing, China. This was an outstanding result for the ACTAS program with such a high representation on the junior team (higher than any other state).

Zac Cleaver (ACTAS/CRC) and Nicholas Barnier (ACTAS/CGS) were selected in the junior men's quad with Regan Sanders (ACTAS/CRC) as their coach. The junior quad trained at ACTAS along with the women's junior pair in their preparation for the world championships. Christabelle Northam (ACTAS/CGGS) and Veronica Tamsitt (SERAS/CGGS) were selected as the junior women's pair with Gordon Marcks (ACTAS) as coach. Veronica was awarded an ACTAS scholarship following her selection on the national team.

Two ACT athletes on senior scholarship with the AIS were selected for the team to represent Australia at the Senior World Championships in Munich, Germany. Sarah Cook (AIS/CRC) competed in the women's pair and eight while Sonia Mills (AIS/CRC) was selected in the women's quad.

Emma Cook (ACTAS/CLRC) was selected as an AIS scholarship holder in the "Breaking the Drought" program and moved over to the AIS in December 2006.

ACTAS scholarships were awarded to twelve athletes over the 2007 season, with a further six receiving direct support from ACTAS in the Junior Talent Search program.

Through Elite Development Funding provided by Rowing Australia, ACTAS was able to provide direct financial support to the following developing coaches: Regan Sanders (ACTAS/CRC), Tom Westgarth (ACTAS/CLRC), Taryn Langdon (LTRC), Dafydd Gwynn-Jones (CGGS) and Tara Huntly (CGGS).

Further financial support was provided to Taryn Langdon as a component of the ACTAS Elite Women's Coaches program.

With support from the National Talent Identification Program, the development of a squad of junior women has been a major emphasis for the ACTAS program over the 2006/07 season. With a squad of 6 girls, coach Tom Westgarth has set a great foundation for this program achieving reasonable results at NSW and National Championships. It is realistic to expect that this program will produce junior representatives for the 2008 national junior team.

The ACTAS Rowing Program would like to gratefully acknowledge the generous assistance received from Rowing Australia, ACT Rowing Association, AIS rowing program, AIS Physiology Department and the ACT Government. Without this support ACTAS would not be able to deliver the high level of service that it does to the elite rowers and coaches in the ACT.

Gordon Marcks
Head Rowing Coach
ACT Academy of Sport
19th September, 2007.

2006/07 ACTAS Scholarship Holders

COACH: Gordon Marcks

Emma Cook (CLRC) – Junior
Erin Neil (CLRC) - Junior
Christabelle Northam (CGGS) - Junior
Veronica Tamsitt* (CGGS) – Junior
* Also with CGGS over the season

COACH: Regan Sanders

Craig Jones (CRC) – Senior
Ben Southwell (ANU) - Senior
James Crouch (ANU) – Senior
Nicholas Barnier (CGS)* – Junior
Zac Cleaver (CRC) – Junior
* Also with CGS over the season

Transitional Athletes (Athletes training interstate who were supported by ACTAS until April, 2007)

Yasmin Burraston (ANU) – Senior Lightweight
Daniel Coombes (ANU) – Senior Lightweight
Mack Wilcox (ANU) – Senior Lightweight

2007 ACTAS/Talent Search Athletes

COACH: Tom Westgarth

Haylee Edwards (CRC) – U17
Amy Fowler (CRC) – U17
Nikitah Habraken (CRC) – U17
Ailie McDonald* (CLRC) – U17
Katelyn Mundy (CRC) – U17
Samantha Shaw* (RAD) – U17

* Ailie McDonald joined the squad following the 2007 National Titles. Shaw trained and competed for Radford during school rowing terms.

2006/07 AIS Scholarship Holders

Sonia Mills (CRC)
Sarah Cook (CRC)
Emma Cook (CLRC) – From December, 2006.

2007 National Championships

Nagambie, VIC.

At the National and Interstate regatta, ACT clubs were represented by 72 crews/entries in 40 events.

The following ACT rowers achieved medal results at the national championships:

GOLD MEDAL

- W2- Sarah Cook (AIS/CRC)
- U19W2- Christabelle Northam (ACTAS/CGGS)
Veronica Tamsitt (CGGS)
COACH: Gordon Marcks (ACTAS)
- OW4X Sonia Mills (AIS/CRC)
- OW8+ Sarah Cook (AIS/CRC)

SILVER MEDAL

- U19W1X Emma Cook (AIS/CLRC)
- LW4X Yasmin Burraston (ACTAS/MUBC)
- U19W2X Erin Neil (ACTAS/CLRC)
Christabelle Northam (ACTAS/CGGS)
COACH: Gordon Marcks (ACTAS)
- U19M2X Zac Cleaver (ACTAS/CRC)
COACH: Regan Sanders (ACTAS/CRC)
- SB1X Zac Cleaver (ACTAS/CRC)
COACH: Regan Sanders
- OW8+ Sonia Mills (AIS/CRC)
- OW4- Sarah Cook (AIS/CRC)
- SB4X+ Jared Priestley (RAD)
Toby Bradshaw (RAD)
Tom Cotterill (RAD)
Oliver Chiswell (RAD)
Emily Gleeson (RAD)
COACH: David Bagnall

BRONZE MEDAL

- ISW1X Sonia Mills (ACT)
- LM2X Dan Coombes (ACTAS/ANU)
Mack Wilcox (ACTAS/MUBC)
- LW2X Yasmin Burraston (ACTAS/MUBC)
- SB4X+ Alex Thorman (CGS)
Mark Tamsitt (CGS)
Anthony Tridgell (CGS)

Jeremy Smith-Roberts (CGS)
 Hugo Ford (CGS)
 COACH: Jason Cain/Ross Ford

Summary of ACT Entries at National Titles, 2001 – 2007

	Events Entered	Number of Entries	Finalists (top 6)	Top 3
2001	43	71	36	14
2002	41	97	29	17
2003	40	67	27	13
2004	48	68	35	18
2005	51	76	31	14
2006	49	77	36	20
2007	40	72	27	16

Summary of ACT National Title Finalists (top 6), 2001 - 2007

Men

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Open Age	7	6	7	10	7	11	5
U23	6	5	2	7	6	-	-
U19	5	4	2	2	1	1	3
U17	3	1	-	1	1	4	-
School	-	1	-	1	1	-	4

Women

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Open Age	9	7	7	7	7	8	10
U23	8	2	1	4	2	6	2
U19	1	2	2	3	1	4	4
U17	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
School	-	1	2	1	3	2	-

Summary of ACT Kings Cup Regatta Results, 2001 – 2007

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
W1X	4 th	4 th	4 th	2 nd	3 rd	2 nd	3 rd
M1X	3 rd	3 rd	-	4 th	4 th	4 th	6 th
WL4X	6 th	-	-	-	-	-	-
ML4-	-	7 th	-	6 th	2 nd	6 th	-
WY8+	4 th	7 th	7 th	5 th	7 th	7 th	7 th
MY8+	7 th	6 th	7 th	7 th	7 th	7 th	7 th

W8+	3 rd	7 th	5 th	4 th	5 th	7 th	6 th
M8+	4 th	5 th	4 th	5 th	7 th	-	7 th
Entries	7	7	5	7	7	6	6

2007 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTIONS

Senior World Championships – Munich, Germany.

Sonia Mills (CRC/AIS) Women's Quad – 7th

Sarah Cook (CRC/AIS) Women's Eight – 4th, Women's Pair – 4th

Junior World Championships – Beijing, China.

Women's Pair – 8th

Veronica Tamsitt (CGGS/ACTAS)

Christabelle Northam (CGGS/ACTAS)

COACH: Gordon Marcks (ACTAS)

Men's Quad Scull – 8th

Nicholas Barnier (CGS/ACTAS)

Zac Cleaver (CRC/ACTAS)

COACH: Regan Sanders (CRC/ACTAS)

Australian Team Support Staff

ACT based support staff for this years national teams are:

Tanya Thornton - Soft Tissue Therapist, Senior World Championships

Dr Lyn Thew - Team Doctor, Junior World Championships.

Summary of ACT National Representatives, 2001 - 2007

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Open Age Men	1	1	2	1	1	1	-
U23 Men	2	4	2	2	3	-	-
U19 Men	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Open Age Women	1	2	2	3	1	2	2
U23 Women	1	1	-	2	2	-	-
U19 Women	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTAL	5	8	6	8	7	3	6

ATTACHMENT B

ACT Boat Race Official's Report 2006-2007

The conduct of regattas during the 2006/7 regatta season was relatively smooth and successful. Competitor behaviour throughout the season was excellent with no significant incidents requiring Umpire or Jury intervention though the course of the regatta season

The Boat Race Officials (BRO) ranks are drawn entirely from volunteer resources, and ACT currently has around 25 active BRO volunteers. This number has declined from last year, and

presents a challenge to retaining current volunteer numbers. The drop in active BROs imposes a greater obligation on the existing pool of BROs to officiate at most regattas, and the shortfall in participating BROs also imposes a higher workload on BROs. This situation has been exacerbated by a drop in availability from some of the ACT's more experienced and dedicated BROs for a variety of external reasons not related to rowing. There were two regattas last season where the number of BRO umpire boats on the water was reduced to overcome lower than desired BRO numbers at the regatta.

Going into the 2007/08 regatta season, there will be need to attract and recruit new BRO volunteers to bring BRO numbers up to a level where a full complement of BROs is a high probability for all regattas. A target of 5-10 new BRO volunteers would be an ideal target to achieve this goal. The Union of BROs invites the Executive of ACT Rowing to consider ways in which clubs can be encouraged to identify volunteers to the BRO ranks.

The application of the new regatta format has not presented any umpiring issues for BROs. Similarly, the adoption of the latest Rowing Australia Rules of Racing has not uncovered any officiating issues, although a small group of more experienced BROs would like to return to former starting procedures where there was a call of 'I have a line' by the starter. There has been no compelling reason for an exception to be made at this time.

The stock of BRO equipment continues to be adequate for the conduct of regattas, although improvement of PA equipment for starters would be welcomed. A Commonwealth grant for purchase of new PA equipment for a third starting platform has been recently approved. This should be followed up with further plans for improvement of the existing PA equipment. Additional loud hailers were purchased to replace lost and damaged hailers, and overcome unreliable performance of some poor quality hailers purchased in the past.

As a result of deteriorating radio communications with umpires, all boat radios were replaced last season with new digital radios. This greatly improved umpire communications and the reliability of communications from the water when safety situations arise. This has also allowed sub-tone filtering to be implemented, which will reduce interference from other radio channel users in the area.

The condition of the handheld BRO radios remains adequate, although the life of some of the batteries for these radios has deteriorated to a point where they will not run for the full length of the regatta. As they are now not required for use on the water, this no longer presents an issue and can be managed with the use of a charger at the finish area. We are also now in a position where the announcer can be allocated a handheld radio, which should improve the quality of announcements for spectators.

The radio timing equipment developed by Martin Sessions operated adequately during the last season, although there remain some issues with the reliability of this equipment and its interface with the RP7 regatta software. While the interface developed by Martin works effectively, establishing a reliable network connection between laptops has proven far more problematic than it should be. This problem is not being caused by the software developed by Martin, but does limit the effectiveness of the interfaces he has developed.

For the coming regatta season, a key focus will be attraction, training and retention of BROs. In this regard a proposed key retention strategy will include the issue of a new BRO shirt, preferably of a lightweight and sun-smart design. Recognition of volunteers, both from an on-going and special effort basis is the most effective retention strategy that we can apply, and the supply of a

recognisable BRO shirt will form part of our retention strategy. ACTRA support and funding of these shirts will be sought for the start of the 2007/08 season.

A matter of some urgency that must be addressed very soon is the storage of the ACTRA umpire boats. We have no viable storage location for one of the boats this summer season, and the storage arrangements for 2 other boats will be compromised before the end of this coming season. It is therefore imperative that ACTRA identify a viable longer term storage arrangement for these boats as a matter of urgency. A new storage location will be required for Tarcoola at the conclusion of the Col Panton Marathon. Urgent action is required.

Geoff Northam
BRO Coordinatoor.

Treasurer's Report
Year ending June 30, 2007

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The operating profit for the year ending June 30 2007 was \$4,133. This represents a 148% increase (\$12,516) when compared to the \$8,383 deficit in 2005/06 confirming that Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association (ACTRA) is working towards achieving financial security as stated in the 2005-09 Strategic Plan.

ACTRA's financial sustainability has further strengthened in 2006/07. As at 30 June 2007, ACTRA has \$63,000 in available funds (after commitments) which is an increase of \$4,000 over the 12 months.

THE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE FINANCIAL RESULTS:

After taking into account the net effect of the collection of \$18,955 for seat fees for Australian Masters Championships and incurring these costs as representative team seat fees, the major components of the 2006/07 financial results include:

- Operating Revenue increased by 14% (\$24,000) to \$195,000 including:
 - \$47,788 revenue from ACTRA seat fees (\$38,026 in 2005/06)
 - \$21,405 revenue from regatta registrations (\$13,765 in 2005/06)
 - \$11,820 revenue from affiliation fees (\$5,000 in 2005/06)
 - \$4,000 revenue from sponsorships
 - \$1,241 net revenue from coaching courses and workshops
 - \$9,790 revenue from rowers' contributions towards representative teams (\$1,236 in 2005/06)

- Operating Expenses increased by 7% (\$12,000) to \$191,000 including:
 - \$1,600 increase for office rental
 - \$1,000 for bad debts during 2006/07
 - \$400 increase for telephone costs
 - \$600 for advertising
 - \$3,732 for provision of annual leave for ACTRA employees
 - \$11,238 for insurance up from \$7,887 in 2005/06
 - \$10,850 for regatta costs up from \$8,737 in 2005/06

SUMMARY

With the increase in ACTRA fees at the beginning of 2006/07 financial year which provides ACTRA with a sound revenue stream based upon the number of rowers participating in the sport within the ACT and the continued good management of its operating costs, ACTRA is in a

position to sustain manageable financial operating results and use its sound financial position and available funds to support the principle activities of the Association.

Audited Financial Statements Year Ended 30 June 2007

Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc.

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Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc.

Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2007

Board of Management Members

The following persons hold office as members of the Committee at the date of this report:

Brendon Prout	President
Nick Hunter	Vice President
Patrick Davoren	Secretary
Alan Borger	Treasurer
Kate Borger	Committee Member
David Bagnall	Committee Member
Taryn Langdon	Committee Member
Heather Neil	Committee Member

Principal Activities

The principle continuing activities of the Association are to:

- Promote and develop all forms of the sport of rowing within the Australian Capital Territory;
- Organise and conduct regattas open to all rowers affiliated through their clubs with the Australian Rowing Council;
- Ensure that all regattas held in the Australian Capital Territory are governed by the rules of Boat Racing and Status Rules as they exist from time to time; and
- Ensure that the Rules of Boat Racing and Status Rules for the ACT comply with any minimum requirement set by the Australian Rowing Council.

Results

	Year ended 30 June 2007	Year ended 30 June 2006
	\$	\$
Operating surplus / (deficit)	4,133	(8,383)

Significant Changes in the Nature of Activities

There have been no significant changes to the nature of the Association's activities during the year.

Brendon Prout

Alan Borger

President

Treasurer

Canberra: 12 October 2007

Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members

Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc.

Scope

I have audited the financial statements of the Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2007 as set out on pages 5 to 12. The Board of Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material mis-statement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian accounting standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the Association which is consistent with my understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Independence

In conducting the audit, I followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Qualifications

The Association only records amounts received from activities when banked as it is not practical to establish control over such income prior to its initial entry. Audit procedures relating to this income was limited to ensuring that the amounts banked were properly recorded in the accounts. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on whether all income has been banked and I cannot determine the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had this limitation not existed.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In my opinion, except for the effects, if any, on the financial report of the matters referred to in the preceding qualifications section,

- (a) the financial report presents fairly the financial position of The Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc. as at 30 June 2007 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the Year then ended in accordance with:
 - i. applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
 - ii. the matters required by subsection 72(2) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 to be dealt with in the accounts; and

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- iii. the other provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991;
- (a) I have obtained all the information and explanations required;
- (b) proper accounting and other records have been kept by the Association as required by the Associations Incorporation Act 1991; and
- (c) the rules relating to the administration of the Association have been observed.

Glenn Freebody FCA

Canberra 12 October 2007

Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc.

Statement by Members of the Board of Management

The Board of Management has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board of Management, the financial report as set out on pages 5 to 12:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc. as at 30 June 2007 and its performance for the year ended on that date; and
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management and is signed for and on behalf of the Board of Management by:

Brendon Prout

President

Alan Borger

Treasurer

Canberra: 12 October 2007

Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc.

Statement of Financial Performance

For the Year Ended 30 June 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Affiliation fees	11,820	5,000
Coaching course fees	2,850	1,207
Sponsorship	4,000	0
Grants received	95,849	110,079
Regatta seat fees and registration fees	66,743	38,026
Registration fees	21,404	13,765
Representative contributions	9,760	1,236
Workshops	1,122	0
Hire of equipment	160	942
Sundry	133	0
Interest	239	478
	<u>214,080</u>	<u>170,733</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Affiliation fees – Rowing Australia	8,530	8,954
Office administration	11,168	7,354
Depreciation	9,664	11,636
Grants	4,250	16,577
Salaries and related costs	98,879	91,242
Accommodation and travel	2,080	4,535
BRO Expenses	5,456	5,775
Coaching courses	2,732	2,051
Insurance (other than workers comp)	11,238	7,887
Professional Services (Note 4)	2,380	2,280
Regatta administration and security	10,850	8,737
Representative teams	42,116	12,035
Sundry	604	53
	<u>209,947</u>	<u>179,116</u>
	4,133	(8,383)
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		

This Statement of Financial Performance is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to and Forming part of these Financial Statements

Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	2(a)	129,838	75,522
Receivables		12,535	0
Prepayments		13,429	5,837
		<u>155,802</u>	<u>81,359</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and equipment	3	<u>20,157</u>	<u>27,932</u>
		175,959	109,291
TOTAL ASSETS			
		<u>175,959</u>	<u>109,291</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Grants received in advance		27,151	5,000
Fundraising received in advance		34,130	0
Provision for annual leave		3,732	0
Creditors and accruals		14,054	11,532
		<u>79,067</u>	<u>16,532</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES			
		<u>79,067</u>	<u>16,532</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>96,892</u>	<u>92,759</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Opening Balance		92,759	101,142
Surplus (Deficit) for year		4,133	(8,383)
		<u>96,892</u>	<u>92,759</u>
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
		<u>96,892</u>	<u>92,759</u>

This Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to and Forming part of these Financial Statements

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Statement of Cash Flows Year ended 30 June 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from members and in general		117,992	60,176
Grants from Rowing Australia		0	0
Payments to suppliers and employees		(180,026)	(167,924)
Interest received		239	478
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES 2(b)		<u>(61,795)</u>	<u>(107,270)</u>
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of equipment		(1,889)	(11,194)
CASH FLOW FROM GOVERNMENT			
Grants received		118,000	100,079
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH HELD		54,316	(18,385)
ADD: OPENING BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		75,522	93,907
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CLOSING CASH CARRIED FORWARD 2(a)		<u>129,838</u>	<u>75,522</u>

This Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to and Forming part of these Financial Statements

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991* of the Australian Capital Territory. The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991* of the Australian Capital Territory and applicable Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The financial report covers the Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc. as an individual entity. The Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc. is an association incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Association are stated to assist general understanding of these financial statements.

(a) *Basis of Accounting*

The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, and except where stated, do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

(b) *Cash*

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand in the bank and on deposit.

(c) *Income Tax*

The ACT Council of the Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc. believes it is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Assessment Act.

(d) Revenue Recognition – Grant Income

Grants are brought to account in the year received or receivable to the extent of expenditure during the year on the purpose of the grant. Grant monies that have been received or are receivable but have not been expended at balance date, including interest thereon where required under the terms of the grant, are carried forward as grants received in advance (current liabilities).

(e) Sports Equipment

Equipment acquired with a cost greater than \$300 is brought to account as an asset at cost less accumulated depreciation. The carrying amount of fixed assets is reviewed annually by the Board of Management to ensure it is not in excess of the remaining service potential of those assets. The carrying amount of all fixed assets having a limited useful life is depreciable over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is ready for use.

(f) Comparatives

Due to a change in the Association's year end the comparative figures shown are for the 14 months period ended on 30 June 2006, while the current year figures are for the year ended 30 June 2007.

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Note 2 Statement of Cash Flows		
2 (a) Cash at Bank and on hand		
Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	129,738	75,422
Cash at Bank and on hand	129,838	75,522
2 (b) Reconciliation of the Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year to the Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities.		
Surplus (deficit) for the year	4,133	(8,383)
Depreciation	9,664	11,636
Decrease (increase) in receivables and prepayments	(20,127)	(754)
Increase (decrease) in funds received in advance	56,281	(10,000)
Increase (decrease) in creditors, accruals and provisions	6,254	310
Grants received from government	(118,000)	(100,079)
Net cash flow from operating activities	(61,795)	(107,270)

Note 3 Office Furniture and Equipment

Boats, Motors and Equipment - at cost	122,687	120,798
Less: Provision for depreciation	<u>102,530</u>	<u>92,866</u>
Total Written Down Value	<u>20,157</u>	<u>27,932</u>

Note 4 Professional Services Expense

Audit of the Association's books and records	800	500
Other	<u>1,580</u>	<u>1,780</u>
Total Professional Services Expense	<u>2,380</u>	<u>2,280</u>

Note 5 Expenditure Commitments

As at 30 June 2007 the Association had commitments totalling Nil (2006: Nil).

Note 6 Going Concern

The ability of the Association to maintain its current level of operations in the future is dependant on sufficient income being received from its member organisations and funding bodies. The Board of Management has taken this into consideration when preparing the accounts on a going concern basis.

Note 7 Related Party Disclosures

The members of the Board of Management of the Association during the year were:

B. Prout	H. Neil
P. Davoren	N. Hunter
A. Borger	D. Bagnall
K. Borger	T. Langdon

Members of the Board of Management, their relatives or entities associated with them did not receive payments for services rendered. Some Committee members received reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the Association.

Note 8 Segment Information

The principle continuing activities of the Association are to:

- Promote and develop all forms of the sport of rowing within the Australian Capital Territory;
- Organise and conduct regattas open to all rowers affiliated through their clubs with the Australian Rowing Council;
- Ensure that all regattas held in the Australian Capital Territory are governed by the rules of Boat Racing and Status Rules as they exist from time to time; and
- Ensure that the Rules of Boat Racing and Status Rules for the ACT comply with any minimum requirement set by the Australian Rowing Council.

Note 9 Financial Instruments

(a) Terms, Conditions and Accounting Policies

The Australian Capital Territory Rowing Association Inc. accounting policies, including the terms and conditions of each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instruments, both recognised and unrecognised at the balance date, are as follows:

Recognised Financial Instruments	Accounting Policies	Terms and Conditions
<i>(i) Financial assets</i> Receivables – Trade	Trade receivables are carried at nominal amounts due less any provision for doubtful debts. A provision for doubtful debts is recognised when collection of the full nominal amount is no longer probable.	Credit sales are on a 30 – 45 day term.
<i>(ii) Financial Liabilities</i> Trade Creditors and accruals	Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Association.	Trade liabilities are normally settled on a 30 – 45 day term.

(b) Interest Rate Risk

The Association has no interest rate risk, as no liabilities attract interest and the only asset which bears interest is cash at bank where interest is recognised in the Statement of Income and Expenditure when earned.

(c) Net Fair Values

Financial assets and financial liabilities, both recognised and unrecognised, at balance date, are carried at their net fair value.

(i) The financial methods and assumptions are used to determine the net fair values of financial assets and liabilities.

Recognised Financial Instruments

Cash and equivalents: The carrying amount approximates fair values because of their short term to maturity.

Trade receivables and payables: The carrying amount approximates fair value.

Unrecognised Financial Instruments

There are no unrecognised financial instruments.

(d) Credit Risk Exposure

The Association's maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date in relation to each class of recognised financial asset is the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the balance sheet.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Association minimises concentration of credit risk in relation to trade accounts receivable by undertaking transactions with a number of customers are concentrated in Australia.

Credit risk in trade receivables is managed in the following way:

- payment terms are 30 – 45 days

The maximum credit risk exposure does not take into account the value of any collateral or other security held, in the event other entities/parties fail to perform their obligations under the financial instruments in question.