

2026 Queensland Masters Rowing Championships

🥈 Silver Medal Performances

- 3:50.62 – F. Carrea, J. Fitzpatrick, J. Swinton & J. Taylor (Toowong/Noosa composite) – Womens Masters D Eight
- 3:56.88 – D. Doyle & J. Emerson – Mixed Masters E Double Scull
- 4:01.84 – G. Hosier – Mens Masters G Single Scull
- 4:09.84 – J. Hopkins & S. Auty – Womens Masters F Double Scull
- 4:10.13 – J. Emerson – Womens Masters D Single Scull
- 4:11.16 – R. Mecham, J. Hopkins, J. Fitzpatrick & S. Auty – Womens Masters G-M Quad Scull
- 4:13.33 – J. Swinton, J. Fitzpatrick, J. Taylor & F. Carrea – Womens Masters D Coxless Four
- 4:52.78 – J. Fitzpatrick – Womens Masters F Single Scull

🥉 Bronze Medal Performances

- 3:57.47 – G. Hosier & D. Doyle – Mens Masters G-M Double Scull
- 3:58.20 – S. Auty & J. Emerson – Womens Masters A & B Double Scull
- 4:22.09 – S. Auty & J. Emerson – Womens Masters D Double Scull
- 4:39.98 – J. Swinton & F. Carrea – Womens Masters D Coxless Pair
- 4:47.53 – S. Auty – Womens Masters E Single Scull
- 4:55.63 – J. Hopkins – Womens Masters F Single Scull
- 5:10.62 – R. Mecham & J. Fitzpatrick – Womens Masters G-M Coxless Pair

🏆 Singles Results

- 4:01.84 – G. Hosier – 🥈 Mens Masters G Single Scull
- 4:10.13 – J. Emerson – 🥈 Womens Masters D Single Scull
- 4:11.86 – B. Hegarty – Mens Masters A & B Single Scull
- 4:15.56 – J. Emerson – 4th Womens Masters A & B Single Scull
- 4:26.99 – T. Moran – Mens Masters E Single Scull
- 4:47.53 – S. Auty – 🥉 Womens Masters E Single Scull
- 4:52.78 – J. Fitzpatrick – 🥈 Womens Masters F Single Scull
- 4:55.63 – J. Hopkins – 🥉 Womens Masters F Single Scull
- 4:56.42 – J. Swinton – Womens Masters D Single Scull
- 5:01.57 – R. Mecham – Womens Masters G-M Single Scull
- 7:08.12 – P. McIntosh – Mens Masters C Single Scull
- 7:15.71 – P. McIntosh – Mens Masters H-M Single Scull

The regatta showcased great depth across the club, with Noosa crews competing strongly in singles, doubles, quads, pairs and eights across multiple age categories.

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Ilan & Susie Mixed G-M Double Gold



Tim, Kymbo, Jane S, Jo T & Fer



Rachel, Jo T & Fer



Jo E & Susie Women's E Double Gold



Jane S, Fer, Jane F, Jo T Women's 4- Silver



Jo T, Scott, Tim, Jane F Mixed Quad Gold



Jo T, Fer & Jane S



Fer & Jo T Pair Bronze



Gil & Jo E Mixed Double Gold & Peter M



Peter M takes gold



Jane S & Fer



Jo E Single Silver

2026 National Masters Rowing, Lake Perth



Jo T, Jane S and Fer at Champion Lakes, Perth

Huge congratulations to Jane Swinton, Jo Taylor and Fernanda Carrea, who have qualified for the Queensland Women's Masters Eight and will

proudly represent Queensland at the Australian Masters Rowing Championships in Perth on May 29th.

Some very early starts for these Noosa rowers



2026 QLD Masters 8+

making the trip down to Toowong for training 2-3 times a week.

Shed Captain's Tips and Rules

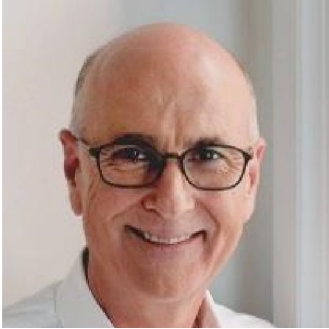
Please look after our boats and equipment. Take the time to clean each boat after use, check that everything is in good working order, and report any damage or maintenance issues promptly.

Rowing Safety with Mike

Winter Safety Reminder – As the cooler months set in, it is vital that all members take extra care when out on the water. Dressing appropriately is the first step to staying safe and comfortable. We recommend wearing layered clothing made from moisture wicking and insulating materials to keep dry and warm. Avoid cotton, which retains moisture and can increase the risk of hypothermia. Waterproof jackets and gloves are a consideration to protect against wind and water spray.

Hypothermia, a dangerous drop in body temperature is a real risk during winter boating activities. Early signs include shivering, confusion and loss of coordination, which can quickly progress to severe impairment. To help prevent this, always wear a properly fitted life jacket while on water. Life jackets not only keep you afloat but also provide additional insulation.

In the event that someone shows signs of hypothermia, remove the person from the cold and gently warm them using blankets or dry clothing. Avoid direct heat or vigorous movement as there can cause shock. Call 000 immediately. Prioritizing these safety measures will ensure that everyone enjoys a safe and pleasant winter season on the water.



Captain's Corner – May 2026

With rowing membership nudging 60, the club is experiencing a fundamental shift in its rowing demographic and positioning itself strongly for future success. Traditionally a sculling-focused club, the adoption of sweep rowing has accelerated over the past 18 months, broadening the club's appeal to new members and enabling greater participation in regattas.

Recent regattas have highlighted the club's growing depth across all categories, with multiple podium finishes in women's, men's and mixed events. Special mention goes to those athletes who featured across multiple podium finishes, demonstrating the consistency, versatility and strength that continue to reinforce the club's position as a competitive force in Masters rowing.

With the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games now only six years away, the rowing group is keen to explore opportunities to host an international rowing team in the lead-up to the event. The club's newly refurbished facilities, plentiful local accommodation and expansive rowing environment position NYRC as an attractive training base, with minimal disruption to existing club activities.

NYRC Rowing Captain

Sweep Rowing

Head of The Yarra 2026 The event will be held on 28th November 2026 Saturday. Training will be commencing very soon so if you are a Cox out there looking to get some time on the water to help out with training we'd love to hear from you! Contact Jane Swinton for more details!

Sweep Rowing Development Commencing Saturday 20th June, the Saturday development squad will begin learning to sweep row. At this time, there are additional spaces open for members of the club and expressions of interest should be directed to Michael Wittner at 0418 351 050.

Welcome to our New Members!

Dan Clifford, Lesley Reynolds and Grace Pontin.

Get to know a Member – Kerrie Cooney

Where did you grow up? Queensland .. mostly in North Queensland when I was young, Ingham, Mackay, Townsville, Magnetic Island, but have been on the Sunshine Coast for about 40 years now.

What do you do outside rowing? Pottery... I am a mad keen potter, both hand-building and wheel throwing!

When did you first start rowing? First rowing lessons were in 2002 with a bunch of friends, so a late starter!

What is/was your profession? I spent many years working with Australia Post, from a little corner Post Office to a Business Centre and all things in-between.



Kerrie (Centre Front) at the Head of the Yarra 2025

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Most memorable moment at the rowing club? Every morning row is memorable, every morning is different, and the sunrises can be extraordinarily beautiful. What a great start to the day!

Favourite regatta or rowing destination? Rowing in Vanuatu years ago at a Pacific Event was a wonderful experience with friends. It was glorious rowing over coral reefs and coloured fish, and the hospitality was fantastic.

What advice would you give new members? For new members... take your time, have a go at everything when the opportunity arises, consistency is important I think.

Best rowing tip you have ever received? Best rowing tip...light grip on the oars handle, lighten up and relax those shoulders (I still hang on too hard, and still get tipped!)

Funniest rowing moment? Lots of laughs but one of the funniest rowing moments is a very long story involving falling in, losing my seat which went floating off, losing oars, just about upending the outrigger that came to rescue me and anything that could go wrong that morning did...it was just so dismal that you had to laugh!

What's one thing people may not know about you? I don't have too many secrets. Most people know all there is to know about me.

Describe Noosa Rowing Club in 3 words. Best Rowing Club!

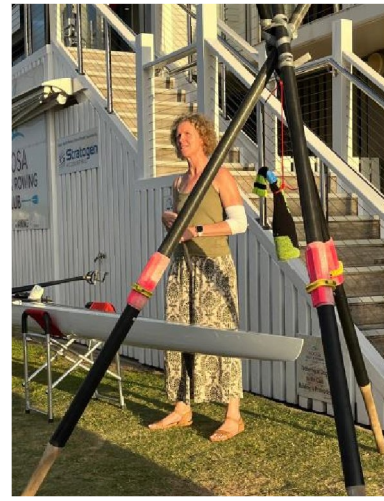
Noosa Boat Naming Ceremony

As is tradition, new club and privately owned boats were christened during a well-attended and celebratory Boat Naming Ceremony at the club on 21st March 2026. Members gathered to officially welcome the newest additions to the fleet, with each boat blessed in true rowing fashion.

Big Roo, Daisy, Hippos, Iona, Galapagos and Bullshark were all christened on the fun filled afternoon.



A number of members attempted to destroy this hull with some seriously enthusiastic hammer blows – but it proved completely indestructible!



Ian with Hippos, Peter T with Big Roo, Kris with Daisy