

## History Report; June, 2023

The four day Australian Masters Championship Regatta held at the Sydney International Rowing Centre commenced on Thursday, June 1st. The club fielded a small crew of only fourteen members but it performed extremely well achieving 6th. place out of 96 clubs in the medal count and 9th place in the overall point score. The Queensland Quad Scull came 3rd in the Interstate competition.



*Michelle J, above, competing in a single scull event on the magnificent course constructed for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.*

*Rob G, Dave, Doug and Scott, below, celebrating on the Podium after receiving gold medals in a Mens Quad Scull event.*



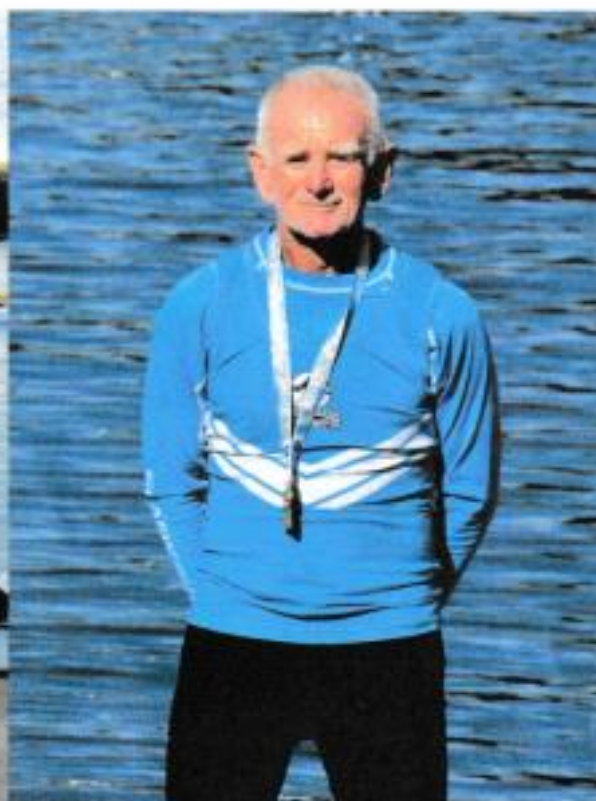


Many of our members won gold medals and are current National Champions. The Club won 11 Gold, 10 silver and 4 Bronze medals. This is the strongest masters team in the club's history and is a testament to the dedicated way in which a lot of our competitive members train.



*Gary, ex member Gaye, Dagmar and Michael, above, won gold in a mixed quad event.*

*Helen L and Lorrie, below left, celebrating on the launching pontoon after a double scull event.*  
*Michael ,below right, won a gold medal in a Lightweight single scull event.*





*„Scully“, Lorie's new pair / double scull at its first event during the Australian Masters Regatta.*



*Michelle J, Tamsin, Rob G and Dave won gold medals in a Mixed Quad Scull.*

The team returned home triumphant late on Monday evening and the trailer was unloaded on Tuesday morning. Only a few members Attended at training during the next week as many members took the opportunity to have a well earned rest.



Training continued for a small group of rowers who intend to compete in the Northern Rivers Masters Championship Regatta, which was postponed, and is now scheduled for mid July. The regatta has been planned to be held in conjunction with the Two Islands Head event at Grafton. The weather has been cool and foggy making early training a bit difficult during the early morning session, but it has been calm and the water smooth. Some rowers have elected to row later in the day when conditions are more pleasant.

Eleven rowers from the River City Women's Rowing Club visited Murwillumbah for a social row on Sunday Morning. Two coxed quads, one double scull and one single sculler enjoyed a scenic row to the weir and back. The quads were coxed by Scott and Louise. After rowing the group adjourned to a local cafe for coffee and breakfast. The hire of the boats proved to be a good fund raiser for the Club.

*John M won a silver medal in the Lightweight Mens J Double Scull event.*



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