



URC newsletter



WINTER 2015

From the President:

In the midst of winter, the club is at its strongest membership for many years. We welcome our new members detailed on page 2, along with the URC women from the Wakatuis who have now been with the club for a period of time. These groups, combined with our 'old' stalwarts, have seen our membership of active masters sitting at around 50 active members. We also have our adaptive rowing group run by Karen Rickerby who puts in many hours and metres on the club ergs. 2015 has also seen our President's Club up and running - see below. This is a social/supporters type of membership to keep you linked into Union as well as using the club facilities for the monthly rows.

As mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter, we held a great eight launch recently to unveil our newest piece of plant. What is good about these days is to see the interaction and smiling faces of all those that are obviously really enjoying their time at URC and in the sport of rowing, which is how a club should operate and feel.

Progress on our second shed to be located on the banks of the Cam River at Kaiapoi is progressing and I thank Neville Youngman for the hours that he has committed to this project with meetings with the Selwyn District Council, E Can and the local croquet club. The actual building (The Darcy Christopher) was purchased some time ago and paid for. We have received quotes for the foundation fill required and are now just awaiting E Can approval to commence the build. The building will house equipment to utilise when rowing on the ever crowded Reach is not practical. We are also looking to lease space in the building as a revenue stream and have strong interest for this purpose.

Dorle and Tanja are doing a great job around the club primarily with the women's squad and our novices. Danny is assisting with the novices and working with Mike organising the men. Jim as always is coaching the men's and women's squads in readiness for the Masters Nationals at Lake Ruataniwha in September where the club will have a strong representation. Who said rowing was a summer sport!

James Sheehan
URC President



URC PRESIDENT'S CLUB



The weather was perfect for the inaugural President's Club row in May: from left Chris Bell, President James Sheehan, Brendan O'Dea and Andrew Borgfeldt,

After a not to be unexpected slightly shaky start, the crew soon settled down and had a very enjoyable 5-6 K row in Leander which is one of the new SLR fours the Club now has. You will be amazed at how light and responsive these boats are, they're great fun to row! So come on down to the Club and try them out!

The President's Club is a great opportunity to keep in touch with Union rowing. Whether you're an ex-Union rower, a supporter or friend of the club, the President's Club is the way to be part of our Union community. To join click on the [President's Club link](#) on our homepage at www.unionrowing.co.nz

*Brendan O'Dea
President's Club Coordinator*

Welcome to our new URC members

Union's membership numbers has been on a steep growth curve during the first half of 2015.

Welcome first to our inaugural President's Club members Andrew, Mark and Des Borgfeldt, Bruce Fraser, Murray and Grant Knight, Tim Armstrong and Dugald Thomas. There are some very well known Union names in this list and we look forward to more previous Union rowers joining this group too.

We welcome back previous Union member Greg McLaughlin who's rejoining the club after successful seasons with Dunstan Arm. New to Union are Andreas Giannakogiorgis, Hamish Gray, Tom Studholme, Tom Elworthy, Simon Tillman, Tim Austin, Dan Batchelor, John McVicar, Soames Crowther, Brendon McKenna, Shelley Washington, Kirsten Frieling, Pam Van Gestel, Stephanie Rumble, Julie McFadzien and Caro Duff.

It's great that several of our new members have already put up their hands to compete at masters nationals. With close to 30 going to nationals, we're looking at a record entry from Union for Lake Ruataniwha in mid September.

Recent rowing: Kaiapoi long distance

The annual Kaiapoi long distance race in May was straight out of the top drawer: excellent conditions and the biggest turnout ever with 28 boats competing including 17 eights. Union was out in force with three eights and two quads.

Our men's eight picked up the prize for the fastest masters crew in 27 minutes 15 seconds. The URC women's oct rowed the 7k course in 30.48, with the Tuis eight clocking 32.38. It was a great row by Union's novices too with our two quads coming home in 34.20 and 37.14.



KAIAPOI LONG DISTANCE RACE
MAY 2015



Tui's eight – in perfect time



Women's octuple



Men's eight



Women's novice quad

NEW URC EIGHT LAUNCH



Club Captain Dorle Pauli, Patron Jim Little and Secretary Jan Maister launch Artemis



The crew for the inaugural row take the water

Sunday 26th July saw another positive step forward for the club with the launching of our new eight Artemis, the first eight to be launched at Union since 2002.

Artemis is an SL Racing eight with the boat being of medium specifications at an 85 kg crew average.

The day dawned sunny and reasonably warm for a mid-winter launch. After a few words from our Patron Jim Little the boat was duly christened by our hard working Club Captain and staunch advocate of the right plant for the club, Dorle Pauli, and our equally hard working but unassuming Secretary Jan Maister. [It was a little unfortunate that husband Selwyn missed the 'formal' proceedings when he blew a tyre on the ride down with Jan!]

After the mandatory bubbles over the bow and in the club tradition of naming our boats after Greek gods, Artemis became part the URC fleet.

In keeping with a URC tradition, the crew was picked from a hat for its first official row.

A strong contingent of 40 mixed members then enjoyed a BBQ and beers.

I would like to acknowledge the funding support of the Community Trust in assisting with the \$42,000 purchase of Artemis, along with Marriott's who are the sponsor of our club BBQ.

James Sheehan
URC President

Artemis: what's behind the name?

Union's custom of naming its boat names deriving from Greek mythology continues with Artemis.

There is already a strong Union link, as Artemis's father was Zeus, whose name appears on one of our quads. Her twin

brother was Apollo, a name that has graced more than one Union boat over the years.

Artemis is a great multi-tasker according to Greek myth. She is the goddess of the hunt, forests, hills, animals and the moon. She is also the protector of childbirth, virginity and young women.





URC Apparel

URC has a wide range of items available – details available on our website from early August. To order, go to <http://www.unionrowing.co.nz/urcApparel.html> and follow the instructions. All payments are by online banking. Your order will be couriered to you. Please note: URC racing tops for regattas are not shown here, but are available from the website.



1. EDGE SHIRT



2. SOFT SHELL JACKET



3. SOFT SHELL VEST



4. WIND BREAKER



14. BACK PACK



15. SPORTS BAG



16. CAP



5. HOODIE



6. ZIP HOODIE



LADIES



MEN'S



8. POLO



9. WOOL JERSEY



10. WOOL VEST



11. ROW SUIT



12. LINED SPORTS JACKET



13. SPORTS PANTS



17. POLO



18. TEE



19. SINGLET



25. CAP



26. CAP



20. POLAR FLEECE



21. LINED SPORTS JACKET



22. SPORTS PANTS



27. POLAR FLEECE BEANIE



28. WOOL BEANIE



23. JACKET



24. POLAR FLEECE



29. BEANIE