



# UNION's 150th



CELEBRATING A CENTURY AND A HALF OF ROWING  
UNION ROWING CLUB 150TH JUBILEE 12 – 14 SEPTEMBER 2014

NEWSLETTER 1

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## Welcome to our 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations!

It's time to show our pride in the white and blue - and in our club that's nearly as old as our city.

Each month we'll be publishing a newsletter to let you know more about our 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations [12 – 14 September], profile well known club members and hopefully encourage you to register and be part of what will be a fantastic weekend celebrating all that is great about the Union Rowing Club!

Please forward our newsletter through your own networks to Union members, friends and associates of the club past and present. It's also online at [www.unionrowing.co.nz](http://www.unionrowing.co.nz)



*The opening of the new URC shed September 2013*

Looking forward to seeing you at our 150<sup>th</sup>.

Brendan O'Dea  
URC President



## The 150<sup>th</sup> programme and how to register

Programme details and registration forms are on the final page of this newsletter, or can be downloaded at [www.unionrowing.co.nz](http://www.unionrowing.co.nz)



## URC profile: Jim Little

Anyone who has any links with Union over the last 55 years knows Jim.

Joining Union aged 16 in 1959, Jim started his novice year rowing clinker boats out of the old shed in Oxford Terrace at a time when the club was on split sites with some rowers already based at Kerrs Reach. Jim's rise up the rowing ladder was swift, going from novice to Olympic squad in three years. He taught himself to scull in 1961 and was third in the premier single at nationals in 1963. Jim says that he'd never win a race sculling like that nowadays: "all shoulder work then legs - no power".

He caught the selectors' eye rowing in a Canterbury provincial eight, was selected for a national trial and made the final 10 for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. 15 gruelling months of training in Auckland followed. Morning and evening training during the week, with twelve 500 metre pieces in each session then two 20 kilometre rows each day in the weekend. And running and more running on top of the rowing, as rowing coach Eric Craies was influenced by the training methods used by Arthur Lydiard with such success with Peter Snell.

Jim never won a red coat in his national club champs rowing career, the closest result being beaten by a matter of inches by Wybo Veldman and Warren Cole in the pair at Wanganui in 1966 rowing with Ron Satherley.

Jim's coaching career started in the early 1970s. An acute observer of rowing and rowers, he noticed what others were doing both locally and internationally as he developed his own coaching philosophy. With his trimmer's workshop at home, Jim spent many of his lunch breaks replaying time and time again videos of international crews "to get in my head what was going on." He applied that knowledge to great effect for both Union and national crews. Among many successes, his URC womens crews won the senior eight in 1991, his 1997 crews won 9 medals, and sculler Duncan Grant took three lightweight titles. He coached Emma Feathery to win the U18 single at Maadi in 2002 then was her NZ World Champs coach in the same year. His NZ coaching career is outstanding, having taken NZ U23 crews to many wins from 1987 to 1997 in the Austalian/NZ trans-Tasman series and in the process beating Australian national crews.

Jim's lifelong contribution to rowing continues as he has operated the safety boat at Ruataniwha since 2007. Wife Merryl has 26 years as weigh-in steward at the same course. The URC men's and women's masters crews are now the fortunate recipients of Jim's rowing expertise.



*Jim raising the URC flag at the 2013 opening of the new shed*



*In the Canterbury provincial eight, early 1960s [Jim is third from left, back row. Bruce Knight and Ron Satherley are first and second from left next to Jim; Bruce Fraser is far right] Apart from Mark Brownlie on Jim's right, all other crew are from Union.*



*With his 'green pocket' for coaching a winning premier crew at NZ nationals*



## Five good reasons to come to the URC 150th

1. Because there's a first time for everything, and how many other 150<sup>th</sup>s have you been to?
2. Because it's your opportunity to jump back in a boat and show that none of that rowing talent has disappeared.
3. Or if having a row doesn't appeal, talking about your old rowing times is just as much fun.
4. Because URC knows how to put on a great time.
5. Because you'll need to wait until 2039 for the 175th if you miss this one!

## Introducing: Deputy club captain Dorle Pauli

Dorle began her rowing career as a ten-year year old in a child-size plastic single at the Post Sportverein Koblenz, Germany. As both her parents and her brothers were rowers, she didn't really have much of a say in the matter.

In the 1970s, her family became members of the Koblenzer Ruderclub Rhenania 1877/1921 e.V. Dorle competed at junior and senior level, and was selected for the German national team on a number of occasions. She moved to Christchurch in 1982.



Dorle has enjoyed competing at Masters level, a highlight being her second placing with Marie McCoy at the 2009 Sydney World Masters Games in the D double – not a bad effort considering there were 102 entries. It has been really rewarding to be part of an accomplished women's masters team at URC and receiving quality coaching from both Richard Jarman and Jim Little has been a real bonus.

Dorle enjoys coaching the club's novices and being involved in the rebuilding URC's assets. What she really likes about URC is the people she has met there. It has been a real pleasure for her to collaborate with an amazing group of club stalwarts, who despite the upheaval and stresses caused by the quakes did not give up on the club. She also really likes the new boats.

When she's not rowing, Dorle teaches and researches the history and theory of art and design at CPIT. Family life is important to her. She also likes getting out on her mountain bike, boogie-boarding and reading.

## Union strikes gold at 2014 Masters Games



Prepared by another of Jim Little's excellent training programmes, Stéphane, Danny, Dorle and Mike struck gold at the Masters Games in Dunedin in early February. It can't get much better than golds in all outdoor rowing events Union contested as well as two silvers. Golds were won in **the mixed 45-49 and 55-59 doubles, mens 50-54 and 55-59 doubles, mens 55-59 single, and mens 50-54 and 55-59 quads.** Not a bad day at the office!

For more details about URC results in this and other regattas, go to

<http://www.unionrowing.co.nz/results.html>



# REGISTRATION – URC 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

Programme: 12 – 14 September 2014

Friday 12 September                      6pm: Meet and Greet, Winnie Bagoes [city], cnr Madras & Allen Sts

Saturday 13 September                    10am–2pm: Jubilee Regatta, drinks, barbeque and photos, Kerrs Reach  
6.30pm [for drinks]: Jubilee Dinner and Dance, Elms ,456 Papanui Rd

Sunday 14 September                      10.00am: Elevenses at the club, Kerrs Reach

Further details will be confirmed closer to the Jubilee.

## Register now:

**Name:**

**Partner's name:**

**Email address:**

**Postal address:**

**Preferred phone contact number:**

**Brief details on your association with URC** [details will go on your name tag]:

Eg: *Club member 1980 – 85*

### 1 Registration fee:

[Tick]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Registration before 8 August: \$45.00</b> – Registration includes finger food for Friday night [NB: drinks are at own cost on Friday night], commemorative cap, Saturday lunch barbeque and drinks. Partners do not need to pay a registration fee.</li> <li><b>Registration after 8 August: \$65.00</b></li> </ul>	<b>Number registering</b>
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### 2 I wish to attend [NB: costs for two events are covered by registration]:

[Tick]	Event	Cost per person	Number attending
	<b>Meet and Greet Friday</b>	Covered by registration [No cost for partners wishing to attend meet and greet]	
	<b>Jubilee Regatta Saturday</b>	Covered by registration [No cost for partners wishing to attend regatta]	
	<b>Jubilee Dinner Saturday</b>	\$85.00 per person [covers dinner and wine with dinner]	
	<b>Elevenses at the club Sunday</b>	Nil	

### 3 I wish to purchase:

[Tick]	Item	Size required / cost per item	Number required
	<b>150<sup>th</sup> polo shirt</b>	XS/S/M/L/XL/8/10/12/14      \$35.00	
	<b>150<sup>th</sup> T shirt</b>	XS/S/M/L/XL/8/10/12/14      \$30.00	
	<b>Extra caps</b> [one free with registration]	One size                              \$20.00	

### 4 Payment / sending your registration form: PLEASE PAY WHEN REGISTERING

[Tick payment method]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Online bank payment [preferred method].</b></li> <li><b>Cheque</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Union Rowing Club / Account 030802 0096251 00. <b>You must include your name in the reference field.</b></li> <li>Post cheques [and registration forms if sending by post] to Union Rowing Club <b>PO Box 1839</b> Christchurch.</li> </ul>	<b>Total amount paid</b> [from 1, 2, 3 above]
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**Scan and email your registration form to Des Borgfeldt [borgfeldt@clear.net.nz]**