



The Don Fraser Club
Friends of Rowing

**MINUTES
OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT CHRIST CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL
ON THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2017, AT 7:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Simon Cox
Alan Jones
Andrew McQuillan
Karen McQuillan
Rob Weight
Kate Weight
Lucia Jensen
Ulrik Jensen
Tamara Ramasinghe
Bob Colligan
Glenn Bergsma
Phil Brunner
Jessica Brunner
Anne Marie Stanley
Garrick Stanley
Julia Burns
Sharon Forbes
Merrilee Garnett
Justin Forbes
Tim Caporn
Alice Counsel
Briony Lee
Allison Bergsma
Mark Powell
Megan Wallis
Stephen Purser
Annabelle Purser
Kate Preston
Murray Preston
Jill Elias
Michael Elias
Mark Wallis

1. APOLOGIES

Jane Cutler
Wendy-Anne Smith
Tim Stevenson
Steph Stevenson
Glenda Rae
Trish Hepburn
Mike McCarthy
Ros Mellick
Gemma Wyatt
Ken Wyatt
Jessamy Mahony
Tim Mahony
Camille Gribble
Nigel Gribble

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Moved: Kate Weight Seconded: Rob Weight Carried

3. MATTER ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS AGM

No matters arising from previous minutes.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am very pleased to present the president's report to the AGM tonight.

The Don Fraser club was formed in 1986 and is named in honour of Don Fraser who was the inaugural head of rowing at CCGS. He was an accomplished oarsman winning 17 state titles in 17 years by the age of 34, a gold medal in the Empire Games in 1936 and was a member of the winning King's Cup crew in 1938. He was involved in rowing at CCGS from 1957 to 1974 and was a life member of the West Australian Rowing Club. He died in 2006 at the age of 91.

The Don Fraser Club together with three other parent groups are under the auspices of the Parents' Association which is the principal parent organisation at CCGS. The purpose of the Don Fraser Club is to support the rowing program at CCGS. In practical terms, this involves assisting with the house regatta, the travelling camps to Greenough and Augusta, the January camp including the breakfasts and barbecue, the head of the river dinner, pasta nights, the CCGS PSA regatta and regatta breakfasts. The DFC also facilitates communication between the Teacher in Charge of rowing and the parent body. The main social and fundraising event for the season is the annual Quiz night.

The DFC Committee is made up of 14 members. The meetings are mostly held every second Tuesday during the season and these were all very well attended this year. All rowing parents are welcome to attend these committee meetings.

The success of the DFC is due entirely to the work of parents and volunteers and I thank each and every person who has assisted in any way during the year. I'd particularly like to thank the members of the 2016/17 DFC committee.

Vice-Presidents: Rob Weight and Peter James

Secretary: Karen McQuillan

Treasurer: Stephen Purser

Year 12 reps: Rosie James, Kate Preston, Karen Smith Lock.

Year 11 reps: Wendy Chandraratna, Kate Weight.

Year 10 reps: Megan Wallis and Jill Ellias who shared the role during the year

Year 9 reps: Allie Bergsma

Year 8 rep: Sarah Binns

A big thank you to those 10 members who are leaving the committee tonight. Together they have a collective experience of more than 30 years with involvement dating back to 2010. These members are Sarah Binns, Peter James, Rosie James, Andrew McQuillan, Karen McQuillan, Stephen Purser, Kate Preston, Karen Smith-Lock, Kate Weight and Rob Weight.

Thank you to the parents who offered their homes for pasta nights and functions and to any other parents I may have missed who have provided other items and assistance to the club.

Rowing has excellent support from the school administration. We appreciate the school staff making their time available for functions and regattas. Particular thanks go to our Principal Allan Jones, Roger Bayly, and Mark Morrissy. We would also like to thank head of sport Anthony Lynch and Christy Dangerfield (parent relations) for PR and website support.

As you all know, Steve Saunders retired from Director of Rowing at the end of the 2017 season. Steve became Director of rowing in 2000 and was instrumental in the success of the rowing programme over 17 years. Following Steve's retirement Simon Cox took up the role of head coach having successfully coached the first eight for many years. He has performed his role well and successfully organised the recent Greenough Camp and has everything in place for when the shed will no longer be available later this year. Our new teacher in charge is Mr Justin Forbes who will be introduced later by Mr Jones.

Over the off season, Mr Morrissy in consultation produced a document outlining the terms of reference for the Don Fraser Club. This document includes information regarding end of season gifts to coaches which I know has caused some confusion in the past. It also outlines more streamlined arrangements for the DFC finances. I would encourage parents to read this when it becomes available in due course.

It's time to look forward to a great 2017/18 season. Thank you for your attention.

Andrew McQuillan

5. HEAD COACH REPORT

Welcome all to the AGM and I will start by thanking everyone here for your continued support of the CCGS Rowing program.

I would like to thank the Don Fraser Club for all its support throughout the 2016/2017 season. It is widely acknowledged how important a role the club plays in helping us to deliver a strong environment for the boys to row in. Special thankyou's to all the office bearers for their amazing efforts throughout the season.

A big thank you to the Headmaster and the school for their continued strong support this year, Also the rowers and especially the Yr 12 boys for their efforts this season. The parents all deserve a great deal of congratulations for their support of the boys in their efforts to succeed. The coaches that we have put together are an amazing group of dedicated individuals who come together to form one of the best coaching teams around.

I would like to thank Steve Saunders for another amazing effort in putting the season together. With all the changes that have taken place over the last few months I think it is imperative that we acknowledge that CCGS rowing is where it is today because of the effort and professionalism that Steve brought to the program over his 18 years here.

Last season's numbers ended up being very good and we were extremely well represented in all races at the Head of the River. Results were mixed but all boys performed at their best enabling us to place 3rd in the Hamer Cup. This was a very exciting result for the future as only one of our senior crews placed in the top 3 on the day.

This season has kicked off really well with numbers being very good. All crews are training well with a 4th VIII training at this stage of the season for only the second time in club history. We had our October camp last week at Greenough and this was a huge success with 53 boys attending. Very good gains have been made and it has kick started the term in a really positive manner. We welcomed Justin Forbes and his son Mitch to the program who both joined us at Greenough. I look forward to a fantastic time working with Justin as we build the program further, to continue and improve on the success the club has experienced in the past.

Term 1 2018 will prove to be very interesting with the club rowing out of Fremantle Rowing Club whilst the new walk down and ramp construction takes place.

I am looking forward to a very exciting and positive season ahead.

Simon Cox

6. TREASURER REPORT

Stephen Purser

7 ELECTION OF OFFICER BEARERS

President	Glenn Bergsma
Vice President	John Welborn
Vice President	Tim Caporn
Secretary	Jill Elias
Treasurer	Mark Wallis
Year 12 Coordinator	Wendy-Anne Smith
Year 11 Coordinator	Jill Elias, Megan Wallis
Year 10 Coordinators	Allie Bergsma, Briony Lee
Year 9 Coordinator/s	TBA
Year 8 Coordinator/s	TBA

8. OTHER MATTERS

Michael Elias thanked those long standing members of the DFC Executive that were finishing tonight; Karen and Andrew McQuillan, Rob and Kate Weight and Stephen Purser.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 6.00pm in V1.

10. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8pm.