



St Ayles Skiff Community Rowing ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SASCRAA Newsletter December 2024

As Christmas draws near and the rowing season gears up for a hectic and fun summer we want to bring you news of the wider St Ayles skiff network around Australia.

Hobart Wooden Boat Festival 8th – 11th February 2025

SASCRAA will be represented at the Festival with “a skiff on the hard” as a focal point for skiffies from around the country who may be visiting the Festival. Skiffies are welcome to bring a brochure or promotional material from their own clubs for any enquirers from your state or region. We do need volunteers to man the skiff static display which has generated several new clubs over the many years we have been represented there. If clubs (or individuals) could let us know they will be coming Hobart and would be willing to help out we would appreciate hearing from you (contact Jim Barr - 042 546 2277).

Hobart SASCRAA General Meeting

As many skiffies will be in Hobart for the Festival, we have scheduled a **General Meeting** on **Saturday 8th February from 4.00pm - 5.30pm** near the harbour in Hobart. Venue to be advised. Attendees can organise themselves into groups to share a meal after the meeting. If you won't be in Hobart you can join the meeting via Zoom on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98215389944?pwd=CJzrYpfNYkbPhSlAU0aMz9OICeTSUB.1>

Meeting ID: 982 1538 9944 Passcode: 100262

News from around the Clubs

Living Boat Trust

The Living Boat Trust are desperately looking for land-based support crew for the raid from Franklin up to Hobart & the return raid back to Franklin. If you can help please contact the LBT directly on 0497 786 572.

Twofold Bay update

The skiff being built in Eden NSW by **Twofold Community Rowing Club** is nearing completion. The launch is scheduled 31st January 2025. Eden and Twofold Bay have a long history of inshore whaling but also annual rowing races in whaleboats and other rowing boats in the historic Eden Regatta. If you'd like to attend or be part of the event please contact Peter Ayling on 0429 061 234.

Glenelg River Row 19th – 23rd March 2025

Approximately 30 participants have registered for this event with skiffs and rowers from five clubs from Victoria and Tasmania. Two Goolwa guest rowers with own smaller rowing skiff. The row will run through the Lower Glenelg National Park on the beautiful lower reaches of the river. The organiser of the event is one of our newest Clubs, Coastal Rowing Geelong!

Skiff for SALE

A skiff recently completed in Adelaide is up for sale. Her builders were very committed and worked under the guidance of Rob Ayliffe, but she hasn't attracted a strong crew of rowers. Under cover until recently *Barlu* is now stored outdoors at Royal Yacht Squadron (Adelaide).



She is so new that she is not yet registered officially on the Skiff Register but is available to a new home complete with oars and new trailer for the very reasonable costs of \$10,000.

It would be encouraging if this skiff were able to find a new home within the SASCRAA community. For details contact Robert Ayliffe at straydogboatworks@gmail.com

“Australian 5” in 2025

We are seeking a sponsoring Club for the Australian 5 event next year. It was previously held in March and involves a designated competition window of one week in which crews complete a 5km return course on home waters which is electronically logged and submitted to the organisers. The Australian 5 is one of the few good things to come out of the Covid lockdowns and a great opportunity to get together in competition without travelling **Coastal Rowing Geelong!** If you are interested in this event please contact Geoffrey Daniel on 0432 504 510.

Other news from around the Clubs

- have transferred a RGYC launching trolley to Williamstown Community Rowing for use at Seaworks (Williamstown) where skiffs *Thursday* and *Cariad* are now based.
- *Mordy Skiff* rowers & possibly **Williamstown** are planning community rowing with Essendon Rowing Club on the Maribyrnong River in mid-January.
- We welcome news and feedback from clubs in all states either direct to members of the SASCRAA committee, the Secretary (Geoffrey Daniel) or our Facebook page (St Ayles Australia)