



ASRL Newsletter

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Opera House Lunch:

Australian Surf Rowers League Presents

SALUTETONAVY

Celebrating 100 years since the first entry of the Royal Australian Navy's Fleet into Sydney 1913-2013 and the International Fleet Review



In aid of The Australian Surf Rowers League

2013 heralds **100 years of service by the Royal Australian Navy**. To help Navy with that celebration and to show our strong support to such a great sponsoring partner the ASRL will be hosting a major lunch function on Friday 4 Oct at the Forecourt of the Sydney Opera House. The Harbor will be full of Tall Ships and Navel vessels from the Navy of countries all around the world, some visiting Australia for the very first time. In total 71 ships will be at berth in Sydney Harbor on the 4 Oct. This is one of those once in a lifetime opportunities to be seated right in the middle of such a spectacle.

It is an opportunity to grab a ticket or table and importantly for clubs to make the opportunity available to their own corporate supporters. It will be a day out like no other running from pre midday to 4 pm so plenty of food, drink, entertainment, auctions and music once again provided by a 6 piece Navy Band.

To read more about this major event, click [HERE](#)

Video Finish Lines:

This is progressing and thanks to our SBC partnership with SLSA they are now looking into the specific equipment required. Our plan at this time is to be ready to trial it at Round 1 of the Triple Crown at Surfers Paradise Qld on the 9 – 10 Nov

Youth Stampede – Don't miss this one

This year the Southern States Youth Stampede is to be held at Robe SA on the 30 Nov and possibly running over to the 1 Dec. Robe is a beautiful holiday location close to the border between SA & VIC and sits roughly just below Mt Gambier. To assist crews in the youth divisions from all over Australia the ASRL will be laying on buses from both Melbourne and Adelaide airports to provide free travel between the Airport and Robe, return for ASRL members.

Crews would need to plan to arrive at Melbourne Airport no later than 3.30 on Friday 29 Nov to catch the Coach to Robe. A little later at Adelaide say 5pm to catch the Coach. The Melbourne return coach would probably need to leave Robe by 9am to make connecting flights to Tassie etc. Again the Adelaide return could leave at 11am.

This will be one of those magic weekends for young rowers to remember for a lifetime. Good racing, new friends, a night out in Robe and a bus trip. Life really doesn't get much better than this. The SASRL will be putting out more detail including information on accommodation in the next couple of weeks but it is a definite goer so time to look at booking flights.

Needless to say interest is already high with committed crews from WA, QLD, TAS, VIC and of course SA. This will be the first time the NSW crews have heard of it so jump on board. Bus seats are limited to roughly 50 seats per bus but if the numbers warrant we will need to look at more than one bus.

Finally the ASRL will be looking to send a range of senior sweep/coaches to Robe who could be allocated a number of crews each to Mentor during the weekend of events

Surf Rowers Triple Crown Event:



From the response the take up of the Triple Crown has been amazing. We have been oversubscribed with crews from most States to be Seeded into the R1 Sunday event so once all crews confirm their attendance we may need to invoke a cull.

As we now know if you aren't seeded into the Sunday of R1 you can still make it by coming out of the Saturday Shoot-Out event. We have a clash for R1 with the R1 of Ocean Thunder which isn't ideal but being subject to a lot of outside restrictions this clash couldn't be avoided. It isn't the end of the world for the OT crews as they can still win a spot into the seeded Sunday of R2, & R3 from the Shoot-Out Saturday at both Anglesea and Manly.

Next Committee Meeting:

The next committee meeting will be held on the weekend 31 August, 1 Sept. We have a very full agenda yet again where we will be tackling a lot of the important issues challenging our sport.

The draft meeting agenda can be found [HERE](#) and hopefully members will see that their committee is off and running in the continuance of making our sport one that remains relevant into the future.

George Bass Marathon:

It's that time again. Plenty of interest and for the first time in many Bass events we have crews interested in attending from every State.

Don't miss a spot remembering we restrict entries to around the 30 mark so we can be sure we look after you all. Visit www.georgebassmarathon.com.au complete the entry form and send it in to lock yourself in for a starting spot. Entry fee payment can follow when you confirm.

AGM behind us:

It is a very disappointing trend that sees a lot of nastiness surface at election time each year. Luckily the vast majority of members aren't drawn into the silly season and are able to sort out and support the direction they are happy to see the League run down.

To the very small minority that wants to run with the anti-campaign it is now time to stand aside and let the committee get on with business. You have had two red hot cracks at taking control over the last two years and the membership has clearly rejected your offer. To any member that feels they have something to say or feels disenfranchised the door is completely open for you to correspond directly to the committee via the secretary. All correspondence received by the secretary will be handled by the committee but we will not be entertaining the running of chat forum slanging matches in the future. We as a committee don't have the time for the distraction, are not interested and the general membership have voted with their feet by dropping off the forum largely due to fear of having a question ridiculed. Let's now revert to using the chat forum as a tool to transfer information and for friendly banter.

To those who voted and attended the AGM thanks from all the committee for your support. To the two VP members who missed a committee spot we fully intend to keep your interest working for the ASRL with special tasks during the year.

Bert HUNT
President ASRL