



Glenorchy Rowing Club Inc.

Fun, Fitness and Friendship

www.glenorchyrowing.com

Member Information

The Glenorchy Rowing Club welcomes active rowers, non-rowing members and friends. Our motto is 'Fun, fitness and friendship'.

Membership

We have a number of membership options to suit your interests.

Membership categories

Pennant Rower

Pennant rower membership includes:

- the use of all the club's equipment and facilities
- unlimited on water sessions
- transport costs of sculls to and from regattas
- access to coaching if possible
- hire of club rooms at a discount rate, and
- eligibility for election to office & voting rights.

Note: Rowers need to pay the Rowing Tasmania registration fee and their own race entry fees.

Pennant Rower (Student)

For full time students. Membership includes:

- the use of all the club's equipment and facilities
- unlimited on water sessions
- transport costs of sculls to and from regattas
- access to coaching if possible
- hire of club rooms at a discount rate, and
- eligibility for election to office & voting rights.

Note: Rowers need to pay the Rowing Tasmania registration fee and their own race entry fees.

Non-Pennant Rower

Non pennant rowing membership includes:

- the use of all the club's equipment and facilities
- unlimited on water sessions
- access to coaching if possible
- permission to compete at local club regattas (i.e. New Norfolk, Sandy Bay, and Royal Hobart) & the State Masters regatta
- hire of club rooms at a discount rate, and
- eligibility for election to office & voting rights.

Note: Rowers need to pay the Rowing Tasmania registration fee, their own race entry fees, and share of cost to transport boats to regattas.

Associate

This category is for non-rowing members & coaches. Membership includes:

- hire of club rooms at a discount rate
- use of the gym equipment, and
- eligibility for election to office & voting rights.

Visiting Rower

This category is for financial members from another club who are rowing from the Glenorchy clubrooms, for example as a composite member of a Glenorchy crew. Visiting Rower membership includes:

- the use of all the club's equipment and facilities
- transport costs of sculls to and from regattas if rowing with a Glenorchy crew
- access to coaching if possible.

Visiting Rowers:

- can only row with a GRC member from category 1, 2 or 3
- must be registered with Rowing Tasmania
- will need to pay their own race entry fees
- are not eligible for election to office nor have voting rights, and
- can't hire the club rooms at a discount rate.

Casual Rower (non-competitive)

This category is for those rowers who just want to row occasionally. Casual members:

- must apply for Casual Rower membership
- must be registered with Rowing Tasmania
- will need to pay a fee per row
- can only row with a GRC member from category 1, 2 or 3
- are not eligible for election to office nor have voting rights, and
- can't hire the club rooms at a discount rate.

Life Member

Life members have full rights and privileges of club membership. Membership includes:

- the use of all the club's equipment and facilities
- unlimited on water sessions
- transport costs of sculls to and from regattas
- access to coaching if possible
- hire of club rooms at a discount rate
- eligibility for election to office & voting rights.

Note: Rowers need to pay the Rowing Tasmania registration fee, their own race entry fees, and share of cost to transport boats to regattas

Honorary Life Member

Honorary life members are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting as a mark of the club's appreciation of their service. They have the full rights and privileges of club members without payment of a subscription.

Friend

For family & friends of club members who volunteer to assist the club with activities. If involved with any on water activity (e.g. in safety boat) friends must be registered as a volunteer with Rowing Tasmania.

Friends:

- are not eligible for election to office nor have voting rights
- can't to hire the club rooms at a discount rate.

Affiliate Member

Affiliate Members:

- have access to the GRC boat shed & clubrooms
- have use of gymnasium
- can hire club rooms at a discount rate, but
- are not eligible for election to office nor have voting rights of the Glenorchy Rowing Club Inc.

Affiliate Member (Junior)

Affiliate Member (Junior) member are under 18 years. They:

- have access to the GRC boat shed & clubrooms
- have use of gymnasium, but
- are not eligible for election to office nor have voting rights of the Glenorchy Rowing Club Inc.

Rowing Tasmania Registration

For insurance purposes, all members or coaches other than Affiliate Members who go on the water in any capacity must also be registered with Rowing Tasmania.

Member Responsibilities

Members are expected to:

- pay all membership fees when they become due
- contribute to tasks such as cleaning and maintaining the clubrooms and
- contribute to club activities including fundraising however they can.

Fees

The management committee sets the membership fees each year. The club membership year commences on 1 October. Membership dues are payable in full on 1 October or by instalment in consultation with the Treasurer.

Membership fees do not include registration with Rowing Tasmania (RT). RT registration forms are available from committee members or via a link to Revolutionise Sport.

Safety

All members must read and adhere to the club's safety guidelines, which can be found at www.glenorchyrowing.com or obtained from any committee member. A copy can also be found on the club noticeboard in the boat bay.

Equipment

The Club Captain with the assistance of the Vice-Captain is responsible for ensuring the club's equipment is properly managed. The Club Captain manages the use of club equipment

Use of boats

The club has a number of sculls and associated equipment for use by members in accordance with their membership. Generally speaking, Pennant members and rowers who are competing have preferential use of club facilities and equipment.

Club boats cannot be taken out onto the water without a coach/club member in a rescue boat present, unless the committee has given permission to the rower(s) concerned. All rowers must enter details of their proposed row in the red folder, including departure time, expected time of return and proposed course.

Rescue boats can only be operated by members with a MAST motor boat licence. Anyone in a rescue boat must wear a PFD in accordance with MAST regulations and all rescue boats must carry safety equipment as required by MAST.

No club boat can be modified without the Club Captain's permission.

No privately stored equipment can be used without the owner's permission.

Equipment damage

Boats and equipment do get damaged. Any damage should be reported to the Club Captain as soon as possible after the incident occurs.

Repairing equipment does take time and is expensive. To minimise damage to the equipment, the club encourages safe practices.

Gym Equipment

All members have access to the gym equipment.

Private boat storage

If room is available and the Club Captain approves, members can store privately owned boats and associated equipment such as oars in the boatshed. There is an annual fee for private boat storage.

Fundraising

Membership fees generally pay for the cost of running the club. Fundraising contributes to maintaining equipment and purchasing new equipment. The club's main fundraising activities are:

- hiring the clubroom
- learn to row courses
- club social functions
- raffles, chocolate sales etc
- staffing the kiosk at Lake Barrington.

Club members should assist in at least two fundraising activities during the year.

Competition

Members competing at Rowing Tasmania regattas need to be registered with Rowing Tasmania.

Members who are competing should wear the Glenorchy Rowing Club colours (black, white and green) preferably in the club zootie (racing kit), unless they are members of another club rowing in a composite crew.

At the discretion of the committee the club may pay seat fees for rowers representing the club at National regattas. Any rower can apply to the committee for consideration.

Club rooms

The clubhouse is the club's most valuable asset. Members using the clubrooms should keep them clean and tidy, clean up any spills, etc, remove any items that belong to them and report any damage or breakage.

For security reasons the clubroom is divided into 2 areas. Only club members can use the boat bay.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building.

Club room hire

The club room is available for hire, although club functions have priority over hire for other purposes. Hiring the clubroom is at the discretion of the committee, but in no circumstance is it available for hire for 18th or 21st birthday parties.

The hirer must enter into an agreement and pay a deposit. The deposit is refunded if, in the opinion of the responsible club member, the clubroom is left clean and tidy and there is no damage or breakage. Hirers have access only to the main hall and the toilets, but not to the boat bay

Club members can hire the building at a discount rate although they will still need to pay the deposit.

Keys

Access to the club room and boat shed is via a key kept in a combination lock box located near the rear door. The key is to be used to open the external door and once opened, relocked using a chock to keep the door open. Once the boat shed internal door is unlocked, the key must be immediately returned to the lock box and the lock box closed and combination scrambled. On re-entering the clubrooms, the chock is removed and external door closed.

The combination to the lock box will be advised to relevant members on payment of membership fees.

If the key is lost the member should report it immediately to the President and Club Captain.

A Potted History

Compared to most other rowing clubs in and around Hobart, the Glenorchy Rowing Club has a relatively short history.

The inaugural meeting of the Club was held at nearby Rosetta High School, on the 14th of April, 1971. A group of prominent businessmen and professionals from the area, many of them from the Glenorchy Football Club, formed a steering committee to oversee the formation of the new club. The Glenorchy Rowing Club was officially established in 1972.

Initially all equipment used by the Club was borrowed from other rowing clubs in the south. A sponsorship and fundraising program saw the acquisition of several crew boats, blades, a trailer and coach's runabout.

The club initially operated from the old Montrose Bay Yacht Club building, which was vacant. The building was purchased from the yacht club for \$325. The club operated from here until the building was demolished in 1977 to make way for the reclamation of the area for construction of the Brooker Highway.

For several seasons following the demolition the Club operated from trailers stored at various locations throughout the Northern Suburbs. The committee investigated several sites along the foreshore from Prince of Wales Bay to Austins Ferry to find slightly more sheltered waters and land suitable for new clubrooms and boat shed and selected Windermere Bay.

However the lack of suitable facilities had reduced rower numbers and by 1980 the future of the club looked grim. Following consultation with the Glenorchy City Council and with funds sourced from the Commonwealth Employment Program, it was decided to rebuild the Club at Montrose Bay. The present Club building was built and officially opened in 1985.



Figure 1 The club rooms under construction in 1985

The Glenorchy City Council has also been a valued supporter of the club for many years and currently owns the building, which the rowing club leases.

Crews from Rosetta High School, Claremont High School, New Town High School, Cosgrove High School, St Virgil's College, Hobart Matriculation College, Dominic College and Guilford Young College have boated from the from the Glenorchy Rowing Club, although the club currently has no school rowers.

Although having had periods of very low membership, rowers in Glenorchy colours have won state and national titles and have been selected for both national and international competition. The Glenorchy Rowing Club has a history of producing champion rowers. Two previous members have rowed for Australia; Shaun Finlayson at the 2008 World Rowing Championships and Dana Felatic who participated in both World Championships and at the 2004 Athens Olympics where she won bronze in the women's quad scull.

The original club logo was the 'magpie'. The magpie is linked to the beginning of the club when it was associated with the Glenorchy Football Club.