

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY ROWING NEWSLETTER

2013 has been a hugely successful year for the Victoria University rowing club. Have a read through our newsletter to find out what we have been up to!

University Champs

This year 50 Victoria University students travelled to the NZ University champs in Lake Karapiro in April. We came away with some great results, including:

- **Women's Intermediate 8+:** Second.
- **Women's Intermediate 4x+:** Second.
- **Women's Intermediate 2x:** Second.
- **Women's Intermediate 2x:** Third.
- **Women's Intermediate 4+:** Third.
- **Men's Novice 4+:** Third.
- **Women's Novice 8+:** Third.
- **Men's Novice 8+:** Third.

Women's Champ 8+ placed fourth in the prestigious Tamaki Cup Race.

Coxswain, **Lauren McAndrew** was selected for the NZ University Team to compete at the Trans-Tasman Regatta in July, in Adelaide.

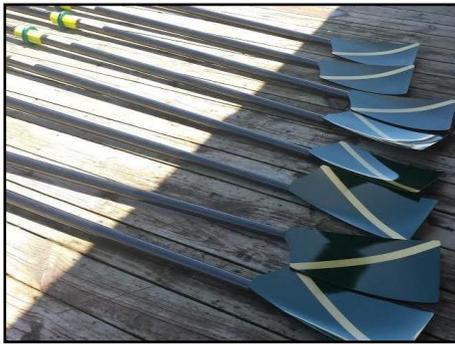
Rower, **Amy Robson** was selected into the Women's Lightweight quad, also competing at the Trans-Tasman Regatta in July, in Adelaide.



New oars

Thanks to the generosity of the **Victoria University Foundation**, we have recently purchased **eight new Concept2 sweep oars**. These oars will be used by our university rowers at the upcoming New Zealand University Championships in April 2014. They are a fantastic purchase and will allow for a higher quality of training and racing for our athletes. Our sincere thanks to the Victoria University Foundation for their sponsorship.

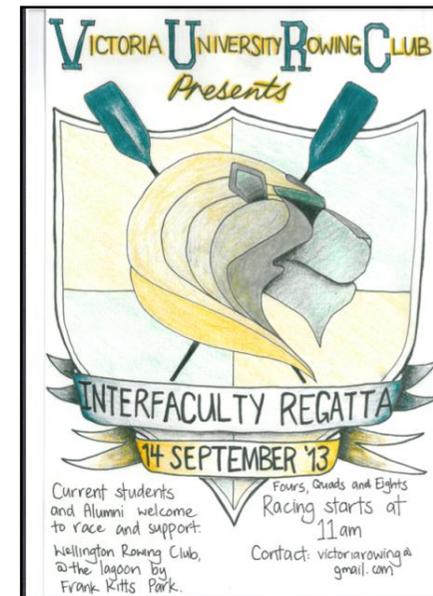
On December 20th we put the oars on the water for the first time. Shelagh Murray of the Foundation joined us to view the new oars in action.



Interfaculty Regatta

This year we ran a very successful Interfaculty Regatta which saw our **members represent their faculty** and race off against each other. The regatta took place on 14th September on Lampton Harbour and consisted of three events: **Open 4+**, **Open 8+** and **Open 4x-**.

We were joined by **Massey University** which made for some great racing. Despite strong performances from the Science and Commerce faculties, it was the **'Vic Alumni' squad who won every race and thus won the regatta overall**. We concluded the regatta with a BBQ before heading to Hope Bros for Tim Wilson's farewell party (see below). Thanks to everyone who helped put on this great event, we look forward to next year's regatta!



Tim Wilson leaving

Sadly Vic Rowing stalwart Tim Wilson announced earlier this year that he would be leaving Wellington and that his time with the Victoria University Rowing Club would be coming to an end.

Tim **joined the club over 10 years ago** when he came to Wellington to study and has since then done a tremendous amount of work as a rower, coach and administrator. He is a **Life Member of the club** and to recognise his input the Club presented the Tim Wilson Cup for Service to Victoria University Rowing Club at Tim's leaving party which was held on Saturday 14th at Hope Bros.

Tim has moved to Cambridge where he will be still be heavily involved with rowing. Thanks for everything Tim!



Committee 2014

Members for the 2014 Victoria University Rowing committee are; Sean Durkin (President), Hamish Journeaux (Vice-President), Jordan Lipski (Treasurer), Griffin Hunt (Club-Captain), Amy Robson, Jaryd McCavana, Elyse Rothery, Kate Jordan, Luke Watts & Isabel Dowden (Secretary, inset).



Former Vic Rower representing New Zealand

Former Victoria University student and VicRowing member **James Hunter** has had huge success on the international rowing scene this year. He came away from the World Championship Regatta this year in Seoul, South Korea, with a **silver medal** following a stunning performance in the **Mens Lightweight 4-**. At the time of writing the crew have been nominated as the Team of the Year for the Halberg Awards. We are **extremely proud** of Jamie's achievements and look forward to seeing many more in the future!



Jamie is in bow seat in this photo (closest to the right).

We are very grateful for the support of our sponsors:



Vic Key Ring

Thanks to **Jaryd McCavana** Vic Rowing now has their own oar key ring. Sales so far have been very successful and key rings will be on **sale again in 2014**. If you would like one please contact Jaryd at socofficer.vurc@gmail.com.



We are always on the lookout for sponsors to support our capital purchases. If you or your business is in a position to sponsor the purchase of new equipment, please contact Sean Durkin at sean@durkinfamily.co.nz.

For general enquiries contact Isabel at victoriarowing@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support and congratulations on a successful 2013.

Merry Xmas and **Happy New Year!** See you in 2014, Vic Rowing.