

MURWILLUMBAH ROWING CLUB

“RAMBLINGS”



What's happening in June/July 2009?

June 9 Club Committee Meeting 7:00p.m
June 28 HoTT Marathon
July 14 Club Committee Meeting 7:00p.m
July 19 Notice to members of matters of AGM (in 21 days)

Every Wednesday 4:00pm Club Coaching & Learn to Row - Dinner
Every Saturday 6.30am Club Coaching & Learn to Row

Hi Everyone,

Well the big ticket item coming up is HoTT... and all help is appreciated. It will be a long day – with Club-house preparation work commencing on the Saturday. If you can assist on both days it will be great! John Macdonald has got just about everything under control except the weather, and has issued rosters of jobs for members. All of us are hoping for a clear blue day with no wind as it was last year. Additional people are always appreciated – especially with assisting tired rowers & their boats out of water at the finish or keeping an eye on parking - no more complaints are wanted.

John Sturmer has got his new boat – *Eternity*. Named in honour of Arthur Stace (see sidebar), it has already been christened in the Tweed. John popped a gate – and consequently rolled in! A cool evening, it was not much pleasure being **in** the river rather than **on** the river, however club members came to his aid – at the scene and also once back at the Club.

John wants to express his thanks to all the members concerned:

[I would like] to pass on my most heart felt thanks ...to those who helped me after my spectacular roll over yesterday. In particular to Di, who stayed to watch over me until Jimmy Stewart came & used his skill with his scull to push me & the boat to shore. Also to the ladies quad with Louise, Michelle, Tamara & Lisa who waited until I got back in the boat & headed home. Michelle was waiting on the bank when I got home to help me carry the boat up, she then turned into the Mother & ordered me to the showers while she & Louise washed the boat & oars & put them away. I am humbled at the loving care all have shown to a fellow member. These acts of kindness shown to me leave me in no doubt that there is more goodness in the club than negativity. My most humble thanks to all. -John.

We will fish him out of the water anytime - TR.

Did you know:

The front door to the Club house was the original door of the building that stood on the site before the Club was built. It was kept from the house, cleaned up and painted and put into the new building. That was ten years ago this October...the club turns 10 this year!

Arthur Malcolm Stace (9 February 1884 – 30 July 1967), otherwise known as Mr. Eternity, was a homeless Australian man who converted to Christianity and spread his form of gospel by writing the word "Eternity" on footpaths in Sydney, using chalk. Even though he was illiterate and could hardly write his own name Arthur, legibly, the word Eternity, "*came out smoothly, in a beautiful copperplate script. I couldn't understand it, and I still can't.*"

Several mornings a week for 35 years, Arthur would go around the streets of Sydney and chalk the word Eternity on footpaths, train station entrances and anywhere else he could think of.

The Sydney City Council brought



him to the attention of the police as they had rules about the defacing of pavements, so much so that he narrowly avoided arrest around twenty-four times.

Each time he was caught, he responded with, "*But I had permission from a higher source*".

As a tribute to the man known as Mr. Eternity, the Sydney Harbour Bridge was lit up with the word "Eternity" as part of the celebrations for the beginning of the year 2000

Lease with Tweed Shire Council

MRC is currently negotiating the new lease with TSC. As a result, you should see items appearing in the Club to ensure we comply with OH&S standards on flammable liquid storage, signage, fire and evacuation plans. John Henley and I have been working through the terms and conditions and expect the lease to be finalised in July.

See you at HoTT - one great day!!! cheers Tim