

Annual Dinner and Awards Night

Rowers rewarded after stellar Shepparton Rowing Club season



Stars are out: Olivia Anderson, Christine Robey, Emily Belcher, Alice Austin, Tomas Nalder, Emily Waller, James Darbyshire and James Eldred were awarded at Shepparton Rowing Club's presentation night.

Shepparton Rowing Club members have been recognised for their efforts from the 2021-22 season.

Best First Year Rower Tom Nalder was presented the Booth Cup by Ray Booth in memory of his father Stan Booth, who won the trophy at the Rutherglen Regatta in 1947.

Nalder competed at six regattas in 11 events plus two as cox, made nine finals and had two wins plus a silver medal in the male under-15 single sculls at the State Championships.

Nalder was awarded with the Most Consistent award for his sound performances in training and in racing and striving for better outcomes.





One to watch: Tomas Nalder was presented with Best First Year Rower by Ray Booth.

After an outstanding season Patrick Sharp took out the Most Outstanding men's rower, taking home the perpetual 1937 Shepparton Regatta Cup.

Sharp was also awarded the most inspiring performance award for achieving four wins in two days at the Footscray and Maribyrnong regattas.

Most Improved Rower went to Emily Belcher for her progressive improvement and commitment to training and competition.

Belcher was presented the L Bryant Memorial Cup for the Most Outstanding women's rower, showing outstanding commitment to club values and training on and off the water.





Reward for effort: Emily Belcher was presented with Most Outstanding women's rower by Alice Austin.

A highlight of the night at Shepparton Golf Club was guest speaker and former Australian international rower, multiple world championship medallist and Olympic gold medallist in the men's double sculls at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, Peter Antonie.

Club president Geoff Withers asked questions which gave Antonie the opportunity to talk about his amazing achievements in the sport of rowing from his early days of learning to row at high school, to his experience competing for Australia on rivers and lakes across the world.



Young gun: Olivia Anderson received the coaches award from John Darbyshire.



Other awards went to Jensen O'Farrell and Jacobi McManus (encouragement awards), Olivia Anderson (coaches award) and James Eldred, Tom Schier and James Darbyshire, who were acknowledged for their successful wins throughout the season (club winning competitor medals).

Community sporting clubs rely on the hard work and commitment of their volunteers.

The club acknowledged Christine Robey for her loyal, dedicated and valuable service to the club across several years with the Service to the Club award.

Best Club Person was presented to Alice Austin for the enormous effort she has contributed with organising and participating in fundraising opportunities.



Future leader: Christine Robey presents Emily Waller with the Club Leadership award.





Great for the club: Alice Austin was presented with Best Club Person award from Karen Eldred.



Rubbing shoulders with the best: Tomas Nalder with guest speaker Peter Antonie.

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