The four local South Island Rowing Associations; Marlborough, Canterbury, Otago and Southland, have changed the South Island Rowing Inc. structure. As with Rowing New Zealand, South Island Rowing Inc. (SIRI) will operate under a Board with two Directors appointed from each local Association.

The Board Members are: Ivan Sutherland (Chairman), Dave Henry, Pat McQuinn (Vice-Chairman), Philip Bell (Executive Secretary), Gerard Mulvey, Neil Burrow, Cliff Buchanan and Peter Sinclair. Outside the Board, Terry McQuinn has been appointed as the Treasurer. Sub-Committees will undertake the operations of SIRI with one director chairing each sub-Committee.

The sub-Committee Chairs are as follows:

- Regattas: Pat McQuinn
- Course Management: Cliff Buchanan
- Finance, Audit, Sponsorship and Risk: Ivan Sutherland
- Accommodation and Catering: Cliff Buchanan
- On Shore Facilities: Dave Henry
- Safety: Peter Sinclair

The new sub-Committees are very keen to see significant changes and improvements to the way SIRI operates and these should become evident as the new season progresses.

One particular action the Board has instigated is the compilation of a list of Associate Members. It has been found that many of the volunteers that are the heart of the SIRI operations are not members of a Local Rowing Association or Club and consequently miss out on much of the information SIRI makes available.

Further, a lot of the names previously captured no longer have valid contact details. Colin Giddens is leading the data capture here and he will contact anyone who is assisting with the work.

Details can also be forwarded to the Secretary.

Recently, SIRI hosted a training camp for the Southern RPC. In spite of being winter and adverse weather forecasts the camp eventually went ahead and going by responses from those involved, the camp was very successful. This picture above shows the crews having lunch in the MacRae Lounge.
The pictures below show the calm water and snow on the mountains!

With the completion of the deck outside the MacRae Lounge came the donation of tables and chairs. The picture below shows these additions that have yet to be bolted down.

**Working Bee**

During the last weekend of August there was a working bee. The aim of the working bee was to make progress on some of the works that had already been started.

One such work was the rearrangement of the start tower. The picture below shows Trevor, Cliff and Colin working on the recladding work.

The picture on the right below shows the front of the start tower. The tower has been adapted for the boatholders and the steps and flat area will make it much easier for them to access the shelter and also change the race details displayed on the front of the Tower.
Rowing Managers

We know that every Club/School has a person in charge be it a Manager, Teacher, Captain etc. There has been a lot of miscommunication between SIRI and the various attendees. SIRI needs to know who these people are and their contact details. Could all Clubs and Schools proposing to attend Regattas at Lake Ruataniwha please ensure their contact details are forwarded to the Secretary.

The South Island Rowing website will undergo a facelift over the next couple of months, and all information will be updated.

Any contributions, comments or correspondence for this newsletter or website should be forwarded to the Secretary.

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