



# **THE MUBC FUTURE FUND**

**A PROUD PAST,  
A VIBRANT FUTURE**





## A PROUD PAST

**On the third of September 1859 Professor Martin Irving led a crew of University oarsmen to victory in a boat race along the Yarra River.**

It marked the first amateur race of its kind to ever be staged in Melbourne. Immediately after, the Melbourne University Boat Club (MUBC) was formed. From these small beginnings MUBC has grown to become one of the leading rowing clubs in the world and a national sporting success story.

Our history is rich – as the oldest rowing club in Australia, we have generated an impressive array of championship titles and international awards. Specifically:

- More than 50 oarsmen and women representing Australia in the Olympics since 1912
- More than 120 oarsmen and women representing Australia in the World Rowing Championships since 1962
- More than 280 national championship victories
- Numerous Victorian representatives at interstate championships; and
- An outstanding record of success at the Australian University Rowing Championships (Intervarsity)

For over 165 years, thousands of men and women have rowed for MUBC and enjoyed the many benefits that rowing has brought to their lives. We are proud of our culture, which fosters life-long companionship and teamwork. Our aim is to support every MUBC member to become the best they can be – both on and off the water. We wish to continue to create great people who contribute more to society.

Our history includes many stories of generous supporters and each year our coaches and administrative staff work hard to ensure high standards are maintained. However, in the modern world, we need to adapt our practices in order to sustain and improve the club.



THE NEW BOATHOUSE - BUILT 1909

That's why we've established the Melbourne University Boat Club Rowing Sub-fund of the Melbourne University Sport Foundation, which we are calling the MUBC Future Fund.

The Fund aims to raise \$5 million. We have made a substantial start - over \$4m raised and the establishment of scholarships that will provide support long into the future. It is an ambitious target, but ambition is at the heart of everything we do.

With your generous support, we will be able to continue to build our base and have more people rowing for the club and also provide an enhanced experience to our leading athletes and prospective rowers. It will enable us to employ more coaches, expand our administrative capacity and enhance our fleet.

We invite all the members of our community to assist MUBC by making a gift to the MUBC Future Fund. In doing so, you will be providing opportunities for future generations of oarsmen and women to come.





Patron of the MUBC Future Fund

“Like many of us, I have been the beneficiary of having rowed at MUBC. So that future generations of University of Melbourne students can also have such great experiences and learnings, I encourage you to consider joining me and donating to the MUBC Future Fund.”

**PETER ANTONIE OAM**  
Olympic Gold Medallist | Thomas Keller Medallist  
Winner of the King's Cup, Penrith Cup and President's Cup  
MUBC President 1996 - 2017  
Honorary Life Member  
Member of the Clive Disher Circle and the 1859 Club

**A VIBRANT FUTURE: THE CURRENT MUBC FUNDING MODEL**

It costs more than \$850,000 per annum to run MUBC. The following charts show how our funds are spent and where we derive our income:

EXPENDITURE	
Melbourne University – club house expenses	\$200,000
New boats and equipment	\$140,000
Basic admin and misc expenses	\$30,000
Boat repairs and maintenance	\$60,000
Coaching boats and motor vehicle expenses	\$35,000
Rowing Victoria levies	\$40,000
Staff wages	\$360,000

REVENUE	
Foundation	\$75,000
Boat equipment sales	\$70,000
Development and external funding: Rowing Australia, other	\$230,000
Melbourne University Sport	\$280,000
Member subs and fees	\$210,000



## HOW YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP

Throughout our history we have always strived to be innovative in our training practices and progressive in our policy making.

As a result, we are one of the few clubs that offers a breadth of experiences and performance standards at all levels.

The MUBC Future Fund has been established to specifically assist the club in expanding its operations in a strategic manner. This will be realised through employing professional management and additional coaches, developing better programs, and upgrading equipment and facilities.

Specifically your donations are helping to:

- Increase our administrative and operational managerial support, including a ‘General Manager’ (one of the first initiatives the Fund is supporting)
- Employ more coaches – full-time and part-time
- Provide more support for our leading athletes – including scholarships to help attract high-potential rowers
- Continue to enhance and maintain the quality of our fleet
- Provide a ‘Learn to Row’ experience for University students
- Provide tailored programs for international students
- Develop ‘limited season’ rowing experiences; and
- Maintain our broad range of existing programs.

We need your help to secure a vibrant future for MUBC.



“MUBC is the birthplace of great friendships, a lifelong love affair with rowing, and many an Olympic dream. Without the Club so many of us would not be able to represent this country and share our love of sport with the broader community.”

**KIM BRENNAN** AM  
BA, LLB  
University Blue  
Olympic Gold Medallist  
World Champion

“As students chasing our dreams of representing Australia at the World Championships and Olympic Games, we rely on the support of others. Rowing might be an amateur sport, but it has professional requirements.”

**ALICE MCNAMARA**  
BCom/BSc, MD  
University Blue  
World Champion





ELIZA GAFFNEY AND FRASER MISCAMBLE  
John Hall Scholarship and Jopling Family Rowing Scholarship Recipients

## WAYS TO SUPPORT MUBC

A number of gift categories have been developed to recognise those who generously assist us in realising a vibrant future. These are listed below.

Gifts to the MUBC Future Fund are held in the Melbourne University Sports Foundation. The University of Melbourne is a certified Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) and all donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible for Australian tax purposes.

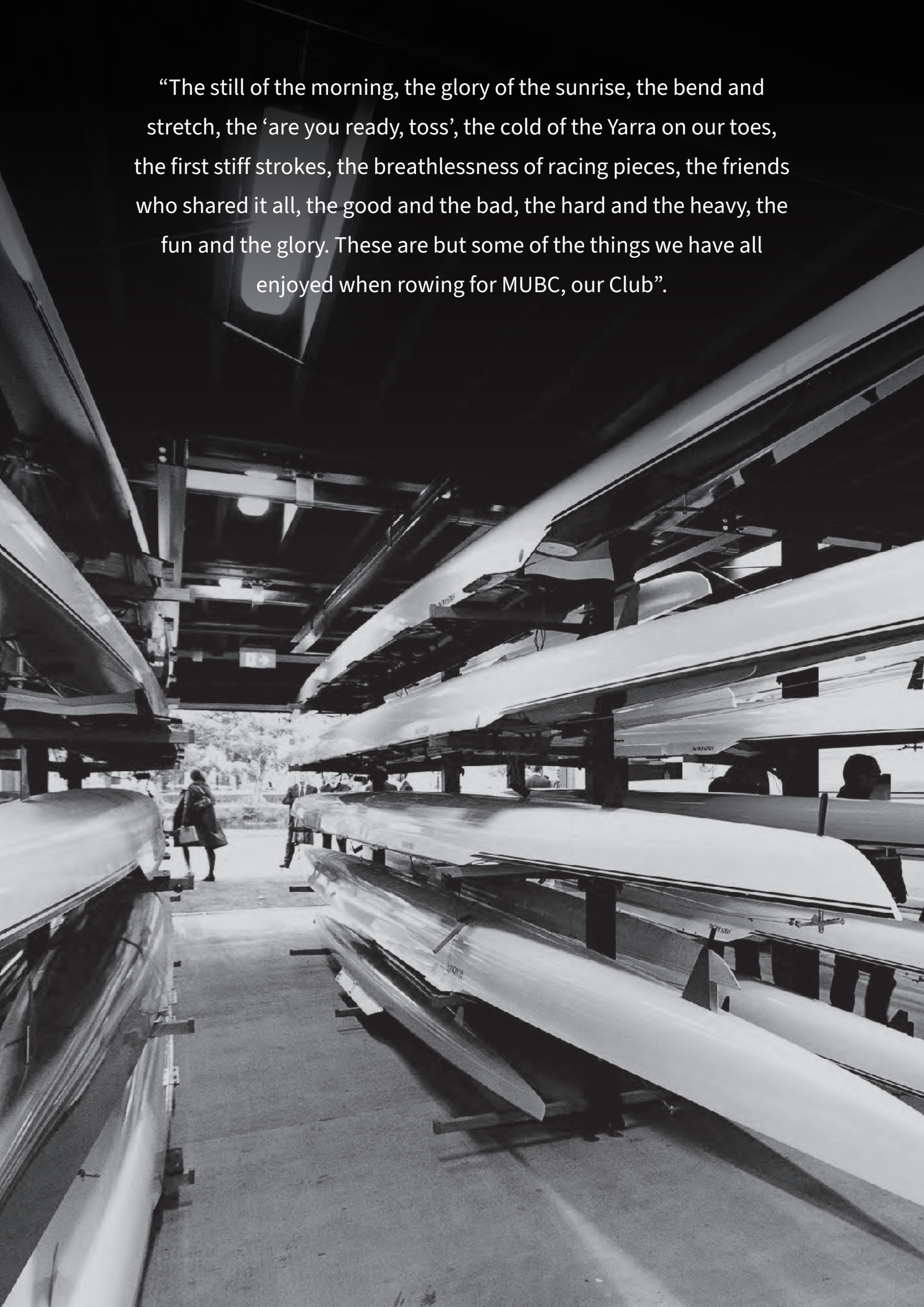
The club has established the 1859 Club as a way of acknowledging and thanking those who have chosen to remember MUBC in their will.

You may also wish to consider establishing a scholarship to support students participation in rowing at MUBC.

GIFT CATEGORY	COMMITMENT*
The MUBC Supporters	\$2,500 - \$4,999
The Pat Oddie Ambassadors	\$5,000 – \$12,499
The Harvey Nicholson Associates	\$12,500 – \$24,999
The Martin Irving Patrons	\$25,000 – \$49,999
The John Lang Benefactors	\$50,000 – \$124,999
The Clive Disher Circle	\$125,000 and above

\* Gifts may be spread over a five-year period.





“The still of the morning, the glory of the sunrise, the bend and stretch, the ‘are you ready, toss’, the cold of the Yarra on our toes, the first stiff strokes, the breathlessness of racing pieces, the friends who shared it all, the good and the bad, the hard and the heavy, the fun and the glory. These are but some of the things we have all enjoyed when rowing for MUBC, our Club”.

**TO MAKE A GIFT PLEASE VISIT:**

 [giving.unimelb.edu.au/themubcfuturefund](https://giving.unimelb.edu.au/themubcfuturefund)

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