

Award Name	CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD
Description	Awarded to the club that has made the most significant impact in their local community by driving rowing participation and development during this year.
Criteria	1. Demonstrated an increased number or retention of people participating in rowing (indoor and/or on-water – traditional and/or coastal). This can include rowing events. 2. Been a significant positive influence in promoting the sport to a new audience (including new disciplines). 3. Demonstrated an outstanding use of available resources to drive participation. 4. May have demonstrated sustainability or Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives. 5. Shown a strong alignment with the core values of Rowing Australia – Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, and Courage.
Selection Process	Anyone from the rowing community can nominate preferred candidates that meet the above criteria to RA via an online form.
What do they get	Trophy to take home.

Award Name	VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD
Description	Awarded to the person who has volunteered (i.e. unpaid) in a rowing related role this year e.g. coaching, administration, event support, official.
Criteria	1. Demonstrated significant effort or impact to rowing at a club and state level, contributing towards positive outcomes for the sport. Contribution to the sport of rowing in Australia is viewed more favourably than contribution to the national body (Rowing Australia) alone. 2. Been a significant positive influence to their peer group by demonstrating an outstanding commitment and contribution to the sport. 3. Shown a strong alignment with the core values of Rowing Australia – Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, and Courage.
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Award Name	OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD
Description	Awarded to the person who has demonstrated their commitment to rowing in their capacity as an official at rowing events during this year.
Criteria	1. Demonstrated a significant commitment to working as an official at events (including state, national, and/or international). Contribution to Rowing in Australia is viewed more favourably than contribution to the national events alone. 2. Acted as a mentor or positive role model for other officials or the rowing community. 3. Maintained in-depth knowledge of current policy and procedures related to the conduct of rowing competitions in Australia 4. Shown a strong alignment with the core values of Rowing Australia – Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, and Courage.
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Award Name	SERVICE TO ROWING AWARD
Description	Awarded to the person who has made significant and enduring contributions to the sport of rowing through all or some of the following criteria.
Criteria	1. Demonstrated dedication and commitment to the sport over an extended period. 2. Positively impacted rowers at any level whether from school, club or elite. 3. Involved in governing bodies, clubs, or organizations that promote and support rowing at different levels. 4. Helped to drive significant improvement in the sport. 5. Shown a strong alignment with the core values of Rowing Australia – Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, and Courage.
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Award Name	ROWING PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD
Description	Awarded to an organisation or community group that has delivered a successful rowing related program or initiative.
Criteria	1. A successful rowing related program or initiative (indoor and/or on-water – traditional and/or coastal) will demonstrate an increased number of people participating in rowing and/or improved retention rates of current participants (including volunteers). An increase in youth participants will be viewed favourably. 2. The program or initiative has had a significant positive influence in promoting the sport to either engage a new audience or retain current participants. 3. The program or initiative has had active engagement and support from the local community (e.g. volunteers, local businesses) and positive social outcomes (e.g. promotion of inclusivity and diversity). 4. Demonstrated an outstanding use of available resources to drive participation or engagement which could include, but is not limited to, innovation and technology. 5. Shown a strong alignment with the core values of Rowing Australia – Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, and Courage.
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Award Name	SCHOOL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD
Description	Awarded to the school rowing program that has demonstrated outstanding development, participation, student experience and positive culture during the year.
Criteria	1. Demonstrated growth and /or retention of students in rowing (indoor, traditional and/or coastal). 2. Been a significant positive influence in promoting the sport to a new audience (including new disciplines). 3. Delivered a well-run rowing program through effective coaching, organisation and communication. 4. Provided opportunities for students to develop their skills, confidence, leadership, and commitment, regardless of experience or ability. 5. Shown a strong alignment with the core values of Rowing Australia – Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, and Courage.
Selection Process	Anyone from the rowing community can nominate a school rowing program that meet the above criteria to RA via an online form.
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Award Name	CLUB / SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD
Description	Awarded to a coach who has demonstrated outstanding coaching practice and made a significant positive contribution to the development, performance and experience of their athletes this year.
Criteria	1. Created a safe, inclusive and supportive environment where athletes can develop and enjoy their rowing. 2. Demonstrated effective coaching across – planning, technical, communication, feedback and adaptability. 3. Enabled athletes/crews to improve relative to where they started, not just about winning. 4. May have contributed to the development of others involved in the sport – athletes, coaches and coxes. 5. A currently accredited Rowing Australia coach who demonstrates RA's values of Teamwork, Respect, Integrity and Courage.
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Award Name	HIGH PERFORMANCE CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD
Description	Awarded to the club that has demonstrated excellence in the development and performance of high-performance athletes, coaches, and programs during the year, while making a significant contribution to Australia's high-performance rowing pathway.
Criteria	1. Demonstrated outstanding athlete performance at state, national and/or international competitions during the year. 2. Demonstrated strong participation and performance at the Australian Rowing Championships, including the number of crews entered, athletes represented, and competitive results achieved across championship events. 3. Successfully developed athletes progressing into the Australian high-performance pathway, including selection into National Training Centres (NTCs), National Training Centre Development Squads, state pathway programs, and Australian representative teams. 4. Contributed meaningfully to the Australian high-performance system through the identification, recruitment, development and retention of talented athletes, coaches and officials. 5. Provided a high-quality training and performance environment that supports athletes and coaches to achieve excellence, including effective use of facilities, equipment and performance support services. 6. Demonstrated excellence in coaching and leadership, including investment in coach development, mentoring, succession planning and the implementation of evidence-based coaching practices. 7. Fostered a positive high-performance culture that promotes athlete wellbeing, psychological safety, accountability, integrity and the sustained pursuit of excellence. 8. Demonstrated collaboration and contribution to the broader rowing community, including partnerships with schools, universities, State Rowing Associations, National Training Centres and Rowing Australia pathway programs. 9. Shown a strong alignment with the core values of Rowing Australia: Teamwork, Respect, Integrity and Courage.

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