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Dear Mr Hourigan,

**RE: URGENT CONSIDERATION - Supplementary submission from Rowing to the 100 Day Review**

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Rowing Australia and Rowing Queensland (collectively, Rowing) request your urgent consideration of this supplementary submission to the Queensland Government's Terms of Reference (TOR) for the **100-Day Review of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure** (the 100-Day Review) prior to the scheduled public announcement of the 100-Day Review recommendations on 25 March 2025.

**Criticality of an international standard rowing course in Southeast Queensland**

Legacy for Queensland is dependent on Southeast Queensland (SEQ) having an international standard rowing course.

**Any decision made to shift rowing events for the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032) to an interstate venue will ensure there are no beneficial legacy outcomes for Queensland.**

**Any such decision will ensure Brisbane 2032 ceases to be Queensland's Games and that another Australian state (most probably NSW) will be the sole beneficiary of the legacy outcomes from rowing that should be delivered in Queensland.**

While the main focus of this supplementary submission is to provide a response to the broader objectives of the 100-Day Review, ensuring that 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032) maximises economic, sporting and social benefits across regional and rural Queensland, none of these generational benefits can be delivered in the absence of an international standard rowing course in SEQ.

In Rowing's initial submission to the 100-Day Review, as well as during our meetings with the 100-Day Review panel, we stated the sport's clear position that a 2,000m, 8-10 lane venue located in SEQ that meets the technical specifications of our International Federation – World Rowing - is required.

We further emphasised to the 100-Day Review panel that securing this facility infrastructure was a legacy project for rowing in Queensland, a great sporting state that currently does not have a course capable of holding a national or international-level event, let alone one that can provide a permanent home for rowing within the state.

It should also be noted that for all international events, including the Olympic and Paralympic Games, World Rowing (as the governing international body) must assess and approve any course and venue to ensure it complies with the stringent technical requirements required for fair and exciting racing at this elite level.

While Rowing is excited to welcome athletes from around the globe in 2032, we again stress in emphatic terms that any determination to shift rowing events for Brisbane 2032 to an interstate venue, or venue outside of the SEQ Olympic and Paralympic hubs, will be detrimental to the Games experience of our athletes and fundamentally undermine the delivery of legacy outcomes that has been central to planning these Olympics and Paralympics since day one.

Rowing has been consistent in its communication of the sport's facility requirements with all relevant Queensland and Australian Government agencies.

As stated, Rowing has been and remains venue agnostic, provided the following outcomes can be achieved:

***... the 2032 legacy goal for Rowing is the delivery of a standard regulation 8-10 lane, 2,000m buoyed course (in accordance with World Rowing's specifications) and associated infrastructure providing a long-term generational legacy facility for the sport developed and delivered in SEQ.***

Most recently (on 7 February 2025) Rowing Australia CEO Ms Sarah Cook OLY provided direct testimony to the Senate Standing Committees on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport's Inquiry into ***Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games***, in which Ms Cook confirmed these same technical requirements.

Rowing's ambitions in terms of ensuring the delivery of this generational facility infrastructure for Queensland remains unchanged.

Rowing understands that approximately 10 venues have been considered throughout the initial 2032 candidature process with the International Olympic Committee, the 60-day review and now 100-Day Review processes.

While Wyaralong Dam in the Scenic Rim is a feasible venue that, based on the significant analysis to date, meets the sport's technical specifications, we support the formal request made by our colleagues at Paddle Australia that a thorough feasibility assessment of the Hinze Dam on the Gold Coast is completed.

In this context, Rowing also supports the feasibility assessments of any other venue/s in Queensland that have the potential to meet the technical specifications of the sport as prescribed by World Rowing.

**While Rowing is well aware of the capital cost in delivering an international standard rowing course, we are very concerned that these capital costs are not being balanced against any meaningful consideration of the beneficial economic returns for Queensland delivered through an international standard rowing course.**

Rowing in Queensland has been without a home for almost two decades. While Rowing Queensland currently uses Wyaralong Dam for many of its regattas (more than 30 weekends a year), as well as the courses in Rockhampton and Bundaberg, as it stands, Rowing Australia cannot run either a national championship or an international championship event in Queensland due to the lack of appropriate infrastructure.

The Australian Rowing Championships attract more than 2,000 competitors and has an economic return on investment of 13:1. Currently, Rowing Australia cannot bring this event to Queensland due to the absence of a venue at the required standard.

In Rowing's initial submission to the 100-day Review, we highlighted economic benefits in excess of \$100M would be delivered over a 10-year period from venue completion for events hosted, including for example:

- Australian Rowing Championships – three to four times;
- Australian Masters Rowing Championships – three to four times;
- Queensland State Rowing Championships – ten times;
- Queensland State Schools Championships – five to six times;
- World Rowing Junior Championships – once;
- Australian Paddle Championships – three to four times;
- Queensland State Paddle Championships – six to eight times; and
- World Paddle Championships – once.

**Any decision made to shift rowing events for Brisbane 2032 to an interstate venue will ensure that Queensland receives none of this event revenue.**

A further point we would emphasise is one made by our colleagues at Paddle Australia, both in their initial submission to the 100-Day Review and in their testimony to the Senate Committee that:

*“Another significant factor that should be considered in the consideration and selection of the optimal venue facility for Canoe Sprint and Rowing events at Brisbane 2032 is the overall number of athletes competing in all event disciplines of both sports at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games comprised approximately 8% of the total overall athlete cohort for the Games – i.e. 10,500. This number is further expanded when support staff and officials are added.”*

As such, Rowing and Paddle have the largest athlete cohort of the Games, which in turn brings a significant economic boost to the host city and State.

For these reasons, both Rowing Australia and Paddle Australia (as well as our respective Member Associations in Queensland) are advocating strongly against having rowing and the paddle sports relocated interstate.

**Any decision made to shift rowing and paddle events for Brisbane 2032 to an interstate venue will ensure that Queensland receives no beneficial impact from hosting the largest athlete cohort of the Games.**

### **Supplementary submission**

While Rowing's initial submission to the 100-Day Review focused on securing a dedicated Rowing venue in SEQ for Brisbane 2032, this supplementary submission expands Rowing's focus beyond the competition venue to ensure that Brisbane 2032 delivers a generational rowing legacy across Queensland.

The supplementary submission directly responds to the broader objectives of the 100-Day Review, ensuring that Brisbane 2032 maximises economic, sporting and social benefits in locations of strategic importance to Rowing across the state.

## Regional impact and opportunities

In assessing economic impact through a regional lens, rowing's annual Queensland State Schools Championships (hosted in either Rockhampton or Bundaberg) attracts a beneficial economic impact of \$6M to the region.

In our initial submission, we listed five (5) centres identified by Rowing Queensland key metropolitan and regional infrastructure locations for pre-Games legacy developments:

- Brisbane River (Brisbane City);
- Lake Wivenhoe (Somerset Council);
- Bucca Weir (Bundaberg);
- Fitzroy River (Rockhampton);
- Ross River (Townsville); and
- Barcaldine Recreational Lake (Barcaldine).

The facilities infrastructure referenced above relates to fully accessible rowing sheds, amenities and rowing course infrastructure suitable for hosting international touring teams in the lead up to 2032.

Currently, Queensland only has two (2) buoyed courses, which significantly restricts growth opportunities for the sport.

In Rowing's initial submission, we encouraged the GIICA Board to establish a review process into critical regional pre-Games legacy infrastructure to enable training opportunities for touring nations, as well as establishing generational infrastructure for communities across Queensland.

The benefits of this critical piece of work would align strongly with one of the key Guiding Principles of the TOR for the 100-Day Review relating to *"Benefits for rural and regional Queensland ... to ensure infrastructure investments deliver benefits for rural and regional Queensland."*

While we are unaware of whether the GIICA Board has commenced the suggested investigation of critical regional pre-Games legacy infrastructure, Rowing has undertaken further analysis, which has identified seven (7) distinct areas of strategic importance to the sport:

- Bundaberg;
- Outback Rowing (Barcaldine and Longreach);
- Rockhampton;
- Sunshine Coast;
- Townsville;
- Wide Bay; and
- Brisbane (Vikings Rowing Club).

Rowing's analysis of the facility infrastructure requirements to deliver generational outcomes in these seven (7) strategic locations was undertaken against the following criteria:

1. Scope of work;
2. Key infrastructure requirements;
3. Indicative costs;
4. How the project enhances activations for Brisbane 2032? and
5. Conclusion and recommendations for a call to action.

The analysis of the facility infrastructure requirements for each of these seven (7) strategic locations are set out in the Annexures to this submission.

### Inclusion of Coastal Rowing (Beach Sprints) in 2032 Games sport program

In its consideration of the wider scope of the TOR, we encourage the GIIA to consider the actions World Rowing has taken in expanding the scope of the sport to include Coastal Rowing event disciplines.

In this context, of the submissions made by core sports to the International Olympic Committee for the inclusion of additional events for LA 2028, only World Rowing's submission was successful in securing the Coastal Rowing discipline being included in the LA2028 Olympic programme.

**Beach Sprint**, as a Coastal Rowing event format, has tremendous international strategic importance for rowing as the only event activation for the sport in the Oceania region.

**Beach Sprint at LA 2028 will serve as a precursor for Beach Sprint to be part of the sports program for Brisbane 2032.**

World Rowing will seek to keep Coastal Rowing (Beach Sprints) on the Olympic Programme for Brisbane 2032 through the IOC's Sport and Discipline programme review process over the coming years.

Beach Sprints will also be an event on the sport program for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games being held in Senegal, and prior to its cancellation, was confirmed on the event program for the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Victoria.

Notably, the presentation of Beach Sprint and Classic (flat water) rowing together was compelling in the selection of Long Beach as the venue location for both in Los Angeles (still confidential until announced by LA2028). So, in terms of future positioning, this rationale should also be compelling in the consideration and selection of venue locations for Brisbane 2032.

### **International Sports Event Strategy**

Rowing notes that the submissions to the 100-Day Review made by a number of brethren National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) called for the Queensland Government to urgently develop and fund an **International Sports Event Strategy** to leverage and deliver permanent legacy-focused infrastructure investments.

Rowing supports this recommendation as the existing criteria applied by events and destination agencies at the Local, State and Federal level are heavily biased to domestic football codes and are not calibrated to assess or capitalise on the fact that the Olympic and Paralympic sports are international with significant global audiences.

As mentioned, the Australian Rowing Championships attract more than 2,000 competitors and has an economic return on investment of 13:1, but currently, Rowing Australia cannot bring this event to Queensland due to the absence of a venue at the required standard.

Similarly, World Rowing's expansion of the Coastal Rowing event format provides significant sport tourism opportunities to profile key Queensland destinations to the rest of the world.

We note that sport tourism opportunities are also the focus of attention in the Queensland Government's **Destination 2045: Queensland's Tourism Future** Discussion Paper and Rowing will be providing a response to the Discussion Paper to highlight these opportunities.

## Conclusion

The key outcomes sought by Rowing from the 100-Day Review remain unchanged and are that:

1. the Olympic and Paralympic rowing for Brisbane 2032 is held in SEQ;
2. the Games rowing venue is capable of holding an 8-10 lane, 2,000m buoyed flatwater regatta course as per World Rowing's technical requirements for international events; and
3. the delivery of permanent rowing and regatta infrastructure (within Queensland) of a national/international standard to Rowing Queensland and Rowing Australia; noting that Rowing Queensland is seeking a permanent home, having moved from seven (7) venues in the past 20 years and does not have a venue capable of hosting a national championship.

Rowing has participated in all of the relevant review processes ranging from the Gateway Review Panels, the 60-day Review and now the 100-Day Review in good faith and focused on the committed goals of delivering beneficial legacy and generational outcomes for our athletes and the communities where they live throughout Queensland.

The uncomfortable truth is that the success of Brisbane 2032 as a Home Games will be dependent upon the success of the Australian Olympic Team.

As the NSO for rowing, Rowing Australia cannot produce world-class athletes in the absence of world standard facilities and world-class events in our region.

In the same way, Queensland cannot host international events without facilities of world-class standard. Without international-standard facilities for Olympic sports in Queensland, there is no Green and Gold Runway, there are simply lost opportunities that will flow to other Australian jurisdictions.

Queensland's lack of an international-standard rowing course means that Queensland already does not receive any beneficial economic returns from hosting these events, which are routinely hosted in other Australian States delivering a beneficial ROI of 13:1.

Rowing requests your urgent re-consideration of any recommendation/decision to shift rowing events for Brisbane 2032 to an interstate venue as any such decision will ensure that rowing in Queensland and Queensland itself receives none of the beneficial legacy or generational impacts rowing can deliver.

Should you have any queries in relation to this submission, please do not hesitate to contact Rowing Australia CEO Sarah Cook

Regards,

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## Bundaberg Rowing Club

**Association:** Rowing Queensland

**Association Representative:** Russell Mortimer

**2024 Membership:** 107

**Projected Membership Growth by 2034:** 250

### Scope of Work:

Bundaberg Rowing Club is at a pivotal point in securing the rowing's future within the region. The Bundaberg Rowing Club is seeking support from Government's to address urgent infrastructure challenges that threaten rowing long-term sustainability in Bundaberg.

The key priority areas include:

- Infrastructure upgrades and modernisation

Strategic investment in Bundaberg's infrastructure will not only safeguard the sport locally but will also establish the region as an Olympic training and competition hub in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

### Key Infrastructure Requirements:

#### 1) Facility Expansion and Infrastructure Modernisation to Support Growth

With projected membership growth of 250 by 2034, Bundaberg Rowing Club facility upgrades. An expanded facility would strengthen Bundaberg's position as a premier regional rowing venue, allowing Bundaberg to attract and retain rowers while hosting larger-scale competitions including National Masters Championships and State Championship regattas.

Several critical infrastructure components require immediate attention, including:

- New Starting pontoon and boat holder platforms
- New and upgraded boating pontoons
- Finish tower
- Upgraded site office and umpire room

Investing in these upgrades will improve rowing experiences and safety as well as enabling safer and more efficient regatta operations. Upgraded boating pontoons in the boating park will allow a safer transition for rowers into the boats, with the upgrades to the finish infrastructure and site office providing a start of the art location for the Umpires to officiate from, guaranteeing accuracy of results and better retention of volunteers.

Upgrades to the starting infrastructure will allow Bundaberg to bid for larger events, boosting economic and social benefits for the region.

**Indicative Costs:**

Outlined below are the estimated costs for Facility Expansion projects in [Bundaberg:

Infrastructure Project	Estimated Investment
New Starting pontoon and boat holder platforms	\$175,000
Upgraded and new boating pontoons	\$200,000
Upgraded finish tower	\$175,000
Upgraded site office	\$200,000
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>

**How This Project Enhances Activations for Brisbane 2032**

Bundaberg has a proud rowing legacy, following the establishment of the infrastructure at the Bucca Weir course as a legacy for the 2000 Sydney Olympics as it hosted the Australian Rowing Team.

Investment in Bundaberg's rowing infrastructure will ensure the region continues to produce elite talent for Brisbane 2032 and beyond, as well as providing a world class training venue for competing nations for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic regattas.

By addressing critical facility shortfalls, Bundaberg Rowing Club can ensure Queensland's regional rowers remain in the sport, enhance development pathways, and contribute to Olympic success in 2032.

**Conclusion & Call to Action:**

The expansion of Bundaberg rowing facilities is critical to preserving and growing the sport in the region. The key priorities requiring government support include:

- Generational infrastructure in the regions
- Upgraded and safer facilities for participants
- Support for Bundaberg to become a key regional training venue for Brisbane 2032

This investment will provide a lasting sporting legacy for Bundaberg, enhance participation opportunities, and strengthen Queensland's broader Olympic talent development pathway.

Bundaberg Rowing Club and Rowing Queensland urges immediate action and investment to ensure rowing continues to thrive in the region while reinforcing Queensland's reputation as a leader in Australian rowing.



# Outback Rowing Australia

**Association:** Outback Rowing Australia

**Association Representative:** Murray Stewart

**2024 Membership:** 26 members 550% increase on last year

**Projected Membership Growth by 2034:** 1000

## **Scope of Work:**

Outback Rowing Australia is at a pivotal point in securing the rowing's future within a number of Queensland regions. Outback Rowing now has sub-clubs in Toowoomba, Chinchilla, Cunnamulla, Barcaldine and Longreach with Emerald, Goondiwindi and St Geroge expected to start in 2025. Outback Rowing is seeking support from Government's to address urgent infrastructure challenges that threaten rowing long-term sustainability in the Queensland outback.

The key priority areas include:

- New community rowing facilities on Queensland inland waterways (lakes and rivers).
- Equipment support to get clubs off the ground.

Strategic investment in infrastructure and equipment will not only safeguard the sport locally but will also establish the regions as an Olympic training and competition option in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

## **Key Infrastructure Requirements:**

### **2) New community rowing facility**

Outback Rowing current operates out of 2 trailers and borrowed sheds.

Urgent investment is required at:

- Barcaldine Rec Park
- Thompson River Longreach
- Warrego River Cunnamulla
- Chinchilla Weir
- Lake Cooby Toowoomba

Outback Rowing would position the Queensland outback as an ideal destination for Queensland and Australian rowing events, pre-Olympic camps, and visiting international teams.

### **3) Equipment Expansion to Support Growth**

To facilitate the projected membership growth, Outback Rowing requires additional rowing capacity, including:

- New or second-hand boats and oars,
- Coaches' boats
- Trailers
- General rowing accessories (stretchers, cox boxes, tools and spare parts).

### Indicative Costs:

Outlined below are the estimated costs for Vikings Rowing Club on the Corso in Brisbane:

Infrastructure Project	Estimated Investment
New community shed	\$250,000 at each location
Boats and equipment	\$150,000 at each location
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$2 million across 5 locations</b>

*Note: The project costs mentioned above are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigations.*

### How This Project Enhances Activations for Brisbane 2032

Investment in regional rowing infrastructure will ensure Queensland continues to produce elite talent for Brisbane 2032 and beyond.

### Engagement & Partnerships:

Vikings Rowing Club is working closely with key stakeholders to secure funding and planning support, engaging with:

- **Local Government:** Many local councils have support local rowing programmes
- **State Government:** Outback Rowing received a grant to purchase a woman's specific boat
- **Federal Government:** Rowing Australia and the AIS have supported the Remote Sporting Schools program.

Securing government backing for this project will ensure Outback Qld becomes a key contributor to Queensland's rowing legacy, supporting community sport and high-performance athlete pathways.

### Conclusion & Call to Action:

The construction and expansion of regional rowing facilities is critical to preserving and growing the sport in the outback. The key priorities requiring government support include:

- New infrastructure
- Support for equipment

This investment will provide a lasting sporting legacy for the regions, enhance participation opportunities, and strengthen Queensland's broader Olympic talent development pathway.

Outback Rowing urges immediate action and investment to ensure rowing continues to thrive in the regions while reinforcing Queensland's reputation as a leader in Australian rowing.

# Rockhampton Fitzroy Rowing Club

*In consultation with local school rowing programs: RGS Rowing Club, The Cathedral College, Emmaus College, and Rockhampton Girls Grammar School.*

**Association:** Rockhampton Fitzroy Rowing Club Inc.

**Association Representative:** Sarah Black, President Rockhampton Fitzroy Rowing Club

**2024 Membership:** 132 registered members and volunteers in 2024; 9.5% increase from 2023. **Projected Membership Growth by 2034:** Aim to have a 60% increase in members by 2034, with a steady membership of approximately 200 registered members and volunteers at RFRC Inc.

## The Venue:

Rockhampton's Fitzroy River is home to one of the best natural rowing courses in Australia.

With access to an 8-lane buoyed rowing course; its proximity to the CBD, accommodation, airport, other high-quality training facilities (pool and gyms); and the local clubs' capacity and willingness to support large scale events – Rockhampton is a location of choice for training and competition for Rowing Queensland and Rowing Australia.

## Local Community:

The rowing environment and community in Rockhampton is unique. Not only does Rockhampton provide access to an incredible facility, but the local clubs are renowned for their sense of community and collaborative efforts to collectively manage events and regattas.

The Rockhampton Fitzroy Rowing Club and The Rockhampton Grammar School work together to achieve the best possible outcomes for rowing initiatives in Rockhampton. This includes support from club/masters competitors, as well as school-based programs facilitated by Emmaus College, The Cathedral College, and Rockhampton Girls Grammar School.

## Scope of Work:

Rockhampton has a long history of attracting and hosting significant rowing events on the Fitzroy River and Rockhampton's Ski Gardens precinct. Hosting major events and training camps in Rockhampton provides numerous short- and long-term benefits in supporting regional growth, participation, and facilities investment.

Rowing in Rockhampton is at a pivotal point in securing the rowing's future within the region.

In 2025 Rowing Australia (RA) had earmarked the Fitzroy River as the preferred National Team training venue ahead of the 2025 World Rowing Championships in Shanghai, China. Rowing Australia can attest to recent excellent training camp experiences in Rockhampton, ahead of previous Olympic Games. Unfortunately, in 2025 RA had to make the difficult decision to no longer proceed with the planned Australian Team Rowing Camp, noting one of the main reasons as the absence of any permanent ablution facilities at the Ski Gardens Precinct in Rockhampton.

Rockhampton Fitzroy Rowing Club is seeking support from Government's to address urgent infrastructure challenges that threaten rowing's long-term viability to attract national and international training camps, and national sporting events, ultimately impacting the sustainability of the sport in the Rockhampton Region

## The key priority areas include:

1. Permanent Amenities Building
2. Judging and Spectator Facilities

Strategic investment in Rockhampton's community sporting infrastructure will not only safeguard the sport locally but will also establish the region as an Olympic training and competition hub in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

## Key Infrastructure Requirements:

### 1) Permanent Amenities Building

Rockhampton's rowing clubs and schools are situated in Rockhampton's Ski Gardens precinct.



The Rockhampton Ski Gardens is a large open space located on the river's edge, upstream of the barrage that combines competitive and social water sports, events and recreation. The site's strategic location within close proximity to the CBD (approx. 3kms) and essential services creates the perfect opportunity to reinforce the site as a premier water sports, event and recreation destination.

To ensure the region remains a viable destination for major rowing events and training camps, urgent investment is required to:

- Establish permanent ablution facilities

In alignment with the Rockhampton Regional Council's master plan for the Ski Garden Precinct – investment in permanent ablution facilities is as priority area for rowing in Rockhampton and the broader community.

An amenities building, including showers and changerooms, located above flood level and close to current facilities and sheds will improve the user experience for not only daily users but for larger scale events and regattas. The development and delivery of an amenities building is a key outcome which services the increase of users within the existing Ski Gardens Precinct and assists in attracting larger scale events and training camps to the region.

The establishment of a permanent amenities building would position Rockhampton as an ideal destination for Queensland and Australian rowing events, pre-Olympic camps, and visiting international teams.

## 2) Facility Expansion to Support Growth

With projected membership growth of 60%

by 2034 for Rockhampton Fitzroy Rowing Club, plus additional growth of other rowing clubs/schools and recreational water sports

in the precinct, Rockhampton requires additional rowing capacity, including investment in:

- **Judging and natural amphitheatre facilities**

The Rockhampton Ski Gardens site occupies one of the largest parcels of publicly accessible land adjacent to the freshwater reaches of the Fitzroy River.

Investment in judging and spectator facilities is an important asset that supports competitive water sports and provides the ability to attract more significant events to the region.



Repurposing the land in proximity to the river's edge to cater for natural amphitheatre tiered seating along the riverbank will enable increased community engagement through supporter and spectators' involvement during local, state, and national regatta and training events.

Expansion of the current Ski Gardens facilities will increase awareness and appreciation for various land and water-based activities, whilst improving the overall visual aesthetics of the site. An expanded facility will strengthen Rockhampton's position as a premier regional rowing venue, allowing the region to attract and retain rowers while hosting larger-scale competitions.

# Indicative Costs:

Outlined below are the estimated costs for key improvements the Ski Gardens recreational water- sports precinct in Rockhampton:

Infrastructure Project	Estimated Investment
Permanent Amenities Building	\$1,000,000
Judging and natural amphitheatre facilities	\$200,000
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>

*Note: The project costs mentioned above are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigations.*

# How This Project Enhances Activations for Brisbane 2032

Since Rockhampton Fitzroy Rowing Club was established in late 2006, the club has worked with schools and the local community to produce grass-roots school, recreational, club, and masters rowing programs in Rockhampton. This has been possible and is thanks to Rockhampton's ability to attract and host large rowing events and national training camps in the region.

In recent years, the Rockhampton rowing community has been proud to see the region's talent pipeline develop – with rowers from Rockhampton being selected in State Pathways teams, winning Queensland Championship events, attending and making finals at the Australian Rowing Championships, and representing Australia at the Junior World Rowing Championships.

Investment in Rockhampton's rowing infrastructure will ensure the region continues to produce elite talent in the lead up to Brisbane 2032 and beyond. Investment in the Ski Gardens Precinct will also serve as a high-performance training base, supporting Olympic and Paralympic preparation with:

- Climate acclimatisation – Similar conditions to Brisbane for optimal athlete readiness.
- Proximity to the capital – An 8-hour drive or short daily flights for athlete transfers.
- Post-training recovery benefits – Close proximity to Rockhampton's CBD (approx. 3kms), essential services, accommodation, airport, other high-quality training facilities (pool and gyms).

By addressing critical facility shortfalls, Rockhampton can ensure Queensland's regional rowers remain in the sport, enhance development pathways, and contribute to Olympic success in 2032.

## Engagement & Partnerships:

Rockhampton Fitzroy Rowing Club works with all levels of government and key stakeholders to identify opportunities and to secure funding and/or planning support, by engaging with:

- Local Government: Rockhampton Regional Council, including the Mayor and elected Councillors, the RRC administration, and representatives from Advance Rockhampton.
- State Government: The State Member for Rockhampton and Member for Kepple; the QLD Government's Department of Sport and Recreation, the Department for Environment, and Department of Transport and Main Roads.
- Federal Government: The Federal Member for Capricornia, and Federal Senator for Queensland.

Securing government support for these projects will ensure Rockhampton remains a key contributor to Queensland's rowing legacy, supporting community sport and high-performance athlete pathways.



## Conclusion & Call to Action:

As Queensland prepares to host the 2032 Olympics, it is imperative that key investments are made in the Rockhampton Region. Over the years Rockhampton has proven itself as a world class facility hosting the Canadian team in the lead up to 2000 Sydney Olympics and recently the Australian Team in their preparation for the Tokyo Olympics.

To further elevate Rockhampton as a premier training venue, it is essential that investment in an amenities block be prioritized in the 100-day review. In addition to this investment, there is also the valuable opportunity to improve our judging and spectator facilities. Such enhancements would not only solidify Rockhampton's reputation as a top-tier sporting destination but also create a lasting legacy for the region. This development will significantly enhance participation opportunities, promote greater community engagement, and contribute to the overall growth of sport in the area.

Rockhampton Fitzroy Rowing Club supports action and investment to ensure rowing continues to thrive in the region, while reinforcing Queensland's reputation as a leader in Australian rowing.

# Sunshine Coast Rowing Club, Maroochydore

The Sunshine Coast Rowing Club provides access to the sport of rowing for people living in and visiting the Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast or Somerset Regional Council areas.

The rowing club catchment area spans a distance of over 120km North to South between the Noosa Rowing Club and the Pine Rivers Rowing Club, in the one of the fastest growing regions in Australia, as well as one of the top destinations for visitors in the country.

Unfortunately, due to coastal erosion and lack of facilities, the Sunshine Coast Rowing Club requires urgent relocation and improved facilities if it is to continue providing rowing to residents and allowing it the opportunity to host competitions and training camps.

## **Benefits of the Maroochy River**

The benefits of the Maroochy River to resident Sunshine Coast Rowing Club rowers or visitor rowers taking part in competitions and training camps includes:

- Proximity to an international airport and 90 minutes' drive or train ride to Brisbane.
- The river is shallow and around 26km long, allowing for long training sessions in a pristine environment.
- The river is around 100m to 400m wide, allowing multiple boats to train side-by-side with coaches in close proximity.
- The river has minimal motorised boat traffic and many sections of the river are limited to a 6 knot speed limit.
- Beach launching capabilities for boats with suitable access for adaptive rowers
- Improved health outcomes and healthspan for participants.
- Improved athlete safety due to the lack of marine reptiles, such as crocodiles.
- Access to world-class performance and recovery facilities at the University of the Sunshine Coast which currently supports training facilities for Australian paralympic swimming.
- Aligns with Surf Life Saving as a platform for training and offers a non-impact sporting option for older Athletes.
- Retail and hospitality infrastructure in place to accommodate athletes and support teams

## **Benefits to the Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay Regions**

The benefits to the Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay regions by relocating the club and improving facilities include:

- Significant benefits to the local economy by visitors travelling to the area.
- Partnering opportunities with the University of the Sunshine Coast for rowing research and development.
- Reduced burden on the State and Federal healthcare system for local residents.
- Delivers rowing as an option for recreation to one of Australia's fastest growing regions.

**Association:** Sunshine Coast Rowing Club

**Association Representative:** John Greenhalgh, President and Peter Erskine, Secretary

**2024 Membership:** 59 Members as at 31 December 2024

**Projected Membership Growth by 2034:**

Estimate	People per year	Parameters
Low	0 members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No relocation of the club building, forcing it to close between now and 2034</li><li>• No facilities (e.g. currently no toilets)</li></ul>
Low-medium	100 members 10 visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relocating the club building to an area of the Maroochy River without coastal erosion</li><li>• No improvement to facilities (e.g. no toilets)</li></ul>
Medium	200 members 20 visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relocating the club building to an area of the Maroochy River without coastal erosion</li><li>• Basic facilities (e.g. bathrooms, showers, change rooms, lockers)</li></ul>
Medium-High	250 members 100 visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relocating the club building to an area of the Maroochy River without coastal erosion</li><li>• Basic facilities (e.g. bathrooms, showers, change rooms, lockers)</li><li>• Fully equipped gym, and training room</li></ul>
High	300 members 250 visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relocating the club building to an area of the Maroochy River without coastal erosion</li><li>• Basic facilities (e.g. bathrooms, showers, change rooms, lockers)</li><li>• High performance gym, and training room</li><li>• Rowing tank and recovery facilities</li></ul>

**Scope of Work:**

Sunshine Coast Rowing Club is at a pivotal point in securing rowing's future within the region. The Sunshine Coast Rowing Club seeks support from Government to address urgent infrastructure challenges due to coastal erosion and lack of facilities like toilets, showers, change rooms, gym, training and kitchen facilities that threaten long-term sustainability of rowing as a sport in the Sunshine Coast area.

**The key priority areas include:**

- A new club building to replace the existing non-compliant one in an area of high coastal erosion. Without this investment in the coming years, the Sunshine Coast Rowing Club will be forced to close as the current location becomes increasingly uncomfortable and unsafe.

A suitable site for the new club building has been proposed by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council at Muller Park, Bli Bli, Queensland. The proposed site is in a safer water area upstream of the Maroochy River mouth and in an area not expected to experience coastal erosion in the short-term.

- Flat water access within 100 metres of club building for the launching and landing of boats.
- Facilities to meet the needs of rowers including toilets, changing rooms with lockers secure access, lighting, secure fencing for storage of trailers, and motorised craft.
- Designated areas for gym equipment and athlete training, allowing for strength and conditioning, warmups, cools downs, and space for seminars. Without this the risk of injury to rowers is high and facilities to support coaching is low.
- Workshop space for the maintenance of the boat fleet, as well as storage for tools, fuel, trestles and other rowing related equipment.
- Non metered carpark and external, secure storage area for large boat trailers.
- Boat racking for no less than 70 boats, is essential to accommodate increased membership expansion and private boat storage needs. As high-performance athletes require more private boat storage and a wider range of boats for training and competition, this increased capacity is necessary.

Strategic investment in infrastructure for Queensland, the Sunshine Coast region and the Sunshine Coast Rowing Club will not only safeguard the sport locally but will also establish the region as an Olympic training and competition hub in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

**Key Infrastructure Requirements:****4) Facilities upgrade**

Sunshine Coast Rowing Club's current rowing facility is situated at Chambers Island in Maroochydore

Urgent relocation is required to allow the Sunshine Coast Rowing Club to continue providing the sport of rowing to adults South of Noosa and North of Pine Rivers in Queensland.

Building a new facility at a greenfield site at Muller Park in Bli Bli would position the Sunshine Coast as an ideal destination for State, and National rowing events as well as meet the needs of pre-Olympic camps, and visiting international teams.

**5) Facility Expansion to Support Growth**

With the aim of increased membership to approximately 250 members and 100 visitors per year by 2034, the Sunshine Coast Rowing Club urgently requires facilities, including:

A new club building relocated to a suitable site not expected to experience coastal erosion in the near term with:

- Changing room facilities with Showers, toilets, and lockers
- Training room for indoor training, rowing, weights, stretching and activation exercises

- Pontoon or beach access to flat water within 100 metres of club facility, free from motorised craft
- Storage facilities for boats and equipment including trailers and tinnies)
- Workshop area for boat maintenance
- Sufficient boat racking to store 70 rowing boats at a safe and accessible height.
- Non metered carpark
- Fenced, secure area for the storage of boat trailers and motorised craft.

A new building would allow the Sunshine Coast Rowing Club to expand. With appropriate facilities a new building would support an increase in membership and visitor rowers for future camps, and competitions on the Maroochy River.

## 6) Infrastructure Modernisation

Several critical infrastructure components require immediate attention, including the non-compliant club building in an area of coastal erosion, for which there is no immediate solution.

Investing in moving the club building will allow the Sunshine Coast Rowing Club to continue beyond the next decade. With improved investment, this would also improve rowing conditions, encourage community engagement, and enable the Sunshine Coast Rowing Club to host high-quality rowing events, driving economic and social benefits for the region.

### Indicative Costs:

Outlined below are the estimated costs for the relocation of the Sunshine Coast Rowing Club to the new site at Muller Park, Bli Bli:

Infrastructure Project	Estimated Investment
Shed and Storage for 70 boats	\$1,000,000
Gym	\$400,000
Toilet, shower and change facilities	\$200,000
Training Room, Kitchen	\$80,000
Workshop	\$70,000
Additional Storage	\$60,000
Landscaping	\$30,000
Security Fencing	\$30,000
Car Park alterations	\$80,000
Beach Launching modifications	\$50,000
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>

Sunshine Coast Rowing Club is willing to contribute financially towards the facility's development in partnership with the Queensland Government to the extent possible and is currently active in applying for grants and engaging in community sponsorship programs to assist with the move to another location as soon as possible.

*Note: The project costs mentioned above are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigations.*

### **How This Project Enhances Activations for Brisbane 2032**

The Sunshine Coast Rowing Club has a proud rowing legacy, producing world-class athletes who have represented Australia on the Olympic stage. Notable Olympians include:

- Ian Luxford
- Chip McKibben
- Hannah Every Hall

Additionally, with expanded and building compliant facilities the Sunshine Coast could play a crucial role in Queensland's rowing talent pipeline, with junior rowers in the Queensland state pathway and rowers in the senior high-performance pathway.

Investment in Sunshine Coast rowing infrastructure will ensure the region continues to produce elite talent for Brisbane 2032 and beyond. A redeveloped centre will also serve as a high-performance training base, supporting Olympic and Paralympic preparation with:

- **Climate acclimatisation** – Similar conditions to Brisbane for optimal athlete readiness.
- **Proximity to the capital** – A 90-minute drive or short daily flights for athlete transfers.
- **Post-training recovery benefits** –
- **Cross-training facilities and research** Access to World Class University currently supporting the Australian paralympic swimming team.
- **Potential for partnering with Queensland Academy of Sport for canoeing, kayaking for post recovery initiatives.**

By addressing critical facility shortfalls, the Sunshine Coast can ensure Queensland's regional rowers remain in the sport, enhance development pathways, and contribute to Olympic success in 2032.

### **Engagement & Partnerships:**

Sunshine Coast Rowing Club is working closely with key stakeholders to secure funding and planning support, engaging with:

- **Local Government:** Sunshine Coast Regional Council
- **State Government:** Department of Sport and Recreation

Securing government backing for this project will ensure the Sunshine Coast becomes a key contributor to Queensland's rowing legacy, supporting community sport and high-performance athlete pathways.

**Conclusion & Call to Action:**

The relocation and expansion of the Sunshine Coast Rowing Club's rowing facilities is critical to preserving and growing the sport in the region. The key priorities requiring government support include:

- A new building to replace the existing non-compliant facilities subject to coastal erosion in the near term, and
- Adequate support for the Sunshine Coast to become a key regional training venue for Brisbane 2032. Providing facilities to support an International Rowing Team(s) for pre-Olympic and Paralympic training.

This investment will provide a lasting sporting legacy for the Sunshine Coast, enhance participation opportunities, and strengthen Queensland's broader Olympic talent development pathway.

Sunshine Coast Rowing Club urges immediate action and investment to ensure rowing continues to thrive in the region while reinforcing Queensland's reputation as a leader in Australian rowing.

# Riverway Rowing Club

**Association: Rowing Queensland**

**Association Representative: Wayne Roy**

**2024 Membership:** December 2024    **153 members**

**Projected Membership Growth by 2034:** Estimate of 3% growth per year over ten years would project a membership of **205**. This organic growth is supported by continued Learn To Row programs, attracting previous rowers back into the sport and the growth of School rowing programs.

## **Scope of Work:**

**Riverway Rowing Club** is at a pivotal point in securing the future of rowing within the region. **Rowing Queensland** is seeking support from Governments to address urgent infrastructure challenges that threaten the long-term sustainability of rowing in Townsville.

The key priority areas include:

- **Civil Infrastructure and a Boat Shed with some equipment.**

Strategic investment in **Riverway Rowing Club Townsville** infrastructure will not only safeguard the sport locally but will also establish the region as an Olympic training and competition hub in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

## **Key Infrastructure Requirements:**

### **7) New or extended Boat Shed**

**Riverway Rowing Club's** current rowing facility is situated **1100 Riverway Drive in the Suburb of Rasmussen Townsville**.

The new boat shed is required to:

- **Store Equipment associated with rowing: rowing boats, safety vessels, oars, ergometers and other gym equipment, storage areas for other Club requirements, workshop and storage area for maintenance and parts and amenities which would provide for an expanded membership, bigger School and Club regattas and the hosting of other rowing events including hosting visiting athletes of all levels and abilities for training.**

## **The Scope of Works Includes:**

Site Selection and Preparation

Land owned by Townsville City Council is available adjacent to the existing boat shed which would provide the requirements to accommodate expansion and deliver growth.

Facility Design and Construction for: Boat Storage, Launch areas, Gym and Training facilities, Change Rooms and Amenities, Coach and Admin Offices, Spectator and Community Spaces and Sustainable Elements.

Infrastructure and Services for: Road access, parking, landscaping, Security systems, Lighting, Waste Management and Integration with local public transport.

Budget and Funding:

Timeline and Milestones:

Stakeholder Engagement:

Compliance and Risk Management:

Legacy and Long-Term Use:



This would position Riverway Rowing Club as an ideal destination for Queensland and Australian rowing events, pre-Olympic camps, and visiting international teams.

## 8) Facility Expansion to Support Growth

With projected membership growth of 3% per year by 2034, Townsville requires additional rowing capacity, including:

- **Equipment space and storage.**

An expanded facility would strengthen Townsville's position as a premier regional rowing venue, allowing the Riverway Rowing Club to attract and retain rowers while hosting larger-scale competitions.

## 9) Infrastructure Modernisation

Several critical infrastructure components require immediate attention, including:

- **Roadway access and car parking and boat trailer parking**
- **Expansion with a new boat shed**
- **Renewed and expanded bathroom facilities**

Investing in these upgrades will improve rowing conditions, encourage community engagement, and enable Townsville to host high-quality rowing events, driving economic and social benefits for the region.

### Indicative Costs:

Outlined below are the estimated costs for Riverway Rowing Club Expansion in Townsville

Infrastructure Project	Estimated Investment
Infrastructure Upgrade Roads, Water, Sewerage, Car and Trailer Park	\$2.8M
Boat Shed	\$1.6M
Shed Fit out	\$250k
Additional Primary Equipment and Amenities	\$150k
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$4.8M</b>

*Note: The project costs mentioned above are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigations.*

### How This Project Enhances Activations for Brisbane 2032

Townsville has a proud rowing legacy, producing world-class athletes who have represented Australia on the Olympic stage. Notable Olympians include:

- Para-rower
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Additionally, Townsville plays a crucial role in Queensland's rowing talent pipeline, with:

- 15 junior rowers in the Trial for Queensland state pathway.

Investment in **Townsville** rowing infrastructure will ensure the region continues to produce elite talent for Brisbane 2032 and beyond. A redeveloped centre will also serve as a high-performance training base, supporting Olympic and Paralympic preparation with:

- **Climate acclimatisation** – Similar conditions to Brisbane for optimal athlete readiness.
- **Proximity to the capital** – Two hour flight several times a day for athlete and support transfers.
- **Post-training recovery benefits** – Includes all the recreational venues and activities Townsville has to offer as a medium sized city with fully functional facilities to cater for tourists and competing athletes.
- **Materials and Services back up supported by a wide range of business providers and complete high-level healthcare.**

By addressing critical facility shortfalls Townsville can ensure Queensland's regional rowers remain in the sport, enhance development pathways, and contribute to Olympic success in 2032.

### **Engagement & Partnerships:**

Riverway Rowing Club is working closely with key stakeholders to secure funding and planning support, engaging with:

- **Local Government:** Townsville City Council Local Sport and Recreation staff
- **State Government:** State Local Member
- **Federal Government:** Federal Local Member

Securing government backing for this project will ensure Townsville becomes a key contributor to Queensland's rowing legacy, supporting community sport and high-performance athlete pathways.

### **Conclusion & Call to Action:**

The expansion of Townsville's rowing facilities is critical to preserving and growing the sport in the region. The key priorities requiring government support include:

- Financial Grant for the construction of the boat shed and the required infrastructure.
- Support for Townsville to become a key regional training venue for Brisbane 2032.

This investment will provide a lasting sporting legacy for Townsville to enhance participation opportunities and strengthen Queensland's broader Olympic talent development pathway.

Riverway Rowing Club and Rowing Queensland urges immediate action and investment to ensure rowing continues to thrive in the region while reinforcing Queensland's reputation as a leader in Australian rowing.

# Wide Bay Rowing Club

**Association:** Queensland Rowing

**Association Representative:** Cameron Waterson

**2024 Membership:** 45

**Projected Membership Growth by 2034:** 150

## **Scope of Work:**

Wide Bay Rowing Club is at a pivotal point in securing the rowing's future within the region. The Wide Bay Rowing Club is seeking support from Government's to address urgent infrastructure challenges that threaten rowing long-term sustainability in Wide Bay.

The key priority areas include:

- Improved rowing shed facilities/ location
- Establishment of Coastal Rowing facility at Hervey Bay

Strategic investment in Maryborough & Hervey Bay infrastructure will not only safeguard the sport locally but will also establish the region as an Olympic training and competition hub in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

## **Key Infrastructure Requirements:**

### **10) Second story to existing rowing shed**

Wide Bay Rowing Club's current rowing facility is situated in central Maryborough.

Urgent upgrade & investment is required to:

- Improve training facilities
- Expand accessible locations for coastal rowing in Queensland
- Add increased durability to flood impacts for existing Maryborough site

Addition of a second story structure to the Maryborough Shed and establishment of a Coastal Rowing shed in Hervey Bay would position Wide Bay Rowing Club as an ideal destination for Queensland and Australian rowing events, pre-Olympic camps, and visiting international teams.

### **11) Facility Expansion to Support Growth**

With projected membership growth of over 100 by 2034, Wide Bay Rowing Club requires additional rowing capacity, including:

- Strength and conditioning training area
- Dedicated ergo training area
- Coastal Rowing equipment shed at Hervey Bay

An expanded facility would strengthen Maryborough & Hervey Bay's position as a premier regional rowing venue, allowing the Wide Bay Rowing Club to attract and retain rowers while hosting larger-scale competitions.

### **12) Infrastructure Modernisation**

Several critical infrastructure components require immediate attention, including:

- Installation of purpose-built rowing pontoon to accommodate eights and small rowing craft on the Mary River.
- Establishment of a Coastal Rowing storage shed with access to waters at Hervey Bay.

Investing in these upgrades will improve rowing conditions, encourage community engagement, and enable Maryborough and Hervey Bay to host high-quality rowing events, driving economic and social benefits for the region.

#### Indicative Costs:

Outlined below are the estimated costs for Second Story expansion in Maryborough:

Infrastructure Project	Estimated Investment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second Story Expansion &amp; fitout in Maryborough</li> </ul>	\$400,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of Coastal Rowing shed at Hervey Bay</li> </ul>	\$400,000
Purpose made Rowing Pontoon in Maryborough	1,200,000
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>

Wide Bay Rowing Club is willing to contribute financially towards the facility's development in partnership with the Queensland Government.

*Note: The project costs mentioned above are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigations.*

#### How This Project Enhances Activations for Brisbane 2032

Maryborough & Hervey Bay have a proud rowing legacy, producing world-class athletes who have represented Australia on the Olympic stage. Notable Olympians include:

- Ted Turton

Investment in Maryborough rowing infrastructure will ensure the region continues to produce elite talent for Brisbane 2032 and beyond. A redeveloped centre will also serve as a high-performance training base, supporting Olympic and Paralympic preparation with:

- Climate acclimatisation** – Similar conditions to Brisbane for optimal athlete readiness.
- Proximity to the capital** – Just over 3-hour drive or short daily flights for athlete transfers.
- Post-training recovery benefits** – well supported with physio, medical facilities, wellness services.

By addressing critical facility shortfalls Maryborough & Hervey Bay can ensure Queensland's regional rowers remain in the sport, enhance development pathways, and contribute to Olympic success in 2032.

#### Engagement & Partnerships:

Wide Bay Rowing Club is working closely with key stakeholders to secure funding and planning support, engaging with:

- **Local Government:** Fraser Coast Regional Council
- **State Government:** Queensland Government
- **Federal Government:**

Securing government backing for this project will ensure Wide Bay and Maryborough becomes a key contributor to Queensland's rowing legacy, supporting community sport and high-performance athlete pathways.

### **Conclusion & Call to Action:**

The relocation and expansion of Maryborough rowing facilities is critical to preserving and growing the sport in the region. The key priorities requiring government support include:

- Expansion of facilities on current site
- Support Maryborough to become a key regional training venue for Brisbane 2032.
- This investment will provide a lasting sporting legacy for Maryborough, enhance participation opportunities, and strengthen Queensland's broader Olympic talent development pathway.

Wide Bay Rowing Club urges immediate action and investment to ensure rowing continues to thrive in the region while reinforcing Queensland's reputation as a leader in Australian rowing.

# Vikings Rowing Club

**Association:** Vikings Rowing Club

**Association Representative:** Murray Stewart

**2024 Membership:** 60 members 24% increase on last year

**Projected Membership Growth by 2034:** 100

## Scope of Work:

Vikings Rowing Club is at a pivotal point in securing the rowing's future within the region. The Vikings Rowing Club is seeking support from Government's to address urgent infrastructure challenges that threaten rowing long-term sustainability in Brisbane region.

The key priority areas include:

- New community rowing facilities outside the City Cat zone or upgraded facilities at West End.
- Better regatta and racing facilities in Southeast Queensland.

Strategic investment in SEQ infrastructure will not only safeguard the sport locally but will also establish the region as an Olympic training and competition hub in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

## Key Infrastructure Requirements:

### 13) New community facility on the Brisbane Corso

Vikings current rowing facility is situated in the Rowing Queensland shed at West End.

Urgent relocation/upgrade/investment is required to:

- Enable the club to expand membership
- Improve safety on the water by being out of the City Cat zone.
- Better access to the water for older rowers or rowers that need assistance.

Vikings would position SEQ as an ideal destination for Queensland and Australian rowing events, pre-Olympic camps, and visiting international teams.

### 14) Facility Expansion to Support Growth

With projected membership growth of 66% by 2034, Vikings requires additional rowing capacity, including:

- Bigger boat storage
- More change rooms
- Better pontoons or access to the water
- More carparking

An expanded facility would strengthen Brisbane's position as a premier regional rowing venue, allowing the Vikings to attract and retain rowers while hosting larger-scale competitions.

### 15) Infrastructure Modernisation

Several critical infrastructure components require immediate attention, including:

- The development of Qld State Rowing Centre at Wyaralong Dam
  - Better carparking
  - More shade

- Better spectator facilities
- Better changerooms and amenities
- It should be noted that the rowing course is world class it is just the facilities letting the venue down.

Investing in these upgrades will improve rowing conditions, encourage community engagement, and enable SEQ to host high-quality rowing events, driving economic and social benefits for the region.

#### **Indicative Costs:**

Outlined below are the estimated costs for Vikings Rowing Club on the Corso in Brisbane:

<b>Infrastructure Project</b>	<b>Estimated Investment</b>
New community shed	\$3 million
New pontoon and apron	\$500,000
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$3.5 million</b>

Vikings Rowing Club is willing to contribute financially towards the facility's development in partnership with the Queensland Government.

*Note: The project costs mentioned above are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigations.*

#### **How This Project Enhances Activations for Brisbane 2032**

Brisbane has a proud rowing legacy, producing world-class athletes who have represented Australia on the Olympic stage.

Investment in Brisbane rowing infrastructure will ensure the region continues to produce elite talent for Brisbane 2032 and beyond. A redeveloped centre will also serve as a high-performance training base, supporting Olympic and Paralympic preparation with:

- **Climate acclimatisation** – Similar conditions to Brisbane for optimal athlete readiness.
- **Proximity to the capital.**
- **Post-training recovery benefits.**

By addressing critical facility shortfalls, Brisbane can ensure Queensland's regional rowers remain in the sport, enhance development pathways, and contribute to Olympic success in 2032.

**Conclusion & Call to Action:**

The relocation and expansion of Brisbane's rowing facilities is critical to preserving and growing the sport in the region. The key priorities requiring government support include:

- New infrastructure
- Support for Brisbane to become a key training venue for Brisbane 2032.

This investment will provide a lasting sporting legacy for Brisbane, enhance participation opportunities, and strengthen Queensland's broader Olympic talent development pathway.

Vikings urges immediate action and investment to ensure rowing continues to thrive in the region while reinforcing Queensland's reputation as a leader in Australian rowing.