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BOUND FOR OLYMPICS



Champion sculler Scott Brennan will don green and gold in the highly fancied heavyweight quad



Lindisfarne livewire Cameron Wurf is off to Athens to represent Australia in the lightweight double scull

The club is gearing up for a great Olympics with two of our rowers – Scott Brennan and Cameron Wurf – representing Australia in Athens. Their selection brings to four the number of Lindisfarne oarsmen to have donned green and gold at the world's premier athletic competition. Scott and Cameron follow in the illustrious paths of Stephen Hawkins (gold in Barcelona) and Darren Balmforth (silver in Sydney) who returned home as heroes after their amazing performances. Commiserations to Sam Beltz who was in Olympic contention until

the final team selection. Sam is still up there with the best and will represent Australia at world title regattas in Amsterdam and Banyoles, Spain, with Lindisfarne clubmates Kasper Hebblewhite and Sam Waley. It is a credit to the club and its coaches that Lindisfarne is able to foster such enormous talent. The club heartily congratulates the "boys" and their incredibly supportive families on their achievements. We wish them all the best and hope the Brennan and Wurf spectator contingents have a fabulous time in Greece.

Other Tasmanians in the Olympic rowing team are evergreen champion Simon Burgess (Huron), Brendan Long (Tamar), Dana Faletic (AIS, Huon) and Kerry Hore (AIS, New Norfolk and one-time Lindisfarne rower). We will all be following Scott and Cameron's races (the heavyweight quad and light-weight double scull) with great interest and hope to set up a big screen at the club to watch their races. Stay tuned for more details on the telecast. Background profiles on Scott and Cameron are featured on page 3.

Move to Eastern Shore a boon to Fahan

The rowing season of 2003/04 for Fahan started with a change to new premises and the commencement of a new affiliation with Lindisfarne. While it took some time to settle in, we all agree it has been a rewarding experience. Our expectations have been met and it is a delight to be a part of a club with such tradition and success. For the 2004/05 season Fahan will encourage more of our older girls to participate in the regatta season where we will compete as Lindisfarne.

This season Fahan rowers acquitted themselves really well given our overall numbers. Right across the age groups we produced outstanding achievements with both individuals and crews.

The "standout" crew for Fahan was definitely the U/14 girls who racked up an impressive number of results from all regatta competitions including a win in the U/14 quad at the Launceston Henley, and 2nd places in both the Tasmanian Schools Championship and Head of the River regattas. The crew also completed in singles and double races with excellent results.

The Fahan U/16s competed at the nationals in the U/17 schoolgirls championship quad sculls finishing a creditable 9th fastest overall. They followed this up with a disciplined and strong display to take 3rd place at the Tasmanian School Championships and an impressive 2nd place in the quad sculls at the Head of the River. Many of our senior girls leave us this year. They have been worthy contributors to the growth of Fahan Rowing. Their efforts and those of their parents have been much appreciated. We wish them well and thank them for their valued contribution over the years.

Indications are that 2004/05 will see an increase in the numbers of rowers with full complements in all the junior rowing age groups.

We have all appreciated our first year at Lindisfarne. The facilities have been great. We have been made to feel most welcome and the support from members has been warm and receptive. We look forward to a mutually successful 2004/05.

Terence Kirby-Fahey

Olympics a time to give Lindisfarne club song an airing

With the Olympics and world titles in mind, perhaps it's time to roll out the club song. To the tune of The Mickey Mouse Club theme, exercise the vocal chords with these lyrics:

**We're the rowers in the club who gain the victories
L-I-N-D-I-S-F-A-R-N-E (spell out)
We like to row, we row for fun
We know you all agree
L-I-N-D-I-S-F-A-R-N-E
Lindisfarne, Lindisfarne, forever let us row the race and see
That we're the best and we shall win wherever we may be
L-I-N-D-I-S-F-A-R-N-E**

Dragons a roaring success after only one season

Dragons Abreast had a fabulous first season on the water with guest appearances at the Royal Hobart and the Devonport regattas. The stand-out pink attire, not to mention greatly improved skills with the paddles, has won well-deserved attention and notoriety.

Last month three members competed in the Australian Dragon Boat Federation national titles in Perth and won two bronze medals. The difference between our own fibreglass boat and the WA aluminium models we all paddled in was astounding. The aluminium hull sat

very low in the water resulting in many unscheduled dunkings.

Several members of CanTeen, the organisation for teenagers living with cancer, took up our offer to have a paddle recently. They enjoyed it immensely and a few are keen to become regulars.

Weather permitting the Dragons will continue paddling throughout the winter. The aim is to slowly build up membership and get a second boat in about 18 months.

Fund-raising is continuing and has been encouraged by the generosity and support of the public as aware-

ness spreads about the Pink Ladies. It is hoped other groups will catch the dragon boat bug and support a local competition. The icing on the cake would be to host the national titles in Tasmania in the year 2010. The Dragons are hosting a film night at the club on Saturday May 8. Tickets at \$10 are being sold in advance of screening night.

See the advertisement on page 4 for all the details. Remember, the movies roll at 7.30pm sharp.

Moira Cannell



Above: Scott with dad Brian, sister Sarah and mum Diane. Younger sister Leah was in Melbourne.

Below: Eliza Glanville, Kate Evans, Alice Clifford, Caroline Seargeant.



Brennan family says thankyou

The Brennans threw a party at the club recently to acknowledge and thank all those involved in the development of Scott's stellar career. They even included some of his under 13 rowing crewmates from St Virgil's College!

There were lots of green and gold balloons and streamers to highlight Scott's Olympic selection and fittingly fine fare prepared by club gourmand Tom Ellis and his harem of helpers.



Above: Club patron Arthur Voss chats with Stephen Hawkins.

Below: Scott with his first coach, Damian Egan.



Gruelling training ahead as Scott and Cameron prepare for row of their lives

Scott Brennan and Cameron Wurf have competed against one another in school events, rowed together in Lindisfarne club events and even shared the winners' dais at national level when they have represented Tasmania.

Neither are strangers to international success, both representing Australia with great distinction on more than one occasion.

Scott brought home a gold medal from the World Under 23 titles in Belgrade last year after his superlative effort in the single sculls. At the same regatta Cameron was a member of the gold medal-winning lightweight four. They are both scholarship holders with the Australian Institute of Sport.

The pressure is really on Scott Brennan whose quad scull crew (with Queenslanders Shaun Coulton and Duncan Free plus Victorian David Crawshay) is tipped as a good chance for gold in Athens.

While they are used to tough training regimes, the full-time Olympic preparation will be very demanding.

The day starts with a 5.30am wakeup call followed by a rowing session until 8.30am.

This will be substituted by a run if the water is too iffy. The reward will be breakfast but forget the fry-up. It will be muesli, cereal, toast and may be the odd egg. There will be a rest period until lunch of salad rolls or pasta. An afternoon of cross training (boxing, cycling, weights) and another on-water session will be followed by an evening meal and an early night.

It's not a program that would appeal to everyone but Scott says he can't wait. He has been prepped by Simon Burgess who has given Tassie team mates lots of helpful advice.

Scott says his Olympic selection is the "biggest thing in my life". He has represented Australia three times before and managed to juggle college and medical studies with his chosen sport. This year has been devoted entirely to rowing.

Twenty-year-old Cameron is the youngest member of the 45-strong Australian Olympic team. Like Scott he has put his uni studies on hold for a gi-normous 2004. A real livewire around LRC, Cameron has acted as rowers' representative on the committee. Never lost for a word he has been very active at club level when not competing and training interstate.

He has paid special tribute to his mother, Lindy, who he said predicted his potential as a top rower when he was very young.

A few years later he took up rowing at Friends, then the Hutchins School and never looked back. Like Scott, he has been a long-time member of many successful Lindisfarne crews and has been part of medal-winning state crews at the Youth Olympics. He will team up with Victorian George Jelbart in the lightweight double scull Athens.

Both rowers have paid tribute to the Hawkins brothers, the late Tim and Olympian Stephen, for their inspiration, coaching and mentoring.

DRAGONS ABREAST
Nostalgia
FILM NIGHT
Saturday May 8

movies roll
7.30pm sharp At
Lindisfarne rowing
club

Tickets \$10

Bookings a must

Contact Moira 6245 1892

Sue 6265 7900

Rosemary 6273 4192

Cheryl 6243 5848

Andrew 6244 6979

Light supper
Lucky door prizes
Raffle

Fascinating old Tasmanian documentaries featuring trams, the Cadbury factory, historic footage of Franklin Square and the Gordon River. There are movies of a Rolf Harris plane trip, old Lake Pedder and Port Davey with tin miner Deny King.

Scholarship launched

Tasmanian Governor Richard Butler has launched the Tim Hawkins international law scholarship, named in honour of the renowned Lindisfarne rower tragically killed in the 2002 Bali bombings. The club participated in the organisation of the scholarship along with Tim's old law firm Ayliffe and Ayliffe, the State Government and the University of Tasmania. Supporters of the scholarship joined the Hawkins family at Government House for a reception to acknowledge Tim's continuing contribution to the Tasmanian community.

Raffle winners

Congratulations to Ian and Sue Mansfield. Their home will be more brightly illuminated after winning the latest club raffle, a huon pine lamp crafted by Jim Lucas and dressed in a lovely shade by Pam Whittaker.

Still flying the flag for Lindisfarne

Lindisfarne may not have had an abundance of competitors at the State and National Championships this season but there is no doubting the club's competitiveness.

Sam Beltz, Kasper Hebblewhite, Sam Waley, Cameron Wurf, and Scott Brennan lived up to their own high expectations and came home with a swag of medals. Hardy veteran Dave Emmett as usual wowed the crowd with his prowess and tenacity and it was good to see Anthony Males in his two blues zootsuit both at Lake Barrington and Nagambie.

Full credit to Kate Evans and Jess Crump who are still on the water, so far not succumbing to the lure of "life after rowing" which many rowers in their late teens find hard to resist. Newcomer Jy Webb, who is trying his hand at rowing after many years on the athletics track, also made a great

entrance into the sport.

Andrew Polanowski and the "ergo boys" have demonstrated they are a force to be reckoned with after a fine display at the New Norfolk Autumn Festival regatta. They even jumped into the empty seats in the Masters Women eight!

New doubles partners Sara Brooks and Nicola Webb acquitted themselves exceedingly well in their first competitive row while club president Andrew Lovibond and John Bourke put in a tidy performance in their doubles races. They have a way to go to match the precision of the masters women who have maintained their exceedingly high standard. Augers well for these senior athletes at the Masters regatta in May. Social rowing sessions on Sunday mornings are continuing. There have been a number of inquiries from rowers of all ages for next season.



Bar staff to trial run new club polo tops

Bar stars Suzette Holmes and Greg Colbeck (pictured left) will soon be sporting trendy new navy blue polo shirts. The shirts and smart navy blue caps, also with the club insignia, are available to bar staff as well as club members and supporters. Caps are \$12 and polo tops \$30.

Meanwhile, a slick little pamphlet has been produced by the committee for members of the community who hire the club for functions. It sets out hiring terms and includes a diagram of the layout of facilities. The pamphlets will be kept behind the bar for anyone who would like to pass them on to friends and relations. A reminder, the club is not available for 18th or 21st birthday parties.

Lindisfarne Rowing Club

Annual General Meeting

Thursday July 15, 2004
 7pm

All committee positions vacant?
 Nominations welcome