



**Melbourne Rowing Club Inc.**  
**ABN 83 099 024 944**  
**Membership Application**

First Name		
Surname		
Date of Birth		
Address		
Suburb, Postcode		
Email		
Mobile / Home		
Emergency Contact Name		
Emergency Contact Mobile		

<b>Joining Fee</b>		<b>Please tick:</b>
Senior (Competitive and non-competitive rowers)	\$165.00	
Student (Rowers who are full-time students under 25 years of age)	\$110.00	

<b>Annual Membership (includes annual Rowing Victoria Affiliation Fee)</b> *Member classifications rights and obligations listed at the end of this form		<b>Please tick:</b>
Senior (Competitive and non-competitive rowers) <i>(Senior membership consists of \$497.00 Club fees and \$88.00 RV affiliation fee)</i>	\$585.00	
Student (Rowers who are full-time students under 25 years of age) <i>(Student membership consists of \$297.00 Club fees and \$88.00 RV affiliation fee)</i>	\$385.00	
Coxswain (Non-rowing coxswain – RV affiliation fee only)	\$88.00	
Temporary 30-day Equipment Access	\$25.00	
<b>Volunteer Levy:</b> Senior/Student Members are expected to volunteer a minimum of 10hrs per calendar year, in lieu of which, the volunteer levy is payable (from first full calendar year of membership onwards).	\$100.00	
<b>Membership Start Date:</b> (please backdate to commencement date with MRC, excluding any paid Learn to Row sessions)	<b>Start Date:</b>	

*You will receive invoices by email. When you make your first payment you will be prompted to sign-up for auto direct debit via the online payment system. Other charges, such as regatta fees and transport costs will be invoiced and payable as they occur. Entry into regattas will be not be permitted if there is an outstanding balance as at the RV regatta entry cut-off date.*

<b>Club Transfer:</b> If you are, or have been in the past, a member of another Australian rowing club, you must obtain approval from your former club. Approval may be withheld if you have any outstanding amounts payable to that club.	<b>Name of previous Club</b>
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<b>Identification</b>	<b>Attached?</b>	
For Rowing Victoria purposes, please attach a photocopy of your driver's license, passport <b>OR</b> birth certificate. This is used to confirm your date of birth as it is entered into the Rowing Victoria database.	Driver's license	
	Passport	
	Birth Certificate	
Please attach a passport-type photo with your application.	Photo	

<b>Skills/Experience</b> – please list your rowing, coxing or coaching experience and achievements.



## Child Safe Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct outlines appropriate standards of behaviour by adults towards children.

The Code of Conduct aims to protect children and reduce any opportunities for abuse or harm to occur. It also helps members, volunteers and employees by providing them with guidance on how to best support children and how to avoid or better manage difficult situations. This Code of Conduct applies to all people involved in Melbourne Rowing Club's activities, including coaches, officials, volunteers and parents.

All Melbourne Rowing Club members, volunteers and employees are responsible for promoting the safety and wellbeing of children and young people by:

- Adhering to our Child Safe Policy, this Code of Conduct and other Melbourne Rowing Club policies
- Taking all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
- Treating everyone with respect, including listening to and valuing their ideas and opinions
- Welcoming all children and their families and carers and being inclusive
- Respecting cultural, religious and political differences and acting in a culturally sensitive way, particularly when interacting with children who are Aboriginal or otherwise culturally or linguistically diverse and those with a disability
- Modelling appropriate adult behaviour
- Listening to children and responding to them appropriately
- Reporting and acting on any breaches of this Code of Conduct, complaints or concerns appropriately and treat them seriously and with respect.
- Complying with our guidelines on physical contact with children
- Working with children in an open and transparent way – other adults should always know about the work you are doing with children
- Respecting the privacy of children and their families, and only disclosing information to people who have a need to know.

Melbourne Rowing Club members, volunteers and employees **MUST NOT**:

- Seek to use children in any way to meet the needs of adults
- Ignore or disregard any concerns, suspicions or disclosures of child abuse
- Use prejudice, oppressive behaviour or language with children
- Engage in rough physical games
- Discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, culture, vulnerability or sexuality
- Initiate unnecessary physical contact with children or do things of a personal nature that children can do for themselves, such as toileting or changing clothes
- Develop 'special' relationships with specific children or show favouritism through the provision of gifts or inappropriate attention
- Exchange personal contact details such as phone number, social networking site or email addresses with children
- Have unauthorised contact with children and young people online or by phone.

By observing these standards you acknowledge your responsibility to immediately report any breach of this code to the Club Captain ([captain@melbournerowing.com.au](mailto:captain@melbournerowing.com.au)).

The Melbourne Rowing Club will review this Code of Conduct annually.

I have read this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it at all times.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Waiver**

I understand and acknowledge that rowing is an activity that may cause injury. I participate in all Melbourne Rowing Club activities or external regattas and events at my own risk. I hereby release exempt and indemnify Melbourne Rowing Club, its management committee, its sponsors and agents in respect of all liability whatsoever and however caused whether by negligence or otherwise which may arise in connection with my participation in Melbourne Rowing Club activities or external regattas and events and agree that any conditions implied by the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012, to the extent I agree to waive them as set out under the "WARNING UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER LAW AND FAIR TRADING ACT 2012" below are excluded. This release continues forever and binds my heirs, successors, executors, administrators, personal representatives and assigns.

**Application for Membership**

I declare that I desire to become a **Senior/Student/ Coxswain/Temporary 30-day (circle as appropriate)** member of Melbourne Rowing Club Incorporated. In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force. I declare that I am a bona fide amateur according to the definition thereof from time to time contained in the rules of the Rowing Australia Incorporated. I declare that I am capable of swimming 50m in full rowing uniform.

**For Applicant under 18**

I agree to my child taking part in the activities of the Club and understand that these activities will not necessarily be supervised by club officials or coaches. I understand that in the event of any injury or illness all reasonable steps will be taken to contact me, and, having parental responsibility for the above child, I give permission for first aid to be administered or, where considered necessary, treatment by a suitably qualified medical practitioner. If I cannot be contacted and my child should require emergency hospital treatment, I authorise a qualified medical practitioner to provide emergency treatment or medication.

**WARNING UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER LAW AND FAIR TRADING ACT 2012**

Under the provisions of the Australian Consumer Law (Victoria), several statutory guarantees apply to the supply of certain goods and services. These guarantees mean that the supplier named on this form is required to ensure that the recreational services it supplies to you are:

- rendered with due care and skill; and
- are fit for the purpose for which you, either expressly or by implication, make known to the supplier; and
- might reasonably be expected to achieve any result you have made known to the supplier. Under section 22 of the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012, the supplier is entitled to ask you to agree that these statutory guarantees do not apply to you. If you sign this form, you will be agreeing that your rights to sue the supplier under the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 if you are killed or injured because the services provided were not in accordance with these guarantees, are excluded, restricted or modified in the way set out in this form

NOTE: The change to your rights, as set out in this form, does not apply if your death or injury is due to gross negligence on the supplier's part. "Gross negligence", in relation to an act or omission, means doing the act or omitting to do an act with reckless disregard, with or without consciousness, for the consequences of the act or omission. See regulation 5 of the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Regulations 2012 and section 22(3)(b) of the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012.

Signature of Applicant:	Date:
Name of Applicant (please print):	
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: (if applicant is under 18)	Date:

**Endorsement:** This application must be endorsed by the Squad Leader or Head Coach (who must be a current member) of the squad you will be joining – if you are not sure who this is, please discuss with the Club Administrator.

I _____ a member of the Association, nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of the Association.	Signature:
	Date:

**Committee Approval:** This application must be approved by two Committee members of Melbourne Rowing Club – if you are not sure who is a Club Committee member please discuss with the Club Administrator.

I _____ a member of the Committee of the Association, approve the applicant for membership of the Association.	Signature:
	Date:
I _____ a member of the Committee of the Association, approve the applicant for membership of the Association.	Signature:
	Date:

Note – all new membership applications require ratification by the Melbourne Rowing Club committee which will occur at the next meeting following this form being received by either the Club Secretary or Club Administrator.

PLEASE SCAN AND EMAIL THIS FORM TO [admin@melbournrowing.com.au](mailto:admin@melbournrowing.com.au) DON'T FORGET TO ATTACH ID & PHOTO



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**Melbourne Rowing Club Inc. – Statement of Purpose**

The purposes of Melbourne Rowing Club Inc. are to promote the sport of rowing and any other forms of athletic endeavour, which may be determined by the Committee from time to time.

**Membership Classifications**

**Senior Members** – have a right to:

- Use the Association’s equipment and property in accordance with the Purposes of the Association.
- Take part in all the Association’s proceedings and functions,
- Vote at all General Meetings; and
- Provided that they have been a Member of the Association for not less than one year, nominate to be elected to the Committee.

**Student Members** – are full-time students under 25 year of age, and have the same rights as a Senior Member, except those Student Members under 18 years of age are not entitled to vote at General Meetings or be elected to the Committee.

**Coxswain Members** – members who are actively engaged solely as a coxswain for the Association.

**Temporary 30-day Equipment Access** – This is intended for experienced rowers visiting Melbourne for a short duration (less than a month) or experienced rowers wanting a ‘trial period’ prior to joining the Association and allows for use of the Association’s equipment over the 30-day period, providing:

- The waiver on this form has been signed,
- A Senior Member accompanies them during all on-water activity for the duration,
- Equipment Access Fee is paid.

**Other Membership Classifications**

**Social Members** – This is intended primarily for Members who plan to cease active participation with the Association for one year or more but wish to retain an ongoing relationship with the Association (eg: Member has moved interstate or overseas, or is taking an extended break). Social Members have a right to:

- Take part in the Association’s social functions
- Receive club communications
- Attend General Meetings, and
- Provided they have been a member of the Association for at least one year, vote for, and nominate to be elected, as Ordinary Members of the Committee.

If considering this option, please note that Social Members are *not* entitled to use of the Associations’ equipment and property including rowing boats, indoor rowers or use of the gym equipment, at any time, whilst a Social Member.

Any members wishing to downgrade their membership to Social Membership OR upgrade their membership back to Senior Member must put their request in writing to the Club Administrator and the Treasurer.

**Life Members**– are Members, who on the recommendation of the Committee, are elected by Members at a General Meeting, in consideration of special services rendered to the Association. Life Members are entitled to have their annual membership subscription fee (excluding RV and other fees) waived for life.

**Patrons** – like Life Members, Patrons are entitled to have their annual membership subscription fee waived for life. Current Patrons contributed to past capital works by the Association.