



# WESLEY COLLEGE ROWING



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By daring & by doing

**1952-2019**



## Captains of Boats

### 1952-2018

2019	John Allard	1985	Martin Cox
2018	Hayden Coote	1984	Bruce McCracken
2017	Matthew Sarich	1983	Anthony Watson
2016	John McCutcheon	1982	Marc Corser
2015	Oscar Winter	1981	Stephen Thompson
2014	John Servaas	1980	Scott Wilson
2013	Jeremy Grainger	1979	Leigh Collins
2012	Fraser Mead	1978	David Robinson
2011	Edward Brook	1977	Peter Kirwan
2010	Jarrold Zylstra	1976	Michael Winslade
2009	Ashley Jacobs	1975	Paul Jackson
2008	Ben Depiazzi	1974	John Richards
2007	Jack Hayes	1973	Malcolm Janes
2006	Haydyn Richards	1972	Paul Reynolds
2005	Brenton Talbot	1971	Brian Johnson
2004	Joshua Dunjey	1970	Doug Basham
2003	Steven Fletcher	1969	Peter Jeffreys
2002	Kent Stone	1968	Peter Jeffreys
2001	Brenton Jenke	1967	David Ryan
2000	Damian Fox	1966	Douglas Davies
1999	Brett Slocum	1965	David Rowell
1998	Mitchell George	1964	Doug Pritchard
1997	Robert Wiese	1963	Kim Chance
1996	Steven Maff	1962	Donald Nixon
1995	Tim Perkins	1961	Murray McNair
1994	Drew Bartram	1960	Gil Lathwell
1993	Glen Loftus	1959	Max Watson
1992	Stuart Carmichael	1958	Michael Downing
1991	Nathan Buckey	1957	John Stephenson
1990	Shane Buckey	1956	Philip Trenaman
1989	Ross Bennett	1955	Roger Bulstrode
1988	Christopher Davies	1954	Terry Fuller
1987	Anthony Bell	1953	Ross Manning
1986	Paul Rich	1952	S. Walter Halliday

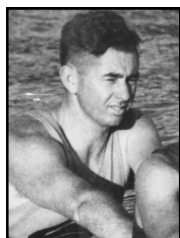
# 1952: The Beginning of Wesley Rowing

For several months past, a party of 20-odd Wesley College lads has on five afternoons a week, travelled by public transport from the school to Fremantle. They are the members of the three crews, which on April 19, will carry the green, black and gold colours of Wesley for the first time at the Associated Public Schools' Head of the River races.

Those tedious daily journeys from South Perth to Fremantle and return are just a part of the story behind Wesley's inaugural rowing year.



*Above: The Wesley College inaugural 1st VIII with coach Jack Jeffreys at the christening of the College's first boat, the JL Rossiter, April 1952.*



Jack Jeffreys



Ralph Jeffreys

When the College was first invited to join the Public School's Association this year, it seemed impossible that, in the short time available, crews could be put on the river and trained for the 1952 meeting.

Except for a brief period in 1929 when a few interested boys had elementary coaching at one of the metropolitan clubs, there had been no rowing at Wesley. The College had no boatshed, no boats and no oarsmen.

But through the good offices of Mr R.S. Jeffreys, the President of the West Australian Rowing Association, the cooperation of the Fremantle Rowing Club, and the interest of two old boys of the school – Jack and Ralph Jeffreys – the impossible had been achieved.

— *Western Mail*, Thursday 20 March 1952

# A History of Rowing at Wesley College

- 1899 The Inaugural Head of the River race is held in Western Australia on the Swan River adjacent to Mounts Bay Road.
- 1905 The Associated Public School Association is founded, now known as the Public Schools Association (PSA) and rowing is named as one of the five sports to be contested in interschool competitions.
- 1952 Wesley College joins the Associated Public School Association.
- 1952 The first Wesley Rowing squad is formed, with three crews of Year 11 students training at Fremantle Rowing Club coached by Jack Jeffreys, and by his brother Ralph, both of whom are Old Boys and Kings Cup Rowers.
- 1952 Wesley christens its first boat, the *LJ Rossiter*, donated to the school by Headmaster Dr James Leonard Rossiter and his wife Marguerite Rossiter.
- 1952 Wesley races in the Head of the River regatta for the first time, entering 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> VIII crews.
- 1952 The South Perth Roads Board provides land on the South Perth foreshore for the construction of the Wesley College Boat Shed.
- 1952 The Wesley Parents' Association commits £5000 towards the construction of the Shed and, together with the Wesley Old Boys' Association, holds a fete to raise funds.
- 1954 Wesley christens its second boat, *Wyvern*, which was donated by the Wesley Parents' Association.
- 1955 The Wesley College Boat Shed is completed.



Above: Wesley College's Inaugural Head of the River, 1952

1962 The Head of the River regatta is relocated to the Canning River to utilise rowing facilities constructed for the 1962 Empire Games.

1969 The Head of the River regatta returns to the Swan River course



after the inclusion of Trinity College in the PSA.

1971 Wesley wins its first ever race at a Head of the River Regatta, the **1<sup>st</sup> IV** crew, coached by Brian Nash.

1972 The Wesley **2<sup>nd</sup> IV**, coached by Jeff Dunstan, wins at the Head of the River.

1975 The Wesley's **U16 VIII** wins at the Head of the River.

1977 The Wesley **2<sup>nd</sup> VIII**, coached by Simon Whitehouse; **1<sup>st</sup> IV**, coached by Philip (Hock Sen) Chan; and **U16 IV**, coached by Mal Janes, all win at the Head of the River.

1978 The Wesley **2<sup>nd</sup> VIII**, coached by Don Werner, wins at the Head of the River.

1981 The Wesley **U16 IV**, coached by Robert Hoar, wins at the Head of the River.

1982 The Wesley **U16 IV**, coached by Warren Hawes, wins at the Head of the River.

1982 Wesley **2<sup>nd</sup> IV** coach Stephanie Greenway is the first female to coach a PSA crew.

1983 The perpetual C.A. Hamer Cup, named after Wesley Headmaster Clive Hamer is awarded for the first time to the school with the highest number of aggregate points at the Head of the River regatta.

1984 Stephanie Greenway becomes the first female to coach a PSA **1<sup>st</sup> VIII** crew.

1985 The racing distance for **1<sup>st</sup> Vllls** is increased from 1,500m to 2,000m.

1986 Penrhos College Rowing begins as an after-school activity, with a small group of students from Years 9-12 coached at Wesley College.

1987 The Wesley **Year 9 A 8+**, coached by David Rich, win at the Head of the River.

1987 The Head of the River Regatta is postponed due to inclement weather, and is relocated to the Canning Bridge course the following Monday.

1987 The Wesley **Year 9 8+**, coached by Marc Corser and Alex Hatch, wins at the Head of the River.

- 1988 The Wesley **1<sup>st</sup> IV**, coached by Simon Whitehouse and Vanessa Grant wins at the Head of the River, held for the last time on the Swan River course.
- 1988 Vanessa Grant becomes the first female to coach a winning crew at any Head of the River regatta.
- 1989 The head of the River Regatta permanently re-locates to Canning Bridge. The Wesley **2<sup>nd</sup> IV**, coached by Darrell Ninham and Warren Hawes, and **Year 9 8+** coached by Alex Hatch and Aaron Brinkworth, both win at the Head of the River.
- 1990 The Wesley **Year 10 8+** coached by Alex Hatch and Tim Beeson, win at the Head of the River.
- 1992 Penrhos College Rowing moves out of the Wesley Shed into their own building at Canning Bridge, in a share arrangement with the Swan River Rowing Club.
- 1993 The Wesley **1<sup>st</sup> IV**, coached by David Scott; the **Year 10 IV**, coached by Marc Corser; and **Year 9 8+**, coached by Mark James, all win at the Head of the River.
- 1994 The Wesley **Year 9 8+**, coached by Ben Manifold, and **Year 10 A 8+**, coached by Andrew O'Brien, both win at the Head of the River.
- 1995 The Wesley **Year 10 IV**, coached by Lara Stevenson, win at the Head of the River.
- 1996 The Year 10 IV racing category is replaced by **Year 10 4X+** and the Wesley crew, coached by Sarah Perkins, wins the inaugural event at the Head of the River.
- 1996 Wesley and Penrhos Colleges jointly appoint Sandy Burt Director of Rowing.
- 1997 The Wesley **Year 10 4X+**, coached by Simon Whitehouse, and **Year 9 A 8+**, coached by Keith Reynolds, both win at the Head of the River.
- 1998 The **Year 9 A 8+** coached by Keith Reynolds, and **Year 9 B 8+** coached by



1968 1st VIII

Clare Reeson, both win at the Head of the River.

1999 The Wesley **Year 10 B 8+**, coached by Matthew Doyle, wins at the Head of the River.

1999 Rhett Ayliffe is appointed Director of Rowing.



- 2001 The **Wesley 1<sup>st</sup> VIII**, coached by Rhett Ayliffe, wins the blue ribbon event at the Head of the River for Wesley for the first time.
- 2002 Verity Keogh is appointed Director of Rowing.
- 2003 The Year 9 D and E 4X+ racing categories are introduced.
- 2006 The Wesley **Senior 4X+**, coached by Andrew Wrigley, wins at the Head of the River.
- 2009 The Head of the River is relocated to the purpose built Champion Lakes Regatta Centre.
- 2010 David Milne is appointed Director of Rowing.
- 2014 James Bracey is appointed Director of Rowing.
- 2015 The Wesley **10 B 8+**, coached by Mat Jones, wins at the Head of the River.
- 2016 Luke Callier is appointed Director of Rowing.
- 2017 The Wesley **9D 4X+**, coached by Jaidyn Wood, wins at the Head of the River.
- 2017 Penrhos College Rowing leaves its Canning Bridge Shed and returns to the Wesley Boat Shed.
- 2018 Plans are drawn for a new combined Wesley-Penrhos Boat Shed.
- 2018 Wesley celebrates its best Head of the River regatta since 2001, with the **Year 10 B 8+**, coached by Matt Cureton and the **Year 10 4X+**, coached by Alex Hutton, winning at the Head of the River.
- 2018 A crew of Wesley Yr 10 rowers win Bronze in the **Under 17 Schoolboy's Coxed Eight** at the Australian National Rowing Championships held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre.



2018 Australian National Rowing Championships—  
Under 17s Schoolboy Coxed Eight Bronze Medal Presentation

## Head of the River Winning Crews 1952-2018



1971	1 <sup>st</sup> IV	1993	Yr 9 8+
1972	2 <sup>nd</sup> IV	1994	Yr 10 A 8+
1975	U16 VIII	1994	Yr 9 8+
1977	2 <sup>nd</sup> VIII	1995	Yr 10 IV
1977	1 <sup>st</sup> IV	1996	Yr 10 4X+
1977	U16 IV	1997	Yr 10 4X
1978	2 <sup>nd</sup> VIII	1997	Yr 9 A 8+
1981	U16 IV	1998	Yr 9 A 8+
1982	U16 IV	1998	Yr 9 B 8+
1986	Yr 9 A 8+	1999	Yr 10 B 8+
1987	Yr 9 8+	2001	1 <sup>st</sup> VIII
1988	1 <sup>st</sup> VI	2006	Senior 4X+
1989	2 <sup>nd</sup> IV;	2015	Yr 10 B 8+
1989	Yr 9 A 8+	2017	Yr 9 D 4X+
1990	Yr 10 8+	2018	Yr 10 B 8+
1993	1 <sup>st</sup> IV	2018	Yr 10 4X+
1993	Yr 10 IV		



# 2001 HEAD OF THE RIVER WINNERS



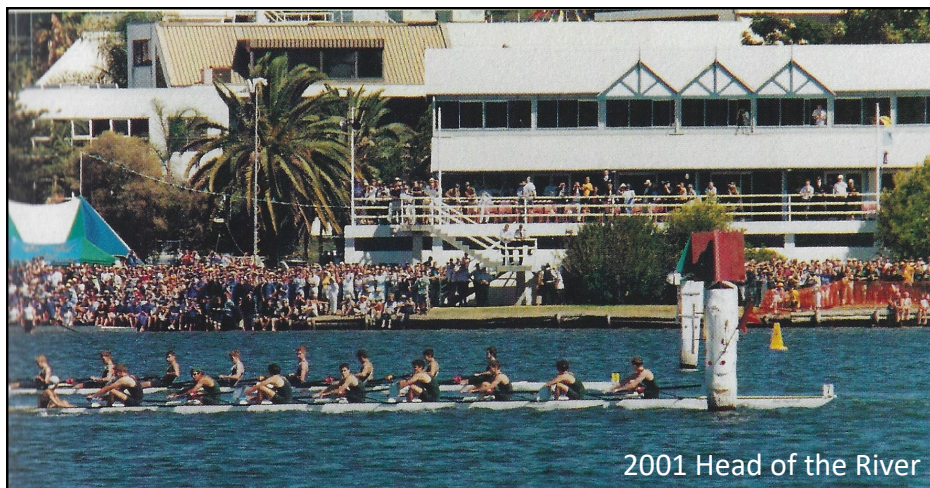
*On the 31st of March 2001, the Wesley 1st VIII created history by winning the Head of the River for the first time in the school's 50 year history. The 0.5 second win capped off the perfect season with the crew going undefeated all season, a feat achieved for the first time by a 1st VIII in the history of the PSA.*

*Brenton Jenke,  
2001 Co-Captain of Boats*

The 2001 Head of the River, Wesley's fiftieth, was approached with quiet optimism. Over the summer regattas, the Wesley crew indicated they were the team to beat, and so it proved. The senior crew, coxed by James Bennett, held on to win by a small margin from Hale School with Christ Church third.

At an assembly in Early April, attended by five of the original 1952 1<sup>st</sup> VIII, the crew were presented with their oars as keepsakes of their memorable win on 31 March 2001.

*— Honest and Unsullied Days*



2001 Head of the River

Wesley 1<sup>st</sup> VIII (L-R): James Bennett, Brenton Jenke, Richard Cameron, Alex Heggart, James Earle-Spurr, Daniel Rumenos, Jan Haak, Luke Beverley, Michael Thorley. Coach: Rhett Ayliffe

# Wesley College Rowing Trophies



## Awarded at the Wesley Regatta:

### **John Carlin Cup - Second IV / 2012 - Fourth VIII**

First awarded in 1985

Wesley wins: 1989

### **Vic Cooper Cup - First IV**

First awarded in 1985

Wesley wins: 1993, 1999, 2001, 2011

### **Marc Corser Cup - Year 9 Quad Scull**

First awarded in 1998

Wesley wins: 1998

### **Vanessa Grant Cup - Year 9B VIII (IV)**

First awarded in 1998

Wesley wins: 1998

### **Harry Griffiths Cup - Year 9 VIII (IV)**

First awarded in 1985

Wesley wins: 1986, 1987, 1989, 1993, 1997, 1998

### **R.C.V.A & W.E. Hawkes Cup -Third IV / 1992 on Third VIII**

First awarded in 1986

Wesley wins: 2007



## Awarded at the Head of the River:

### C.A. Hamer Cup

Head of the River Champion School

First awarded in 1983

### Jack Jeffreys Cup - Year 10 VIII

First awarded in 1985

Wesley wins: 1988, 1990, 1999, 2001

### J. S. Maloney Cup - Second VIII

First awarded in 1985

Wesley nil

### R.W. Ritchie Cup - Year 10 IV

First awarded in 1985

Wesley wins: 1986, 1987, 1988, 1993, 1996, 1998, 2018

### Year 10B VIII's

First awarded in 1994

Wesley wins: 1999, 2018

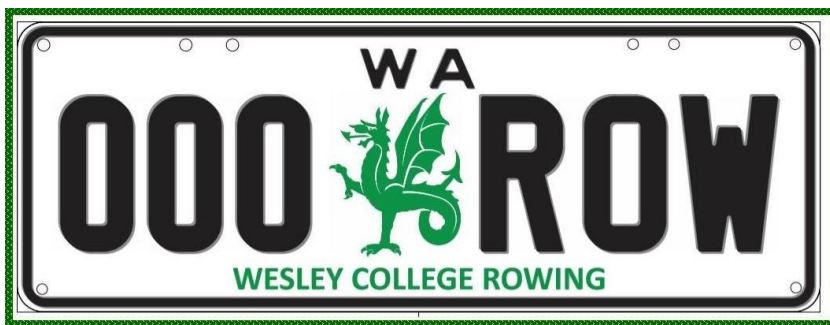
### S.J. & N.M. Whitehouse Trophy - First VIII

First awarded in 1985

Wesley wins: 2001, 2007

### Indoor Rowing Championship - Best Overall School

First awarded in 1999, Last awarded in 2007



In December 2018 Wesley Rowing released a range of fundraising number plates

# Wesley College Rowing Roll of Honour



## State and National Representative Senior Rowers

Ralph Jeffreys (27-29-31)

Jack Jeffreys (29-31-33)

Gil Lathwell (53-60)

Barry MacKinnon (60-61)

Peter Le Souff (61-65)

Roy Loftus (65-67)

Gary Ward (64-68)

Michael Sasse (70-71)

Ian Waite (66-72)

Peter Woodland (68-72)

Ian Wilson (66-73)

Malcolm Janes (69-73)

Andrew Randell (74-75-79)

Mark James (76-80)

Marc Corser (76-82)

David Rich (78-83)

Glen Loftus (89-93)

Brock Ingram (90-94)

Tim Perkins (90-95)

Brenton Jenke (94-01)

Steven Fletcher (95-03)

Hugh Rawlinson (01-06)

Cameron Fowler (08-10)

Oscar Winter (08-15)



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