

CHANGING LIVES

The Official Newsletter of Making Waves



2022 was the biggest year the program has seen, with great progress made toward the plan to transition the program to more of a co-curricular program.

Following the departure of Daniel Gibbons in late 2021, Claire Jansen (from Rowing WA) stood in through Term 1, and early in Term 2 Making Waves secured Luke Simpkins as the Making Waves General Manager to lead the evolution of the program through 2022.



School Engagement

Across the year, 740 young people were involved in the program from 8 participating schools. Term 4 was the biggest to date with 291 participants, comprising the ongoing in-school sessions, but also included an inter-house regatta and for the first time, a pre-Christmas holiday rowing camp.

Program participation followed the typical pattern with a preference for the warmer summer months with Term 1 having 263 participants, Term 2 - 151, Term 3 - 35 and Term 4 with 291 participants!

Through 2022 we have enjoyed the participation of our usual two Curriculum and Reengagement in Education (CARE) schools, being SMYL Community College and Sowilo Community High School, with Youth Futures Community School now joining the program from the North-East of Perth.



Establishing Making Waves as an Entity

Making Waves continued its establishment as a stand-alone charitable entity (from Rowing WA) and commenced operation under separate accounts, payroll and various other service contracts from 1 November 2022. This has made reporting to the ACNC and other stakeholders cleaner and simpler. It has also assisted defining the different roles and relationship between the two organisations.

School Rowing Pathway



Following delays caused by COVID in 2020, it was hoped that progress on establishing the school rowing pathway would occur in 2021. However schools still did not have a great appetite in 2021 for off-campus activities. It was only late in 2022 that Byford Secondary College outlined their strong enthusiasm to establish a specialist rowing program at the school.

It was however pleasing to see John Wollaston ACS students participating in the All-Schools Regattas in 2022 (following their involvement in Making Waves). It was also pleasing to see their SBY92X qualifying for the final and finishing 4th in that final at the Championship regatta.

Program Expansion

Byford

Byford College have always been a major supported and user of the Making Waves program, with some of their staff having close personal ties in the rowing community. While the Byford calendar was packed for most of the year, they managed to find time for the Year 10 cohort to attend a full day of Making Waves fun in December. Most of the cohort had completed the program before, and were thrilled to be able to return for a one-day hit-out.

School Holiday Rowing Camp

As a key strategic objective of the program, the first School Holiday Training Camp was held at the end of 2022, with 14 young rowers participating. This was the first Making Waves program ever held where the individual students had to choose to participate. Over the week the young people were able to participate in a variety of rowing activities, both on- and off-water, and finished up the program with some racing, a BBQ and chance to teach their parents how to row. From the success of this pilot program, the Making Waves Board are reviewing the timeline related to the evolution of the program to more co-curricular based initiatives, where kids can gain more exposure to the program and the development of related life skills.

I thought I would just share what the rowing programme has meant to us. I have a child that is more musical/arty and doesn't like sports, especially team and competitive sports. She does love the water and has been kayaking with us over family holidays. She has absolutely loved the rowing programme introduced through high school. So much so that she has asked to go on your rowing camp which had me choke on my food!!!! She has found something that she really enjoys. Thank you for making this opportunity available to schools. It's made a difference in our and especially my child's life!

- Parent from Summer Holiday Rowing Camp

Strategic Direction

2022 also saw Making Waves and Rowing WA staff approach the Office of the Minister for Education seeking funding for specialist rowing programs at local State secondary schools. A formal written proposal has not yet been sent, however a draft has been created. In December our local MP, the Hon Tony Buti was promoted to Minister For Education, and we look forward to working with him on this proposal in 2023.

The Making Waves Board reviewed its Strategic Plan in mid-2022 as it does each year and taking on feedback from participants, schools and other stakeholders, a significant strategic shift was made to develop a stronger engagement with participants, but potentially fewer participants engaged. Plans were established to evolve to such a focus during 2023, once schools emerge from the COVID fog and are more willing to engage with programs like Making Waves. Further conversations with government were flagged as critical to the long-term success of the program.



Get To Know The Board



Chairman - David Rose

David is President of Rowing WA and has been involved in Making waves since its inception. His involvement in rowing has been as a participant, a parent, a volunteer and a director; and in education as a parent, a Secondary School Board director and a University College director.

His lifetime association with rowing and education, has made him acutely aware of the benefit that one provides to the other. David sees Making Waves as the vehicle to make the lifelong benefits of rowing available to the widest possible cohort of Western Australian schools.



Managing Director - Daniel Tackenberg

Daniel has been the CEO at Rowing WA since 2014 and has also been involved with Making Waves since its inception. Daniel has dedicated his professional career to empowering people through sport, working within the sector for the past 25 years.

Through Daniel's personal experiences through sport and the impact on his own personal growth, he is passionate about providing similar opportunities to those that don't have access or the means to engage in such life-changing activities.

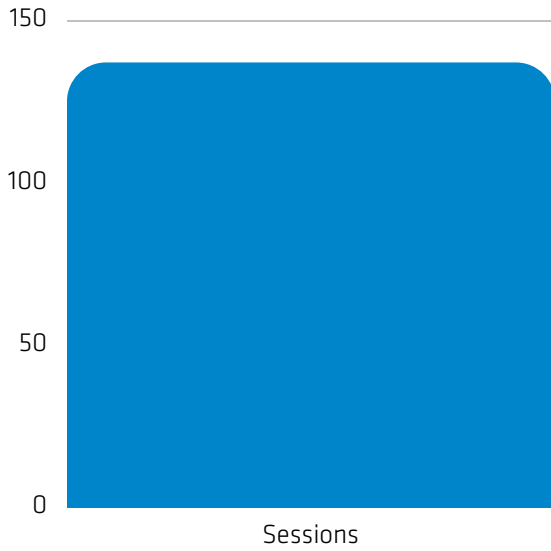
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The Stats That Matter

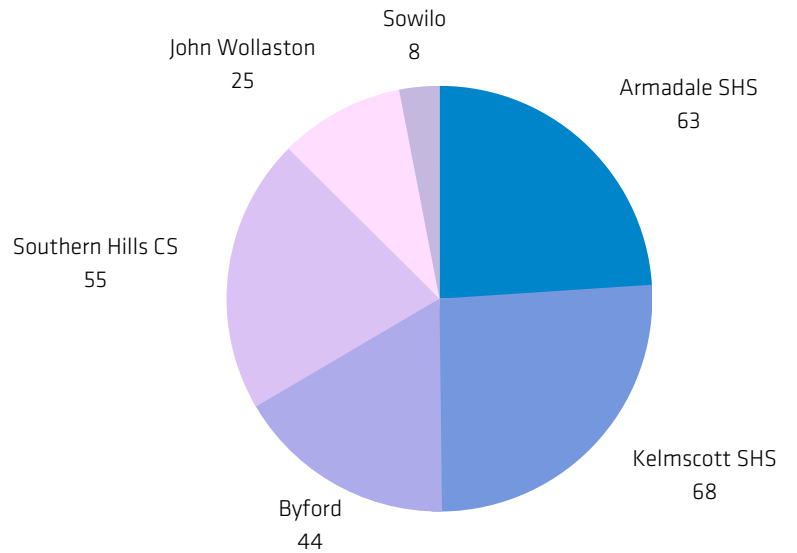
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In-School Program



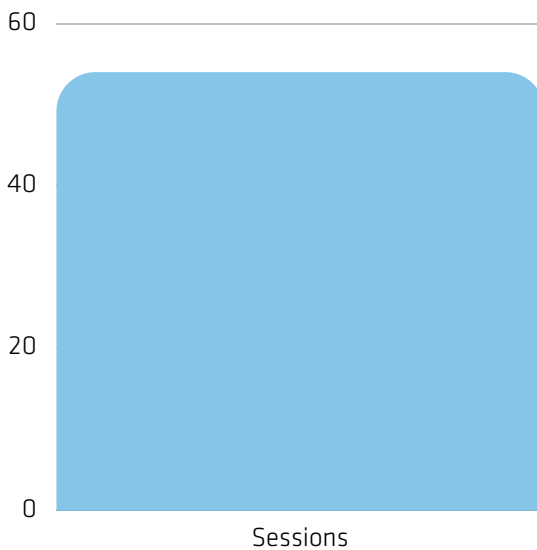
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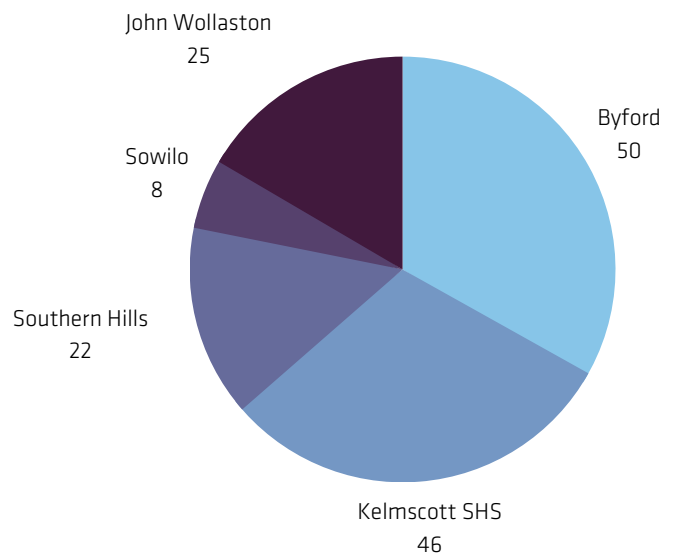
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In-School Program



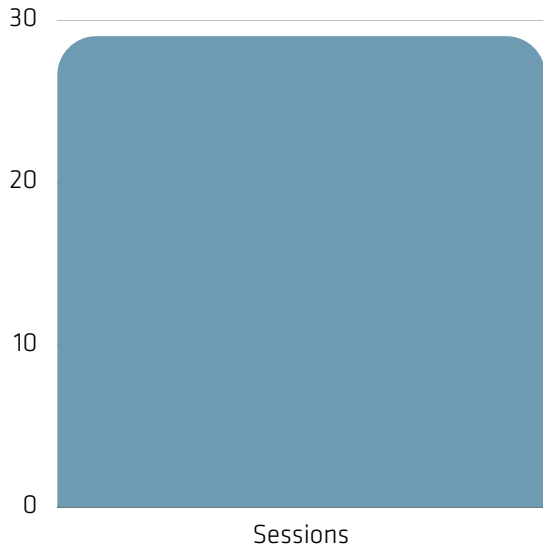
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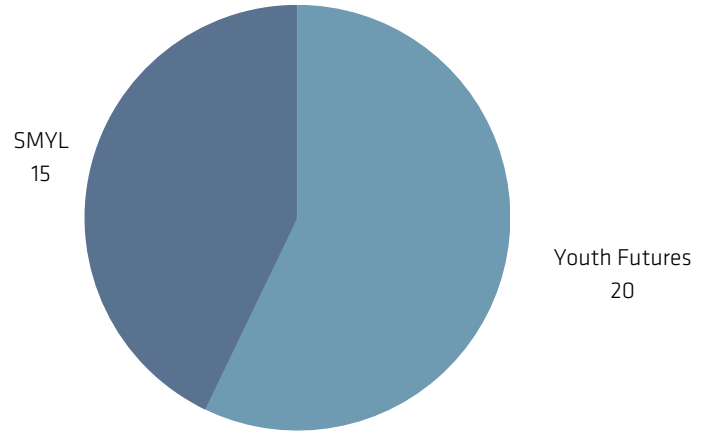
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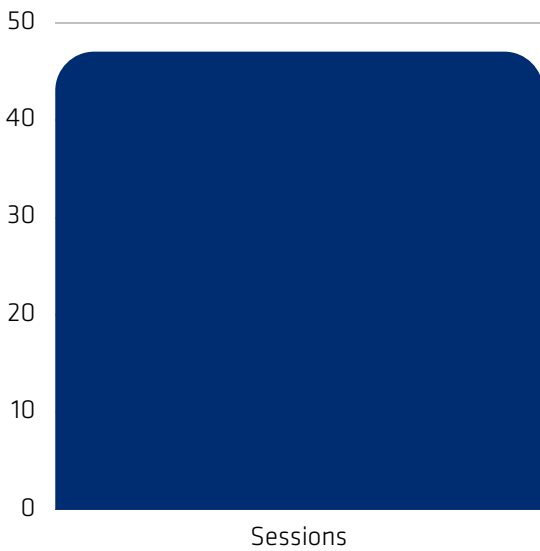
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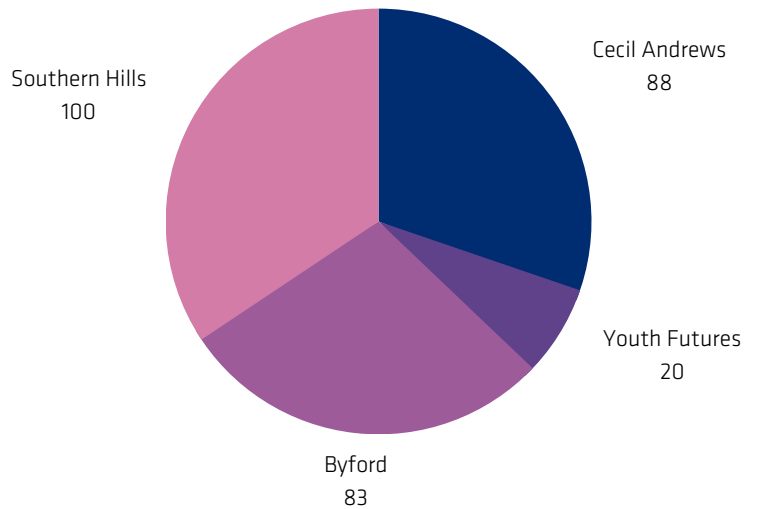
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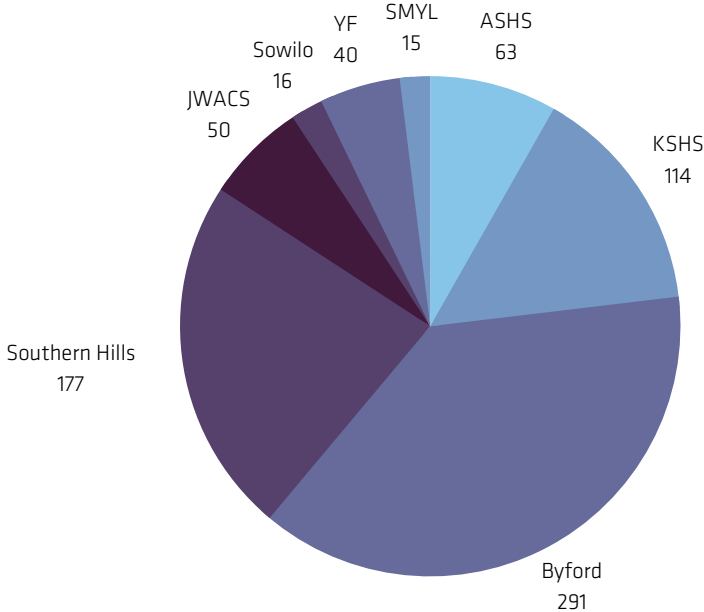


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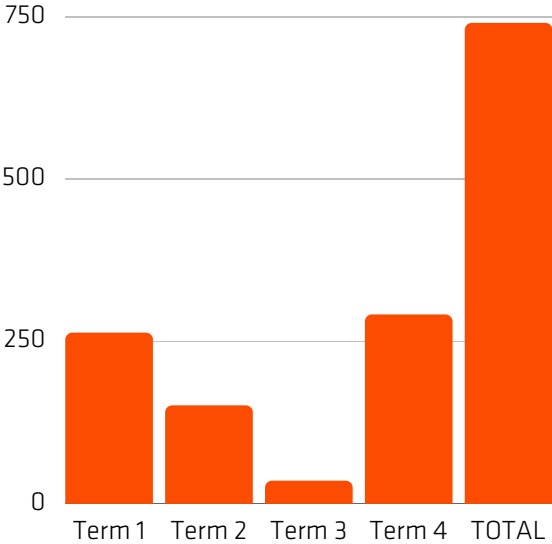


The Stats That Matter - 2022 as a whole

Students Per School



Number of Students





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of young people
through rowing**