

### **Megan Ashford (U15s coach)**

My name is Meg and I am a recent masters graduate with over five years of voluntary rowing coaching and club administration experience looking for an opportunity to apply my skills in a new and challenging environment to gain overseas experience, and I am keen to bring my knowledge and enthusiasm to Westlake Boys High School.

I have been involved in rowing for over ten years, in a variety of ways; from competing myself at both junior and senior level, to coaching junior and university-level athletes and managing my university club.

### **Andy McLean (U16 Coach)**

Andrew McLean came on board in 2018 for camps and regattas when he was living in Cambridge as a friend of Old Boy Michael Brake. He had previously coached crews at Auckland Dio, St Bede's and the King's School of Canterbury in the UK. He has recently taken over [www.marqueecityhire.co.nz](http://www.marqueecityhire.co.nz) and will continue to live in Cambridge helping with camps and regattas.

### **Hannah Kennedy (U16 Lead Coach)**

This is my 7<sup>th</sup> season involved with WBHS rowing and my 7<sup>th</sup> year teaching at WBHS (Social Studies/Geography). I am from Christchurch originally and rowed/coxed throughout my time at Christchurch Girls High School and Otago University. I have been fortunate enough to coach an age group right from U15 through to U18 and have found it incredibly rewarding to see their development into excellent athletes and champion young men.

Working within a great coaching team, alongside supportive parents and with a fantastic group of boys, makes me very excited for the up-and-coming season. During the off season, I manage a rugby team and try to get a few trips into Christchurch to see my family.

### **Andy Hay (Senior Rowing Coach)**

The first thing I ever knew about the Maadi Cup was staring at the framed photo of the 1976 winners hung on wall at the front of the assembly hall. I was a third former at the school I'd always wanted to go to - Westlake Boys' High School. I am very much looking forward to being part of the Westlake Boys rowing coaching team for the upcoming season.

One and a half years ago, I had the honour of helping launch the school's new eight, 'The Andy Hay', and was able to take the U18s out in it several times from the coxswain's seat. I've never lost the thrill of sitting in a fast boat and hope I can help another generation of Westlake rowers experience the same.

Over the years I've been part of some incredible crews, from world champion New Zealand eights to national champion North Shore Rowing Club crews, helped coach Masters crews and a variety of school crews as well. For the past 15 years I have been the Sports Editor at TVNZ's 1News, so rowing has continued to play a big part in my life. Recently Rowing NZ has

contracted me as the Rowing Hub reporter on all things rowing in NZ. Wishing everyone a great season and I'll see you out on the water soon.

### **Jo Shotter - Director of Rowing & Head Coach**

I can't believe where the time has gone since I began coaching rowing!

As a teenager, every sport was my game, with hockey taking me to national trials and coaching rep teams for several years. I only started rowing at 19 and it has taken me around the world both as an athlete and coach.

A mother of 3 sport mad children and a husband who rowed for NZ, rowing is a passion that's turned into a job for me. I love helping the first day rower right through to the world class oarsman. Watching progress over an athlete's time is what drives my love to coach.

Recently returning from Henley regatta in the UK, where I was able to watch some of our old boys competing in their US university colours, is another layer and highlight alongside my role as Director of rowing at WBHS.

In down time, I like to spend time on our rural property with the animals, head to the bach to fish, swim and hike the hills.

It is a real pleasure to lead this knowledgeable and highly skilled coaching team, who as you can see, bring a variety of craft to our programme.