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Dear BSRA Community,

It is with deep sadness that, on behalf of the Board, I write to inform you of the passing of Damon Stokes on Wednesday 20 May, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Many of you will know Damon as a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the rowing community. Damon's commitment to the sport and to BSRA was longstanding and wholehearted. As a Founding Member of BSRA, Damon played a pivotal role in shaping the organisation in its early years and in fostering the strong, collegial community that exists today. Damon was awarded Life Membership of BSRA, in recognition of these significant contributions and many years of service to the rowing community.

Beyond formal roles and titles, Damon will be remembered for generosity of spirit, willingness to give time and expertise, and a genuine passion for rowing and for the people involved in it. Damon's legacy will endure through the organisation and the many individuals whose lives were positively impacted by this contribution.

On behalf of the Board and the entire BSRA community, I extend our heartfelt condolences to Damon's wife and two children, as well as to extended family and friends. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate this profoundly difficult time.

With kindness, peace and hope,

Mrs Kay Gleeson
Chair
BSRA