

Oarsome Support for February 12-15, 2015

As the end of 2014 draws near, excitement is building for the Inaugural International St Ayles Skiff Regatta to be held in Franklin in February 2015.

The success of new events such as this depends on the support of local groups and businesses. Tierney Law in Huonville are “On Board” again and have become the major sponsor of the Community and Corporate event on Saturday, February 14.

Apart from that day being a special date for romance, it is the first time local businesses will be competing in the fun rowing events over a short course of 250m on the Huon River.

Jane Johnson, one of the coordinators of the event, said Tim Tierney’s support for local events was “Oarsome”. “Tim at Tierney Law has supported the community event, the “Focus on Franklin”, for many years now. We are thrilled that he has become a major sponsor for a brand new event that aims to involve as many local people as possible – we are hoping it will be a fun challenge to all sporting or workplace groups, families and friends. The new Mayor, Peter Coad, has offered to field a Councillor’s team – perhaps Huon Valley Council Staff will also join in. It will be great to see individuals side-by-side, working together to become a competitive crew”.

Rowing the St Ayles Skiffs has become part of a worldwide trend. As a team of four rowers and a cox, mixed, men’s and women’s crews race in community-built boats that are novice-friendly, fast and appealing to a wide age-range. Teams are also arriving from Mainland Australia, New Zealand, Scotland and throughout Tasmania so it should be great community festival for the Huon Valley. For anyone interested in becoming a sponsor, forming a team, helping out as a volunteer or simply joining in, visit www.tasskiffie2015.org or ph 62663224 for more information.