

# Peter

*Effective leaders shape our world  
Chosen by the Lords own hand  
Our world of rowing was set on course  
By the leader of leaders Peter Copland*

*He built for us a foundation  
On which tall towers stand  
With stairways that lead to the highest heights  
New visions on which horizons expand*

*A successful man in all his pursuits  
Outstanding at building teams  
With open pathways that lead to the top  
Along which people pursue ambitious dreams*

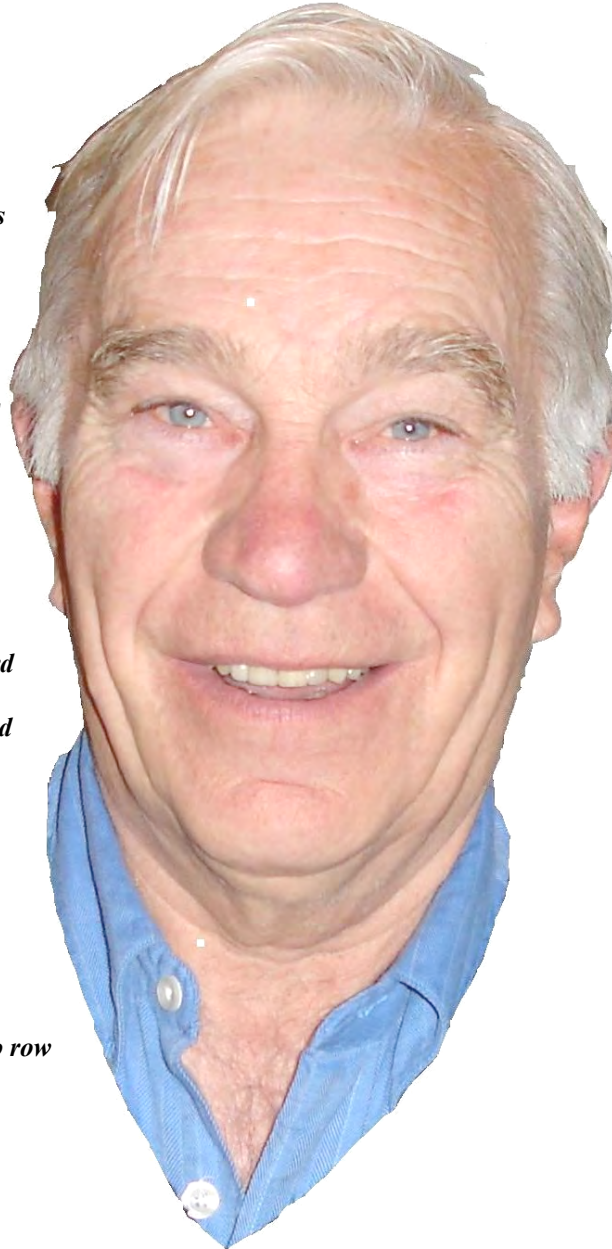
*A noble man with composure and grace  
Unpretentious gifted and wise  
Wisdom from which we all gained strength  
A celestial saint in human disguise*

*His messages echoed far and wide  
From coaching launch to his companies board  
From inside and outside the athletic world  
The strength of his words could not be ignored*

*He restored Rowing's integrity  
Lifted our sport from the cold  
He supported the national rowing teams  
He helped to win Olympic Gold*

*He taught young rowers the skill of the sport  
He helped young coaches develop and grow  
He stands for true values of sportsmanship  
He brought joy to the blind, he taught them to row*

*A man who led by example  
With generous undying support  
For which he asked nothing in return  
A desire to help is all that he sought*



*He sculls his boat with effortless style  
Understanding of which may be hard to conceive  
But an example of true leadership  
Showing others what they can achieve*

*He can navigate mighty oceans  
Ride the stormy seas  
Canoe down roaring rapids  
He can twist and turn on snow amongst tress*

*He can ride his bike ten miles to town  
By passing every inviting pub  
An example of his self control  
Like playing golf with only one club*

*A master chef and connoisseur  
An expert with exotic wine  
Great company for his many friends  
There's no finer place for an old coach to dine*

*A master of masters on water and land  
A natural at every athletic game  
There is no cross word he cannot solve  
He can always cope, he lives up to his name*

*Beneath stately sophistication  
he is friendly generous and kind  
A man of the highest integrity  
A gentleman impeccably refined*

*We are thankful the Lord blessed us with his grace  
Peter Coplands are few and far between  
We pray he will be immortal  
Forever on our scene*

*Peter shaped our rowing world  
From foundation to the skies  
As I have shaped these chosen words  
In the way I see him through my own eyes*