

ROBBIE MANSON

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To Whom it may concern.

My name is Robbie Manson, I am an Olympic rower (2012 & 2016) and the current World Record holder in the Mens Single from New Zealand. I have worked with The Worldwide Roar, formerly Warwick Rowers, since 2017 and guest starred in their 2019 Calendar.

The message behind the Worldwide Roar is very close to my heart. They promote inclusion and equality in sport. Their primary cause is to stand up against homophobia in sport. This has personally helped me a lot being an openly gay athlete.

There was a time where I wasn't comfortable to be myself and didn't think I would be accepted in my sport. The more people are involved with the Worldwide roar and stand up against homophobia the more people like myself will feel comfortable and accepted, so we like everyone else can get on with enjoying our chosen sports, without the fear of judgement or being ridiculed for our sexuality.

The photo shoot I did in Sydney, Australia around the 2017/2018 New Year was one of the greatest experiences I've had. The guys were all very friendly and welcoming and made me feel comfortable especially as it wasn't something I had done before. From that experience I feel as though I have made friends for life all the while adding my name to a fantastic cause.

Since then I have continued to support the Worldwide Roar and hope to be involved again sometime in the near future.

Yours Sincerely,

Robbie Manson