

Clubs Membership

All NSW paddleclubs must join PaddleNSW by the end of July in order for their insurance and access to services to be retained. The rejoining process is quite simple, with a download form available on the PaddleNSW website 'Membership' page, category 2. It is important for clubs to check that their members have also joined PaddleNSW individually. If a club permits non-member paddlers to join their activities, it can jeopardise their insurance and our association.

A current NSW membership list is available on the Membership menu of the PaddleNSW website, called 'memberlist'. To gain access to this page, you will need a username and password. Please send your request to admin@PaddleNSW.org.au and we will let you know how to access it. It is a confidential list, so not available for download.

Upcoming AGM

The PaddleNSW AGM is to be held in the Ken Brown Room at Sports House, Olympic Park, on Sunday 30th August at 10.00am. Refreshments will be served after the meeting, followed by a strategic forum where many exciting developments will be explained and all your questions answered. This specially focuses on changes to club constitutions to be introduced toward the end of the year by the Dept Fair Trading.

An agenda will be circulated shortly, together with nomination forms for the PNSW Management committee and Paddlesports committees, including Recreation, Marathon, Slalom, Sprint, SurfSki and Canoe Polo.

New member cards

A new card has been developed for premium members. It features the AC logo alongside the PNSW logo on the front, and also has a different number. The Member numbering system works like this:

- The first number 2 indicates the paddler is from NSW (ie postcode/area code reference)
- The second number indicates membership status. 1 is for standard members, 9 is for premium members. The separation will be useful for things like anti-doping testing, which will only apply to premium members.
- The next four numbers are the individual member numbers which will carry on throughout the paddler's membership of PaddleNSW. A future initiative includes individually numbered rashie singlets and number boards which can be used as paddler identification at events.

Premium membership

As mentioned previously, Premium membership has been set up for those paddlers needing specific ACAS certification training or access to AC events. If you already have a qualification, there is no need to take this membership option. Standard membership is all you need.

Accounting for the money

Many Clubs and Paddlesport committees will be conducting financial transactions through the PaddleNSW bank account. Additionally, all of our event registrations are available on-line, with direct payments into the bank account.



This creates a lot of work for our treasurer, but also allows us to keep a better watch on finances. Paddlesport committees are responsible for their own financial status, even though they work within the one PNSW management account. Committees can deposit money into the PNSW account directly, or via one of the PNSW management committee members. They can also present invoices for payment via email, which will be expedited rapidly. The postbox is also visited regularly for normal mailed deposits.

In order to make reconciling bank deposits easier, a code should be used where transactions are made via EFT, for each deposit made directly into the PNSW bank account. The various Paddlesport committee deposits should use the first three letters of their sport, eg: SPR (sprint), MAR(marathon), POL (Canoe polo), SLA (slalom), REC (recreational) as a prefix, with a brief description of the nature of the deposit which will allow the treasurer to correctly allocate the deposit. Where cash deposits are made, details and a reconciliation of the deposit should be forwarded to treasurer@paddleNSW.org.au

Any cheques which need to be drawn for payment should be requested via a purchase order provided by the Paddlesport committee accompanied by a tax invoice from the supplier.

Clubs which co-host paddlesport events such as Marathon Series and Sprint Regattas, will pass all proceeds to PaddleNSW, together with a list of expenditure. According to the agreed formula for splitting the proceeds (which will include direct deposits made via on-line registrations), the host club will be informed by the Paddlesport committee of how much to invoice PaddleNSW. Once an invoice is forthcoming from the club, payment will be expedited. We apologise for any past delays in processing payments, and hope these new arrangements will make the whole accounting system more efficient.

Recreational Series

PaddleNSW has made a big effort to promote and facilitate recreational paddling. Due to the hard work of a few dedicated members, we now have a range of Recreational paddles in diverse waterways, led by paddlers with a great knowledge of local areas. PaddleNSW is seeking to increase the number of recreational paddles and calls for interested clubs to join in the series. There are many benefits to be had, such as increased club membership. Please contact admin@paddleNSW.org.au if your club is interested in joining the series. Check out the Recreational Page of the website to see what they're about.

Website

Every member club of PaddleNSW has its own web page on our website. Information on your page will help potential members gain an insight into your club, and a temptation to join. Please make use of the space, and send us details of your club, and any activities you might be organising together with appropriate contact details.

Keeping you informed and active

The PaddleNSW Management Committee

