



Dear Members,

On behalf of the PaddleNSW Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to present for your consideration and adoption the Seventh Annual Report of PaddleNSW Inc that covers its activities during the financial year 1st July 2013 to 30th June 2014.

Peter Tate *Chief Executive Officer*



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2013/14 PaddleNSW Board of Directors

Chairperson:

Timothy HOOKINS



Vice Chair:

Peter DEBNAM

(resigned 3/02/14)



Vice Chair:

Anthony HYTEK



Elected Director:

Andrew MATHERS



Elected Director:

Lynn PARKER

Elected Director:

Timothy RING



Elected Director:

Chris THOMPSON

Appointed Director:

Val TITOV



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2013/14 PaddleNSW Office Bearers & Committee Members

Executive Officer:	Tony LEWIS (resigned 14/09/13)
Chief Exec Officer:	Peter TATE (appointed 1/10/13)
Accounts Officer:	Patricia SUGITA (resigned 30/10/13), Kate ROBERTS
Auditors:	W & D FINANCIAL SERVICES
Education & Training Coordinator:	Lynn PARKER
Webmaster:	Andrew MATHERS
Equipment Officer:	Tony HYTEK
Waterways Guide Working Group:	Lynn PARKER (Chair), Andrew CHEETHAM, Jeff COTTRELL, Peter TATE, Val TITOV

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES:

PNSW Chairperson & CEO are ex-officio Members on all Sub-Committees

Canoe Polo Committee:

Richard ANDREWS (Chair),
Richard BARNES, Cathy MILLER

Freestyle Committee:

Eileen CALLAGHAN (Chair), John KELLY

Marathon Committee:

Bob TURNER (Chair), Gaye HATFIELD
(Secretary), Tom BALAAM, Craig DODD,
Laurie WARD

Open Water Committee:

Steve NEWSOME (Chair),
Brett GREENWOOD, Tony HAINES,
Tim HOOKINS, John McCUAIG,
Paul RICHARDSON, Jeremy SPEAR,
Val TITOV

Slalom Committee:

John FORSYTHE (Chair), Colin BORROWS,
Chris THOMPSON, John KELLY

Sprint Committee:

Laura WHITE (Chair), Nigel COLLESS,
Gavin GODFREY, Richard ROBINSON,
Stephen SHELLEY

LIFE MEMBERS :

This State Sporting Organisation and the former peak bodies of Canoeing in NSW & ACT have awarded 20 Life Memberships since NSW Canoe Association was formed on 8th September 1949.

1962 Max HILL*, **1962** Os BROWNLEE*, **1962** Harry SAVAGE*,
1962 Frank WHITEBROOK* OAM, **1962** Albert HOPKINS*,
1967 Frank HENRY*, **1977** Phil COLES OAM AM, **1978** Graham JOHNSON,
1979 Helen BROWNLEE OAM, **1980** Bruce MORISON OAM,
1981 Joan MORISON OAM, **1982** Bill SALE*, **1984** John MARTIN,
1986 George CLARKE*, **1990** Jim FULLER*, **1992** Ray ABRAHALL*,
1994 Adele MEIER, **1997** Beverley PALLISTER,
2003 Graham HALFORD*, **2005** Peter FLOWERS

Legend - Year when awarded
* indicates deceased Life Member

Chairperson's Report

The Board of PaddleNSW has remained unchanged since the previous year except that Peter Debnam who was responsible for business plan development resigned for family reasons. We are very grateful for his contribution. The Board members continue to play a vital role in the administration, while clearly differentiating their jobs from their roles as Board members. Tony Hystek spearheads the Safety initiatives liaising mainly with Roads and Maritime. Links with this vital government agency are now strong and operating at several levels. Lynn Parker is responsible for the multi faceted Education division, running the many different courses and qualifications. Val Titov has been invaluable in her role as graphics and marketing. Tim Ring continues as the member overseeing the financials. Chris Thompson has been involved with legal matter including the appointment of our new CEO and the state and national slalom championships. Andrew Mathers has remained involved with the website developments, membership and recreational paddling.



CEO: Following the resignation of Tony Lewis due to family reasons the Board accepted Peter Tate as our new Chief Executive Officer during October 2013. Peter comes from a solid background of sports administration in NSW and he has slotted in well to the demanding and varied position of CEO.

Peter recommended the appointment of a Financial Officer, Kate Roberts, on a part time basis. She takes over the position from Patricia Sugita who left us in October. We thank Patricia for all the painstaking work she has put in over the last two years.

WATERWAYS GUIDE: This initiative has continued to grow and develop throughout the year. It can be found at www.waterwaysguide.org.au - an online site for discovering, planning, sharing and enjoying paddle expeditions. The Board has supported this venture financially and practically and we hope for outcomes that will benefit the paddlers of NSW and all the states. Other states have joined in support and hope to benefit from the site in due course.

A grant from NSW Department of Police and Emergency Services was awarded to the project to develop an app so that it could be used for safety purposes as a “Black Spot” fixer. The app was launched at the Sydney International Boat Show and it was a major point of interest for all those visiting the PaddleNSW stand.

BOAT SHOW: Road and Maritime NSW again invited PaddleNSW to run a stand at the Boat Show. It was continuously manned by PaddleNSW personnel over the 5 days of the Sydney International Boat Show. During that time many PNSW brochures were handed out and many saw the Waterways Guide for the first time.



TRIBUNAL: A long standing disagreement at club level was dealt with by setting up a tribunal within the framework of the Australian Canoeing tribunal rules. The case was heard and appropriate action taken. The rules and jobs are now established and any other cases will be easier to deal with. PaddleNSW thanks Robert Tobias, Paul van Koesveld and Justin Paine for participating as members of the Tribunal.

RUNNING AND ASSOCIATING WITH LARGE EVENTS: PaddleNSW has actively embraced and assisted events. This year PaddleNSW has agreed to run the Myall Classic over the next 10 years. This is a substantial ultra-marathon event and PNSW will work with its partners to build up this event to high standards and support it over the long term. PaddleNSW has also partnered with the organisers of the Hawkesbury Classic, so that there is mutual support for their and our events into the future.

CODES OF CONDUCT: Using the knowledge of the new CEO Peter Tate, PaddleNSW was able to finalise and endorse new and more comprehensive codes of conduct for groups ranging from paddlers, coaches, instructors, guides, officials, administrators, parents, spectators and board members. Where appropriate, people will be asked to agree to these codes when they take on a position.

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT: PaddleNSW has purchased two Inflatable rubber Boats for use in monitoring events, rescue and coaching. They are available for events and are hired at reasonable rates to clubs etc.

NEWSLETTER: Val Titov and Andrew Mathers have combined to upgrade the PaddleNSW newsletter to a very attractive document which goes out regularly and reinforces the position of the website by linking back to articles placed on the website.

I would like to thank the office-bearers of the clubs, the members of the technical committees, the Board members and all those who volunteer service to PaddleNSW every year. Things could not run without them. We continue to engage with people and organisations in the paddling arena both private and commercial and to represent the best interest of all groups.

Tim Hookins
Chairperson



Membership growth continues for PaddleNSW, which is not surprising for such a popular lifestyle and sport.

Every PaddleNSW Member who renewed their membership for 2014/15 during the month of June 2014 had a chance to win an early-bird prize:

- **FIRST PRIZE - Stephen Cresswell** from Central Coast Canoe Club
- Braca BIV paddle (retail \$720) supplied by **BENNETT PADDLES**
<http://bennettsurfboards.com/product-category/paddles/>
- Free PaddleNSW memberships in 2015/16 to the following members:
- **Colin Cussel** - Far North Coast Canoe Club
- **Pamela Franklin** - Bonville Creek Kayak Club
- **Terrence O'Meara** - Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club
- Family pass to Taronga Zoo - **Greg Bartels** (Manly Warringah KC)

Congratulations to our winners and kind thanks to Greg Bennett and Lynn Parker for providing the prizes.

Clubs

We were pleased to see Hunter Valley Canoe Club return to affiliated status after a short absence. We also welcomed Avoca Kayak Club (pictured here) and Tweed Heads Canoe Club into the fold in mid 2014. We are grateful to all club executive members and volunteers who contribute so much at the grass roots level of paddling. Thank you also to the clubs that invited PNSW Board and staff to your activities and presentations at various times through the year.



For the record there were 31 financial & affiliated clubs in 2013/14, as follows:

Avoca Kayak Club
Bonville Creek Kayak Club
Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club
Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club
Great Lakes Canoe Club
Hunter Valley Canoe Club
Illawarra Canoe Club
Lane Cove River Kayakers
Manly Warringah Kayak Club
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Pacifica Ocean Paddling Club
Port Ocean Paddlers
Shark Island Paddlers
Southside Paddlers
Sydney Northern Beaches KC
Tweed Heads Canoe Club
Windsor Canoe Club

Big River Canoe Club
Burley Griffin Canoe Club
Central Coast Canoe Club
Far North Coast Canoe Club
Harbour Racing
Hunter River Paddle Club
Just Paddlers
Makai Paddlers Society
Pacific Dragon Boat & Outrigger
Penrith Valley Canoe Club
River Canoe Club
Shoalhaven Canoe & KC
Sutherland Shire Canoe Club
Tumut Valley Canoe Club
Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club

Office-Bearers and Sub-Committees

The listing of PNSW Office-Bearers and Committee Members earlier in this Report indicates the tremendous depth of volunteerism we have within the State Body. PaddleNSW, like many other state sporting organisations, simply could not exist without the wonderful and unselfish input from its many officers and volunteers. I know the Board is greatly appreciative of the efforts of all the office-bearers and volunteers, without whom there would be no platform to serve our members and paddling would stagnate rather than prosper.

All the Paddlesport Technical Committees have performed with a high level of passion, professionalism and dedication. As you will read in their respective reports, we have successfully hosted a number of National and State Championships this year, all receiving positive feedback from competitors. Our gratitude is extended to each organising committee and all the volunteers for conducting those outstanding events.

We are indebted to **Lynn Parker** who not only does a magnificent job coordinating all the education and training courses throughout NSW and ACT, but once again has delivered a magnificent tool for all paddlers – the PaddleSafe Waterways Guide App. Congratulations to all Lynn's team for a wonderful achievement, and sincere thanks to the **NSW Ministry for Police and Emergency Services** for the \$60,000 grant towards the project.

PNSW Board of Directors

During quite a busy 2013/14 year, the Board met on eight occasions with attendance as follows:

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“a” indicates apology. Peter Debnam resigned from the PNSW Board on 3rd February 2014. I take this opportunity to thank each and every Director for contributing their time and effort on behalf of the Members. Each brings their own individual style and background to the table, and all have served the membership with the utmost of integrity and the greatest of passion.

Financial Report

The PNSW Board reports a net surplus for the financial year ending 30th June 2014 of \$52,984 (*deficit of \$3,965 in 2012/13*). The organisation is placed in a comfortable position to invest resources in projects that will benefit our members and paddling across NSW and ACT. The Balance Sheet as of 30th June 2014 indicates total equity in the organisation of \$262,685 (*\$209,701 in 2013*).

The annual P/L statement and balance sheet are fully reported for the information of our Members. We sincerely thank our Accounts Officers over the past twelve months (**Patricia Sugita, Kate Roberts and Denise Rogers**), for their professional, diligent and friendly efforts, and also Auditor **Tomas Weiszer** of **W & D Financial Services** for thoroughly investigating our accounts and providing the audit statement that our organisation complies with the *Associations Incorporations Act 2009*.

Annual Performance

The PNSW Board and staff performed numerous tasks and achieved desired objectives in 2013/14, including:

- Representation at the AC AGM and Annual Forum
- Board Directors participated in relevant seminars and workshops to enhance their skill base
- Evaluation and implementation of the PNSW Strategic Plan (2014-2018)
- In partnership with AC, we're developing athlete and coach pathways
- Developing relationships with NSWIS and Regional Academies of Sport
- Monitored budget versus actuals
- Adopted new Codes of Conduct
- Resolved a member protection issue in accordance with our Dispute Resolution By-Law
- Formed the PNSW Safety Committee and the PNSW Recognition Committee
- Updated the PNSW website and Paddlesports pages as appropriate
- Regularly communicated with members and key stakeholders

Awards & Recognition

For a sport that doesn't attract the same broad-level publicity as cricket, the football codes and tennis, etc, we continue collecting our share of the industry limelight. At the gala 2013 NSW Annual Sports Awards, our popular World Champion **Jessica Fox** (pictured next page) won the highly-prestigious **NSW Athlete of the Year Award**. At the same function in 2012 Jess won the Junior Athlete of the Year category, and now has the highest honour to add to her growing collection. Also in 2013 Jess won the **AC Canoeist of the Year Award** (Olympic), the **NSWIS Female Athlete of the Year Award**, and the **NSWIS 2013 Award for Academic Excellence**. A truly remarkable year and 2014/15 looks to be just as bright for our World Champion.

Long-time PaddleNSW Board Director and Chair of the PNSW Education and Training Committee, **Lynn Parker**, was suitably recognised for her outstanding contribution to paddling. Lynn received a certificate of congratulations for her marvellous service as a Volunteer Administrator. The **2014 Community Sports Volunteer Awards** were held at Parliament House in May, and presented by NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation Stuart Ayres.

Congratulations Lynn - the accolade is thoroughly deserving.

Acknowledgments

An Annual Report would be incomplete without acknowledgment of a number of key stakeholders.

- **Tim Hookins** and all the **Board Directors** have been inspirational. They are indicative of how passionate all our members are for paddling in NSW.
- Our **Paddlesport Technical Committees** have done an outstanding job in 2013/14, conducting many safe, fair and exhilarating events throughout the year.
- Our loyal sponsors and supporters have each contributed strongly to our sport, so I encourage members to reciprocate when considering related products and services.
- We are greatly appreciative of the \$20K Sports Development Grant from the **NSW Government**, and the excellent relationship we have with Dept Sport & Recreation staff and the Minister's Office.
- We've built a solid relationship with the National Body. I'm pleased to report our rapport with the **AC staff** is friendly, cooperative and productive.
- And most importantly, **all PaddleNSW Members**, Club Executive members, competitors and enthusiasts. Thank you.

Enjoy your paddling.

Peter Tate
PNSW CEO



EDUCATION – Lynn Parker

The highlight for this year is definitely the development of the first dedicated app for paddlers – PaddleSafe Waterways Guide APP, “PaddleSafe” for short! Built for New South Wales but functions equally as well for all States. It uses hundreds of trip ideas first generated from the NSW Canoeing Guide or a paddler can build their own routes and plans for recreational trips, training or race events from hundreds of access points. You can organise a group, organise equipment, schedule the trip and manage your float (emergency) plan for the unexpected. It is a simple and reliable safety tool for all paddlers in Australia.

The PaddleSafe APP is an application of the PaddleNSW Waterways Guide website. You can carry the Guide in your pocket. It has been approved by Apple and will be released in October when final testing is complete. Production for an Android version is on the drawing board.



Look out for the following Press Release or better still request a copy to assist in the distribution to all paddlers by forwarding a copy of the press release to your favourite magazine or local newspaper.

Press Release

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PaddleNSW launches Waterways Guide mobile app

Sydney, XX September 2014 —PaddleNSW today released the PaddleSafe Waterways Guide for iPhone®. It is the first app in Australia to combine a comprehensive paddling guide with real-time conditions and trip planning functions. The PaddleSafe Waterways Guide promotes safety by helping paddlers plan safe and enjoyable paddling excursions. Major rivers, lakes, bays and coastlines in NSW are described, with trip suggestions, paddling times and grades, public access points and nearby points of interest.

View real-time river levels, local weather forecasts, marine forecasts and sea conditions.

The trip planning facility steps you through the essentials for a trip send invite to friends and create a Float Plan to let someone know before you go.

Track your progress on the water by using the app to update your current position.

The PaddleNSW Waterways Guide website was launched at the 2013 Sydney International Boat Show. Demand for a trip-planning app was immediately evident and exactly one year later, with Water Safety Black Spot funding from the New South Wales Ministry for Police and Emergency Services, the PaddleSafe Waterways Guide app was previewed at the 2014 Sydney International Boat Show.

The PaddleSafe Waterways Guide app and companion website are both maintained by the paddling community.

The PaddleSafe Waterways Guide app for iPhone and iPad can be downloaded for free from the App Store.

[App Store Link](#)

PaddleNSW is a volunteer driven not-for-profit organisation, dedicated to providing paddlers of NSW and ACT with the best opportunities to pursue their sport or recreational activity. PaddleNSW is engaged in building a community of paddlers and helping create a safe, fun environment for paddlers to navigate. www.waterwaysguide.org.au

"The Waterways guide and PaddleSafe App will be invaluable to canoeists, kayakers and anglers looking for somewhere to go on the water, but it will also be useful to campers and picnickers looking for a place with access to water.

I can see the app also being used by athletes when training on open water. Details can be logged with Home Base in the case of an emergency"

Tim Hookins.
PaddleNSW Director

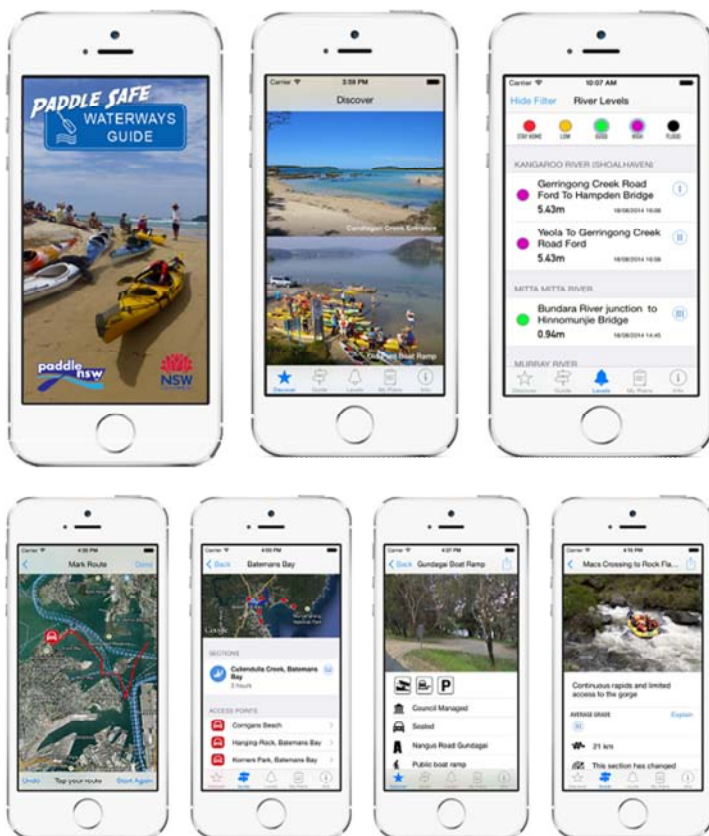
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The PaddleNSW Waterways Guide takes on a new look and since last years launch at the Sydney International Boat Show in October, it boasts many new features. You can email a friend with a trip suggestion, print off information to take with you, check the weather, tides, fire risk and the most up to the hour river gauge readings for the local rivers and much, much more.



Photo by Helen



Discover

Discover the beauty of our Australian waterways and destinations, many unique only to paddlers. The Waterways Guide built by the paddling community to help you explore lakes, rivers, bays and the coast. Be

Thanks to the community of volunteers who have supported the never-ending data entry, and to those who have steered the direction of the Waterways Guide. In particular:

The Committee: *Peter Tate, Val Vitov, Andrew Cheetham, Jeff Cottrell, Lynn Parker.*

Special thanks goes to **Jeff Cottrell** for his good humour and dedication to detail and persistence to achieving our goal. As a volunteer and now a conservation kayaker he works nearly full time on the project – striving for a website that will provide a one stop shop for all water users to use and care for our waterways in NSW and across the country.

We were extremely fortunate in engaging Quoll Design to build the APP. Not only is **Stuart Dobbie** a very talented IT specialist, he is the husband of a PaddleNSW member who ensured that he clearly understood the needs of a paddler. And systems specialist **Scott Parker** for his patience in dealing with all of the daily new “good” ideas when building and administering the website. Many thanks to those who assisted at this years Sydney Boat Show, where once again PaddleNSW did a fantastic job in representing the Organisation to other boaters. Many recreational paddlers including kayak fisherman found PaddleNSW resources for the first time. Thanks to the River Canoe Club, Tracy Hudson and Andy Singh, the Board members and Jeff Cottrell.

Australian Canoeing endorses the Waterways Guide to “going national” – it is yet to be determined what that actually means to recreational paddlers but to the Website, it will mean that the other States can clearly manage contributions in their own State and have a position on the Management Committee. Western Australia, Victoria and Tasmania are underway.

PaddleNSW Education:

The major activities were dominated by training and assessment for Instructors and Guides, with courses delivered at Nymboida, Coffs Harbour, Penrith, the Barrington and Coach courses in Avoca and Narrabeen. Thanks to Assessors and Course presenters; **Ian Royds, Mark Hammer, Phil Benfield, Karen Dallas, Andrew Cheetham, Joey Dunn, Phil Geddies, Matt Blundell, Tony Hystek and Lyle Mead.**





The following is a summary of the training conducted by PaddleNSW this past year:

- Thirty-seven (37) flat and whitewater guides and instructors,
- Twenty-two (22) Rescue Award level 2 training for whitewater
- Twenty-five (25) paddlers, SES, Police and Rescue Services attended a number of International Swift Water Rescue Technician and Operations courses
- Fifteen (15) Flat water Level 1 Coach courses



Paddlesport Reports:

FREESTYLE - Eileen Callaghan

The last twelve months has been a busy and very successful period for freestyle with the participation of nine paddlers at the 2013 World Championships, and the implementation of many of the strategies in the Technical Committee's Strategic Plan.

The 2013 World Championships were held at the Nantahala Gorge in the United States from 2nd -8th of September. A team of nine paddlers comprising of a range of ages and experiences attended. Australia won a bronze medal in OC1.

The event provided the opportunity for newer members of the team to Experience participation in an international competition as well as the Technical Committee (TC) and Assistant Manager Tim Coombes gaining experience in supporting an international team.

The Strategic Plan for freestyle is to focus on the growth of freestyle in Australia and the development of freestyle paddlers particularly juniors. The strategies implemented so far include the purchase of several boats and associated gear for the use of juniors at Penrith White water Stadium, regular competitions and a development program for juniors at Penrith.

The TC was successful in obtaining a small grant from the NSW government to establish a program to allow six female paddlers aged 12-18 years to receive freestyle kayaking instruction at no cost. This program will help to promote freestyle kayaking as a healthy, fun and social activity for girls from Western Sydney.

The 2014 nationals were held at Penrith in May and while the number of participants was small, it was evident that the efforts of the TC in the last twelve months had been successful. The number and level of moves had increased particularly amongst the juniors, several female



paddlers competed and the event tasks and scoring was able to be shared amongst those present.

2014 National Freestyle Winners are as follows:

- Tim Mann K1 Men
- Sue Robb K1 Women
- Rowan Kaar K1 Junior Men
- Jez Jezz C1

In the next twelve months, the Technical Committee are seeking to implement further strategies including a national development camp, the establishment of an Oceania freestyle event and development opportunities for all current and potential freestyle paddlers.

We look forward to the next twelve months being an even bigger year for freestyle. We would like to thank the following for all their work over the last twelve months as all of the activities previously stated and the many not mentioned would not have happened without their continued support.

- Members of the Technical Committee
- PNSW
- Australian Canoeing
- Junior and Senior Athlete Sponsors
- Parents and friends of freestyle paddlers at Penrith White Water Centre.

MARATHON - Bob Turner

Marathon 10 Series

PNSW Marathon this year was able to run a 10 race Series, promoted as the PNSW Marathon 10 Series. This year, in response to requests from AC to increase participation by ICF craft (K1 & K2), the Marathon Technical Committee (MTC) introduced some changes to the Club Scoring system, rewarding paddlers who entered in International class boats, and further rewarding those paddlers who also elected to portage (where portage was possible).

Another initiative adopted by the MTC was to increase the race distance for Division 1 to 25km, and pushing the elite paddlers to race at a distance closer to what they will encounter at State and National levels. In an effort to encourage greater participation by Juniors, the race entry fee for juniors was reduced to \$10:00 and a new 10km Division was introduced to cater for the quicker juniors and allow them to race without impacting negatively on the older recreational paddlers competing at the same distance. Marathon 10 this year offered paddlers an opportunity to compete in up to 11 Divisions, over distances of 25, 20, 15 & 10 kms.

The Series started off well, with over 220 paddlers entering the first race of the series at Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin - a record number of entries for a Marathon 10 event. This set the tone for the year, with participant numbers up and in excess of nearly all events run in the preceding year. Marathon continues to grow in NSW.



Despite poor weather forecasts in the middle of the year, and some quite inclement conditions, the Marathon 10 Series has again been very well supported, and has seen consistent growth in entries across all Divisions.

Especially pleasing to see is the number of paddlers being promoted up through the Divisions as their times improve, and also the increased participation in the higher Divisions. Two years ago, Divisions 1 & 2 were struggling to see

more than 3-4 entries in each Division, but this year has consistently seen double digit entries in Division 2, and at least 6-8 elite paddlers competing over

the 25km distance in Div1. The shorter 10km courses are also proving to be attractive, often with more than 40-50 competitors across the 3 Divisions.

By the end of the 8th Race of the Series, with two races still to go, Marathon 10 has seen nearly 1,000 entries to races this year - this is more than the total number of entries for all races in both the preceding years (2012 & 2013), a sure sign that Marathon is still one of the most popular paddling disciplines in NSW.



Much of the success of the Marathon 10 Series must be attributed to the paddlers themselves, who turn up each month to compete, regardless of the weather conditions, and often despite the forecasts that predict miserable days on the water, and also the Clubs, their Committees and their members who turn up early to set up, lay the courses, cook the barbecues, and host each of the events. Without these people, there is no Marathon 10 Series, and there can be no growth.

National Championships

Ballarat NSW was able to send a very strong team to the national Championships in Ballarat this year, and was ably led by Team Manager - John Preston (BGCC).

In John's words....

"NSW paddlers, most of whom were beautifully attired in their new racing shirts or in club colours, performed very well. The most successful were those who managed the conditions the best, just as it should be. A few competitors ended up taking a dip in the murky water mainly around the portage area but the policy of PNSW to encourage portaging in the marathon series races seems to have paid off for our competitors."

At last count, it looked like NSW paddlers had brought home more than 40 Medals (18 Gold, 11 Silver and 13 Bronze) - a remarkable effort and a significant turn-around from previous years. With next years' National & Oceania Championship scheduled to be held in Canberra (almost home turf) the effort this year sets a solid platform and augers well for NSW's prospects at a National level in the years to come.

OPEN WATER - Steve Newsome

Harbour Racing 2014

Another year completed and what a year it was! We raced in 11 locations from Newcastle to Ulladulla and were hosted by great local canoe clubs who wanted to bring another quality event to their own backyard. Every club and event organiser must be congratulated for making that mighty effort that is required to plan, organise and run an event. It is always a risk to plan a race when you have no control over the weather or the conditions. We saw some days with ideal and some sadly not quite so. Every race was a success and I thank you all.

We started the year with a new sponsor in Sydney City Renault and brought a new standard to the setup and running of our events, website and communications. This year also we saw alliances with new paddle groups, suppliers and locations. We are very proud of the sponsors who supported us this year and are proud to represent them all who are so committed to the paddlers and the growth of the sport. I hope that you will continue to support them all –

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| • Rhino Rood Pack | • Fenn | • Think Kayaks |
| • Bennet Paddles | • Vaikobi | • Vajda Surf Ski |
| • Paddlecraft | • Prokayaks | • Epic Kayaks |

We focused a lot of attention upon building a consistent corporate identity this can be seen our website www.surfskiaustralia.com and our Facebook page as well.



We will be sending a survey to everyone who paddled this year looking for your thoughts on the series and what you are looking for next year. We really would like to know what you are thinking as the series may need to change and will only happen if you tell us. Harbour Racing started over a conversation between a couple of people 5 years ago and has gone on from strength to strength. I am proud to say I have been a part of it from the start and have served as Chairman for the last 2 years. The committee is made up of the never tiring Tim Hookins, Brett Greenwood, Tony Haines, Val Titov, Jeremy Spear, Dale Jackson (retired to be a farmer) and Paul Richardson. We all have full time jobs and responsibilities and hard to believe lives outside of paddling and yet still find time to bring this series to you all. If you, your wife etc are interested, have some ideas and are keen to make a difference to our magnificent sport please give us a call or email as we would love your help. Your activity on the committee can be as active as you want but is driven by you.

The racing calendar grew year on year and this may have reached saturation point as people grow tired or look for other challenges. The sport of paddling is certainly growing but the numbers seem to be looking for something other than racing. I hope that we are not missing something so please if we are do the survey.

This year we saw the commencement of the Mike Snell trophy to commemorate the passing of a superb and well respected paddler this year. The trophy was donated by his friend Matt Blundell from Prokayaks. Along with the Tingira trophy which is another annual trophy that is very important to our series events these will continue to be key awards in the Harbour Racing Series.

Congratulations to the many paddlers who won medals this year and a special mention to:

Stewart O'Regan	Andrew Wilkinson	Tom Jones
Michael Lieberman	Michael McKeogh	Chris Murty
Gary Hancock	Angie Nicotra	John Nicotra

Each of these paddlers attended every race! Thank you for your support and results.

I only got to race once this year and next year I aim to be back out there challenging for a spot in the pack. Have a great year, thank you all for your support and for coming to the events.

SLALOM - Chris Thompson

For such a small sport Slalom NSW gets great results. In 2013 the State Championships were held in Penrith in November. A good level of participation with NSW and visiting Interstate paddlers attended.

The pressure ramped up on NSW participants with the Australian Schools Championships, National Championships being organised by NSW at Penrith in conjunction with the Australian Open and the Oceania Championships. All in January and early February 2014. In April 2014 the U23 and Junior World Championships were held at Penrith.

NSW paddlers that represented Australia, at Penrith in April included **Jessica Fox** (pictured below), **Alison Borrows** in the U23's where Jessica took out the double of WK1 and WC1. Alison pushed hard and came in 4th in WK1 and was a finalist in WC1 finishing 10th. A strong Junior cast from NSW took part as well, with **Alexandra Broome** representing in WC1 placing 8th - improving on her 19th place in the 2013 Championships in Slovakia. **Lachlan Croft** debuted in the Worlds this year and made the Semi to finish 32nd. **Noemie Fox**, was also in the Finals mix but missed out narrowly on a medal in the WK1 finishing 4th and then 10th in the WC1. Another great result for Noemie was in the Australian Open - an ICF ranking race - where she finished 3rd in WC1 and 5th in WK1, against a strong international field.

Angus Thompson (pictured overleaf) managed a finals spot in the MK1 and finished 10th. Another improvement on his 2013 Junior Worlds campaign where he finished 21st in Slovakia. He placed 14th overall in the MK1 in the

Aus. Open races. As the only Australian Kayaker at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games, Angus flew the flag proudly for both his State and Country, placing 5th after an elimination race against Slovakian Jakub Grigar. Grigar's world ranking of 64 as compared to Angus' of 247 gives an indication of the task he faced.



Not to be left out the Seniors had a fantastic Year in 2014. A big NSW contingent with **Alison Borrows**, **Jessica Fox** and **Rosalyn Lawrence** accompanied by **William Forsythe**, **Lucien Delfour**, **Ethan Hodson** and **Ian Borrows** all making the Senior team and spending approximately 4 months in the European Summer for the World Cups 1 - 5 and the World Championships in Deep Creek USA, seeing Lucien achieve a 5th place and Jessica make history by taking out Gold in both WC1 and WK1.

As summer fast approaches steps are being planned to open up the sport to more newcomers in the Penrith Basin. Obstacle Slalom, similar to the Youth Olympics seems to be one avenue worth exploring and with the likelihood of a Development Officer in the near future the sport has hopes of building up a stronger following.



SPRINT - Laura White

NSW Sprint Series 2013

The format of the Sprint Series is now well bedded within the state and others are taking note. Four hours of competition, three distances, 5 races, fun and carnival-like atmosphere, minimal volunteers required; it's a WIN for NSW!

2013 was a great year, culminating with SNBKC, taking out the inaugural Club Points Challenge. We continue to grow in numbers, making each event more and more competitive.

Regatta	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Round 1	36	47	57	57	88
Round 2	38	30	35	50	-
Round 3	40	37	92	67	-
Total	114	114	184	174	88

The increasing numbers each season is proof that this format works for NSW and we will continue to grow the number of events to meet demand as our base grows.



Entries for each Sprint Season are typically received in the last 48 hours before event closure which has caused a significant workload the day prior to a Sprint Series round in chasing incorrect entries and last minute changes and work is underway to improve the entry process prior to competition day so keep an eye on changes that we will be implementing in 2014.

NSW State Open Champs 2014

The 2014 NSW State Open Championships, held in the second-half of January are run in accordance with ICF & AC competition rules.

Reverting to this national and international format allows our athletes the opportunity to race within a separate set of guidelines from the Sprint Series; becomes a good learning-ground for athletes wanting to step-up to national level events and allows for full competition days and medal presentations for our Championship winners.



Slotting in nicely with the national program of events, the State Championships are becoming a fast-favourite with athletes from around the country and representation from other states continues to be strong.

Running the State Championships requires significant more involvement than the Sprint Series due to the different format and the contingent of volunteers who came forward to assist included some of our states most experienced national & international officials as well as our youngest and first-time volunteer at the young age of 12! And our volunteers represented NSW from as far-afield as Casino in the North Rivers region down to Sutherland Shire south of Sydney.

We can never thank our volunteers enough for the time they give to keep our sport running as without them there would simply be no competition.

NSW Sprint Series 2014

The 2014 Sprint Series kicked off in style with a carnival-like atmosphere brought on by the advent of our SUPs in attendance, despite the initial heavy fog settled over the course.

After the successful integration of SUPs at the National Championships in Adelaide earlier in the year, the NSW Committee is very pleased to be welcoming SUPs at State level as we continue to look for ways to innovate and increase participation on events.

We had a super-busy day on Round 1 with the largest number of first-time competitors NSW has seen for quite some time. The SUP's brought a strong contingent of 21 athletes, para-athletes showed up in force with many new athletes making their presence known and the States' newest club, Avoca Kayak Club, also showed up en-masse.

Sprint Committee Membership

After re-invigorating the format of sprint with the introduction of the Sprint Series over the last few years, Nigel Colless from MWKC, decided to step down as Chair to concentrate on both the development of the software program (it's his genius that has the Sprint Series running so smoothly) and to get back to racing himself one day soon.

Nigel continues on the committee alongside returning members Stephen Shelley from Windsor (WCC); Gavin Godfrey, Richard Robinson & Graham Matts from Manly Warringah (MWKC) and Laura White (AC & ICF Official), who has been appointed as our new Chair.

The Sprint Committee is also delighted to have as a committee member, our first Athlete Liaison in Murray Stewart (OAM), who will provide guidance to the committee from an athlete's perspective and to ensure that communication between athletes and organisers is a two-way discussion.

Summary

Sprinting in NSW just keeps going from strength to strength and can now boast a solid competition base throughout the season as well as a growing number of volunteers who are seeing a different side to our sport as they lend a hand at events.

In the lead up to Rio 2016, NSW Sprint is in a strong position to support all our athletes whether they be the elite striving for Olympic glory or beginners wanting to make the length of the course without tipping in or anyone who just wants some fun-filled, fast competition.



CANOE POLO – Richard Andrews

The national championships were very successful for the NSW and ACT teams. The extremely well organised competition was hosted by the Canberra polo paddlers and had categories ranging from micro juniors to masters. The hard fought open category was won by the NSW Open A team in a stunning final that needed extra time before it was decided. ACT won veteran category, beating NSW into the silver position in another exciting game. Victory for the ACT womens team wrapped up a great performance for the NSW and ACT squads.



The local Sydney competition has been increasing in strength. A progression to fixed teams has given new life to series, and with only a handful of points separating the teams after each of the ten weeks, given some very close finals nights. The new format has also helped with the development of players and improvements can be seen each week. The aim over the next year is to build on this growth and try and attract more new players. Local competitions in Shoalhaven and Canberra are still going well, however the common problem with needing to increase numbers is present here too.

Interstate club competitions have been well attended by NSW paddlers and strong performances have been made by the Lakers teams in the open divisions. The Bomaderry 'Mudcake' Challenge continues to be a great social competition. The lack of other local one day competitions open to all levels in the state has been recognised and plans are in place for one to be held in Sydney, Canberra and Shoalhaven.

The Australian team for the World Championships was announced at the national championships and NSW continues to be well represented with Craig Hutchinson, Robert Sims and Jay Burgess on the team. The coach, Brett Houghton, is also a NSW polo paddler. We all wish them luck at the competition being held in France at the end of September.

Thanks to the members of the Polo Technical Committee and all of the other volunteers who help organise polo across the state.

CLUB REPORTS

Avoca Kayak Club

Paul Hutchinson

This club was officially registered on 13th May 2014. AKC is affiliated with PaddleNSW.

Executive Committee elected

Club President: Paul Hutchinson

Vice President: Scott Cunningham

Treasurer: Peter McIntyre

Secretary: Karen Hutchinson

Head Coach: Matt Jones

Grant applications: Julie Fitzsimmons



Website:

We have developed a website thanks to one of our members. See link below

<http://liisac.wix.com/avoca-kayak-club>

We have an AKC facebook page for regular communication with members.

Members:

We have 36 club members to date ranging from under 12 to masters competitors.

Training programme:

- We run a two-tiered programme for new paddlers to elite athletes.
- We run a development squad for new paddlers twice a week of which there are new people frequently registering their interest. No formal advertising to date.
- We have a small group of athletes who train on and off water frequently throughout the week. They compete in under 18 through to open levels.
- We ran a level 1 coaching course in Avoca and had 9 members complete this and are presently completing logs.

AKC Members achievements to date:

Lachlan Tame – silver medal K2 1000m at World Championships 2014

Rob McIntyre – competed in World Junior U 23 sprint kayak championships

Sam Hutchinson – accepted to Junior Olympic Hopes Team (could not go this year but participated last 2 years) and accepted to participant in NEDP

Fletcher Cunningham – Junior Olympic Hopes Team reserve and accepted to participant in NEDP.

Club achievements:

Winners of the 1st sprint series this year at Penrith – First ever club competition
Received a \$1000 grant from Davistown RSL.

Club concerns:

1. No funding from the New Wave programme as anticipated due to budget cuts so plans for purchasing/ receiving more equipment was curtailed.
2. No club house or boat storage facility so kayaks have to be stored on a trailer and transported back and forth to the lake.
3. 4 grant applications completed with only one successful to date.
4. General lack of resources leading to a concern that without any funding we may have a registered club with lots of members but no equipment to support adults and children trying this sport.

Fundraising Opportunities:

Exploring different fundraising opportunities for this coming year.

Proposed Plans for 2014/2015

1. To support adults and young people in learning the skills of kayaking both in sprint and white water in a positive, encouraging and all inclusive environment.
2. To assist interested kayakers in the development of sprint racing skills – including people with and without a disability.
3. To develop as a club of excellence training athletes to an elite level with the support of experienced coaches.
4. To continue to plan for the development of a storage facility at a suitable location.
5. To support participation of members in local and national events.
6. To continue to source funding opportunities to promote further development of the club and obtain equipment to support this.



Burley Griffin Canoe Club — Kiaran Lomas

The past year can be classed as a successful year for the Burley Griffin Canoe Club (BGCC) with successes in most disciplines and an increase in the total membership of the Club. One of the most notable achievements in the club is the increase in the number of junior paddlers that have commenced paddling this year. Of those eight have trained throughout winter, which is an effort of note in Canberra. This can be attributed to the effort and commitment invested in training and coaching by the club.

The season began with the successfully defending of the Lindsay Brian Norman Marathon Series trophy. The club also had strong showings at National's with 11 club members attending and John Present was the PaddleNSW team manager. The highlight of the Nationals was the selection of Ben Rake's and Margi Bohm's in the national team. The club will now host the Oceania and National Marathon Championships in 2015. The club was also well represented at the Hawkesbury Classic. Two records were set by Paul O'Neil in V50 OS1 and the pairing of Randall Fitzsimon and Mark McDonald in V40 UN2. Club members also set two records in the Murray 200. Bob Collins set a new mark for V65 and Kiaran Lomas set the record for Stand Up Paddle boarding (SUP) by being the first SUP paddler to complete this race solo.

SUPS also became more popular this year with over 30 members in the club on SUPs. The club hosted a round of the Naish Australia NISCO1 Tour series race, which confirmed the status of this discipline within the club.

The club also hosted the national canoe polo championships over the weekend 19-21 April. Competitors came from most states to compete to gain and selection in the national team. While no ACT paddlers were selected into this team, BGCC paddlers in the women's and veterans men's divisions won two gold medals. After the event Canoeing Australia indicated it was one of the best championships in recent times.

The club has also competed in the ocean racing series. The highlight of this discipline was Nick Ziviani's entry into the Molokai Surf Ski World Championships in Hawaii. Nick performed strongly finishing 24th overall. This follows a sixth place in the SpecSki section of the George Bass Surfboat Marathon. To that end he has been a credit to the club and to that end PaddleNSW.

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The club also competed in sprint competitions with Ian Castell-Brown, and John Preston all acquitted themselves well at the Masters Games sprint regatta, and with Alan Newhouse joining them for the Master Games Marathon Races, each bringing home at least one medal. At the other age end of the spectrum Breanna Reid was our most successful junior sprinter securing a number of medals at the Sprint Nationals. The new season of sprints has seen some new faces on the water along with the SUPs.

The Club's annual 24Hr Relay, held at Molonglo Reach in Canberra, was again a big success with paddlers raising over \$5,000 for the charity organization, Marymead.

BGCC paddling is not all about racing. The SUP paddlers in the club are regularly seen on the lake of a Sunday morning for the "Coffee Run" a 6km paddle which visits the barista's of the Kingston foreshores. The club also conducted a number of tours with the highlight being for the paddlers who visited Samoa on a Paddling holiday organised through the club.

Finally, the key to the success of the club is the people who volunteer their time to organise and run events and activities. There is no shortage of such volunteers in this club. It is due to their efforts that the club continues to thrive.



Central Coast Canoe Club — Nick Naughton



The Club's 51st year has seen good Membership, and excellent participation in mostly Marathon Events, such as the PaddleNSW State Series and Titles, and endurance events such as the Hawkesbury and Myall Classics, while the Sprints were not ignored completely.

Some of our "Competitors" participated in our Recreational Paddles, but it is a genre that has attracted a fairly large "casual" following.

Our Wednesday evening Daylight Saving Time Trials at Davistown and Lions Park, Wyong, were well attended, providing a good incentive to keep up the training and improve techniques.

We continue the quest for Club storage facilities, this time, in conjunction with the Magpies AFL Club, at Don Small Oval, Tacoma, the venue for our major Events, such as the PNSW State Series Race. Wyong Shire Council is encouraging us, and is supportive.

A "Headquarters" and storage, would enable access to, and use of, more diverse paddle craft, and a Junior Training Squad, which would be another option for the health and wellbeing of future Residents.

In support of PaddleNSW's admirable efforts, and to promote our Sport among the wider community, we have been on Local ABC Radio, and plan to have Open Days, and perhaps Races, during the next Seniors Week.

We would like to raise the profile of our historic, Annual 30km Marathon, and have invited other Clubs to participate, in our "CCCC Wyong Marathon." For many years, it has served as a training event for the Hawkesbury Classic.





Coach Paul Carter, assisted by Craig Dodd, Steve Brett and Steve Monger, conducted another Training Day which was well attended – no doubt helping Members achieve their goals, especially in the State Series.

Committee Members are to be congratulated for their efforts during the year. With regret, we had to accept President Owen Walton's intention to "retire" after one year of memorable service.



Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Inc

CSKC club winter events are now in our last month before the summer season sees our Friday evening paddles start. This year we have conducted club races each Saturday afternoon including age/ boat class races over 5km for the short course option and up to 11km for the long course. Additionally, we have conducted Ladies handicap races over 2km, doubles races over 5km and handicap races we call the 'Presidents Cup'. In all a total of 41 events are held between April and September.

Two invitation races (Hacking Classic & The Rock Race) are also held where all can enter from paddle sport clubs. These have wide attraction for Harbour Series paddlers and the Surf Clubs. This year our Hacking Classic was run from Gunnamatta Bay baths to Gymea Bay and return. The 'Rock Trophy Race' is from Swallow Rock beach to South West Arm and return. This race is run over 18km or 23km and includes one lap to Audley for the 18km and two laps to Audley for the 23km. Start at 8am from Swallow Rock Saturday Oct 11.



CSKC also hosted a Harbour series race on May 24 called the South West Arm Challenge. The race attracted a large field equal to that in 2013. Our top K1 paddler – Darren Lee won this event.

The PNSW Marathon was held at Swallow Rock on August 30 on what was a dismal day. The weather did not discourage the regular marathon competitors and all enjoyed a wonderful event with the ladies providing a feed and hot drink after the race. There were a few rescue recoveries and we thank the boys in the safety boats for their effort. Besides our volunteers we also acknowledge the PNSW Marathon Technical Committee for their efficiency and good management with the whole of the 2014 series.

CSKC results for Veteran classes at the Australian Marathon Championships held at Ballarat – April 2014 were: -

DOUBLES

Mx 35K2	1st	Darren Lee & Margi Bohm (BGCC)
W 50K2	1st	Dianne Chellew & Judith Darbyshire (Ascot WA)
M 70TK2	2nd	Rod Smith & Kevin Newton

SINGLES

W 50K1	3rd	Pauline Findlay
W 60K1	2nd	Dianne Chellew
M 50K1	3rd	Darren Lee

CSKC members selected for the Masters Marathon World Cup representing Australia were Darren Lee, Dianne Chellew and Margaret Ryall. The Australian Masters team is managed by our President Robert (Max) Walker.

This event is being conducted at Oklahoma City USA at the present time and is held in conjunction with the World Marathon Championships. It is the first time that Masters have been permitted to compete at a world open event and to be officially recognised as representing their country.



Each year our club runs a charity fund raising event. For the past 3 years funds were collected at the PNSW marathon race. This year we decided to carry out the charity collection at our regular club race – all proceeds from race registration, individual donations, BBQ and the meat tray raffle went to the benefit of the Sylvanvale Foundation. The Sylvanvale Foundation is a national support organisation that provides educational, transportation and recreational activities for people of all ages that live with a disability. The foundation is headquartered in the Shire.

CSKC have successfully negotiated with the Sutherland Shire Council and the Scout association to install a 12m container adjoining the Grays Point Scout hall at Swallow Rock reserve. This allows us to store club equipment such as the safety boat and club owned kayaks (including K4s). This is a major step forward for our club after 50 years of relying on the goodwill of our members for storing club owned assets on their property.

We thank Paddle NSW for their support of all paddle sport clubs in NSW and look forward to another successful season in 2015-the year when the next Australian Masters Games will be held in Adelaide.



Far North Coast Canoe Club

The Far North Coast Canoe Club has continued as a mainly recreational paddling and social club. It has continued to attract numerous triallist members who want to experience local paddling or develop skills for use in multi-sport events. The club has revised its policy in relation to triallists by spreading the load of introducing them to paddling; instructing in basic paddling skills; and mentoring the development of those who choose to join the club and continue regular paddling. Club members are welcome to introduce their friends to paddling at any time. Newcomers are now placed on a list and introduced at a non-club paddling time in a group format. Club members have participated in the Northern Marathon Series races and our Lismore event was efficiently and safely run and is developing its own individuality with prizes for all participants of locally grown tropical fruits.



Recreational paddles with a Fish and Chips theme have attracted significant numbers. Each paddle finishes with a social gathering around a meal. This year we again supplemented these paddles with a pedal along the banks of the Richmond River at Ballina.

The club facilities have been improved by the Lismore City Council with the addition of two emergency safety doors opening at either end of the building. This allows members easy access to the club in flood conditions to retrieve their private boats. In addition the grassy slope to the ramp was sculpted to reduce a perilous hump, making access to the river much safer.

Club members were enthusiastic about ongoing training in paddling technique provided by Amanda Rankin of Paddle Perfect at Currumbin.

Bruce Taylor
President FNCCC

Just Paddlers Club Inc.

Our membership numbers have stayed constant at 29 for this year, with members in Sydney, Newcastle, and the North Coast area.

Our club has had a low profile over the past year, but still have taken part and supported the following events:

- Marathon 10 Series,
- The Hawkesbury Canoe Classic,
- The Myall River Classic,
- 3 River Mini Marathon at Port Macquarie.
- 3 members took part, and 1 officiated at the National Marathon,
- Championships at Easter at Ballarat.
- 7 members did a trip to Great Keppel Island

We also had a few social day and weekend paddle outings.

We held our 11th Myall River Classic on the 14/09/2013, with a total of 176 paddles in 126 kayaks, over 3 distances, 47km, 24km, and 12km . Again we were able to donate to the Cure for Life Foundation \$9,000 from the day. So over the past 11 years from this event alone approx. \$100,000 has been raised for such an important organization, The Cure for Life Foundation.

The event for 2014 and there after will be held/organized and run by, under the banner of PaddleNSW Inc.

We still have our snail mail JP Newsletter that goes out 4 times a year. Club members use the PaddleNSW website to keep up to date with all kayaking happenings, we appreciate this and thank you. So Just Paddlers is still out there enjoying the many great water ways.

Happy Paddling.

Elizabeth van Reece
JP Secretary.

Lane Cove River Kayakers

It has been another very good year for Lane Cove River Kayakers. Membership reached 126.

Our Wednesday night time trial continues to be very well attended. Regularly over 30 craft paddle the course during the cold and dark winter's evenings and upwards of 50 craft have been seen during daylight months. It has been great to see so many people motivated and improving their

paddling technique and contributing to the feel-good spirit of the evening. A major contributor to the success of these evenings has been the timekeeping software that Nigel Colless has been developing to handle the idiosyncrasies of our event including handicap calculations, progression of paddlers, anticipated finish time, PBs; results are published to the web within minutes.

One of the main reasons that paddlers have been improving their technique and times is thanks to Tony Hystek and Don Andrews who are always willing to provide expert technique analysis and correction advice. The ERG paddling machine was used to introduce new paddlers to basic technique and for stroke correction for experienced paddlers.



Also contributing to the success of Wednesday nights is the 'apre paddle' gathering at the shed after the time trial, with Café de Justin provided weekly by Life Member Justin Paine and the monthly BBQ enthusiastically organised by Life Members Roger Deane and Mark Sier. Justin is also to be congratulated for another great year of producing the much loved and magnificent bi-monthly magazine, Kayak Kapers with Justin's' expertise as a journalist shining though.

The 2013 Lane Cove Marathon held in September 2013 was great success assisted by ideal weather for paddling. It was an excellent club effort with everything running smoothly and many members making themselves available to help out. The results on the water were superb and almost saw us take out the club points trophy in the 2013 season with a last round surge of club points.

A concerted effort has been made to capture the 2014 Paddle NSW Marathon Series club points trophy even though the new rules have not suited us. The main point though is the series is run superbly and everyone enjoys the 10 different venues.

There was once again a huge club turnout at the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic. Most club members participated, either as a paddler, landcrew and/or HCC or club volunteer. A total of 49 club boats took on the challenge of the 111 km, some for the first time. With so many paddlers and many top performances we again took out the Commonwealth Bank trophy.

Other ultra-marathons were also embraced by club members. There was the usual large contingent in the 2013 Myall River Classic. LCRKers also competed in the 2014 Riverland Paddle Marathon in June. Later that month Anjie Lees and Meg Thornton travelled to Canada and won their class in the Yukon River Quest. Also overseas, Richard Robinson and Tony Hystek competed in the Devizes to Westminster race in the UK and came in 5th outright, a great result. Glen Orchard kept up his great HCC form to win the 2013 Murray Marathon on handicap with Anjie Lees taking out 3rd on handicap.

The Harbour Series races were well attended by LCRKers again this year and we organised and ran a race based at Clontarf in May 2014. The event went off without a problem.

A number of LCRKers competed in and volunteered as officials in the sprint series run by Paddle NSW.

These are very enjoyable days as they are well run and are held at the world class Sydney International Regatta centre at Penrith. We also started a regular 'last Sunday of the month' 200m sprint afternoon at the pontoon although it is yet to get into full swing.



Adrian Clayton organised and led a sea kayak paddle from Pittwater to Patonga and back which was enjoyed by those that paddled. We hope to hold more recreational our river environment with a good contingent of members participating in Clean- Up Australia Day in March.

Our website has continued to evolve and is well established as the hub for all club information. Information has been kept up to date and many members have contributed content.

Excitingly, our new club shed at Chatswood Rotary Park should be ready for occupation by end August. Half the funding was granted by the state government. The shed will set the scene for an exciting 2014/15 for LCRK.



River Canoe Club of NSW

Rivers is in its 79th year and still paddling rivers; from testing ourselves on whitewater to cruising flatwater then camping on the riverbank over-night. No marathons, sprints or slalom for Rivers, just give us a river to enjoy, which we again did, and it was another fantastic year with lots of paddling.



Membership continues to thrive with 110 active paddling members and our life members actively participating in Club projects and canoeing events and committees. Sixteen members also hold instructor and/or guide qualifications in flatwater, whitewater or sea kayaking.

In addition to our paddling members there are four life members, two honoree and also many alumni friends who enjoy receiving our Club magazine to keep them connected to their paddling community. And it's great to report, that past members continue to meet on a regular basis – testament to the bonds that paddlers make after sharing truly great experiences.

This year saw the Club receive a \$1,700 grant from Marrickville Council which funded the training of eight members in trip leadership skills for guiding on local river trips, with several going on to undertake flatwater guide/instructor training through PaddleNSW. Other training activities that come quickly to mind were the successful running of a number of whitewater training sessions and weekends, the whitewater rescue course run by Rivers under the PaddleNSW banner and the two open water sessions with Rob Mercer and Mark Sundin from Expedition Kayaks.

Club members have continued driving the Waterways Guide, a project to convert the Canoeing Guide of NSW into a community driven website, and the new PaddleSafe app for iPhone and iPad. This has been designed to take the Waterways Guide on the road, plan a paddle and leave the plan with a friend or relative in case you do not return by a designated time. Thanks to Lynn Parker, who is managing this project, Stewart Dobbie and Jeff Cottrell and the many others for dedicating so much of their time to make this possible.

On the paddling front, rains were not as good as we would have hoped for but still sufficient for the Club's whitewater paddlers with many trips being called at short notice. And of course there were the Easter Safari on the Snowy and October Victorian Safari in the high country of NSW and northern Victoria, both offering multiple days of high grade whitewater paddling. Trips from the Clubhouse remain popular; including both Club social paddles and "come and try" days. The Wolli Creek Preservation Society tours have again continued throughout the year and introduce locals to a paddling experience. Then there were the regular flatwater day trips on rivers and bays around Sydney and several weekends away.

On the non-paddling side, in March 2014 we held the "Shoalhaven River – Back to Jinglemoney Weekend". Jinglemoney is where the Club was founded in 1935 and it is a very special spot for many past and present members. Aside from going back to our beginnings more than 40 members and alumni celebrated Basil Slaughter's, our oldest and longest continuing member, 90th birthday. A very special weekend indeed!

Members contributing to PaddleNSW are Eileen Callaghan as Chair of the Freestyle Committee and Lynn Parker continuing on the PaddleNSW Board and coordinating education. In addition, Lynn was recognised under the 2014 Community Sports Volunteer Awards for her outstanding contribution to kayaking through her work with PaddleNSW. The thing is the PaddleNSW effort is only the tip of the iceberg compared to what Lynn has done for Rivers.

The Willow Warriors, led by Jeff Cottrell, have continued clearing many rivers of their weeds. The upper Wingecarribee is now debris free leaving clear fun rapids. They have attacked the Deua, Tuross and Snowy Rivers and now Goat Island is providing one of the best weed control jobs in the world. From the clubhouse we work with the Wolli Creek Preservation Society and Cooks River Valley Association on projects and activities to clean up and restore the Cooks River and Wolli Creek.

Lastly, as the oldest continuous whitewater and recreational canoeing club in the State, Rivers is always happy to share its expertise, be it on flat, open or whitewater, with all members of PaddleNSW and the community.

Tracy Hudson
President



Shoalhaven Canoe & Kayak Club

During this past year our members have individually, and in small groups, participated in various paddling activities including whitewater river trips, sea kayaking, and kayak surfing. We have also helped out at community events and presented Canoe Polo demonstration games at the Shoalhaven River Festival in Nowra.

Canoe Polo has continued to be our main regular activity, although we have seen a downturn in regular attendance on Tuesday nights to play. We are Intentionally seeking to reverse this trend by promoting the sport wherever we can. The club ran its annual "Mudcake Challenge" Canoe Polo tournament in November. This popular one-day competition again attracted polo paddlers down from Sydney and Canberra regions.

As a small club we enjoy the different skills and abilities of our members. We are happy to welcome newcomers and introduce them to the challenge and pleasure of paddling. During this past year we welcomed a former member of the Australian Men's Canoe Polo Team as a regular player with us. He has added significantly to the training segments of our Canoe Polo nights.

Ian Rienits
SCKC - President



Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club

The past year has been another successful one for the club.

Whilst the refurbishment of the club facilities hampered our ability to conduct some of our regular events, the club continues as a viable community organisation, providing a convenient facility which is accessible and well equipped for kayaking in Wagga Wagga.

Members continue to participate in a variety of activities and there have been a number of members who have had success in local, state and national events.

Our membership currently stands at about 50, the growth in this could probably be most attributed to the popular Saturday morning paddle group which has been led by the hard work of Tracey Finucane and other regular helpers. Thanks to Tracey for her commitment to this important program, it seems to be the most common entry point for new members.

Thanks to the committee members for their work over the last year. I encourage members to become involved and work towards promoting the benefits and opportunities that our club offers members of the community.

Laurie Fitzpatrick

Southside Paddlers

It gives me great pleasure as President of Southside Paddlers to present this report to PNSW about our year. Our clubs primary focus is sprints which also mean the majority of our members are under 25. With a heavy focus on training for the sprint season and balancing that with surf lifesaving competition for many we have a vibrant young group as well as some more mature members who provide a great balance.

Another great year with an increase in membership, increased storage facility and a safety boat. And what a privilege for our Club to have Mitch Hughes selected in the Australian under 18's Team to compete at the World Junior Championships in Canada, and Nick Dawe selected in the Australian University Team to contest the World University Games. Both athletes performed exceptionally well against the best in the world, missing the A Finals by narrow margins.



We have, as an objective, to provide a support infrastructure and a Training environment to give our paddlers their best chance in Elite competition.

Our support structure, of course, is the wonderful group of parents and our hard working committee including Yvette Graf, Lorrae and Al Thomson, Luke Hagan, Jacquie Tang, Keith Hughes, Kim Glasson, and Ross Smith.

Our thanks once again to our generous sponsors TRADIES. Our long term plan is to build a Club House and now most of our expenditure is out of the way, it is back on track with the Building Fund.

We have a very strong squad of young paddlers training at the moment and I believe we are setting up for a pretty good year in Sprint Competition. It would be nice for you all to be selected to go to Europe next year, I haven't been to Paris for some time!

So plenty more to accomplish this year, NSW sprint series has started and our first major test will be Adelaide GP1 first week in December.

In closing, I would like to express our clubs appreciation to PNSW for running the sprint series and for all the work they do to keep our sport going forward.

Brian Trouville
President



Sutherland Shire Canoe Club

As SSCC moves into it's 43rd year of operation we find ourselves extending back into areas of paddlesport which have fallen away in the past decade. Sea Kayaking and Canoe paddling are having a renaissance in the Sutherland Shire.

Membership is slowly rebuilding with almost fifty members active through the winter months of 2014. An increased public profile driven by our FaceBook page and website <http://shirekayaking.info> is helping us attract and engage new members.

The monthly 5km time trial and BBQ continues to be the event which engages the most members. Handicapped starts, and a strong atmosphere of inclusion make it an event for all levels of club paddler.

Long distance events like marathon series and the Hawkesbury Classic are lodged deep in the DNA of SSCC. While small in numbers, the club is well represented in all of these events. With three kayak clubs in close proximity, SSCC identifies itself as the club that paddles the Hawkesbury.

SSCC prides itself in being the friendliest canoe club in Australia. It's members maintain a strong social bond, with paddlers and supporters strongly visible at events such as the Hawkesbury, Marathon Series and Burley Griffin 24hr Relay. Club banners and a distinctive blue and white uniform make SSCC highly visible at events away from our home base.



Back at home in Woronora, our clubrooms which provide a meeting point for members have been expanded and facilities improved this year using a grant from the NSW Government. Meeting facilities, BBQ, and education equipment have all been added.

After identifying a demand for sea kayaking in the area three years ago, SSCC partnered with Expedition Kayaks to run an annual sea kayaking clinic for members. This has been successful in developing a strong core of paddlers who are steadily extending their range around the southern coasts.

Canoeing in it's traditional open boat style is also experiencing a resurgence at SSCC. Building on the clubs greatest assets, Joan and Bruce Morison, both OAM's for services to canoeing, a small group have begun rejuvenating the genre. The club again partnered with Paddle and Portage Canoes to run a marathon canoeing workshop which was coached by Joan Morison. We hope to see canoe entries return to the Marathon Series in 2015.

Steve Dawson
President



Windsor Canoe Club

We have had a positive and rewarding year both on and off the water. While we are primarily a racing club we manage to fit in quite a few land based activities. None of our success would be possible without a lot of effort from all our members. We are not a large club but every member is involved not only in racing but as volunteers to make our club events worth while and enjoyable. Some of these include camping and kayaking weekends, birthday parties, xmas in July, xmas party and unfortunately farewells. A happy club atmosphere seems to bring out the best in us all.

On the water we continue to hold our twilight races during daylight saving. We have a mix of sprint nights and longer races and handicap events. This makes for a keenly contested and fun series. We managed eight gold and one silver medal at the state marathon championships, a most commendable effort. More gold and silver was brought home from the national races at Ballarat. As a result, two of our members Lyle Mead and Liz Pratt were selected to represent Australia in Oklahoma for the world cup. We are also involved in the sprint series as paddlers and volunteers.



We continue to support the PaddleNSW marathon series and were thankful to be able to host a race this year. Up to fifty per cent of our members compete in some marathons which is very rewarding.

It is a concern that we do not attract many new members but we are hopeful that our planned club house will raise our profile and allow us to grow. To help us achieve this we spend a lot of time and effort fundraising. It has been a long time in the planning but we can see light now. We also raise money to purchase new club boats so potential members have

boats to paddle at our come and try days. They can continue to use club boats until they decide what is the best boat for them to purchase. This year it was two mini sonics in preparation for more junior paddlers.

Our club continues to be friendly and supportive to other paddlers. One of our annual contributions is to manage checkpoint A during the Hawkesbury Classic.

I thank all our members who have made this year the success it has been.

Neil Crabb
President



Academies / Institutes

Western Sydney Academy of Sport



The Western Sydney Academy of Sport (WSAS) provides quality development opportunities for talented young athletes living in western Sydney. The Academy's programs focus on high standards of individual performance, achievement and excellence.

Academy Slalom Overview

Through continued support from AIS and NSWIS, the Academy Slalom Program has been successful in providing development opportunities for athletes in the western Sydney region, preparing them for elite levels of representation in their sport. Alongside AIS and NSWIS as principal program partners, Penrith Whitewater Stadium also provides strong in-kind support for the Program, allowing athletes to use their venue for technical sessions.



High standards of coaching and athlete individual performance, achievement and excellence have been evident through the implantation of technical, educational and personal development components of the Academy Slalom Program since its inception in 2005.

With the Program content featuring skills and technical development opportunities, athlete education, sports science and fitness elements, the Program is a comprehensive introduction to what will be required at elite levels.

Technical Development

- Highly accredited coaches
- Sport specific skill development
- Video Analysis
- Region's best sporting venues
- NSWIS and State body integration
- Professional organisation links

Educational Development

- Drugs in Sport
- Nutrition
- Strength & Conditioning
- Injury Prevention and Rehab
- Psychology
- Media Skills

Program Coaches:

Head Coach: Myriam Fox

Manager: John Kelly

2013/2014 Program Athletes

Alexandra Broome Ciaran Kelly

Lachlan Croft Kiara McKay

Noemie Fox

Angus Thompson



Recent Athlete Performances

Athletes from the Slalom Program have been amongst the highest achievers in the Western Sydney Academy of Sport over the past twelve months, here are some highlights from the top achievers.

Alexandra Broome's recent achievements include:

- Junior World Championships, 8th overall in C1 Women
- Oceania Champs, 11th in open competition for C1 Women and 4th in K1 Women U18
- National Champs, 2nd in C1 Women U18 and 5th in K1 Women U18
- Australian open, 3rd in C1 Women U18 and 5th in K1 Women U18
- School Nationals, 1st in C1 Women U18 and 2nd in K1 Women U18

Noemie Fox's recent achievements include:

- Oceania Champion C1 Women and 2nd in K1 Women
- Australian Open Champion C1 Women and K1 Women
- Australian National Champion C1 Women and 2nd in K1 Women
- Selected into the Junior National Team in C1 and K1
- 4th at the Junior World Championships in K1 Women
- 10th at the Junior World Championships in C1 Women

Fox was awarded the Woolworths Scholarship Female Award for 2014 at the Academy's Annual Awards. This was the 2nd year in a row that Noemie has earned this prestigious award.

Angus Thompson's recent achievements include:

- 1st Jnr K1 – 2014 Australian Championships
- 1st Jnr K1 – 2014 Australian Open
- 10th K1 - ICF Junior World Championships
- Australian representative at 2014 Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China, placing 5th in the K1 Obstacle event and 16th in K1 head to head event

Angus was awarded the Slalom Athlete of the Year Award for 2014 at the Academy's Annual Awards. On the night Angus was also awarded with the Woolworth's Scholarship Male Award.

History

Over the past nine years the Academy has seen 29 athletes come through its Slalom programs, with most remaining in the Academy program for three to four years. Most notably of course would be Jessica Fox who was with the Academy from 2007 to 2010 and then went on to win a Silver medal at the London Olympics in 2012. Since then Jessica has gone on to compete in and win a huge medley of national and world championships, taking her across the globe and making her the current Under 23 World Champion.



2014 PaddleNSW Annual Award Winners

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Male Paddler of the Year | Murray Stewart |
| 2. Female Paddler of the Year | Jessica Fox |
| 3. Young Paddler of the Year | Noemie Fox |
| 4. Paddler with a Disability Award | Kieran O'Riordan |
| 5. Masters Paddler
(Veteran) of the Year | Richard Barnes |
| 6. Team of the Year | ACT Canoe Polo
Veteran's 1 Team |
| 7. Coach of the Year | Tim Jacobs |
| 8. Official of the Year | Gaye Hatfield |
| 9. Administrator of the Year | Christine Duff |
| 10. Volunteer of the Year | John Kelly |
| 11. Event of the Year | National Canoe Polo Champs |
| 12. Long Service Award/s | Tony Hystek |

**PADDLE NEW SOUTH WALES
(PADDLE NSW INC)
ABN 46 043 881 042**

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 June 2014**

**Liability limited by a scheme approved under
Professional Standards Legislation**



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on the association for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of the year are:

Mr Timothy Hookins
Mr Anthony Hystek
Mr Peter Debnam (resigned 3 February 2014)
Mr Andrew Mathers
Mrs Lynne Parker
Mr Timothy Ring
Mr Christopher Thompson
Ms Valerie Titov

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Review of Operations

The surplus/(deficit) of the association for the financial year was \$52,984 (2012: (\$3,965))

Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

No significant changes in the association's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to manage and assist in event Management covering Canoe Polo, Marathon racing, Open Water racing, Slalom/ Wildwater racing, Sprint events.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Events Subsequent to the End of the Reporting Period

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the association in future financial years.

Likely Developments and Expected Results of Operations

Likely developments in the operations of the association and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the association.

Environmental Regulation

The association's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Indemnification of Officers

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the association.

Proceedings on Behalf of the association

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the association or intervene in any proceedings to which the association is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the association for all or any part of those proceedings.

The association was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Auditors' Independence Declaration

The auditors' independence declaration for the year ended 30 June, 2014 has been received and can be found on page 3.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director:

Mr Anthony Hystek

Director:

Mr Timothy Hookins

Dated this day of

AUDITORS' INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDLE NSW INC. ABN 46 043 881 042

To the Board of Directors of Paddle NSW Inc.

In accordance with the requirements of section 52(2) of the *Associations Incorporations Act 2009*, as lead auditor for the audit of Paddle NSW Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2014, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the code of professional conduct in relation to independence in APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board.

Name of Firm: W & D Financial Services
Chartered Accountants

Name of Partner: _____
Peter M. Power

Address: Level 1, 521 Pittwater Road, Brookvale NSW 2100

Dated this day of

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Revenue			
Education & Special Projects	3	69,824	18,872
Event Revenue	2	93,064	79,266
Government Grant		20,000	20,000
Membership		131,123	111,094
Other Revenue	3	20,508	17,962
Total Revenue		334,519	247,194
Expenses			
Australian Canoeing Affiliation Fees		49,241	47,177
Administration expenses	4	30,647	29,674
Depreciation expenses		6,060	6,060
Education & Special Projects	3	44,964	17,825
Event expenses	2	73,104	70,919
Employee benefits expenses		77,519	79,504
Total Expenses		281,535	251,159
Surplus/(Deficit) before Income tax		\$52,984	(\$3,965)
Income tax expense		\$0	\$0
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period		\$52,984	(\$3,965)
Other Comprehensive Income		\$0	\$0
Total Comprehensive Income		\$52,984	(\$3,965)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2014

		2014	2013
	Note	\$	\$
Assets			
Current Asset			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	333,698	253,491
Trade and other receivables	6	14,623	3,844
Inventories	7	5,655	3,888
Total current assets		353,976	261,223
Non-current Asset			
Property, plant and equipment	9	7,866	7,700
Total non-current assets		7,866	7,700
Total assets		361,842	268,923
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	41,286	14,879
Unearned Income	10	50,981	38,456
Employee benefits provision	11	3,981	1,803
Total current liabilities		96,248	55,138
Non Current Liabilities			
Unearned Income	10	2,909	4,084
Employee benefits provision	11	0	0
Total non-current liabilities		2,909	4,084
Total liabilities		99,157	59,222
Net assets		262,685	209,701
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		209,701	213,666
Current year (deficit)/surplus		\$52,984	(\$3,965)
Total equity		262,685	209,701

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Balance at 1 July		209,701	213,666
Total Income and Expenditure for the period		\$52,984	(\$3,965)
Balance at 30 June		262,685	209,701



ACT Canoe Polo Veteran's 1 Team

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts from events		92,219	98,138
Cash receipts from members		131,123	131,106
Cash receipts from government grants		80,000	26,000
Interest received		5,561	6,637
Other receipts		14,947	-
Cash paid to employees		(77,519)	(77,701)
Cash paid to suppliers		(159,898)	(165,595)
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>86,433</u>	<u>18,585</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		-	-
Net cash provided from financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payment for fixed assets		(6,226)	(6,273)
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(6,226)</u>	<u>(6,273)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash & cash equivalents		80,207	12,312
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		<u>253,491</u>	<u>241,179</u>
Cash and cash equivalent at 30 June		<u>333,698</u>	<u>253,491</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2014

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements cover Paddle NSW Inc. as an individual entity. Paddle NSW Inc. is an association incorporated in NSW under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991.

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the IASB. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of manufactured inventories includes direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

In the event the carrying value of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying value is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present.

Depreciation

The depreciation method and useful life used for items of property, plant and equipment (excluding freehold land) reflects the pattern in which their future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the association. Depreciation commences from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements. The depreciation method and useful life of assets is reviewed annually to ensure they are still appropriate.

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For the year ended 30 June 2014

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

Financial Instruments

Initial Recognition and Measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the association commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (i.e. trade date accounting adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss', in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and investments are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and the present value of the asset's future cash flows discounted at the expected rate of return. If the estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables are recognised initially at the transaction price (i.e. cost) and are subsequently measured at cost less provision for impairment. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amount of trade and other receivables are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the amounts are not recoverable. If so, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in income statement.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2014

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and cessation of all involvement in those goods.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association that remain unpaid.

Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2014

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Comparative Figures

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year where required by accounting standards or as a result of changes in accounting policy.



Kieran O’Riordan (PNSW Paddler with a Disability Winner)

	2014	2013
2 Event Revenue & Expenses	\$	\$
Canoe Polo	13,468	10,209
Marathon	36,240	36,026
Open Water	5,469	16,762
Slalom	30,805	2,700
Freestyle	1,645	-
Sprint	5,437	13,569
Total event revenue	93,064	79,266
Canoe Polo	12,918	8,334
Marathon	37,519	32,549
Open Water	753	13,837
Slalom	4,876	5,237
Freestyle	940	-
Sprint	16,098	10,962
Total event expenses	73,104	70,919
3 Other Revenue		
Grant Funding for PaddleSafe App	60,000	-
Education and Training	9,824	18,872
Advertising and Sponsorship	6,955	10,150
Interest Income	5,561	6,637
Merchandise	65	993
Miscellaneous Income	7,927	182
Total other revenue	90,332	36,834
4 Administration Expenses		
Education	44,964	17,825
Accountancy Fees	3,850	649
Board Meeting & Costs	200	2,014
Membership expenses	3,826	4,979
Office expenses	9,499	8,030
Promotional and Marketing	13,272	14,002
	75,611	47,499
5 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at Bank- ANZ	142,361	67,715
Cash in Investments	59,898	57,932
ING Direct Savings	131,439	127,844
	333,698	253,491

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
6 Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Sundry Debtors	0	0
Trade Debtors	3,660	3,536
Other Debtors	10,963	308
	<u>14,623</u>	<u>3,844</u>
7 Inventories		
Current		
Inventories	<u>5,655</u>	<u>3,888</u>
8 Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Trade Creditors	21,265	4,001
Other Creditors	20,021	0
BAS Liability	0	10,878
	<u>41,286</u>	<u>14,879</u>
9 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment:		
At cost	37,569	31,342
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(29,703)</u>	<u>(23,642)</u>
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>7,866</u>	<u>7,700</u>
Movements in Carrying Amounts		
Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.		
	Plant & Equipment	Total \$
Additions	6,226	6,273
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation	6,060	6,060
	<u>166</u>	<u>213</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2013

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
10 Unearned Income		
Current		
Government grants to be acquitted	-	6,000
Memberships in Advance	50,981	32,456
	<u>50,981</u>	<u>38,456</u>
Non-Current		
Memberships in Advance	<u>2,909</u>	<u>4,084</u>
11 Employee benefits provision		
Current Liability for annual leave	<u>3,981</u>	<u>1,803</u>
12 Change in Accounting Policy		
No changes in Accounting Policy during the year.		
13 Association Details		
PaddleNSW Inc registered office and principal place of business is		
6A Figtree Drive		
Sydney Olympics Park NSW 2129		

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the association declare that:

- 1 The accompanying income and expenditure statement is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the profit (or loss) of the association including fundraising appeals for the last financial year;
- 2 The statement of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association including fundraising appeals as at the end of the financial year;
- 3 The provisions of the act, the regulations under the act, and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied with by the organisation, and;
- 4 The internal controls exercised by the organisation are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organisation from any of its fundraising appeal, and
- 5 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Paddle NSW Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- 6 The accounts and associated records have been properly kept during the year, and
- 7 Money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted for
- 8 The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to manage and assist in event Management covering Canoe Polo, Marathon racing, Open Water racing, Slalom/Wildwater racing, Sprint events.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director: _____
Mr Timothy Hookins

Director: _____
Mr Anthony Hystek

Dated this day of

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDLE NSW INC ABN 46 043 881 042

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Paddle NSW Inc, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Regulations, the NSW Associations Incorporation Act and company's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDLE NSW INC ABN 46 043 881 042

Auditors' Opinion

Qualification: Donations and Fundraising Activities

It is not practical for the Paddle NSW Inc to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations and fundraising activities until their entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, my audit in relation to donations and fundraising activities was limited to amounts recorded.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In my opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report of Paddle NSW Inc as at 30 June 2014 presents fairly in all material aspects the financial position of Paddle NSW Inc and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial report and satisfies the requirements of the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991, the NSW Associations Incorporation Act and the Association's constitution.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the director's financial reporting responsibilities under the association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

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Dated this day of