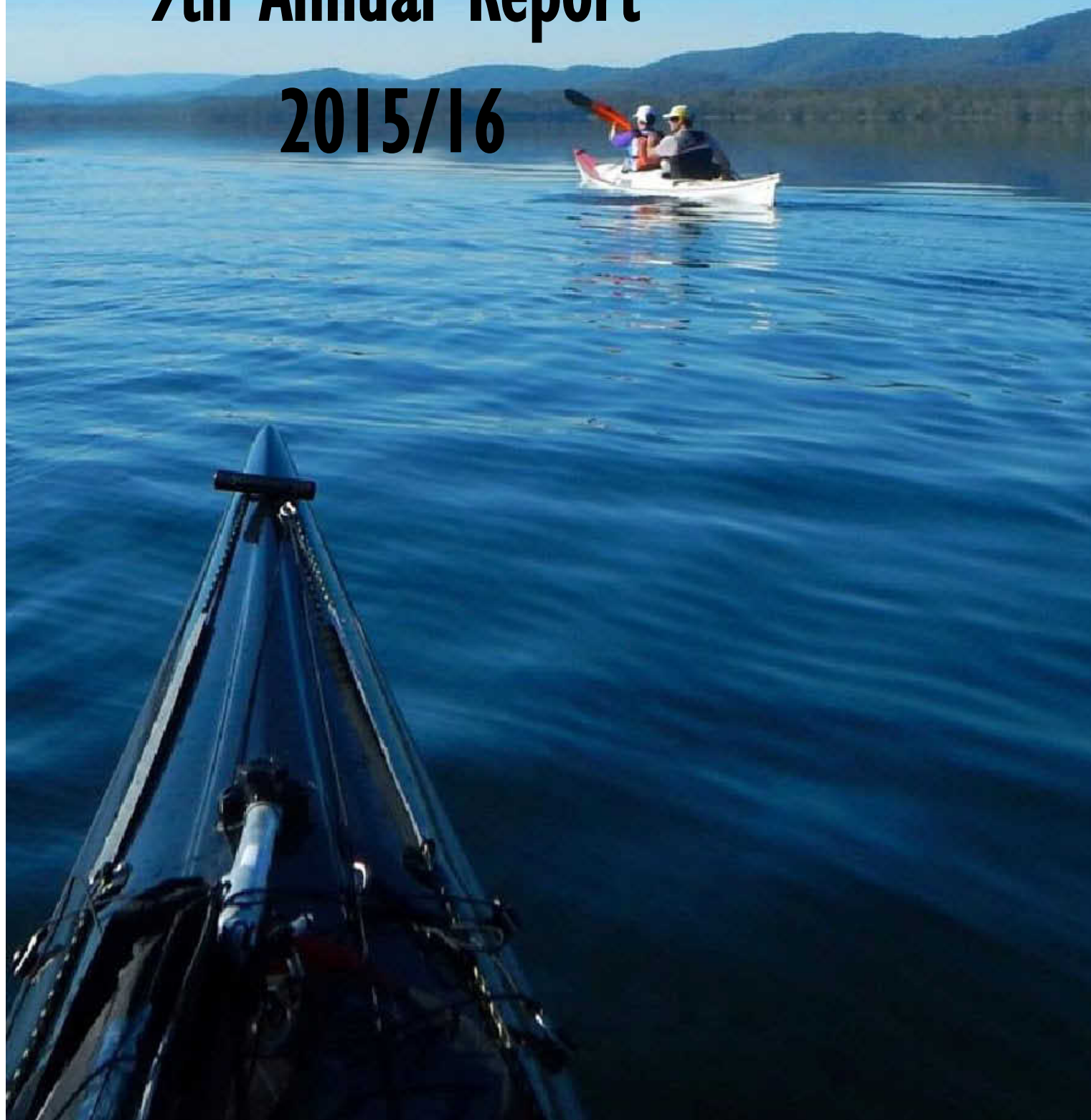




9th Annual Report

2015/16



Dear Members,

On behalf of the PaddleNSW Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to present for your consideration and adoption the Ninth Annual Report of PaddleNSW Inc that covers its activities during the financial year 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016.



Peter Tate *Chief Executive Officer*

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Anthony HYSTEK



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Ross FRASER



Elected Director:

Kiaran LOMAS



Elected Director:

Andrew MATHERS



Elected Director:

Lynn PARKER



Elected Director:

Chris THOMPSON



Appointed Director:

Bob TURNER



2015/16 PaddleNSW Office Bearers & Committee Members

Chief Executive Officer: Peter TATE

Accounts Officer: Denise ROGERS

Development Officer: Jo BRIGDEN-JONES

Auditor: Tomas WEISZER

Education & Training Committee: Lynn PARKER (Coordinator), Adrian CLAYTON, Karen DALLAS, Ian ROYDS, Andy SINGH

Coaching Coordinator: Kiaran LOMAS

Waterways Committee: Lynn PARKER, Fiona BROWN, Jeff COTTRELL, Anjie LEES

Marketing: Anjie LEES

Equipment Officer: Tony HYTEK

PNSW PADDLESPORT COMMITTEES:

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

Canoe Polo: Craig HUTCHINSON (Chair), Richard ANDREWS, Richard BARNES, Heidi CHENEY, Bob KENDERES, Cathy MILLER, Nathan ROSAGUTI

Freestyle: Eileen CALLAGHAN (Chair), Joseph DUNNE, Kim KAAR, John KELLY

Marathon: Bob TURNER (Chair)

Open Water:	Tim HOOKINS, Tony HAINES, Renee HAYNES, David JEPSEN, Stephen NEWSOME, Paul RICHARDSON, Suzie RHYDDERCH, Jeremy SPEAR
Paracanoe:	Gaye HATFIELD, David JAMES, David LUNN
Slalom:	John FORSYTHE (Chair), Colin BORROWS, John KELLY, Chris THOMPSON
Sprint:	Laura WHITE (Chair), Jeff BEERE, Graham MATTS, Stephen SHELLEY
Stand Up:	Kiaran LOMAS (Chair)
Wildwater:	Peter McINTYRE (Chair)

LIFE MEMBERS:

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

1962 Max HILL*, Os BROWNLEE*, Harry SAVAGE*,
Frank WHITEBROOK* OAM, 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 - Tony Hystek

PaddleNSW has continued its growth and range of activities this year, and is pleased to remain in a sound financial position given the additional projects it has undertaken.

The membership process is becoming smoother for both new and renewing members, and several clubs have now implemented combined Club/PNSW membership registrations. Those remaining are still waiting on final development of the process to include some of their own special needs.

The proposed joint AC/State pathways officer created an impetus for PaddleNSW to go it alone and engage a development officer on a part time basis. We are pleased to have had the services of Jo Brigden-Jones in this role, which she fitted in between preparations for Olympics Selection trials.

The short lead-up time for the establishment of junior paddling courses resulted in some courses not being announced early enough, and so were under-subscribed. The primary problem still remains the conversion of these newcomers to become regular club paddlers. PaddleNSW purchased a fleet of SOT's for the junior courses, which have worked out well as introductory craft.

All paddlesports within PaddleNSW have experienced growth in 2015-6, though our recreational programme is still in need of further development. The complex problem of placing recreational paddling events within an existing well-supplied commercial recreational market, thereby providing appropriate events while not disenfranchising commercial operators, is one challenge. This is a major focus for PaddleNSW, as we recognise that recreational paddlers are by far the largest interest group within our paddling community. While our competitive paddlesport participants are happy to contribute to their events through entry fees and volunteering, there is less incentive for recreational paddlers to sustain their organised activities financially, or to contribute in other ways such as volunteering.

PNSW has dropped the 'technical' terminology from our paddlesport committees in order to reduce the perceived barriers to volunteering for these committees.

The Marathon Committee has undergone a major change this year with the retirement of firstly Gaye Hatfield and the impending retirement of Bob Turner, who has been actively involved in the National Marathon Committee as well. But willing hands have stepped up to fill the void.

Marathon is increasingly popular with close to 200 paddlers attending each of our 9 rounds in the series. Our first division, previously languishing at an average 5 paddlers, now has up to 15 national class paddlers battling it out each round, while the introduction of a 5km event has lured many new paddlers into marathon.

The Sprint committee is making great progress taking the sport to the paddlers, by holding rounds of the sprint series in various club home waters as well as at the SIRC facility. Once again, the divisional concept of the series has proved popular with resultant close racing.

Slalom is looking further afield than Penrith Whitewater Stadium with the recent refurbishment of the Glenbawn Dam course, host to the 2017 National Schools Championships.

Freestyle and Canoe polo have very active committees, and both can report increased participation. The earlier support of the Canoe Polo committee with the provision of 5 new polo boats has created easy pathways for new paddlers into the sport. Suitable venues have been difficult to find, but the committee seems to have a knack for negotiation and though the competition has changed venue and night, participation is still keen.

Open Water Racing has had its share of achievements as well. The committee manages two different racing series, the Harbour Series, in protected waters, and the Ocean Series, held offshore.

The current 6-round Harbour Series attracted record numbers of paddlers. Instant results sent to paddlers via SMS has really helped to engage participants, and the series is relatively easy to manage. The two PNSW IRB safety boats have allowed clubs to host rounds with less effort trying to secure suitable safety craft. They are hired out per event at break-even cost.

However, the Open Water series has been fraught with difficulties, as it is co-hosted with Lifesaving Clubs, who are an essential component of these events with their off-shore water safety. The vexed issue of membership of our association has created managerial and insurance dilemmas that are still unresolved for the combined PNSW and SLSC participation. This has an effect on the running of NSW Premier Ocean Race, the 20 Beaches, which stands as a prime candidate for the Australian Ocean Racing Championships event. While the future of the remainder of the 6-round series is under consideration, the 20 Beaches is the feature event of NSW Ocean Racing and every effort is being made to continue our involvement with it.

Due to the tireless work of board member Lynn Parker, our education courses are regular and well attended. Instructors, Guides, Swift Water Rescue, and Packrafting courses amongst others. There is a need for more paddlers to receive the basic training required for presenting the new PaddleOz and Paddle Power programmes currently embraced by PaddleNSW. Once again, reward for effort is the key.

Our coaching courses have been more difficult to maintain, as most attendees are simply there to improve their own knowledge base. Converting these paddlers to becoming certified coaches and retaining them remains the challenge, as there are few venues with suitable coaching facilities for regular coaching squads to be established. Without an existing coaching structure to provide the incentive, many paddlers find the process too onerous to take those extra few steps to achieving their certification.

PaddleNSW is also serious about promoting our sport to the wider public. With attention focused on the Olympics this year, we hope to piggyback off that awareness by engaging our best Slalom and Sprint paddlers in an exhibition one-on-one competition in the heart of Parramatta CBD. Taking a leaf from overseas events, this will be a fast and exciting spectacle that should draw large crowds. It is a work in progress, so no promises yet, but this goes to show the level of commitment of the Board to mainstream promotion of the paddlesports.

Tony Hystek



CEO's Report - Peter Tate

PNSW Board of Directors

In a typically busy 2015/16 year, the Board met on 11 occasions with attendance as follows:

		13/07	10/08	14/09	10/10	9/11	18/01	1/02	14/03	11/04	9/05	15/06	Attend- ance
Tim Hookins	<i>Chair</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓								4/4
Tony Hystek	<i>VC then Chair</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	11
Ross Fraser	<i>Elected Director</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	✓	✓	7/8
Anjie Lees	<i>Vice Chair</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	11
Kiaran Lomas	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	10
Andrew Mathers	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	a	✓	✓	a	a	✓	a		✓	a	5
Lynn Parker	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	11
Tim Ring	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓									3/3
Chris Thompson	<i>Elected Director</i>	a	a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	8
Bob Turner	<i>Appointed Director</i>				✓	✓	a	✓	a	a	✓	a	4/8

“a” indicates apology.

Tim Ring resigned from the PNSW Board on 14th September 2015.

Ross Fraser was elected to fill a casual vacancy on 14th September 2015.

Bob Turner was appointed to the Board on 14th September 2015.

Tim Hookins resigned from the PNSW Board on 10th October 2015.

Tony Hystek was appointed Chair of the Board on 9th November 2015.

Anjie Lees was appointed Vice Chair of the Board on 18th January 2016.

I take this opportunity to thank all the Directors for contributing their time and effort on behalf of the Members. Each brings contrasting background to the table whilst serving the membership with integrity and passion.

Membership

Age	Male	Female	Total
5 years to 18	71	45	116
19 to 44	478	205	683
45 and over	553	234	787
Total	1102	484	1586
Category	Male	Female	Total
Full Adult	808	364	1172
Full Junior	71	45	116
Single event memberships	223	75	298
Total	1102	484	1586

Clubs

For the record there were 36 financial and affiliated clubs in 2015/16, as follows:

Avoca Kayak Club	Big River Canoe Club
Bonville Creek Kayak Club Inc	Brisbane Water Paddlers
Burley Griffin Canoe Club Inc	Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club Inc
Central Coast Canoe Club	Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club
Dolls Point Paddlers	Dubbo Canoe Club
Far North Coast Canoe Club	Great Lakes Canoe Club
Harbour Racing Inc	Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club Inc
Illawarra Canoe Club Inc	Inverell Joeys Kayak Club Inc
Just Paddlers Inc	Koa Kai Outrigger Canoe Club
Lane Cove River Kayakers Inc	Macquarie River Canoe Club
Makai Paddlers Society	Manly Warringah Kayak Club
Newy Paddlers	Pacific Dragons Dragon Boat & Outrigger CC
Pacifica Ocean Paddling Club	Penrith Valley Canoe Club
Pittwater Paddling Club	River Canoe Club of NSW Inc
Shark Island Paddlers Inc	Shoalhaven Canoe & Kayak Club Inc
Southside Paddlers Inc	Sutherland Shire Canoe Club
Sydney Northern Beaches KC	Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club
Waterfront Kayak Club	Windsor Canoe Club

That's an increase of two clubs as we welcomed Koa Kai Outrigger Canoe Club, Newy Paddlers, Pittwater Paddling Club and Waterfront Kayak Club into the fold in the past twelve months, however lost Tumut Valley CC and Tweed Heads CC. We are extremely 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 me to your activities and presentations at various times through the year.

The inaugural weekend-long Club Forum was an outstanding success for the almost-50 members and supporters who attended the festivities at picturesque Chowder Bay on 10-11 October 2015. My thanks to Lynn Parker for a significant amount of behind-the-scenes work, but more importantly to our club executives and personnel who travelled from far and wide to attend. We anticipate the Annual Club Forum will become a special event on the State calendar.

Office-Bearers and Sub-Committees

The listing of PaddleNSW Office-Bearers and Committee Members earlier in this Annual Report indicates the tremendous depth of volunteerism we have within the State Body. PaddleNSW simply could not exist without the wonderful and unselfish input from its many officers and volunteers, without whom there would be no platform to propel the sport.

All the Paddlesport Committees have performed with a high level of passion, professionalism and dedication. Our gratitude is extended to each organising committee and all the volunteers for conducting outstanding events in the past twelve months, from State Championships and Series to regular polo competitions.

Lynn Parker, with her hard-working team, continues doing a magnificent job coordinating all the education and training courses throughout NSW and ACT. We also appointed **Kieran Lomas** as the State Coaching Coordinator to oversee that important component of our membership. The biggest leap in proactivity in 2015/16 was undoubtedly the creation of our new Development Officer position, which was so capably filled by **Jo Brigden-Jones**. The role will expand in future years as we spread our wings into the school system and other junior development opportunities.



Vale

It is with great sadness we record the passing of **Brian Trouville** in April 2016. From his early days as a National Surf Ski and Kayak Champion, "Spags" was later renowned for his outstanding coaching ability at club, state and national level.

He was AC coach for almost 15 years, PaddleNSW coach for seven years and founded Southside Paddlers in 2010. In 2015 Brian not only won PNSW Coach of the Year, he was also recognised with a Distinguished Long Service Award. Brian touched and molded the lives of so many people over a significant period of time and will be fondly remembered.

Awards & Recognition

At the gala 2015 NSW Annual Sports Awards, our popular World Slalom Champion **Jessica Fox** was yet again a finalist in the NSW Athlete of the Year category. On the same night, our Patron and Life Member **Helen Brownlee OAM** was duly recognised with a Distinguished Long Service Award for outstanding contribution to our sport, and **Margi Bohm** was a finalist in the Masters Athlete of the Year category.



Congratulations to talented slalom athlete **Kiara McKay** who received a \$1,500 athlete grant from the NSW Olympic Committee. There were 411 nominations for the grant, and Kiara is the inaugural recipient from our sport. The NSW Olympic Committee awards five grants each year to young "up and coming" NSW athletes. Pictured at the presentation are Peter Tate (PNSW CEO), proud parents Leanne and Chris McKay flanking Kiara, Lynn Parker (PNSW Board Director) and Helen Brownlee OAM (PNSW Patron and NSWOC President). We thank NSWOC for their generosity and wish Kiara all the best in her paddling career.

Congratulations also to the Chair of our PNSW Sprint Committee **Laura White** who received a Women Leaders in Sport grant worth \$5,000 from the Australian Sports Commission.

Annual Performance

The PNSW Board, Paddlesports and staff performed numerous tasks and achieved desired objectives in 2015/16, including:

- Representation at the AC AGM and Forums
- Evaluation and implementation of the PNSW Strategic Plan (2014-2018)
- Developing athlete and coach pathways
- Monitored budget versus actuals
- PNSW Safety Committee continues to break new ground
- Utilised the facebook sites and social media more effectively
- Supported charity of choice - Cure Brain Cancer Foundation - \$3,480 thanks to the Myall Classic
- Regularly communicated with members and key stakeholders

Financial Report

The PNSW Board reports a deficit for the financial year ending 30th June 2016 of \$29,987 (\$22,471 in 2014/15). The organisation remains in a comfortable position to serve our members and paddling across NSW and ACT. The Balance Sheet as of 30th June 2016 indicates total equity in the organisation of \$210,227.

We sincerely thank our Accounts Officer **Denise Rogers** for her professional and friendly efforts throughout the year, our Board Treasurer **Ross Fraser** who does a stoic job keeping the Board on track fiscally, and also Auditor **Tomas Weiszer** for thoroughly investigating our accounts and providing the audit statement that our organisation complies with the *Associations Incorporations Act 2009*.

Acknowledgments

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

- **Tony Hystek** and all the **Board Directors** have been inspirational. They are indicative of how passionate our members are for paddling in NSW and ACT.
- Our **Paddlesport Committees** have done an outstanding job in 2015/16, conducting many safe, fair and exhilarating events throughout the year.
- Event Coordinator **Tony Hystek**, **Bob Turner** and all our magnificent volunteers who continually produce an outstanding **Myall Classic**. Outside the State Championships it is the organisation's iconic showpiece event which attracts paddlers from across the nation.



- Our Accounts Officer **Denise Rogers** works only one day per week however her assistance to me, the Board and all sub-committees is absolutely outstanding. Thank you for your friendship Denise.
- Inaugural Development Officer **Jo Brigden-Jones** broke new ground and was extremely enthusiastic in the pioneering role.
- **Anthena Huynh** has been sensational in recent years assisting with the compilation and design of the Annual Report. This edition is just as impressive.
- Each year PaddleNSW features at the Sydney International Boat Show. I pay tribute to all the volunteers who sacrifice time on behalf of our organisation, and especially **Lynn Parker** who coordinates our stand.
- Our loyal sponsors and supporters have each contributed strongly to our sport. I specifically acknowledge **Rhonda Elsayed** from **First Option Credit Union** (supporting our PNSW Representative Paddler Assistance Program each year), **Sharon Bultitude** from **Great Lakes Council** and **Alicia Savelloni** from **Clarence Valley Council**.
- 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.
- Our warm relationship with the National Body is greatly appreciated. I'm pleased to report our rapport with the **Australian Canoeing staff** is friendly, cooperative and productive.
- The final and most important acknowledgement is to **all PaddleNSW Members**, Club Executive members, competitors and enthusiasts. Thank you.

Enjoy your paddling.

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Peter Tate – PNSW CEO



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Development Officer's Report

The newly developed position was put into action for the first time this year and was designed to enhance the participation of junior paddlers in our clubs around the state. The role ran from October to April to optimize the Aussie sunshine and warmth on the water.

During this period PaddleNSW ran a number of Come and Try days at Penrith Whitewater stadium, which was very popular amongst the locals. In January a 2 day school holiday mini camp was held for the keen kids and lots of fun was had on the water. This was followed by a Term 1 PaddlePower program. The kids became members of Penrith valley Canoeing and participated in weekly sessions run by qualified instructors. The kids worked towards gaining different skills in their boats through a range of games and activities. PaddleNSW also helped Sydney Northern Beached Kayak Club recruit new junior paddlers from local schools.

PaddleNSW provided the use of equipment for most of these events. PaddleNSW owns a range of plastic sit on top kayaks, canoe polo boats, paddles and life jackets which are kept out at Penrith. These items are perfect for beginners to be able to get out on the water with ease. If your club would like to borrow this equipment for specific events, please contact the development officer.

I believe the target for clubs should be school holiday programs designed to give kids the opportunity to try paddling in a fun and friendly environment. There needs to be progressions set up within the clubs so they are able to follow on from these programs into weekly junior paddling sessions.

I encourage our clubs to get more involved in planning events for new junior paddlers who want to give paddle sports a go. The development officer's role is to work with the clubs to get things happening. Without the support of clubs these programs cannot kick off.

Planning is the key. Boats, instructors and timing of the activities all need to be locked in advance to allow the best chance for programs to succeed. The next step is locking in participants which can be challenging at times. We found this a lot this year. Getting people to commit is a real problem but if we are best prepared they it gives us a better chance to attract more junior paddlers and their families.

I have really enjoyed my time as the first PaddleNSW Development Officer, working with the clubs, volunteers and lots of young keen paddlers. Unfortunately I won't be continuing my role with PaddleNSW as I have taken up a full time position as a paramedic. I will still be around the paddling world offering my assistance where needed.

Jo Brigden-Jones

Education and Training Report

PaddleNSW welcomes new partners Western Australia Canoeing and Canoe South Australia to the Waterways Guide Project. Clubs in Victoria and the NSW Community have also been very busy populating information on the map website. There are many new trip ideas, access points and special adventures to be discovered. It's been a great achievement to see that in a general Google search, the Waterways Guide is often ranked highest in search results.

However, the development of the website infrastructure has not progressed as fast as we would have wished – frustrated by changing webmasters; the presentation on mobile devices, additional features like live tidal and marine forecasts and income generation strategies have been delayed. Promotion must also be improved, especially using social media, as eight out of ten paddlers met at the recent Boat Show had never heard of the Guide and PaddleSafe APP.

The only funds expended this year on the Guide, were to update the core modules, improve website security and ongoing hosting. The very strong commitment from volunteers however, continued.

The Website will be customised for each new State partner that has bought into the Guide. This will place each State in a better position to seek their State Government and industry support.

Australian Canoeing continue to acknowledge the product as an exceptional resource for recreational paddlers however remain slow to financially support the States as they build and fulfil one of the most important strategic goals to engage recreational paddlers.

Again PaddleNSW was part of the NSW Marine Safe Boating precinct at the Sydney Boat Show in July. Next year it promises to be even bigger when everyone moves back to Darling Harbour. This year, we received a constant flow of enquiries from recreational paddlers, some fisherman who liked to travel the estuaries and freshwater rivers and others just wanted to "get away". We found it easy to promote membership as we had "something" for everybody; the brochure that features Clubs and where they can be found, and the three marathon events, the Myall Classic, the Hawkesbury Classic, the Wondomnom for new



challenges, and then the Waterways Guide website and PaddleSafe APP for paddling related information for those not interested in joining a Club.

Accolades were received from those already using the Waterways Guide and APP and “blown away” by others when they discovered the detail and support we had achieved for a non-member recreational paddler.

A big thank you to the volunteers who “manned” the stand.

The real potential for course delivery at the Safe Boating Education Centre at Watsons Bay has not yet been realised. This could soon change with the employment by BIA of a local Centre Administrator to promote paddling and sailing to the local community. Weekend access is difficult, as “loud” objection by one neighbour has continued.

PaddleNSW Course delivery:

Scout and Ranger Leaders enhance their Scout qualifications by completing ACAS Whitewater safety and guiding courses. Club juniors from the Penrith area have commenced Instructor training and proved to be excellent assistants as Guides and new courses and will be very well placed for junior development in PaddleNSW and Penrith Whitewater Stadium in the future.

Clubs with a strong recreational focus continue to qualify their front line guides and instructors. The River Canoe, Burley Griffin, Manly Warringah and Avoca Clubs take gold after supporting many members to accredited leadership rolls. There has been a constant flow of teachers and paddlers working in the industry completing training and assessment across NSW.



Professional Development was a focus at the last AGM. The presentation on the basic forward stroke was excellent in promoting injury free technique for power and endurance. Our ACAS Assessors and Course presenters met at Watsons Bay Education Centre to review content and delivery, and assessment for courses. Recommendations were forwarded to Australian Canoeing for input to the ACAS system. A first assessment for an ACAS SUP award was conducted.

The number of Courses has slightly decreased this year with seventy undergoing training and thirty-three new Australian Canoeing Awards achieved. The Pack Rafters Course was filled to capacity without advertising, demonstrating the need to redefine the recreational paddler. The Pack rafts can weigh less than a few kilos enabling more remote paddling experiences combined with bushwalking and canyoning.

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

- ACAS Flatwater Guide/Instructor Course Parramatta July 25 & 26 2015
- ACAS Flatwater Guide/Instructor Course Parramatta: 25 & 26 September
- Educators Forum for Club Leaders as an extension of the PaddleNSW AGM – Assessment for SUP paddlers, Flatwater Skills review and an ACAS review by qualified Assessors at Watsons Bay. 15 & 16 October 2015
- Junior Development – Penrith November 29
- ACAS Flatwater Guide/instructor Course – Parramatta 6 & 7 Feb 2016
- Pack rafters Course postponed April to November due to low water.
- ACAS Whitewater Instructors Course – Murrumbidgee: 3 & 4 April 2016
- ACAS Flatwater instructors - Parramatta: 6 & 7 May 2016
- ACAS Moving Water Guide Course – Schoolteachers– Wellington: 3 & 4 March 2016
- ACAS White-water Rescue - Goobarragandra River 14 & 15 May 2016



A very successful program for U12s was continued at Penrith. Our new development officer Jo Brigden Jones ran the program with the assistance of local Penrith Valley Canoe Club, slalom and freestyle paddlers.

For the Berry Bay Marine precinct community consultations, we gave paddlers a strong voice, gaining promises of kayak facilities and water access from pontoons



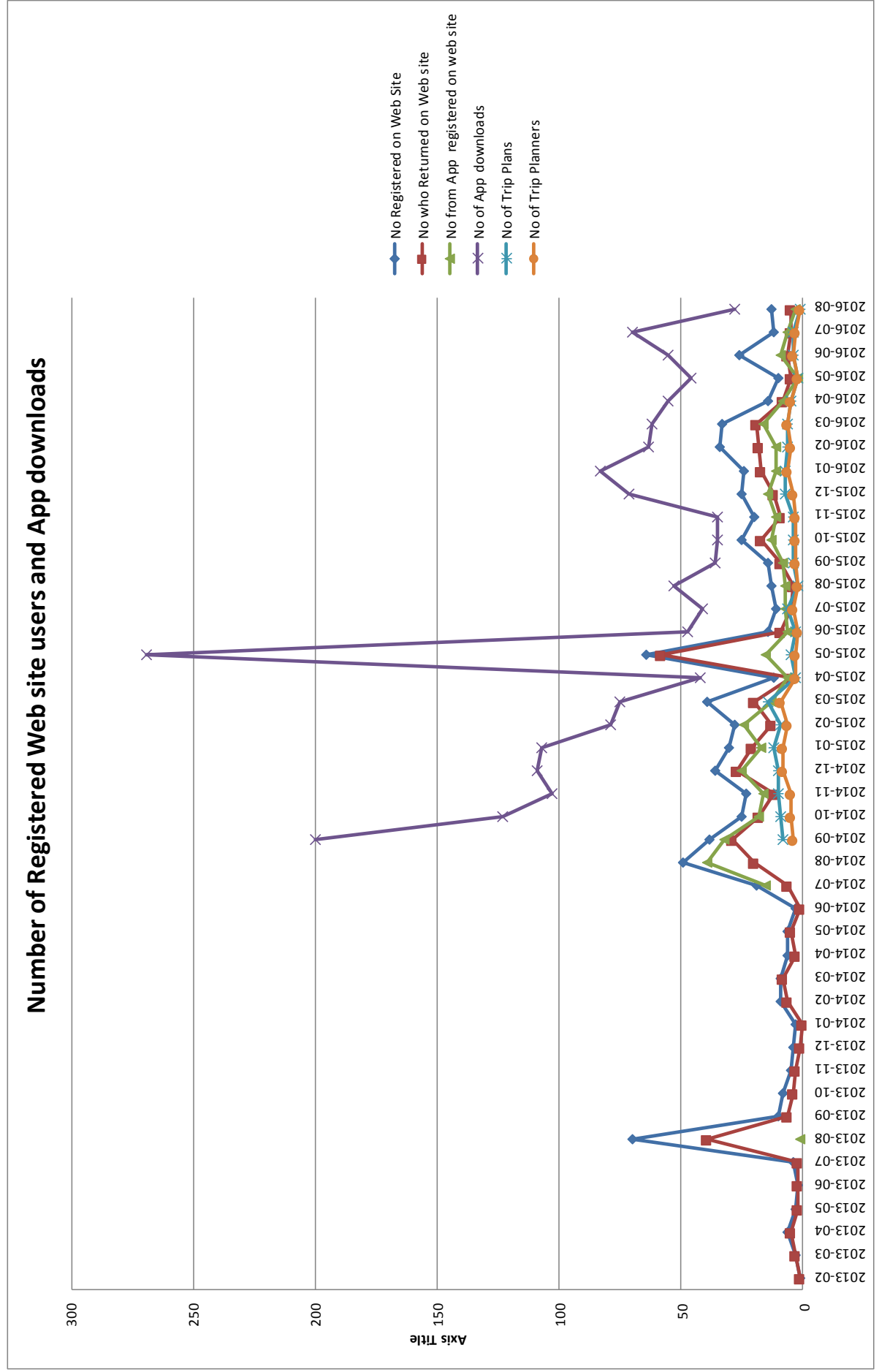
and beach area at Balls Head. To say the least, they were very passionate meetings with all community groups represented over the 2 or 3 years.

Australian Canoeing has now employed an Education and Recreation coordinator, and with some input from a States Committee, has produced resources for junior development, which provides all instructors inside and outside the State Organisations a scheme to run junior programs. They have also developed a website, APP and Newsletter to provide advice to new paddlers.

Thank you to Clubs for continuing to promote training, especially the accreditation of Coaches, Guides and Instructors. And those Instructors and Assessors who conducted courses on behalf of PaddleNSW. It is the quality of PaddleNSW delivery that stands us apart from any other provider.

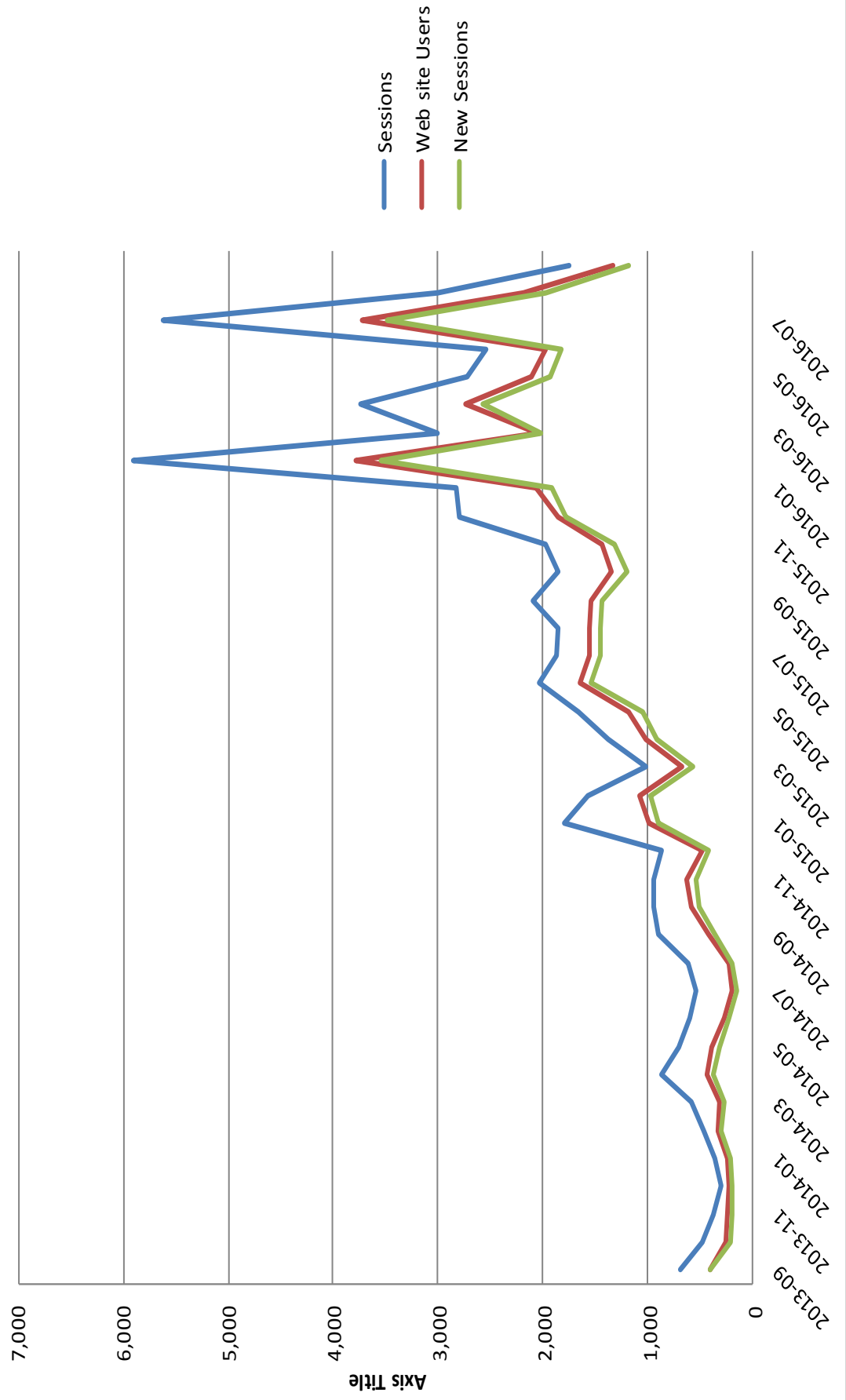
Lynn Parker

Analysis by Jeff Cottrell



Analysis by Jeff Cottrell

Web site Users and Sessions



Coaching Report

There are many changes occurring that will impact on coaching within PaddleNSW.

Australian Canoeing is currently preparing a new coach accreditation scheme, which applies to all canoe/kayak disciplines. Called the **Coach Development Pathway**, there are four proficiency levels:

- Foundation coach;
- Development coach;
- Performance coach; and
- Podium coach.

Australian Canoeing are proposing the Foundation is equivalent to the current level 1 training and Development to the current level 2. The Performance and Podium qualifications are new and focused on preparing our national coaches. It is important for all coaches aspiring to higher levels in the pathway to keep logs of as there may be some scope to progress based on achievements and

Existing level 1 and 2 qualifications remain valid but the new levels will be phased in over the next year or two.

In concert with the newly established Development role, PaddleNSW have worked to increase the number of coaches, to enable a progression for new paddlers coming through development activities and other initiatives transitioning to club paddlers.

Two coaching courses have been run in 2016 instructed by Amanda Rankin. The courses were well attended with over 20 PaddleNSW members completing the course. The attendees are now completing the other requirements for the qualification. Another course is being planned.

Kiaran Lomas

PADDLESPORTS REPORTS

CANOE POLO

With the closure of the Auburn Aquatic Centre at Lidcombe for renovations in winter 2015, Sydney canoe polo found a new home at Ashfield Aquatic Centre. Our weekly competition has run on Friday nights over spring and summer in the water polo pool. The challenge of finding a suitable pool venue for polo is that we throw balls around which means we are generally in an outside pool, and away from glass windows and we have to compete with water polo bookings.

Attending players are divided into four even teams and play a round robin. We encourage players at any level, and provide the equipment for newcomers. We received a huge boost with PNSW's grant of a full team's set of polo equipment – 5 new plastic Cyclone polo bats, PFDs, spraydecks, helmets and paddles. The new equipment is in constant use every Friday night. In particular, we have had a surge of new players from Sydney University, many of whom have consummate white water paddling skills. They even hand-roll! It is great to see the influx of younger paddlers entering the sport.

Weekend training occurs at Lake Parramatta for any players who are keen to improve their skills. NSW punched above our weight with 4 of the 9 players selected for the Australian men's team who played in the Canoe Polo World Championships Syracuse 2016 <https://www.facebook.com/Canoe-Polo-World-Championships-Syracuse-2016-398860660318114/?hc_ref=PAGES_TIMELINE>. Australia can be proud to have secured a qualifying position for the 2018 World Championships.

At the more social end of the scale, Bomaderry's Mudcake Challenge, and a Canberra weekend cater to a more fun level of weekend polo competition. We welcome paddlers from all disciplines to come and give canoe polo a try - to improve kayak skills, fitness and meet other like-minded kayakers. Please come and give polo a try – your first night is free (except for pool entry) and we provide all the equipment and fun for you.

Cathy Miller
On behalf of the PNSW Canoe
Polo Committee



FREESTYLE

After our Winter break Freestyle had an exciting start to the year taking one of its largest ever teams to the ICF Freestyle World Championships to the Ottawa River in Canada, and what an eventful trip it, a huge learning curve for our juniors, personal best from Liam Dowd and our one and only female junior Georgia Clarke making the semi-finals in her first ever trip overseas. We had illness, injuries, and even a very public engagement of our Head Coach Jez to Claire O Hara after Gold Medal winning Squirt boat paddle at the Worlds ... the YouTube video is awesome.

Head Coach Jez and multi Gold Medallist Claire O Hara from Great Britain



Our Mission was a success we Represented Australia, built on paddling skills, Experienced International Competition and life experience, and most important had fun in a safe team environment.



WILDERNESS TOURS

Raft & Kayak Resort

2015 ICF Freestyle World Championships Ottawa River, Canada.

Our Team consisted of:

- 13 paddlers aged between 15 and 50 years:
- 1 Team Manager
- 1 assistant Manager
- 1 Coach
- 1 assistant coach
- 1 personal coach
- 4 families travelling with Athletes, and 1 team support



Semi Finalist Georgia Clarke proudly flies the Australian Flag



Encouraged by the World Championships also had our first ever joint Australia /New Zealand training Camp at Hawea January 2016



Some of our World class coaching team at Hawea

The Hawea Whitewater park is one of the friendliest, beautiful and awesome white water parks in the world. It runs all winter but only runs during the summer when the dam releases flow. For freestyle kayakers it ideally needs to run at 55 cummecks or more. Which means a pretty decent release of flow especially in the summer months. In the winter it flows for months on end at about 150 – 200 cm, the bigger and higher the release the more fun the play. But in the summer even 55 can be very rare.



Typical Morning warm up



13 year old Christian at Hawea

However we weren't alone on our travels as the flows brought in paddlers from far and wide. It was a truly international gathering with paddlers from the UK, America, Australia, New Zealand and even Peru. We met up and paddled with well over 50 Kiwi paddlers during the course of the week. In total there was over 32 kayaking kids, alone, some as young as 11 surfing and tearing it up at the park. It was amazing seeing so much talent, so young.

Our Freestyle Nationals held was held April 2nd 2016

Below is an excerpt from an article written by one our mums Lynne Dowd thanks Lynne.

For once, it was a pleasant and warm day on April 2nd for the Freestyle Kayaking National Championship at the Whitewater Stadium in Penrith. The blue skies drew in an enthusiastic and good sized crowd who were in fine voice and settled in the shade of the leafy trees up on the banking around the main feature, 'Jacks'. The crowd were thrilled to witness the impressive skills on display as the competitors dazzled the crowd with their spins, jumps, tricks and moves on the fast moving white water. Here are some of the highlights of a memorable day.

Prior to all the thrills and spills of the white water events, the crowd were treated to the precise and acrobatic moves of our squirt boating competitors down on the calmer waters of the practice lake. Being the first time squirt boating has been included in the Nationals this year, the crowd were entertained by notable performances from Josh Singleton and Lewis Wylie but it was Richard Merjan who nudged them out of the top spot with a solid performance, taking gold in the men's line up. Next up, was the ladies event that really captured the crowd's attention with Sue Robb mesmerising all with a series of spins, stalls, cartwheels and loops. She not only deservedly won the gold medal in the ladies contest but outranked the men, attaining the highest score of the event.



Squirt boat and C1 competitors Lewis Wylie, Richard Merjan, Josh Singleton, Ladies Squirt boat and K1 competitors; Sue Robb and Amanda Harrington.

The rough and tumble of the wave, tricks and manoeuvres being particularly difficult without the usual watertight spray deck. The gold was for the taking this year without star performer and OC1 2014 World Champion Bronze medallist, Jez Blanchard unable to compete due to a shoulder injury. It was a close contest between Josh Singleton and Lewis Wylie with Lewis edging into first place earning him the gold medal on his second and final run.

Next up were our C1 competitors, once again without star competitor Jez Blanchard so the gold was up for grabs. International Richard Merjan nailed it with some captivating cartwheels, which are all the more incredible when you realise that these guys are strapped into the boat on their knees! He was followed by Lewis Wylie and Josh Singleton in second and third place respectively.

The main K1 senior event was a nail biting and close run contest this year. The day before the competition, the feature had been changed to create a level playing field between those local to the Penrith Whitewater Stadium and those who travel far and wide to attend the yearly event. As a result, the feature 'Jacks' was particularly challenging this year, with competitors finding it difficult to stay retained on the feature after executing their moves. The Jack's feature is technically a 'hole', as the wave curls back in on itself creating a seam edge upstream of the wave curl. It's generally a crowd pleasing feature, allowing kayakers to dazzle and delight with moves that often seem to defy the laws of gravity.

At the end of the first run in the Senior K1 Men contest, Jake Perrem was in the lead having nailed a routine of cartwheels, spins and loops followed closely by Joe Dunne, Morgan Jaymz and Tim Mann. Newcomer to the senior K1 competition, Rowan Karr also put in a solid performance leaving this front runner pack of talented kayaker's all with a chance of taking home gold.

Josh Singleton executing a Space Godzilla

The tension in the crowd was palpable as the men entered the water for their second and



final run. Josh Singleton dazzled the crowd with moves including a Space Godzilla and cartwheel combination. Tim Mann performed another noteworthy gravity defying full loop with air followed by some cartwheels and doubled the points of his first run. Morgan James the cartwheel King, amazed the crowd with a series of left, right cartwheels and splitwheels but it was Joe Dunn performing the very difficult yet perfectly executed and McNasty in his routine that won the day. Morgan James and Tim Mann placed a well-deserved 2nd and 3rd place respectively.

Our K 1 ladies also did not disappoint, with Sue Robb showing the persistence for which she is well known, battling for the top spot with new comer Alex Broome. Both ladies placed joint first, taking home gold medals with another newcomer Amanda Harrington earning herself a silver medal.

The last event of the day and perhaps one of the most anticipated among the parents in the crowd, was the K1 junior event. These young men and women put in some serious hours of training with their coach Jez Blanchard in preparation for the event, so were raring to go and hit the water with great enthusiasm. First up was Jack Newland, who had travelled up from Melbourne for the event. A strong paddler, and last year's silver medallist he didn't disappoint, with a fantastic display of cartwheels and splitwheels. Liam Dowd, brimming with confidence after his personal best performance at the 2015 ICF Freestyle World Championship, was slow to get into his first run but managed to woo the crowd with moves such as the gravity defying air loop.

He was followed by Luke Carter, with an inspiring display of cartwheels and spins and newcomer and youngest competitor Christian Hilounakas who had the crowd behind him as he attempted an impressive loop. By the end of the first run there was no clear lead. The second run held the crowd's attention as everyone 'whooped and awed' with every move and shouted themselves hoarse as they got behind the Juniors Competitors. However, it was Liam Dowd with a perfectly executed entry move coming in at the top of the feature and another loop in his routine that edged him into the lead. Solid paddlers, Jack Newland and Luke Carter both received silver medals and newcomer Christian Hilounakas a well-deserved bronze.



Liam Dowd Junior Champion,
executing the gravity defying air loop



Ki Junior Men Silver Medallists;
Jack Newland, and Luke Carter
and Gold Medallist Liam Dowd

All in all an exciting year, our juniors are now training hard for a spot at the next World Championships in Rio next year and it looks to be very competitive.



Ki Junior Women's champion
Georgia Clarke



K1 Bronze medallist and youngest
Competitor Christian Hilounakas

Talented Georgia Clarke who trains with the junior men and who also competed in the ICF Freestyle World Championship in Ottawa, Canada in 2015, where she placed 8th in the Junior Women's K1 contest, also did not disappoint with an awe inspiring series of spins and cartwheels which not only pleased the crowd but also the judges, earning her a well- deserved gold medal in the K1 Junior Women's contest.

And so ends our 2015/2016 year, what's next ?

More of the same please.....more training camps, more fundraising... Freestyle Nationals 2017 which will be our Selection Competition for the next ICF WorldsRoll on Rio 2017

Eileen Callaghan

Freestyle Technical Committee Chair PaddleNSW

MARATHON

Marathon has again recorded a successful year with continued growth at all levels.

The PNSW Marathon Series was re-formatted this year, to a series of 9 Marathon events hosted by the NSW Clubs, and a separate State Championship event.

The season started with the always well attended race in Canberra hosted by the Burley Griffin Canoe Club. Held in February, this race was scheduled to avoid the colder weather and water on offer in Canberra later in the year, but primarily to allow paddlers an opportunity to hone their techniques and racing & portaging skills in at least one competitive race before the State Championships.

Over 200 paddlers registered for the first event of the season, indicating either that everyone was keen to continue where they left off from 2015, or perhaps that some needed to get an early start work off some of their post Xmas-New Year excesses ??

The 2016 PNSW Marathon State Championships were hosted by Manly Warringah Kayak Club on a revised course on Narrabeen Lake in early March, getting in some further competition for our elite paddlers, ahead of the AC Marathon National Championships which were held over the Easter weekend (on the Gold Coast).

MWKC laid out a course that was in line with what paddlers would expect to see at the National Championships and the 3.75km laps and portage proved to be very popular with both paddlers and spectators alike.

The racing format from 2015 was retained, with Singles events in the morning, and Doubles events in the afternoon.

Medals for the Singles events were presented to paddlers by the Federal MP, and member for Pittwater, all round nice guy, Rob Stokes, who also joined in for some photo opportunities with the winners and place-getters on the day.

After the State Championships, NSW was able to field a solid Marathon team for the 2016 AC Marathon National Championships held on the Gold Coast this year.

The PNSW Team, was again lead by Gary Rake, who did yet another excellent job in his role as Team Manager, keeping paddlers and officials updated on all changes, and working hard to ensure the best outcomes for everyone involved.

Well done again Gary !!



New South Wales can be very proud of its Marathon team, which once again produced some great results, including the following podium places;

MK1-U12	2 nd	Guy Robinson (LCRK)
MK1-U12	3 rd	Michael Dunbar (MWKC)
MK1-U14	3 rd	Micthell O'Loughlin (CSKC)
MK1-35	1 st	Russell Wood (Mitta Mitta)
MK1-40	1 st	Ashley McDonald (HVPC)
MK1-40	2 nd	Gary Rake (BGCC)
MK1-45	2 nd	Matt Blundell (MWKC)
MK1-50	1 st	Brett Greenwood (MWKC)
MK1-50	2 nd	Darren Lee (CSKC)
MK1-50	3 rd	Mike Mills-Thom (Pacifica)
MK1-60	2 nd	Tony Hystek (LCRK)
MK1-65	3 rd	Paul Byrnes (HVPC)



MK2-U14	2 nd	Mitchell O'Loughlin (CSKC) / Matthew Dunbar (MWKC)
MK2-U16	1 st	Joseph Burton (Mitta Mitta) / Sean Jones (CE)
MK2-40	1 st	Brett Greenwood (MWKC)/Matt Blundell (MWKC)
MK2-40	2 nd	Mike Mills-Thom (Pacifica)/ Matt O'Garey (PNSW Direct)
MK2-50	1 st	Andrew Gordon (FNC) / Stuart Thomson (FNC)
MK2-55	2 nd	Neil Crabb (WCC) / John Preston (BGCC)
MK2-55	3 rd	Dave Salter (MWKC) / David James (MWKC)
MK2-60	2 nd	Bernie Craggs (JP) / Warren Huxley (Bonville)
MK2-65	1 st	Geoff Baggett (MWKC) / Geoff Horsnell (MWKC)
WK1-U23	3 rd	Montannah Murray (CSKC)
WK1-35	1 st	Laura Lee (WCC)
WK1-55	1 st	Margi Bohm (BGCC)
WK1-55	2 nd	Gabrielle Hurley (BGCC)
WK1-55	3 rd	Pauline Findlay (CSKC)
WK1-60	2 nd	Sue Muller (MWKC)
WK1-65	1 st	Ann Lloyd-Green (MWKC)
WK1-65	2 nd	Marion Brownlie (FNC)
WK1-65	3 rd	Dianne Chellew (CSKC)
WK2-40	1 st	Marone du Toit (MWKC) / Susan Fine (MWKC)
WK2-50	1 st	Lorraine Harper-Horal (CSKC) / Dallas Newman (CSKC)
WK2-50	2 nd	Anne Moore (CCCC) / Sue Smith (HVPC)

XK2-40	1 st	Richard Robinson (LCRK) / Joy Robinson (LCRK)
XK2-40	3 rd	James Fergus (MWKC) / Marni Kay (CCCC)
XK2-50	1 st	Darren Lee (CSKC) / Nadya Mikhailova (RUS)
XK2-50	2 nd	Tony Hystek (LCRK) / Alanna Ewin (LCRK)
XK2-55	3 rd	David Little (CSKC) / Pauline Findlay (CSKC)
XK2-65	1 st	Robert Hardy (MWKC) / Susan Strath (MWKC)
MTK2-70	1 st	Allan Newhouse (BGCC) / Ian Castell-Brown (BGCC)
MSKI-Open	1 st	Matt O'Garey (PNSW Direct)
MSKI-50	2 nd	Bryce Woodhouse (MWKC)
MSKI-50	3 rd	Stewart Gemmell (MWKC)
MSKI-55	2 nd	Pieter Boer (MWKC)
MSKI-75	1 st	Ian Castell-Brown (BGCC)
WSKI-55	1 st	Alanna Ewin (LCRK)
WSKI-55	2 nd	Sue Smith (HVPC)

With the State & National events out of the way, attention again turned to the regular PNSW Marathon Series.

Race 2 at Wyong saw 189 paddlers registered, for a 10km lap course, and a revised start/finish location with the race officials and timekeepers set up on a floating wharf beside the river.

Race 3 at Windsor returned to the 5km lap format, and had 184 paddlers registered for an uncharacteristically warm and sunny day in the city west.

Race 4 saw a return to the city environs, on the Lane Cove River, where 150 paddlers paddled a 10km lap course, and the time keepers struggled to stay warm under the bridge !! It was good to see support returning for this event as the previous years concerns with car parking failed to materialize.

Race 5 moved down to "The Shire", for a 10km lap course on the Woronora River, where the top part of the course is mostly uninhabited and very picturesque. Again, over 200 paddlers took the opportunity to enjoy another great day of racing in very pleasant conditions.

Race 6 moved north to a new venue, hosted by a new Club, Brisbane Waters Paddlers. Whilst not quite brand new, as we did paddle at this location for State Championships in 2014, the course 5km lap layout was newly designed for the Marathon series, and this was the first time BWP had hosted a round of the Series. 162 paddlers entered for the new course, which proved challenging for some, at least on the first lap !!

Race 7 moved even further north, up the freeway to Newcastle, where another new Club, Hunter Valley Paddlers, hosted their first Marathon Series event on a 5km lap course on the Cockle Creek. Positioned on the site of the Teralba Bowling Club, the venue offered some very unique aspects (with the Race Officials & Timekeepers strategically located undercover and adjacent to the main bar ! – setting new standards for other clubs to consider in the future)

136 paddlers entered and enjoyed a well laid out course, with an interesting but very effective finishing lane, and despite some late inclement weather, the undercover area at the rear of the Club provided a perfect venue for presentations (and refreshments) afterwards.

Race 8 returns to the Big 4 Bungalow Park at Burrill Lake, where Makai Paddlers will once again host the Marathon Series in their big marquee and in their ever sociable and professional (but relaxed) manner. Last years final race and the Series Presentation & Dinner was really something to remember, and we all look forward to another great day with Team Makai.

The final race of the 2016 PNSW Series will once again return to Wagga, where the ultimate Division winners will be decided on a 5km lap course, and the only course where we get to experience the challenges of moving water !

With the Murrumbidgee hopefully in flow, and plenty of water being released from the upstream dams, and the added attraction of double points on offer for everyone who finishes, we're hoping to see record entries for this last race of the year.

The Series Presentation & Dinner will be held at the James Farrar Hotel on the Saturday evening, where we will present trophies and prizes to this year's winners and placegetters.....and we'll wrap up the with a meal, a drink (or two) and a hugely enjoyable evening together.



I take this opportunity to once again express my thanks and gratitude to the team that has supported and assisted in the running of the Marathon series this year;

- Anne, Kaye and Karen.....your timekeepers and recorders.
- Laurie and Jill.....who've tried hard to get your numbers back off you at the end of most races.
- The guys from Hunter Valley and Central Coast Clubs who've been at every race, firstly to bring more than half of the gear we need to run the races, then to help with the set-up, and then to help again with the pack-up, before lugging all that gear away again. Couldn't have done it without you guys !
- Finally, I say a big "Thank You" to the incoming team, the people that have had the courage to stand up and take on some of the responsibility for running and delivering the series next year, in 2017 when it will be bigger and better than ever –
 - Gary Rake – Treasurer & Chair
 - Don Johnstone – Entries Co-ordinator
 - Karen, Anne & Kaye – Timekeepers, Recorders & Results
 - Geoff Horsnell – Publicity & Media

Well done guys, and good luck.

Bob Turner

Chair – PNSW Marathon Committee



OPEN WATER

The PNSW Open Water Committee again ran a very successful Harbour Series of events during the 2016 calendar year. 2015 saw 4 events and 2016 was able to add two more to provide a really strong and well attended series of 6 events.

The Open Water Committee for 2015/16 consists of the following volunteer personnel:

Jeremy Spear	Harbour Series Manager / PNSW Rep / Safety Rep
Tim Hookins	Australian Canoeing Rep / Ocean Series Mgr
Steve Newsome	Southern Districts Rep / OC Rep and Liaison
Tony Haines	Sponsorship
David Jepsen	Accounts and Finance
Paul Richardson	Web Maintenance / Publicity
Suzie Rhydderch	Women in Open Water / Research / Marketing

Event 1 was the **Cockatoo Cup** race, hosted by **Pacific Dragons**. This event is quite different to the majority of harbour races in that it utilises a handicap start system, instead of the traditional handicap finish. Handicaps are issued by the race hosts using some statisticians, some fiction, possibly some incentives and – well it's all a lot of fun. Previously this event drew around 70 competitors. With OWC backing and marketing and promoting the event we were able to get 188 paddlers to race on Australia Day. Many OC paddlers were therefore introduced to the Open Water events and have since crossed over from the dark side and are now regular competitors. OWC also used the scratch handicap finish times to use paddler's results as part of the 2 event series. PD's has expressed their desire to repeat the success of this event and have PNSW OWC involved again and to have the event as the season opener for next year.

Event 2 was the **Pittwater Challenge**, hosted by **MWKC**. Manly always delivers a great event and this was no exception. Great weather and a strong fleet ensured a great day's racing. 114 competitors charged up Pittwater and back in sunny and windless conditions. Basically a drag race – 7m up and then back again for the long course with few passing opportunities, made for a lot of happily exhausted paddlers at the end.

Event 3 was the **Tingira Challenge**, hosted by **Shark Island Paddlers**. This event is always a high point of the calendar and invariably meticulously organised by the strong committee at SIP, based in Rose Bay. The event incorporates the Tingira Cup and will also add a Women's trophy for 2017. 123 paddlers competed across the two courses.

RMS had varied Aquatic License conditions since last year so a slight change to the course was necessary to allow seaplanes priority in the harbour. Sam Hart won the Tingira Cup this year. Cup hosts, Shark Island Paddlers, raised around \$800 for Marine Rescue NSW, the volunteer marine rescue organisation saving lives on the water.

(**Background:** HMAS Tingira (an Aboriginal word for “open water”) was a Royal Australian Navy training ship moored in Rose Bay from 1912 to 1927. In those 15 years, more than 3,000 boys aged between 14 to 16 years were trained on the ship for naval service).

Event 4 was the **Botany Bay Challenge** - this time hosted by newcomers to Harbour Racing **Koa Kai Outrigger Club**. Whilst there were teething troubles and a few organisational issues beforehand, Harbour Racing Inc and the OWC committee themselves were able to step in at shorty notice and assume the role of host to ensure the event could proceed. The event attracted just under 100 paddlers and ran really well. Conditions were great and actually offered a long leg of pure downwind right across Botany Bay from right under the landing aircraft to the shallows at the south end. This event will definitely be on the calendar again in 2017.

Event 5 was the **Scotland Island Showdown**, hosted by **Paddlecraft**. Having run this event last year they had no problem in attracting great attendances and the event ran really well. 124 paddlers competed in conditions which, due to the cold temperatures and strong winds proved pretty tough. The courses included long legs both up and down wind. The soup and bread rolls were very welcome after for all competitors. The event was well photographed and a video including some ariel footage was posted and drew great numbers of downloads.

Event 6 on the 2016 Harbour Racing calendar is the Series Final - **Spit to the Zoo** which occurs on Sat August 13th. Building from last year's success this is anticipated to be a very well attended and strong event – the highlight of the season. This event has a challenging course for some, depending on conditions but is able to make use of Middle Harbour Yacht Club's excellent safety resources, infrastructure and boats. Last year the event attracted 141 paddlers and this year we expect a larger turnout.

Ocean Series:

The technical committee was able to co-ordinate a series of 5 Ocean Racing events during the second half of 2015, which were known collectively as the Ocean Series. However, it became apparent that PaddleNSW is not able to coordinate the Ocean Series on an ongoing basis and therefore decision has been made to suspend co-ordinating the series for the present.

Event Roles:

This year the OWC replaced its timekeeper for events part way through the series. We thanked Gillian Garde for her efforts for previous years as she departed to spend more time completing her uni studies. OWC now employs Renee Haynes who brings a wealth of IT and data experience with her from the banking sector. Also a paddler as she understands what is required to be done and what the target market expects. Renee has proven to be an absolute asset to the harbour series events. This is the only paid role in the Owen Water sector. Most events saw attendance of OWC members as event managers or assistants as well as competitors. All OWC members pay entry fees like any other competitor.

PNSW IRBs:

Several events used their own or hired other available safety boats meaning that PNSW IRB usage was less than previous. The larger displacement craft are often able to provide a safer blanket over the IRB's in open water events – further, that getting crew to man the IRB's at some events can prove difficult. The PNSW IRB's and the OWC Event equipment trailer are both currently housed centrally in a lockup under cover garage in Rozelle.

Sponsorship:

Sponsorship for the series was down in cash but up in prizes. Every event was able to give away over \$1000 of goods as lucky door prizes, which we feel are still a strong attractant for competitors. The Series Pointscore also assures us of good attendances as many take this very seriously and compete at any cost to retain their spot on the ladder and achieve bragging rights. One sponsor – a boat brand, kindly put up a brand new surf ski as a lucky prize for one competitor, which is to be drawn at the final event.

Marketing:

The Open Water Committee runs a website (www.surfskiaustralia.com) which is instrumental in the success of this area of paddling. It is the go-to site for information regarding PNSW Open Water events and provides information. Links to entries, photo galleries and other news items and is well utilised by the target market. OWC also makes much use of social media and uses Facebook as a platform for distributing event information and marketing for sponsors. By carefully managing posts it has consistently built a worldwide audience. Results, maps, event notices, photos and video are all posted as appropriate. OWC has a reach in excess of 10,000 some months. It connects the surfski paddling community nationally. It has proven to be a great marketing platform for event sponsors. It is rated 6th in similar "industry" pages just behind some international brands with big budget marketing. It is viewed in over 20 countries. One recent post from the last

event was seen by over 2100 people. The last month has seen a reach of over 6200 people and an engagement of over 10,200, demonstrating the power of the medium and the results of the effort which has gone in to building the brand which is Surfski Australia.

Series Stats:

Events per year:	2015	10 Events (included 6 Event Ocean Series)
	2016	6 Events (as Ocean Series is currently suspended)
	2017	6 Events (Ocean Series - TBA)
Total paddlers:	Will be in excess of 820 paddlers (includes duplicates - Harbour Series Only)	
Entries on line:	78%	(OWC would like to consider following marathon's lead and not include on day entries).
Qty Sponsors:	7	Commercial organisations in or related to the industry.

The Open Water Committee is looking forward to another great season of racing when the season starts again in January 2017.

Jeremy Spear

SPRINT

What a year the 2015/2016 season has been! The predominate focus throughout this season has been on who would be fortunate enough to be selected to represent Australia at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games ... NSW didn't disappoint.

Murray Stewart, K4 1000 Olympic Gold medallist from London 2012, was the standout male athlete during the domestic season, dominating at all events and gained early pre-selection to the team as a result of his performances.

Lachie Tame, who bet his friends a few years ago that he'd make an Olympics, kept that promise and in some nerve wracking selection races overcame WA duo of Steve Bird and Jessie Phillips to gain selection via the K2 with partner Ken Wallace.

Riley Fitzsimmons at just 19 was amongst a group of 9 athletes all vying for a spot in K4 crew; any of which could have made selection if a race had gone one way or another. For one so young, Riley along with another young athlete, Queenslander Jordan Wood, both impressed and raced the perfect race when it mattered and gained selection to the Australian Olympic Team. Riley was also selected to the U23 team but stepped down due to commitments for the Olympic Team.

When it came to women's selection, this situation that athletes could face. Having lost the K4 spot to NZ at the 2015 World Championships, Australia could only take a K2 and K1 crew, having won the quota spots during the Oceania Championships. A Queensland crew had been selected to race at Oceania and having won that event, went 1 up in a 3 race opportunity for selection. The NSW pair of Jo Brigden-Jones and Naomi Flood, both Olympians from London 2012, were generally expected to take out the second race, forcing a race off with the Queensland pair. To everyone's surprise, including their own, Burnett & Bull powered home and took the 2nd of 3 deciders. This left a K1 spot available and came down to Jo or Naomi.

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Once were partners, instantly turned competitors during race-offs. Again a best of 3 decision, Jo and Naomi put everything on the line and did themselves and NSW proud. Heading into the last race, both women had 1 win each. Depending on who won the final race would cause one of two things. Jo, as winner of Race 1 would earn the right to be nominated to the Olympic Team if she won race 3. On the other hand, if Naomi won Race 3, this would force an additional selection to take place during the World Cup season overseas.

In a nail-biting race from start to finish, they raced head to head with Naomi ultimately taking the win, forcing results from the 200 and 500 events to come into play in May. Naomi ultimately won the selection.

The events that unfolded for selection really were the highest of highs and the lowest of lows that can occur within our sport and for NSW it was a win/lose scenario, no matter which way the result ultimately panned out. The way both women conducted themselves during these events really needs to be called out. Ultimately we are talking about sport and there are bigger things in life, but I don't think I've ever seen athletes conduct themselves better in such trying times and through all the pressure they were under. Brilliant role models within our sport for sure.

Our athletes don't say that qualifying for the team is the hardest part of the Olympic Games for nothing!

Canoe/Kayak made its debut on the Paralympic scene this year with 6 athlete spots available. Just prior to the second qualification event in May, Colin Sieders was advised by the ICF that he had in fact qualified in 2015, however the calculations had not been applied correctly so he had not been notified. This meant we had one more athlete to qualify and 16 year old Dylan Littlehailes didn't disappoint. In one of the best races of his short career, Dylan qualified the final berth available on the team and officially became NSW's and Australia's youngest Paralympian/Olympian ever in Canoe/Kayak.

Closer to home, the SprintSeries saw a return to a co-hosted event with Manly Warringah Kayak Club at Narrabeen Lakes as well as events being held at SIRC. The success of the co-hosted Club event will mean more of these in future as it enables us to give back to the sport financially which has not previously happened for co-hosted Sprint events.



The biggest event on the NSW calendar is without doubt, the NSW State Championships, held annually in January. Unlike 2015, the 2016 Championships went off without an issue and the event saw the introduction of Sprint LD's (2.5km and 5km events). There are still many improvements that we'd like to make to future events and expect to see some of those next January!

Financially, Sprint is now standing on its own two feet, largely due to a significant expense having been approved to be written off (one that no one can identify what it was for) and also because of the careful and tight budgeting that has taken place for the last few years. Ultimately our income is currently driven solely by the funds raised from event registration fees and the increase in attendance and cutting back on a few items at State Championships has put us into the black.

As we finish up the 2015/2016 season and begin to look forward through the next Olympic cycle (not relevant to everyone but it does drive many elements of our sport), the Committee is looking to make changes on how we can best deliver sprint events for all our athletes and is also looking for sustainable options that we can continue to deliver over the next few years.

Sprinting covers a wide variety of ages, from Sub-Juniors & Juniors (U12/U10) who are just starting out; Juniors, Under 23's & Opens, who may be targeting selection to national teams right through to our Masters who prefer competitive, but more social aspects of our sport and we hope that with some of the changes that are being implemented for next season, we will continue to see greater numbers return to our sport.

Laura White
PNSW Sprint Committee Chair



CLUB REPORTS

Avoca Kayak Club

We had 61 paid members in financial year from 2015 / 2016. The ages range from 10 upwards but a core group of regular paddlers between 14 to 24 years train regularly. We have 3 main coaches: Matt Jones, Paul Hutchinson, Scott Cunningham and others that help out, Rob Armstrong, Dave Birt and Peter McIntyre.

2015/2016 we had paddlers representing Australia in national teams traveling overseas.

- Lachlan Tame and Riley Fitzsimmons selected into senior team and Riley was also selected for under 23 team
- Dylan Littlehales was selected into para world championships
- Rob McIntyre was selected into under 23 team and both Rob and Alex McIntyre were selected into the world wild water Championships
- Sam Hutchinson and Ella Beere went to Portugal in Junior World Championships
- Fletcher Cunningham was selected and captain of the Olympic Hopes Team

It was wonderful to have so many from this relatively new club represent Australia. We have had fantastic results at the 2016 Nationals with Avoca Kayak Club members getting selected to represent Australia in national teams.

- Lachlan Tame and Riley Fitzsimmons – Olympic Team
- Dylan Littlehales – Para Olympics
- Ella Beere – Junior Worlds Championships
- Harry Armstrong, Jack Birt, Byron Chadwick and Mya Harvey – Olympic Hopes Team
- Alex McIntyre and Rob McIntyre – World Wildwater Championships

National Talent Squad: Jack Birt, Mya Harvey, Byron Chadwick, Harry Armstrong.

AKC members attended all sprint series and came second overall next to Manly Warringah in points score. We had AKC members attend GP1 and GP2, state championships and Nationals. Our club provides volunteer officials to all sprint series events and state championships.



We have held 2 beginner groups to encourage new people to the sport and also get people up to a level to join the training programme. We have two young coaches running these programmes, Sam Hutchinson and Fletcher Cunningham, supervised by Paul Hutchinson and Scott Cunningham. We have had great success with this programme and have developed and recruited new members to the club.

Club storage and facilities is an ongoing issue but we have been approached by Avoca Rugby Club to look into a joint venture to rebuilding an existing toilet block on Heazlett Park. This is in the very early stages of planning but we have had support from the local community and our local and state MPs. The rugby club has offered us the use of their toilets and showers on training nights, which has been very welcome.

We were successful in getting an AC grant of \$5000 and \$1000 grant from a local RSL club. We had our annual fundraiser in November 2015 another trivia night. It was a great evening despite the power outage for over 2 hours due to the very hot day. We raised over \$5000 on the evening thanks to the great support of the local community.

We now have our own club logo that was designed by the members and a local graphic designer made it a reality. This has been a great feature for AKC and now we are having clothing made with our new logo so look out for us on the water. We have also got our own banner and posters.

Coaches: We have now 3 coaches who have completed their level 1 flat water coaching accreditation.

Ongoing issues:

- We have a range of kayaks for all abilities to use but transporting them by trailer to sessions limit the amount available on the day. This has been an ongoing issue as well as the fact many are stored outdoors. Members do have their own kayaks or loan them from the club, which has helped alleviate this issue.
- We are limited on the numbers who can join and train with the club due to the limited coaches available to cater for the beginner paddlers.

We have already had a very positive start to 2016/2017 so looking forward to a great year.

Paul Hutchinson

Bonville Creek Kayak Club

Bonville Creek Kayak Club has enjoyed another year on the water. Our regular Saturday afternoon club racing is always popular. The race format varies between a 30min to a 55min race with either a straight out and back race or a laps race. Our meeting place also has the added options of two creeks to paddle on. This variety, together with our handicap system, keeps the interest in club racing active and enthusiastic. Paddling through the spectacular scenery of Bongil Bongil National Park also helps.

A few intrepid club paddlers have also made the trek to all eight races in the Northern Marathon Series.

A number of our regular paddlers have been forced off the water due to injuries received from non-paddling pursuits. Apparently cycling is incredibly dangerous to one's health when dismounting in various precipitous fashions.

Other members of the club have ventured overseas while others have travelled Australia looking for that great paddling spot.

Even though our club is a "kayak" club all craft are welcome and all levels of paddling skills are catered for in our club handicap system.

Christine Berridge
BCKC Secretary



Central Coast Canoe Club

I would like to thank the Committee, President Marni Kay, Vice President Dave McPherson, Treasurer Anne Cowper, Committee people Jack Ward, David Hopkins and Margaret Naughton for their contribution to the running of the Club, and performing the odd jobs, this past year. Thank you also, to Diana Hopkins who assisted Margaret with the Race Timekeeping – a most important job!



The Wednesday evening “Time Trials” held during Daylight Saving, were well attended.

Club representation at the State Series was spearheaded by Mick Carroll, Jack and Jenny Ward, Jim Buckland, Max Lyons, Cam Tunbridge, Aidan Shipton and Marni Kay.

CCCC was also represented at The Myall and Hawkesbury Classics, with Mick Carroll winning his class in the 111km Event – Mens Vet 40+ Long Rec. Also at the Start – Jack Ward, Marty Vanderpoel, Cam Tunbridge and Paul Carter.

The 111km HCC, run on the 29/30th October this year, will have added interest, as a 65km option is available.

Our membership numbers have been maintained despite the formation of neighbouring Club, Brisbane Water Paddlers, with many CCCC Members. It is also encouraging to see another new Club in the region – Newey Paddlers – who we hope will enjoy rapid success.

Our Region is reflecting the increased interest in paddlesports, not only with more Clubs, but more PNSW State Marathon Series, and again hosting a State Marathon Championship.

We extend our congratulations to Avoca Kayak Club with the wonderful performances of Lachlan Tame and Riley Fitzsimmons at the Rio Olympics. More to come, we hope!

We are looking forward to enjoying another year of competitive paddling and assisting those looking for a safe, healthy sport.

Nick Naughton,
Secretary



Brisbane Water Paddlers Club

The Brisbane Water Paddlers club was established in July 2015. The committee members are outlined below

President - Craig Dodd

Vice President - Stephen Monger

Secretary - Karen Schofield

Treasurer - Michael Kerr

Public Office - Mal Crosland

Fundraising and Social – Clare Monger

Policy and regulations - Geoff Dawes

Gear steward and Racing director - Michael Kerr and Geoff Dawes

Committee member - Mark Porter

The committee met every 2 weeks initially until legislative and club establishment processes were established. The meetings were then held monthly and are now conducted every 6 weeks. The committee meetings have an agenda and minutes are disseminated to all members. The BWP AGM is scheduled for 13/8/16.

The club regularly conducts social and competitive events as outlined below BWP conducted an Interclub day in March 2016 which was attended by Central Coast Canoe Club, Hunter Valley Paddlers, Just Paddlers and Brisbane Water Paddlers. A perpetual trophy was awarded to the winning club - Brisbane Water Paddlers. It is anticipated that each club will host these events on annual basis. A club presentation was conducted in April 2016 this was combined with a presentation dinner. A social activity of barefoot bowls was also held for members and family in March 2016.

The BWP conducts Divisional, club racing and time trials on a regular basis. These events are outlined in a race schedule which is distributed widely to BWP and other clubs.

The BWP conducted the Paddle NSW Marathon 9 series in July 2016. The event attracted over 140 paddlers to the event.



The feedback from the other clubs was positive with some opportunities to fine tune the course.

Several of our members have completed in events such as the HCC and 2 of our members completed the Devise to Westminster race in the UK in 2016.

We encourage new members to our club and many of our existing members provide loan craft for them to try.

The club has now designed and purchased uniforms with club colours of teal and black. Club flags and marquee were also purchased. The club has submitted a request to the Central Coast Council to request a clubhouse be incorporated in the refurbishment of the toilet block at Davistown. This will provide an ability to store equipment and be a focal meeting point for our members.

BWP have made a submission to Davistown RSL to request a financial grant to purchase an IRB. The club have supported BWP previously with a financial grant.

The BWP had an opportunity to meet with the Paddle NSW executive, Peter Tate. At this meeting equipment trailer and adult loan craft were key points raised.

BWP look forward to an exciting year of paddling ahead. New members are always welcome.

***Yours Sincerely
Karen Schofield***



Burley Griffin Canoe Club

2015-16 was another successful year for the Burley Griffin Canoe Club, both in achievements of paddlers and the growth of the club through the various disciplines. We now have participation in Marathon, Ultra Marathon and Sprint by kayaks, from recreational to skis' and K1's & K2's, out-riggers, SUP's, C1's & C2's & TC1's and 2's as well as disciplines of Canoe Polo, Ocean Racing and Touring. It's been great to see some crossover of members between the various styles, with real interest developing in the C1's.

While membership numbers have remained similar to the last few years, participation and hosting of events has increased, again throughout the disciplines.

Over the past 12 months we have had several members compete on the world stage – Margi Bohm and Gabrielle Hurley competed with distinction as members of the Australian team at the Marathon Masters World Cup at Gyor, Hungary. Margi gaining 1st place K1 women 55-59 age category and a 1st in the mixed doubles, while Gabrielle finished a credible 7th in her 50-54 category and 2nd in the mixed doubles K2 50 – 54 category.

Two of our Canoe Polo players, James Deakin and Rowan Holt have been selected in the National team to compete in the World Championship in Syracuse, Italy, in August/September 2016.

Sue Robb represented Australia in Freestyle, as well as locally in State comps and gaining a 1st place in Nationals.

We have had club members achieve great results in the Australian Masters, NSW Titles, Australian Marathon and Sprint Championships, Grand Prix Series SA. In NSW state-level marathon racing, BGCC has again won the 2015 PNSW Brian Norman Perpetual Trophy as marathon club of the year; the 4th year in a row and evidence of the increasing paddling maturity of our marathon brigade was BGCC's inaugural win of the Marathon Series ICF Class Champion Trophy for club participation of K1/K2/C1/C2 boats. Our Canoe Polo teams have performed well in the Summer series and Nationals as well as some of the social comps, with the Burley Babes on top for the 3rd year and our Micro Juniors and Junior teams continue building skills and will be forces to be reckoned with.

At PNSW State Awards the following BGCC people were awarded for their efforts: Paddler with a Disability: Breanna Reid; Team of the Year: Burley Babes Canoe Polo; Volunteer of the Year: John Preston; Graeme Ison accrued the most individual series points of any 2015 M10 paddler and the club achieved Event of the Year: National Marathon Championships.

Our club members also took part in the Hawkesbury Classic with a couple of records set, our paddlers took line honours in the Murray Marathon, there were participants in the Myall, the Murray 200, the Frank Harrison Memorial Race, Merimbula Classic, Saucy Jack's (SUP), George Bass Surfboat Marathon and the Molokai Surf Ski World Championships.

During the year the BGCC has hosted the 1st race of the Marathon 10 series, our own Burley Griffin Bash, the 24 Hour Relay (with funds raised going to Autism Australia), a NISCO series SUP race, Canberra Invitational Canoe Polo, Level one coaching courses for flatwater and canoe polo and a Come and Try canoe polo for juniors. The club runs regular time trials, canoe polo games, various training sessions across the disciplines, beginner courses for new members, Taste of Paddling courses for the public and SUP coffee runs. BGCC is also participating in the inaugural National Club Time Trials which is being initiated by Queensland clubs to encourage winter paddling.

The club has a social BBQ after summer time trials as well as social events like our Christmas lunch and Mothers and Others day. We are sponsored by the local kayak store Wetspot Watersports and assist them with their Massive Demo Day at the end of spring. As part of our fundraising we supply the safety boats for Triathlon swims on the lake.

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.

Thanks to PNSW and the Marathon Committee also for a great year.

Patricia Ashton
BGCC President.

Far North Coast Canoe Club

We are a smallish club, with a membership that cycles between 30 – 50 paddlers over the year. Our subtropical climate means that winter feels cold, even though it probably isn't. Spring and Autumn are when we get most of our new members. Mostly the club paddles flat water – members paddling a mixture of K1, Tk1, and sea kayaks. There are a couple of K2 and one peddle boat. We have members experienced in white water and sea kayaking.

We mainly paddle the Wilson River, but have monthly social paddles to other waterways in the area. Our clubhouse is in the entre of Lismore. Our clubhouse houses club boats and member boats and boasts new shower block and lots of storage space. Being on the edge of a river that floods at least annually, it floods, but that is just something that happens in our area.

Follows is the president's report that was presented at our recent AGM:

It's been an exciting year for The Far North Coast Canoe Club.

Reading through all the newsletters to remind myself of what happened, I realised that the ten months since the last AGM have been rather full.

Full of discussions and decisions: *using correct meeting procedure to decide about not changing the name of the club for one, selling excess boats for another.*

Full of social paddles: *over the summer months regular monthly social outings as well as monthly full moon twilight paddles – with varying degrees of success regarding moon sighting, but with resounding success socially.*

Full of the sort of everyday events *that speak of people joining a sport, becoming competent, pushing their own personal boundaries or not, as the case may be.*

Full of people participating *in membership of the FNCCC , that's why we're here.*

Our regular Saturday morning paddle, followed by morning tea, remains the key place where paddlers get to know each other. There have been up to 20 paddlers some Saturdays – especially in the warmer months- thanks to everyone who brought morning tea this year. Afternoon midweek paddles attract a smaller number of participants. A splinter group of paddlers who peddle has seen the occasional social cycle happen. Thanks Jen.



Our club continues its association with the Northern Marathon race series in which paddlers compete with varying degrees of competitiveness against other paddlers from as far afield as Brisbane and Coffs Harbour. Members of FNCCC have competed successfully in these races.

The club race we hosted in August was very successful. Thanks Colin

This year 8 members began training as flat water guides and instructors . Thanks India

We have many new members but not everyone who comes and tries joins, but that initial conversation and introduction is vital . Thanks Bruce and Barb for the initial training and Geoff for buddy paddling.

Our newsletter this year has a new format which showcases our activities and communicates what we've done. Thanks Elspeth

Luckily we only had one flood event this year , which mother nature politely organized to happen between weekends. Enormous thanks to everyone who helped with the packing up and restoring of the clubhouse. The management of these events is an ongoing concern for the club.

Thankyou to all those members who have, over the year, cleaned a shed, or mowed a lawn, or spoke with a tradesperson, or met with a dignitary, or painted a sign, or done any of those things that in the corporate world we'd be getting paid for.

Which brings me to the current group of people who are the formal volunteer managers of this organization. Thanks to Steve as vice president, Therese as Secretary, Cathy as Treasurer and our anything but ordinary "ordinary members": Chris, Stephen, Michael, Colin, Barb and Bruce, in alphabetical order.

Without these 9 people we could not have this clubhouse, these amenities, this morning tea every Saturday morning. I commend you for giving up your time so that everyone can get out onto the water and paddle, and so that more people can enjoy our beautiful river and fabulous sport.

Christine Porter

Great Lakes Canoe Club

The main events of the last year with GLCC have been:

1. Penrith NTS Training Camp, July, 2015 (Kristian).
2. Bradys Lake in Tasmania NTS Training Camp, October, 2015 (Kaspar and Kristian) – a really fun week, but the boys broke their orange Vajda C2 on the course.
3. Kristian was awarded Schools CHS Blue for Canoeing with presentation in Sydney in December 2015.
4. Christmas Party BBQ and introduction to our youngest clubbie, Finn Montesin!
5. Nationals Club Champs in Tasmania on the Mersey River, January 2-7th, 2016 (Kaspar, Kristian & Alexander); Kaspar & Kristian won C2 Age Champ Gold.
6. Brady's Lake training, Tasmania (Kaspar, Kristian).
7. Nationals Schools in Tasmania on the Forth River January 8th-12th (Tristan, Kristian and Alexander). We had enough to form a team and all three medalled and performed well and had a fabulous time with the rest of the NSW team (Remy, James and Kiara).
8. Australian Open, Penrith White Water Stadium, Penrith, February, 2016 (Kaspar, Kristian); Kristian re-selected to the NTS for 2016
9. Oceania, Penrith White Water Stadium, Penrith, February, 2016 (Kaspar, Kristian); U23 Australian/Oceania C2 Champions.
10. Regional Schools on the Nymboida River, Nymboida, March, 2016 (Breanna, Miah, Jock, Alexander); All performed extremely well, returning with the Regional's All Schools Shield.
11. CHS and All Schools State Championships on the Clarence River, Grafton, and Nymboida River, Nymboida, 28th-31st May, 2016 (Ashley, Breanna, Miah, Alexander, Jock, Tristan, Matt and Kristian); Champion school for both CHS and All Schools, with Ashley Champion girl and Kristian Champion boy.

Congratulations and thanks for the fantastic job done by Shed and Gear Stewards, Dave and Geoff, also with great organisation by Kathy. Shed has been touched up with paint and repairs to stop leaks. Colin has requested someone to wippa snip behind the second shed to prevent clogging of drain area in case of high rainfall.

Super effort by Tammy in getting cheques paid and fees up to date so that we are already insured since July 1st 2016 for our training and upcoming competitions.

Many thanks to Secretary Mary for her fabulous job in writing up the results for Schools Nationals and State for the Advocate and for her keeping us on the ball in booking accommodation, getting membership renewal forms and club renewal forms out and all the other behind scenes jobs. Also congratulations on Tristan's sponsorship from Club Forster for his Nationals trip to Tasmania.

Thanks also to Kathy for her photo documentation of the schools Regional and State events and for providing Mary with photos for publication and everyone else with photos of the events.

Thanks to Rob for his second term as President; we wish him all the best as he relinquishes the position, with Matt finishing his HSC. We also wish Mary well as she finishes up as Secretary, with Tristan also completing his HSC.

And a huge thank you to Phil for coming on board to bring new energy to our club. We are very grateful for his input and expertise in instructing and developing our club skills and for taking over as supervising teacher for the Regional and State events. We are looking forward to him taking the reigns as far as possible in the lead up to Nationals at Glenbawn Dam in January 2017, and are hoping that his role as coach will be extended to next year, which is of course subject to his teaching position at GLC.

Looking Ahead:

I met with Peter Tate, CEO, Paddle NSW, in July, and we discussed the possibility of Paddle NSW sending people to regional areas periodically to encourage development and give some hands on training to both paddlers and coaches. Peter said that the price of affiliation has remained static for many years and membership fees have actually decreased in recent years to attract more club members, especially for purely recreational paddlers. Club membership now also includes National representation, whereas in previous years we had to add an extra fee to compete at this level.

Peter gave out some stickers, expressing regret at the incorrect English grammar!!! **PADDLE SAFELY.** And he wanted to draw our attention to the extensive work down by Paddle NSW in providing information for paddlers regarding river heights and paddling conditions in the main rivers all over NSW. This can all be found on the website, plus much, much more information. Please check it out for yourselves.

We need helpers to prepare Glenbawn Dam for the upcoming National events in January. As discussed previously we have a series of upcoming working bees and paddling events at Glenbawn in the lead up to January and we need to discuss who can do what to help. NSW are the hosts for this event and we are a major club in the state so we must help as much as possible. NSW only hosts once every three years and as the Glenbawn Dam course does not have a resident club, we need to pitch in and see where we can best help.

Phil and I have been asked to contact the now defunct club Hunter Valley Paddle Sports to see what equipment they can loan for the championships. I have contacted them and we have been invited down by Suzanne Smith to look over their equipment but I don't know what is needed. I have asked Chris Thompson of Penrith for a list, but think we need to form a sub-committee to oversee this. We also have equipment of our own which can be used, but need to know what.

On the club front we have three HSC paddlers soon to be released from school and we wish them well with their future career paths. We hope they will come back and occasionally paddle with us and welcome them to continue with GLCC. We are also looking to attracting new members, so please encourage your kids to recruit their friends. Looking forward to a great coming year, thanks for being such great support to your kids and to us.

Suzanne Fiebig

Just Paddlers Inc.

The club has been ticking along nicely over the last 12 months, with 28 current members, from Qld, Nth NSW Coast, Mid Nth Coast, Newcastle and Sydney areas.

Just Paddlers has continued with its participation in both competitive and recreational kayaking over the past year.

Members of the club have taken part and supported the following events:

- The Hawkesbury Canoe Classic
- The Myall Classic
- Marathon 10 Series
- 3 Rivers Mini Marathon at Port Macquarie.

They have also attended the Nth Keppel Kayak Symposium, undertaken 2 Murray River camping/paddling adventures, Sea kayaking at Jervis Bay. With also a few social paddles and week-end paddle outings.

With the majority of members being in the Mid Nth Coast, our Tuesday club paddles are always well attended. For a few of us, it was great to be a participant at the Myall Classic and really enjoy the paddle and the event, instead of being an organizer! Well done to PNSW for a great day. We may be one of the smaller clubs, but we are out having a go, enjoying the waterways and participating in a variety of events and attending PNSW meetings were necessary.

We would like to Thank the team at PaddleNSW for all their ongoing efforts and energy they put into the organization for all its members, including the web site that keeps as all in the loop, it is appreciated.

So we at Just Paddlers are just paddling along.

Happy Paddling

Elizabeth van Reece
JP Secretary



Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club

The Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club was formed in 1968 as the Hunter Valley Canoe Club, and has a long history in the region. Historically the club has supported recreation, touring, marathon, sprint, white water, polo, and down river racing. The number of members in each discipline has ebbed and flowed over the years, however, in 2015 the club changed its name to the Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club to better reflect the diversity of disciplines supported. The club is based at the Teralba Bowling Club and conducts regular paddling activities on Cockle Creek, Lake Macquarie and waters across the wider Hunter region.

Throughout the year the club conducted its summer and winter marathon series, which were very well attended in the summer, but less so in the winter despite the generally pleasant weather and great paddling conditions (ok, so there were some cold and wet days!). The club marathon series provides the opportunity for our members to race over distances of 5km and 10km (we trialled 15km races during the year but these proved less popular) with all except the last race of each series conducted with handicap starts. That there have been some very close finishes is a testament to the judgement of the handicapper!

The summer marathon series in particular has provided excellent training for the PaddleNSW marathon series, PNSW state marathon championship, and Australian canoe marathon championship. Club members continue to participate in each of these events and we are seeking to foster greater participation in the year ahead. This year we were also particularly proud to host our first PaddleNSW marathon series race in August, and pleased that there were about 135 participants on the day. Thank you to all for making the trip North and contributing to the success of the race.

Another first was the inaugural Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club, Central Coast Canoe Club, and Brisbane Waters Paddlers Perpetual Cup. This year the event was hosted by the Brisbane Waters Paddlers and conducted on the waters off Davistown. There were about 50 participants and it was great to be able to foster some friendly competition between our clubs. It was a close competition with

Brisbane Water Paddlers first, Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club second (by two points!), and Central Coast Canoe Club third.



Lake Macquarie and waters across the wider Hunter region are an excellent playground for recreational paddling. The club continues to conduct regular recreation paddles which have seen consistent numbers participating. Some of the many locations our recreational paddlers have enjoyed include Morisset Hospital, Tanilba Bay Port Stephens, Parsley Bay Brooklyn, Bolton Point Lake Macquarie, Karuah River, and Dora Creek.

The club also supports the Paddlefest and Winterfest events organised by the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise. These events cater for a range of paddling disciplines including kayaking, dragon boating, outriggers, skis, and stand-up paddleboards with participants including individuals and teams. Paddlefest is in its ninth year and over that time has raised \$125 000 for the local community which is a significant achievement. Our club is proud to support these events and would like to extend an invitation to other clubs to join us in 2017.

In the year ahead the club aims to provide more opportunities for people to get out and enjoy paddling be that for fun, fitness, competitively, or simply to make new friends. By providing these opportunities we aim to grow our membership across the various paddling disciplines. If you are ever visiting Newcastle then please come and join us. 'Sheepstations' / time trials are held Tue and Thu from approx. 5.00pm year round, and details of our summer and winter marathon series races are on the club's website www.hunternvalleypaddesportsclub.com.

**Nick Grey,
Secretary**



Lane Cove River Kayakers

2014/15 was the year Lane Cove River Kayakers (LCRK) established its physical home and settled into it but 2015/16 was the Year of the Shared Load. A wonderful and numerous Executive Committee enthusiastically and professionally addressed a huge range of matters. However, it was strongly supported by a



long list of club members who handled many more activities such as our Marathon Series efforts, our IT system development, our monthly BBQ, other catering, donated or loaned craft for club use, wrote articles and reports and managed our unofficial but important Facebook group. In addition a large group of members enthusiastically contributed to the running of the Lane Cove Marathon. Others are already gearing up for our Myall Classic and Hawkesbury Canoe Classic effort. It is a reflection of LCRK club members' attitude that there are too many members to mention for their special efforts.

LCRK members also continue to be heavily involved in the organisation of paddling in NSW. Three of our members are on the PaddleNSW Board, four until recently. Three members are central to Hawkesbury Canoe Classic planning and operation. A further member has recently joined the very small group providing us the with the excellent Marathon Series. One of our members is central to the running of Surf Ski Australia's Ocean and Harbour Series, another on the Sprint Series committee. And, of course Tony Hystek runs the Myall Classic with expert safety-management provided by another LCRK member.

For 2016/17, LCRK will again have a large and energetic Executive Committee comprised largely of ongoing members plus some excellent new contributors. LCRK member numbers have continued to edge up. From 123 members the previous year, our numbers went to 142 (plus life members) in 2015/16. Renewals for 2016/17 have topped 100, well ahead of last year – this does not necessarily indicate our member numbers will increase but indicates our numbers should remain healthy.

More important than membership numbers are participation numbers. Average Wednesday evening time trial participant numbers edged up again to 39 craft carrying 40-something paddlers, often including four in the club K4. On 3 February, LCRK had a record 65 craft in our time trial. Numbers always fall in the middle of winter but only occasionally have we had fewer than 30 craft disappearing then

re-emerging from the dark. A high proportion of members now pre-pay and pre-register through our system, making it less frantic at the registration desk;

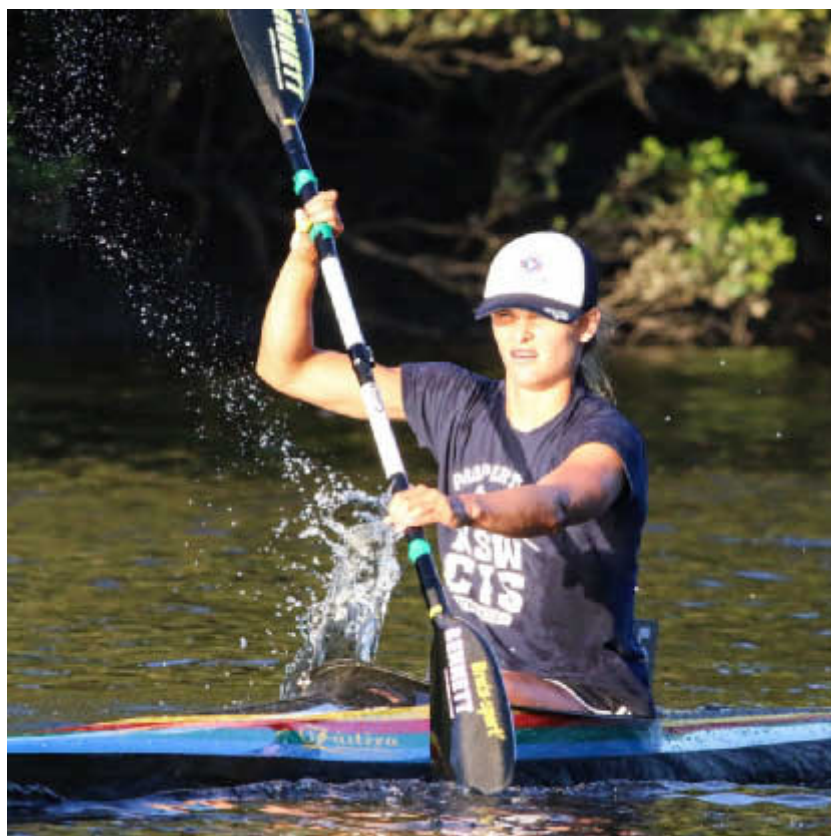
Our core “market” has proven to be busy, professional people; people who value a semi or totally competitive mid-week activity with friends that fits around their work, family and related weekend obligations. Another factor is that sitting down in a kayak or ski reduces the impact of gravity on joints that have deteriorated from other sports in their 20s and householder and sports coach duties in their 30s and 40’s. This appears to be a growing market that has contributed to LCRK becoming a strong club but has also meant we don’t have many active members in their thirties and not many juniors. We do have a number of women paddlers but not as many as the number of professional women would indicate – this is an area LCRK will need to continue to work on for competitive, social and organisational benefit.

LCRK’s time trial software continues to enable website uploads and results emails to be sent to members within minutes of the time trial finishing. Further ideas and technology development have this year enabled LCRK to add a Club Ladder and a Club Championship Trophy table for the fastest paddler across the year to the club’s suite of Singles Cups for 12km, 9km, 6km time trial handicap performances; all updates loaded to the club website shortly after the time trial. LCRK also awards annually Most Improved and Rookie of the Year trophies.

Matt Blundell’s men’s 12km time trial record of 49:18 remained unchallenged this year but Ella Beere took the Women’s record down another 2+ minutes to an amazing 57:10.

June 2016 saw our second Vivid on the River competition with a number of excellent entries lighting up the river along our course. This event is settling comfortably into our traditions.

In 2015/16, LCRK did not have any physical projects of the scale of last year’s Shed project but our Shared Loan team made many smaller achievements, on and off the water.



Just to mention two in addition to the achievements already mentioned:

- LCRK ran two Lane Cove Marathons, the August 2015 event proving to others that we could, the May 2016 event building on that. Both were magnificently planned by Phil Geddes and then executed by a large number of members under his leadership.
- LCRK achieved an enormous modernization and expansion of our internal and external communications. The breadth of what we now present through our website and the speed with which information is added is excellent. Our LCRK News, or eNews, is a more than worthy 21st Century replacement for our treasured Kayak Kapers.

Elsewhere on the water:

- LCRK retained its second place in the 2015 Paddle NSW Marathon 10 Series and with members' continued involvement (20+ at most events) and determination to travel to the more distant Burrill Lake and Wagga Wagga events, LCRK will move up one more position in the 2016 Marathon 9 Series.
- LCRK had 25+ members at Paddle NSW's Myall Classic where many top performances were recorded.
- LCRK had 27 craft in the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic recording top performances but we dropped one position to 2nd in the competition for the most successful club. We plan to assist the Classic back to its former participant numbers and charity fundraising powers by entering a large and unbeatable team in this year's Classic. Our night paddling practices have begun as have our club Hawkesbury River "Famils".
- LCRK members again competed in the Massive Murray Paddle, the Burley Griffin 24 Hour Challenge, the Avon Descent. Recently, a few members paddled the Riverland Marathon, the three day event on South Australian sections of the Murray River with a social as well as competitive attitude (although Tony Hystek did again achieve the fastest time for a single).



Our participants were so positive about the event there is a strong push for more us to enjoy the Riverland camaraderie next year. travel over to WA. Also, the next Avon Descent is coming up very soon – best wishes to those making the commitment to travel over to WA. Our Ocean and Harbour and Sprint Series participation unfortunately remains lower than it might, even taking into account our many other commitments.

- Just before going to press, Ella Beere achieved a magnificent 4th place and a great time in the Junior200m K1 Final at the 2016 ICF Junior and U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships in Minsk, Belarus. We are proud to have Ella as a member; she is a great athlete, competitor and person but LCRK does not claim to have contributed significantly to her sprint speed.

Thanks to LCRK's membership growth, our pre-payment arrangement, our rack and boat hire and our successful Lane Cove Marathon event LCRK remains in a solid financial position. This has enabled further small improvements within the Shed, some expansion of our club fleet and support for our HCC efforts.

No major projects are foreseen for the next year but the periodically mooted Council development plans for the Rotary Park complex means we need to remain ready to respond as necessary. There are a range of smaller tasks to complete in the next year and a couple of gaps in our club fleet gaps to fill, if we can find the right boats and the space. The 2016/17 committee will likely make some improvements to our modular pontoon and plans to investigate options and then develop plans to improve river access for paddlers with a disability for which we might then seek some grant support. This year's committee has also discussed means to encourage and develop more women paddlers and getting a school holiday paddling camp off the ground (and onto the water) in January.

LCRK is proud to remain more than the sum of its parts and those parts are our members who share the load, both on and next to the executive committee.

Paul van Koesveld



Newy Paddlers

Our club was incorporated on the 29 March '16 and is based at Throsby Creek, Carrington in the heart of Newcastle. The club was established to cater for all paddlers regardless of abilities, age, skill level or gender and access the people who enjoy paddling from the city and Port Stephens areas.

We are proud to say that we are a club that wants to make a difference, challenge what has been accepted in the past and create a culture of fun and change that will benefit our members and the sport of kayaking in general.

In the short time we have operated our key to growing and meeting the needs of our members was to seek help from PaddleNSW and the experienced clubs that wanted to share their knowledge. Combine this with enthusiasm and passion and we have the perfect ingredients to learn and enjoy ourselves.

Achievements

- Our membership has grown to 31 adults and 5 Juniors.
- New bright orange clothing has been organised and proudly worn at all training and events attended by our members.
- We formed a relationship with Carrington Bowling Club, Newcastle and use this as a home base to hold committee meetings and run social events.
- Positive meetings have been held with the Amputee Association, Wheelchair SportsNSW and the Mens Shed which is an intrinsic goal of the club to support the community.
- Three members have undertaken the Level 1 Flatwater Coaching Course organised by PNSW which has provided the opportunity to assist members and potential new members.
- Manly Warringah Kayak Club (MWKC) donated 6 boats to support our junior development, a key goal of the club.
- We have created a positive, fun environment which has resulted in a strong growth of women members, a key goal of the club.
- Members have supported the PaddleNSW Marathon Series in a positive & energetic way.
- A Facebook page has been established and our posts are being strongly supported.

Proposed Plans 2016-17

- Build cash flow through club events, funding grants, sponsorship and working bees to purchase essential equipment.
- Continue to attract more women and junior members.
- Establish a Facebook strategy and website to build our presence locally and nationally.

- Build support for member participation in the PaddleNSW Marathon Series both on and off the water. Encourage our recreation paddlers to paddle at these locations the same day so that we have a supportive & encouraging culture between the rec paddlers and the racers.
- Build a calendar of events that members will attend to support the community and charity fundraising eg Kayak for Kids, 3 Rivers, Paddlefest, Myall Classic, Hawkesbury Classic, Burley Griffin 24Hr Challenge, etc

We are excited about the club's future and the positive feedback being received from PaddleNSW and all the other clubs in NSW and around Australia.

If you are ever in Newcastle drop in and have a paddle – you are most welcome.

Mark Bretag



Makai Paddlers Society

Makai Paddlers Society was formed in September 2011 for paddlers of any type of single craft including skis, OC1s, stand ups and kayaks. We are based on the south coast of NSW in Ulladulla and our training takes place on Burrill Lake and the coastal waters off Ulladulla. We are a small but mighty club with a total of 30 members, at present, from all walks of life who paddle on all sorts of craft.

We host two regattas annually - the 'Makai Cup' and 'Lake Lunacy'. This year, Makai Cup was held on 14th February, 2016 and was a 20km downhill race from Sussex Inlet (north of Ulladulla) back to Ulladulla Harbour. Participants described this as one of the best run and enjoyable races they have attended. 'Lake Lunacy' was a two-day fundraising event on the 17th and 18th October 2015 at Big4 Bungalow Park, Burrill Lake. The first day was the finals of the PaddleNSW Marathon series followed by a SUPerX Splash for Cash SUP race. We hosted a presentation dinner that night under the huge Makai Marquee with delicious food and live entertainment – a great night was had by all! On the second day, was a Junior Aquathon where juniors competed in a swim and run and then after that, was a Multisport race with a paddle, run and swim. Some of the proceeds from this event were donated to a local youth who is being treated for a rare brain cancer in a Sydney hospital.

Our events have been so successful and our sponsors have been so generous and supportive that our club was able to purchase a 20 craft, fully enclosed transporter.

Every year, our members compete in many races both in Australia and overseas. Paul Watkins and Damo Staunton competed in the Scotland Island Showdown on a double ski and took line honours. Dave Tudor-Jones and Damo Staunton competed in the King of the Harbour and both placed in the top ten. Deb Salmons and Damo Staunton placed 4th on a double ski in the Bridge to Beach.



Six of our members decided to have a go at the Hawaiian Sydney Harbour OC6 Challenge. They competed against teams from all over the world and came 3rd in Master men's - not bad considering most of the team are ski paddlers! Makai member Phil Paris-Brown travelled to Porto in northern Portugal for the Nelo Summer Challenge. This was well attended by many of the world's most successful downwind paddlers including Cory Hill, Mark Anderson, the Mocke & Rice brothers and was hosted by Neloski's Oscar Chalupsky. Phil said this was an amazing paddling experience and well worth the travel.

Makai Paddlers Society has some knowledgeable and experienced paddlers.



Damien Staunton is a Level One Flat Water and Open Water coach, and also has many years of multi-sport and surf lifesaving experience, as well as being a fully qualified Lifeguard. Paul Watkins is a Level One Outrigger Canoe coach. He has been involved in outrigger canoe racing since 2000 and has competed in national and international events in both OC1 and OC6 craft.

As a club, Makai is focused on not necessarily being the fastest or the best, however we do believe that we should paddle within our respective disciplines with a technically correct stroke that will decrease the risk of injury and ensure a safe and enjoyable paddling experience. Our motto is "that the best paddler out there is the one having the most fun!"

Jodie Watkins,
Secretary

River Canoe Club

All organisations are under pressure. Our communities are changing, technology is having an impact, and no one owes this club a future. The committee this year has set about the task on building on its long history to ensure it is relevant, accessible and enjoyable to new and old members. We celebrated our 80th birthday, and we welcomed the new. Our new beginners program saw the end of the highly inefficient 'come and try' days and enabled the flood of new members into the club. Trips brimmed with eager new members keen for fitness, adventure and new friendships. We stripped the club house of equipment long left behind. We have a plan to restock our boats, paddles and accessories. We have a new trailer on order.

Club membership is one indicator of organisational health - on this score it has been a successful year.

Club finances are another indicator - but finances need to serve a purpose, so committee members are actively considering options to spend money responsibly to create better member services.

Club participation is another indicator - here the club has been very successful - a wonderful mix of old and new members getting out in most weather, in bizarre locations across the state, to participate in sedate and crazy trips alike.

During 2015-16, the NSW River Canoe Club continued to actively paddle white water, flat water, sea trips, canoe polo and marathon racing. A good time was had by all.

Andy Singh
President

Southside Paddlers.

As we well know, it's been an incredibly difficult year with the passing of Brian, our elite coach, mentor and dearest friend. Brian was the backbone of our club and quite simply his devotion and contribution will never be replaced. He has however left us with a legacy. Over the years, we have all listened, learned, noted and benefited from Brian's mentoring. From this and the help of our sponsors (Paddle NSW and Tradies) and those around us we will regroup, restructure and continue with our vision. We have the foundation, we have a facility, we have the enthusiasm and we have the support to restructure our club.

Our focus for 2017 will be:

- As expected, a training and development base for young and upcoming paddlers, with emphasis on sprint, Saturday morning time trials and moving on to week day training sessions.
- Training and development for new coaches
- Promoting awareness for skin cancer and being sun smart
- Promoting the use of PFD's
- Rehash of our facility with new containers and maintenance with stage 1 underway.
- Upgrading and maintaining our equipment.



There are some people I'd like to thank. If Brian was our backbone, our Secretary, Yvette Graf is certainly our spinal cord, also irreplaceable. The Minister for Finance, our treasurer Lorrae Tompson, for always keeping us in the black. This year we welcomed back our co-founder, Rod Smith, out of retirement and back into Saturday morning coaching and our chief maintenance officer. He's truly unstoppable. There are as well our paddlers, parents and friends that helped us through these tough times.

I want to thank Paddle NSW for their tireless effort in promoting and providing our much loved sport. Also our sponsor Tradies for their continued funding and support. Can't do it without you guys.

Change is a challenge, challenge is good. We're up for it !!!!

Luke Hagan
Acting President

Windsor Canoe Club

At WCC we are blessed to have such a large number of people prepared to share the load of running the club in an effective manner. Our executive have been together for three years and while it may appear that things go along smoothly, it is only due to amount of effort and the hours expended that this that this is possible. Our committees provide all the support needed on the many occasions throughout the year when required. I thank everyone for supporting your club and making the presidents job as enjoyable as possible.

On the water we once again have been heavily involved in the Paddle NSW Marathon series. We continue to host one race each season and they seem to be popular among the competitors from all clubs. On the water we have had individual success and are competitive on a club level. Congratulations to all members involved in the marathon series.

WCC were represented at both the State and National Championships. I believe all paddlers came home with medals and we are proud of them all. Some of our newer members were involved in these events and it keeps some of us more experienced paddlers interested by their enthusiasm.

WCC were involved in the sprint series both on the water and in the organizing and running of the events. Although I did not compete this year I would recommend the sprint races to all our members.

We have attracted several new members this year so welcome to you all. As stated earlier, your enthusiasm is infectious and your results are most encouraging to yourselves and all at WCC. We must maintain our awareness campaign to attract new members.

Our fundraising programme has been varied and productive. This is a big ask for our members but we always have a full complement of volunteers at each event. The money raised allows us to plan for the improvement of our club gear. Major purchases



have been an extra container for boat storage and a new motor for the tinny. In the near future we will select stable kayaks and skis for beginner paddlers. The council and RMS are currently upgrading the car park and installing the kayak launch ramp. They still considering our application for a club house. When completed this will be a kayak facility the envy of many clubs. A lot of work to be done yet but it will certainly be worthwhile.

Once again the year seems to have been enjoyed by the members of WCC and that makes me pleased to be a part of it.

Neil Crabb



2015/16 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** **Mitchell Cronin**

- 4. Paddler with a Disability Award** **Dylan Littlehailes**

- 5. Masters Paddler of the Year** **Anne Lloyd Green & Albert Laurendet**

- 6. Squad of the Year** **MWKC Salty Paddlers**

- 7. Coach of the Year** **Sebastian Marczak**

- 8. Official of the Year** **Bob Turner**

- 10. Volunteer of the Year** **Roger Deane**

- 11. Event of the Year** **Makai M10 Race**

- 12. Distinguished Long Service Award** **Helen Tongway & Jeff Cottrell**

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 June 2016**

**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 2016.

Directors

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

Mr Timothy Hookins (resigned 10 October 2015)
Mr Anthony Hystek
Mr Ross Fraser (appointed 14 September 2015)
Ms Anjie Lees
Ms Kiaran Lomas
Mr Andrew Mathers
Ms Lynn Parker
Mr Timothy Ring (resigned 14 September 2015)
Mr Christopher Thompson
Mr Bob Turner (appointed 14 September 2015)

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 deficit of the association for the financial year was (\$29,987) (2015: (\$22,471))

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 events and assist through Education and Coaching programs, the sports of Canoe Polo, Marathon Racing, Freestyle, Open Water racing, Slalom/Wildwater racing and Sprint.

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, 2016 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:

Ms Anjie Lees

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 2016, 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 Auditor:

Peter M Power FCA

Address:

Suite 5, 11 Waratah Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103

Dated this day of

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Revenue			
Education & Special Projects	3	21,653	29,468
Event Revenue	2	96,725	117,855
Government Grant		20,000	20,000
Membership		114,282	102,688
Other Revenue	3	8,017	10,483
Total Revenue		260,677	280,494
Expenses			
Australian Canoeing Affiliation Fees		46,736	47,013
Administration expenses	4	56,156	47,643
Education & Special Projects	4	15,767	48,394
Depreciation expenses		6,970	5,222
Event expenses	2	78,269	73,940
Employee benefits expenses		86,766	80,753
Total Expenses		290,664	302,965
Surplus/(Deficit) before Income tax		(29,987)	(22,471)
Income tax expense		0	0
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period		(29,987)	(22,471)
Other Comprehensive Income		0	0
Total Comprehensive Income		(29,987)	(22,471)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Assets			
Current Asset			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	251,543	253,385
Trade and other receivables	6	20,124	44,422
Inventories	7	3,864	600
Total current assets		275,531	298,407
Non-current Asset			
Property, plant and equipment	9	11,538	10,793
Total non-current assets		11,538	10,793
Total assets		287,069	309,200
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	16,025	21,124
Unearned Income	10	36,873	36,853
Employee benefits provision	11	13,531	7,616
Total current liabilities		66,429	65,593
Non Current Liabilities			
Unearned Income	10	10,413	3,393
Employee benefits provision	11	0	0
Total non-current liabilities		10,413	3,393
Total liabilities		76,842	68,986
Net assets		210,227	240,214
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		240,214	262,685
Current year (deficit)/surplus		(29,987)	(22,471)
Total equity		210,227	240,214

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts from events		96,725	117,855
Cash receipts from members		114,282	102,688
Cash receipts from government grants		20,000	20,000
Interest received		4,794	5,625
Other receipts		8,017	10,483
Cash paid to employees		(80,428)	(77,419)
Cash paid to suppliers		(157,517)	(251,396)
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>5,873</u>	<u>(72,164)</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		(7,715)	(8,149)
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(7,715)</u>	<u>(8,149)</u>
 Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		 (1,842)	 (80,313)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		<u>253,385</u>	<u>333,698</u>
 Cash and cash equivalent at 30 June	5	<u>251,543</u>	<u>253,385</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2016

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and the club's constitution. The Board of Directors have determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the above acts and regulations, the Association's constitution and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101 Presentations of Financial Statements

AASB 107 Statements of Cash Flows

AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 1031 Materiality

AASB 1048 Interpretation of Accounting Standards

AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures

No other Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets. The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

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.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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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 2016

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.

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.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2016

Financial Instruments

Recognition, initial measurement and derecognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Association becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument, and are measured initially at fair value adjusted by transactions costs, except for those carried at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured initially at fair value. Subsequent measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities are described below. Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and all substantial risks and rewards are transferred. A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or expires.

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

For the purpose of subsequent measurement, financial assets other than those designated and effective as hedging instruments are classified into the following categories upon initial recognition:

- loans and receivables
- financial assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss (FVTPL)
- Held-To-Maturity (HTM) investments
- Available-For-Sale (AFS) financial assets

All financial assets except for those at FVTPL are subject to review for impairment at least at each reporting date to identify whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. Different criteria to determine impairment are applied for each category of financial assets, which are described below. All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs or finance income, except for impairment of trade receivables which is presented within other expenses.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The Group's trade and most other receivables fall into this category of financial instruments. Individually significant receivables are considered for impairment when they are past due or when other objective evidence is received that a specific counterparty will default. Receivables that are not considered to be individually impaired are reviewed for impairment in groups, which are determined by reference to the industry and region of a counterparty and other shared credit risk characteristics. The impairment loss estimate is then based on recent historical counterparty default rates for each identified group.

Financial assets at FVTPL

Financial assets at FVTPL include financial assets that are either classified as held for trading or that meet certain conditions and are designated at FVTPL upon initial recognition. Assets in this category are measured at fair value with gains or losses recognised in profit or loss. The fair values of financial assets in this category are determined by reference to active market transactions or using a valuation technique where no active market exists.

HTM Investments

HTM investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity other than loans and receivables. Investments are classified as HTM if the Association has the intention and ability to hold them until maturity. The Association currently holds long term deposits designated into this category. HTM investments are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. If there is objective evidence that the investment is impaired, determined by reference to external credit ratings, the financial asset is measured at the present value of estimated future cash flows. Any changes to the carrying amount of the investment, including impairment losses, are recognised in profit or loss.

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AFS financial assets

AFS financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are either designated to this category or do not qualify for inclusion in any of the other categories of financial assets. The Association's AFS financial assets include listed securities. All AFS financial assets are measured at fair value. Gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income and reported within the AFS reserve within equity, except for impairment losses and foreign exchange differences on monetary assets, which are recognised in profit or loss. When the asset is disposed of or is determined to be impaired the cumulative gain or loss recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified from the equity reserve to profit or loss and presented as a reclassification adjustment within other comprehensive income. Interest calculated using the effective interest method and dividends are recognised in profit or loss within 'revenue'.

Reversals of impairment losses for AFS debt securities are recognised in profit or loss if the reversal can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised. For AFS equity investments impairment reversals are not recognised in profit or loss and any subsequent increase in fair value is recognised in other comprehensive income.

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial liabilities

The Association's financial liabilities include borrowings and trade and other payable.

Financial liabilities are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, except for financial liabilities held for trading or designated at FVTPL, that are carried subsequently at fair value with gains or losses recognised in profit or loss.

All interest-related charges and, if applicable, changes in an instrument's fair value that are reported in profit or loss are included within finance costs or finance income.

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	2016 \$	2015 \$
2 Event Revenue & Expenses		
Canoe Polo	3,779	15,264
Marathon	50,122	71,595
Myall Lake Classic	14,647	13,894
Come and try days	236	-
Slalom	5,805	2,618
Freestyle	268	518
Sprint	21,868	13,966
Total event revenue	96,725	117,855
Canoe Polo	3,617	16,027
Marathon	37,400	39,550
Myall Lake Classic	13,212	6,199
Open Water	-	935
Slalom	4,203	-
Freestyle	154	603
Sprint	19,683	10,626
Total event expenses	78,269	73,940
3 Other Revenue		
Grant Funding for PaddleSafe App	-	-
Education and Training	21,653	29,468
Advertising and Sponsorship	2,182	490
Interest Income	4,794	5,625
Merchandise	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	1,041	4,368
Total other revenue	29,670	39,951
4 Administration Expenses		
Education	15,767	48,394
Accountancy Fees	16,372	16,737
Board Meeting & Costs	1,803	2,128
Membership expenses	1,291	251
Office expenses	33,282	25,958
Promotional and Marketing	3,408	2,569
	71,923	96,037
5 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at Bank- ANZ	36,995	58,104
Cash in Investments	50,502	60,366
ING Direct Savings	164,046	134,915
	251,543	253,385

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
6 Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Trade Debtors	3,780	38,950
Other Debtors	16,344	5,472
	<u>20,124</u>	<u>44,422</u>
7 Inventories		
Current		
Inventories	<u>3,864</u>	<u>600</u>
8 Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Trade Creditors	11,055	19,621
Other Creditors	4,970	1,503
	<u>16,025</u>	<u>21,124</u>
9 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment:		
At cost	53,432	45,717
Accumulated depreciation	(41,894)	(34,924)
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>11,538</u>	<u>10,793</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 and Equipment	Total
	\$	\$
Additions	7,715	8,149
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation	6,970	5,222
	<u>745</u>	<u>2,927</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2016

		2016	2015
		\$	\$
10	Unearned Income		
	Current		
	Memberships in Advance	36,873	36,853
		<u>36,873</u>	<u>36,853</u>
	Non-Current		
	Memberships in Advance	<u>10,413</u>	<u>3,393</u>
11	Employee benefits provision		
	Current Liability for annual leave	<u>13,531</u>	<u>7,616</u>
12	Equity	Balance	Balance
		1 July 2015	30 June 2016
		Revenue	Expenses
	Canoe Polo	10,410	3,779 (3,617) 10,572
	Education	9,606	21,653 (15,767) 15,492
	Freestyle	915	268 (154) 1,029
	Marathon	59,601	50,122 (37,400) 72,323
	Myall Classic	7,695	14,647 (13,212) 9,130
	Open Water	3,345	- - 3,345
	Slalom	12,781	5,805 (4,203) 14,383
	Sprint	412	21,868 (19,683) 2,597
	General Funds	135,449	142,535 (196,628) 81,356
		<u>240,214</u>	<u>260,677 (290,664) 210,227</u>
13	Change in Accounting Policy		
	No changes in Accounting Policy during the year.		
14	Association Details		
	PaddleNSW Inc registered office and principal place of business is		
	Level 2, QUAD 1, 8 Parkview 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 statement of comprehensive income 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 appeals, 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.

The accounts of the Association have been made out in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements, the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW).

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

Director:

Mr Anthony Hystek

Director:

Ms Anjie Lees

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 2016, 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, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act and Association'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 2016 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, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits 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.

Name of Auditor:

Peter M Power FCA
Registered Company Auditor
Registration number: 730

Address:

Suite 5, 11 Waratah Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103

Dated this day of

