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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### HISTORY

PaddleNSW has just completed its first year under interim affiliation with Australian Canoeing. While there are several matters still to be resolved, the basic agreement has permitted PaddleNSW to extend its range of services to include education and competition access for members. This has been a major breakthrough. All other aspects of the association have remained unchanged. PaddleNSW still has offices in Sports House, though it relinquished the use of a second workstation during the year. This has not affected its operations.

### OFFICEBEARERS

Elected Committee members at the 2009 AGM were:

Tony Hystek

Lynn Parker

Tim Hookins

Liz Wilson

Tom Balaam

Chris Thompson

Bill Graham

Unfortunately, due to health and work commitments, Tom Balaam resigned his position early in 2010. We thank Tom for his contribution to PaddleNSW, especially to the Marathon Committee.

When a treasurer could not be found for the association, David Lunn kindly volunteered his services to manage the finances for PaddleNSW until an alternative arrangement could be made. His contribution has been greatly appreciated by management committee.

I would like to personally offer my thanks to the entire committee for the dedication they have shown in attending our fortnightly meetings, and carrying on with the work of PaddleNSW in often difficult personal circumstances.

### SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Looking back over this past year, I have pride in what PaddleNSW has achieved in its short past. Our hardworking committee and its many supporters have put PaddleNSW in a very secure financial position, allowing it to employ staff in roles such as office administration and website maintenance, and to develop policies of financial support for essential activities including the promotion and funding of paddler education and representative athlete support.

Because of the hard work and contributions from our committee, especially secretary Lynn Parker, our association now has the capacity to undertake more ambitious projects, such as developing school-based paddler education, improving access to the sport for the disabled and disadvantaged, and easier access to the water for all.

While we all look forward to future initiatives, a brief summary of our achievements over the year past is as follows:

We have moved on from a tenuous financial position to one where we have a relatively comfortable surplus that has been invested in two interest-bearing bank accounts. This has been largely possible through the savings made by donation of volunteer hours by the management committee, (in particular Lynn Parker), and by minimising some of our other outgoings, i.e., the newsletter has been moved in-house, and ably collated ready for publishing by Bettina Otterbeck.

We set ourselves the task of formulating and documenting several important policies and operational guidelines, some of which have been implemented recently, and some which are still in the developmental stage. Representative Athlete Assistance, and Education policy are two examples.



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The provision of sponsored membership services over the past year has also been a great benefit to PaddleNSW. The committee would like to thank Roger Aspinall from Blue Earth paddlesports for his excellent service for the processing and mailing of membership cards over the past year.

Our interim affiliation with Australian Canoeing has meant that all members have the opportunity to partake in Australian Canoeing events if they have a PNSW Premium membership. This was a major additional benefit to the paddlers and clubs of NSW, and another reason why the paddling membership this year has surpassed that of the former NSW Canoeing.

Thanks must be given to the management committee, who have worked tirelessly to further the capacity of PaddleNSW to deliver services. However, affiliation with Australian Canoeing is still in interim stage pending resolution of affiliation fee negotiations and constitutional parity.

Perhaps the most significant recent initiative has been the active renewal of paddler education and re-qualification in NSW.

Lynn Parker has made this her mission, creating a re-invigorating interest in this essential PaddleNSW objective. She singlehandedly persuaded and coerced many key presenters to headline the professional development forum held a few months back at Penrith. The choice of venue, subject matter and resulting re-accreditation process she implemented for attendees was a brilliant focus for the accompanying education initiative, that of providing cost-neutral education for club coaches, guides and instructors. Already, several courses have been conducted, with refund of costs promised for club-nominated attendees. The requirement that club nominees take their skills back to their clubs before refunds are granted means we have a degree of surety that both PNSW and participating clubs will see beneficial results from this scheme. The education initiative is detailed later in the annual report.

TONY HYSTEK

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

### EDUCATION

One of PaddleNSW's objectives is to promote education and training opportunities to its members, clubs, industry and the community in general, to increase the quality of participation and to foster safety in paddling for recreation, events and competition. This was made a major objective for the 2009-2010 membership year.

Members at the 2009-2010 registration provided the following information. Of the 1738 members, 128 responded that they had qualifications. Unrelated qualifications are left off the list. Many had multiple awards in the following areas:

Flatwater Coach L1—30, L2—2	Flatwater Instructor—10
Whitewater Coach — 5	Guide — 2
Marathon Official — 8	Whitewater Instructor L1 — 10 Adv — 9
Slalom Official — 5	Sea Kayaking Instructor L2 — 5
Outrigger Coach — 6	Assessor — 2
Dragon Boat — 5	Sea Kayak Guide — 2
ICF Judge — 4	Surf Lifesaving — 5
Officials — 5	Strength and Conditioning ASCA — 1
Canoe Polo International Referee — 2	Bachelor Of Education in Sport & Recreation — 1

We are pleased to report that many policies and event guidelines have now been developed for the delivery of safe paddling practices. They are reliant on the need to get the information out to the wider community, but to find the right medium is always a challenge; newsletters directly posted to members are not always received let alone read, club newsletters don't always trickle down so it comes back to a very well designed website where information is easily accessed. It is hoped that by increasing the number of educators across the State that they will bridge another gap.

PaddleNSW was endorsed as a National Training Provider registered to deliver training and assessment under the Australian Canoeing Award Scheme (ACAS) and the Australian Sports Commission. Australian Canoeing operates under the auspices of a registered training organisation, the 'Industry Training Council'. This then enabled PaddleNSW to offer courses for instructors, guides and coaches. A register of qualified educators and specialist presenters has been established, to deliver our training courses across the State.

The PaddleNSW Education Sub-Committee has put together the current strategic plan for education in 2010 – 2011, and a group of experienced educators from a range of paddling backgrounds has been formed to provide expert advice. The PaddleNSW management committee thanks Margi Bohm, Buzz Powell, Andy Halliday, Ian Royds, John Wilde and Sharyn Cahill for stepping forward to assist in 2010 – 2011.

#### The Plan for 2010 - 2011:

- Increase participation – includes greater quality of participation by current members, and increased overall participation by the general paddling community. Actioned by increasing the number of qualified Club coaches and instructors in NSW



Jack Ward & Mick Carroll as nominated by Central Coast Canoe Club for marathon kayaking

- Raise awareness in clubs to their responsibilities for training, coaching and guiding when administering club events. Assist clubs to develop an education plan and provide the latest in information during delivery
- Support education by financially supporting clubs to qualify at least one new coach/guide, and one new instructor
- Assist young country-based athletes and coaches to attend competitions and training
- Seek efficiencies by encouraging current members to renew out-of-date qualifications by offering free assessment and re-registration if they work in their club
- Offer professional development programs ensuring the right messages are being delivered
- Deliver Coach and Instructor courses across the state
- Seek financial support from Communities – Sport and Recreation
- Seek financial assistance for the pilot DVD for Start Paddling scheme
- Seek funding for the train-the-trainer Start Paddling scheme

### Outcomes to date

Funding — \$8,000 core funding allocated, and a further \$6,500 to employ an education assistant. Communities Grants obtained for training Coaches - \$6,000 and Instructors - \$6,000; travel expenses for remote area athletes and coaches - \$3,000.

Marketing — All clubs were/are invited to put forward a plan & budget to increase the pool of Club educators – with reimbursement to be shared equitably across the applicants. It was determined that Clubs would need to endorse that the “new” educator was increasing participation within the Club.

Delivery — The first education conference was held in May with 35 people attending from as far afield as Port Macquarie, Dubbo, Canberra and the Shoalhaven. Speakers included the Head Australian Coach from slalom, Olympic medallists, lawyers, paddling industry representatives to name a few, who spoke on topics including risk management, efficient and safe paddle stroke development, and responsibilities in running a club or business. At least 8 people were assessed or re-certified in coaching and instructing. Feedback from participants stated value in the content and requested further conferences or workshops in the future.

Two Level One Coach courses have been delivered in Sydney, another in Canberra and one is planned for the Illawarra. Three Flatwater Instructor courses, two Whitewater Instructor courses, together with Rescue and Whitewater Advanced Assessments are scheduled for the remainder of the year.

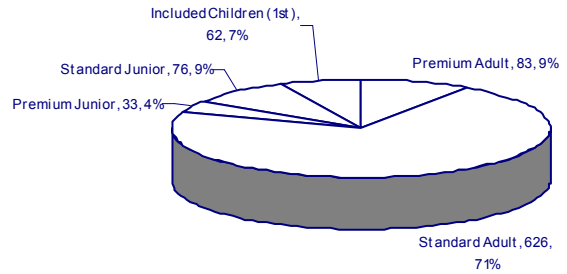
A Slalom workshop is currently being planned for Great Lakes Canoe Club with recently returned Australian athletes sharing their knowledge with the up and coming talent.

We invite Clubs who haven't yet put forward their education plans to do so before all funds are allocated. We also encourage all members to consider participation in education to gain the best from their paddling experience.

## MEMBERSHIPS

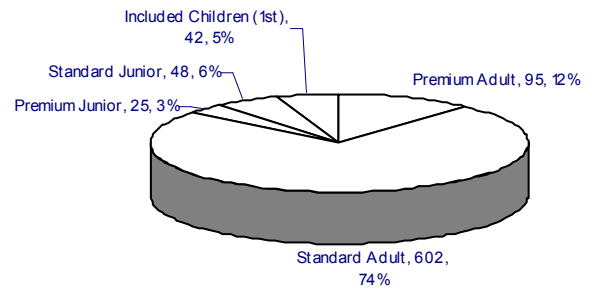
<i>New Memberships</i>	<i>1st Half</i>	<i>2nd Half</i>	<i>Full Year</i>
Premium Adult	83	15	98
Standard Adult	626	193	819
Premium Junior	33	5	38
Standard Junior	76	28	104
Included Children (1st)	62		62

**New Membership - Full Year**

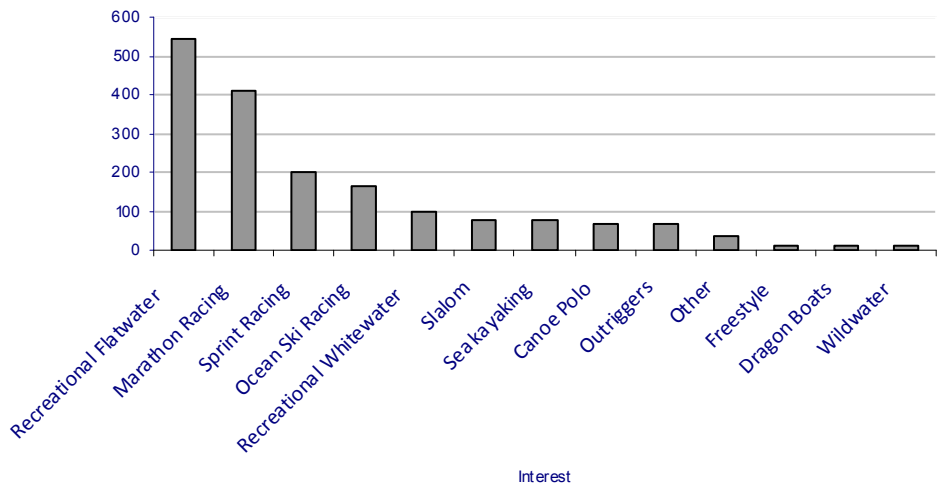


<i>Renewal Memberships</i>	<i>1st Half</i>	<i>2nd Half</i>	<i>Full Year</i>
Premium Adult	95		95
Standard Adult	602	6	608
Premium Junior	25		25
Standard Junior	48	1	49
Included Children (1st)	42		42

**Renewal Membership - Full Year**



<i>Paddling Main Interest</i>	<i>Full Year</i>
Recreational Flatwater	545
Marathon Racing	409
Sprint Racing	199
Ocean Ski Racing	166
Recreational Whitewater	99
Slalom	79
Sea kayaking	79
Canoe Polo	67
Outriggers	66
Other	38
Freestyle	11
Dragon Boats	9
Wildwater	9





## ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS

We are very pleased to offer awards for the first time this year. Congratulations to all nominees and winners.

<i>Category</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Testimonials from Club nominees</i>
Distinguished Long Service	Dave Salter	MWKC	Paddling since 1955 in England until he migrated to Australia in 1964. An active paddler and competitor in both countries ever since. Great supporter of all club members, especially the young.
	Lyle Mead	WCC	Grass roots encouragement, coaching and support to new paddlers, especially women (even old ducks!).
	Grant Hughes	NBOC	Founding member of MWKC, volunteer builder of the clubhouse and holder of many executive positions. Recently moved to outriggering. Founding member of the NBOCC .
	Basil Slaughter	RCC	Served in the RCC for 60 years holding every position except Secretary. Life member and currently the Club's shuttle bunny and Patron.
	Nick Naughton	CCCC	Served the CCCC for 30 years and secretary for 27. Conferred Life Member of CCCC in 1988.
	Margaret Naughton	CCCC	Served the CCCC for 30 years and treasurer for 27. Conferred Life Member of CCCC in 1988.
	Laurie Lawrence	BRCC	Implemented canoeing in Banaldo, member and President of BRCC, keen organiser of whitewater trips, Slalom competitions locally and to the Nationals. An enthusiastic supporter of young people in assisting them to attain their goals.
Team of the Year	Jack Ward/Mick Carroll	CCCC	First in most of their Vet 40 races in 2009 - Myall Classic, CCCC marathons, Hawkesbury Classic, Murray Marathon, State 10 series.
Master Paddler of the Year	Grant Hughes	NBOC	First in every outrigger race - Nationals, Hamilton Island and Australian Representative in the World Molokai Championships.
Coach of the Year	Jim Walker	SGKC	Successful athletes are proof of his dedication - Julia Tyrell, Kelly Jury, Dean Blanche, Will Hardman, Stew O'Regan are some of his 18 athlete squad.
Volunteer of the Year	Norm Woodford	PVC	Volunteers in events from Clubs to Olympics in sprint and marathon and slalom. Never paddled and now an ICF qualified Official.
Clubs Charity Challenge Cup	The Cure for Life Foundation	Just Paddlers	The Myall Classic organised by the Club has earned \$34,670 to the charity.
Event of the Year	Myall River Classic	Just Paddlers	A unique event caters for flatwater paddlers who enter for a fun day out to the highly competitive who use the 47 kms as a warm up for the Classic.
Female Paddler of the Year	Kate Lawrence	BRCC	Australian team captain for Slalom, represented Australia for 10 years, 3rd in Pre-World Championships, placed in World Cups.

## 2010 NSW ATHLETES REPRESENTING AUSTRALIA

Congratulations to all teams for their great efforts in representing Australia. A great number of medals were brought home!

<i>Athlete</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Paddlesport</i>	<i>Participation Event</i>
Kate McGrath	MWKC	Marathon	World Championships
Larissa Horsnell	MWKC	Marathon	World Championships
Monique O'Neill		Sprint	Olympic Hopes Regatta
Allison Bryant	MWKC	Sprint	Olympic Hopes Regatta
Scott Smith	ICC	Sprint/slalom	Youth Olympics Games
Alison Borrows	PVC	Slalom	World Championships Junior
Jessica Fox	PVC	Slalom	World Championships Junior and Senior & YOG
Reilly Edwards	PVC	Slalom	World Cups
Ethan Hodson	PVC	Slalom	World Cups & World Championships Senior
Will Forsythe	BRCC	Slalom	World Cups & World Championships Senior

<i>Athlete</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Paddlesport</i>	<i>Participation Event</i>
Lucien Delfour	PVC	Slalom	World Cups & World Championships Senior
Ros Lawrence	BRCC	Slalom	World Cups & World Championships Senior
Kate Lawrence	BRCC	Slalom	World Cups & World Championships Senior
Joey Croft	PVC	Slalom	China and Asian Cup
Ian Borrows	PVC	Slalom	China and Asian Cup
Robert Simms	RCC	Canoe Polo	World Champs
Cassandra Simms	RCC	Canoe Polo	World Champs

## PADDLENSW FORUM

The forum has been in operation for around a year now, and has been only moderately successful in generating a communications pathway for members. Initial security issues were brought to the attention of PNSW and have been addressed. In general, when problems were identified, members were very reasonable in their criticism. We now have a manual check of users registering for the first time.

While there have been several regular contributors, the general membership has not embraced this forum as they have some others, such as surfski.info.

Perhaps some controversial topic will bring paddlers out of the woodwork, but the best way to increase participation may be to find a volunteer to adopt this as their project as their own, and promote its use more widely.

## CLUB REPORTS

### Big River Canoe Club

This year has been a successful year for Big River with a number of slalom and downriver events being held at the Nymboida Canoe Centre, one of which even had enough water to allow a downriver to be held on C section. Some paddlers also toured on different rivers such as the Rocky River and the Clarence River when rain increased the river levels. This provided a good fun trip for all who attended.

Big River Canoe Club has also had quite some success for their international paddlers, most notably Ros & Kate Lawrence and Will Forsyth for their successful entry into the Australian National Team. Some of our more senior paddlers also competed at a high level. David Whitney, Richard Williams, Laurie Lawrence and Chris Schmidt all competed at the World Masters Games and Laurie received a bronze medal in his highly contested class.

Big River Canoe Club has recently held an AGM and the Club has had some changes in the executive. David Whitney remains as Treasurer as does Cassandra Whitney as Secretary. Laurie Lawrence declined the Presidential nomination and Shantala Zervos has taken up the position. Other positions such as Touring Convenor and slalom officer have also changed.

The announcement of the Nationals and State championships to be held at the Nymboida Canoe Centre is great news for Big River Canoe Club. We hope having these prestigious events in our area will help build our sport and encourage other young paddlers to achieve everything they can through their sport.

### Burley Griffin Canoe Club

BGCC has had a successful year with a healthy membership and some new initiatives.

Early last year we received dollar-for-dollar funding to finally extend our shed. Building started, then for many and varied reasons progressed at an alarmingly slow rate, meaning no boats could be stored in our existing shed, which made it hard for many members to train. However, it is now completed and we should have no issues with boat storage for years to come.

With the blue green algae problems of the past summer in mind, the club initiated some Canoe Polo and whitewater training for those flatwater paddlers wanting to play on clean water and to learn new skills. Our beginner Canoe Polo sessions were well attended, and then we introduced a series of rolling clinics. Off to Penrith for a couple of sessions with one being the beginner flatwater/whitewater skills course, which was followed by some local whitewater river running.

The club also built up the touring discipline with weekends away to Nelligen, Kangaroo Valley, Tuross, Durras for the flatwater paddlers and some beginner sea kayaking; and Merimbula for coaching sessions and some Epic surf play.

Participation in the Marathon Series was down on previous years, although club members did get several placings at the end of the season. Participation was also down in the State Titles and National Championships, however John Preston came away with a 1st in his class. We had several representatives in the World Masters, the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic and the Murray Marathon with some good performances and placings in several classes. Club members also did very well in the Harbour Series taking out two 1st's and a 2nd.

Our canoe polo players had a good year with 6 participating in the Oceania games and several representing NSW in Perth. There was also a strong field in the World Masters Games.

BGCC has run some successful events over the last year. Firstly, our 24hour Relay in November had a number of teams and several individuals using it as a training run for the Murray or the Yukon. Our Divisional Race was the first in the series in March and it took quite some planning and measuring to get a 5km loop to cater for the number of paddlers with a well laid out portage course. Our annual Burley Griffin Bash (the day after the Divisional Race) gives paddlers the opportunity to paddle a 30km or a 15km course on the lake. There was a good turnout this year in both distances with some interstate paddlers participating. The club also ran a very successful Level 1 Coaching Course for about 9 of our members, two from Bay Adventure Kayakers and two from Sydney. Hopefully, we will see most of the participants going on to coach within the club.

The club currently has an application with the ACT Government for the provision of a permanent canoe polo field where we are hoping to get funding for the 1st stage, being floating goals. We are currently still looking at sites and possible security issues. At our annual Birthday Dinner we presented two of our founding members with Life Memberships for 20 years of service to kayaking in Canberra. Definitely a well deserved honour for John Harmer and Helen Tongway.

### Illawarra Canoe Club

- New clubhouse at the rowing club at Berkeley, which is still a work in progress. Hoping to be completed by the end of the year.
- April – May 2010 Introduction of online memberships
- Racing is still very strong in the club. Club members have competed in:
  - ◊ State & Australian Marathon Championships
  - ◊ State Marathon Series well contested by members
  - ◊ WMG – over 60 medals being won by club members in marathon, whitewater, slalom and sprints.
  - ◊ Sydney Harbour Racing Series, members competed
  - ◊ State and Australian sprint titles, members competed and did well
  - ◊ Whitewater, slalom, Southern Zone, State, Oceania and Australian Championships
  - ◊ Club members competed at Molokai, with excellent results
- Australian Representatives
  - ◊ David Smith & Elyse Yardley, Australian team World Cup
  - ◊ Scott Smith, Youth Olympics in Singapore
- Social Events
  - ◊ Broughton Creek Berry social paddle
  - ◊ Penrith White-Water Fun day

### Just Paddlers Inc.

Our membership numbers for this year was 46, with members spread across the state, out west to Hay, south to Moruya, Sydney area, the Newcastle region, the mid North coast area and Bribie Island, Queensland.

Not a large club, but in the past year we have taken part and supported the following events:

- Marathon 10 Series
- North Marathon Series
- Hawkesbury Canoe Classic
- Murray Marathon
- Kayak for Kids
- NSW Marathon State Titles
- Myall River Classic
- Hawkesbury Familiarisation paddles
- Kayativity Races, Port Macquarie
- Anaconda Adventure Race, Forster

- 3 Rivers Mini marathon, Port Macquarie
- The World Masters Games
- Plus social club paddles and weekends away, i.e., coffee cruising paddles, basic sea kayaking training w/e Myall NP.
- 2 to 3 weeks river paddle down the Murrumbidgee River. 5 members did this in March from Nanangroe Reserve to Hay 750km, 21 days, unsupported. And yes we are all still friends!
- A highlight was the World Masters Games in Sydney 10-18 Oct. 15 club members took part in either marathon, sprints and slalom events. A great fun, social and competitive week was had by all with international guests also staying with us at the YHA at Hawkesbury Heights.

A club newsletter is distributed 4 times a year and thanks to PaddleNSW for the web, which keeps us all up to date and in the know with what's happening.

Overall a great year on the water and may the next year just be as good.

### Lane Cove River Kayakers

Lane Cove River Kayakers had another year of great achievements and fun.

Our membership is consistently around 100 with a band of long-term stayers and a constant influx of welcome new blood.

We regularly have 30-40 paddlers at our Wednesday night time trials starting at 18:30 from under the Epping Road Bridge. The CrudSlime Cup challenge once a month keeps paddlers' handicaps honest. The monthly barbecue is a big social event and a time for interesting talks and exposés.

Members have been heavily involved and successful in all sorts of marathons and, more recently, sprint events. For many it was "Gold, Gold, Gold" at the World Masters Games in October 2009. The Classic followed soon after and sadly we spoiled our 6 year winning streak in the Commonwealth Cup by coming second, despite many creditable performances. Moves are afoot to rectify this situation in 2010. 11 members then went for more punishment in the Murray with our power paddler, Tony Hystek, taking out the overall event. More recently, many members have been involved in the Marathon 10 series, the Ocean series, Avon Descent, various multi-sport events, sprint meetings and Hawkesbury familiarisation paddles.

An incredible performance was achieved by Tom Simmat who won the Yukon 1000 (1600kms) in Canada and Alaska, finishing in less than 6 days.

On the infrastructure side our pontoon was extended to at least triple the size, speeding up times for getting on and off the river and greatly reducing queuing. This was thanks mainly to the hard work of Jeremy Spear. The pontoon is now known as "Jezza's Jetty". We have also acquired a paddling "ergo" machine for on land practice and style correction. We are hoping our next major acquisition will be a shed where we can store boats and equipment – the start of a clubhouse.

The strength of LCRK is in its members and the amazing amount of work they put into it. Our motto is "for Fun, Fitness and Training" and I believe these three ideals are ongoing. Members of other clubs, and those new to paddling, are always welcome down at the pontoon on Wednesday nights.

We were all very saddened by the news of the death on 5<sup>th</sup> September, of loyal and fun loving member, Frank McDonald. He had been suffering from mesothelioma for 18 months, which was diagnosed only a short time after he had paddled the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic successfully in 2008. His jovial, helpful manner will be sadly missed on Wednesday nights and at other events.

### Manly Warringah Kayak Club

2009 – 2010 has been a very active year for our club and I would like to thank our Committee for their efforts and enthusiasm during this period. A special thanks to Brett Greenwood for chairing the Committee meetings from March to June.

Every year we report on our members who are striving to reach their kayaking goals, usually for Olympic selection or World Championships.

This year we would like to congratulate the following athletes:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Championship</i>
Larissa Horsnell	World Championships; Doubles in Spain / Sept
Kate McGrath	World Championships; Singles in Spain / Sept
Wayne Dunbar	Junior teams, World Cup; 5 <sup>th</sup> trip so far overseas as junior
Murray Stewart	World Cup. World Championships.; World University Games
Jo Brigden – Jones	World Cup. World Championships; Ranked No 1 in the World
Torsten Lachman	World Championships; Sept
Mitchell Thompson	U/23 World Cup Sprint
Nick Dawe	U/23 World Cup Sprint
Alison Bryant	Juniors/Olympic hope team for Slovakia / Sept
Kristina Jenkins	Senior Sprint Team to World Cup and going to World Championships
Naomi Flood	Senior Sprint Team to World Cup and going to World Championships
Ben Wood	To World University Game
Rebecca Keelan	To World University Games
Tom Simmat	1 <sup>st</sup> place in the 1600km Yukon River Race

The events that M.W.K.C. participated in, organised or assisted during the year are as follows:

- World's Masters Games, 53 competitors and 214 medals, to be forever acclaimed at M.W.K.C.
- Ocean Series Races at Collaroy's Fisherman's Beach
- State Marathon held at Narrabeen and run by M.W.K.C.
- Pittwater Harbour Series Race. Run by M.W.K.C.
- Divisional Marathon Race at Narrabeen
- PaddleNSW Sprint event at S.I.R.C. managed by M.W.K.C

Other Activities at M.W.K.C. this year:

- Agreement with N.T.I.D. training group to operate out of our Club
- Raffle for Ocean Ski
- Seminar for Ocean Racers including guest speakers
- 3 times we held the Level 1 Coaching Courses for PaddleNSW with 32 participants. Great effort.
- Chantal Meek's classes re Kayak coaching clinic
- Farewell BBQ for Guy and Shelley
- Fundraising for Larissa and Kate

All these events and activities put singularly, are not as grand as World Championships and Olympics, but as a whole, just as important to the success of our Club in the long term, both financially and in particular, the wellbeing of our general community at M.W.K.C.

Other Achievements:

1. Winning for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in 8 years the Marathon Series, presented by PaddleNSW.
2. Finalising the water tanks installation, using our water grant funds organised by Peter Ryce
3. Gas hot water for all the elite paddlers on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
4. Honour Boards installed. Thanks to David James and Brett Greenwood.

5. We now have a point score system for our Sunday races which will give all members a chance to win an Epic paddle at the end of the year. This prize has been kindly donated by Tony King from Epic Kayaks.
6. Mario Vesely from Vajda Kayaks has pledged support for raising numbers of participants in our Sunday Race and we are also in the process of assisting Mario in the development of the Vajda Cup. The 1<sup>st</sup> round to be held at M.W.K.C. on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Finally, the Committee wishes to sincerely thank all of its members who participate in our special events, Sunday races, training squads and those who voluntarily carry out any task we ask of them

Their importance will be duly noted at our Christmas Party celebrations.

### Pacific Dragons Dragon Boat and Outrigger Canoe Club

Pacific Dragons Dragon Boat and Outrigger Canoe Club have had a spectacular season of achievements, events and great paddling experiences!

In dragon boating, the club had one of its strongest seasons. Our experienced paddlers blended well with the enthusiasm of our newer paddlers which translated to many successes on the water, including a clean sweep at the DBNSW Chinese New Year event and NSW State Titles, and 5 gold medals at the AusDBF Nationals in Adelaide. The season's highlight, however, was the club's achievements at the IDBF Club Crew World Championships, held in Macau in July. Some tough and intense racing saw gold medals adorn our Mixed crew in the 500m event and the Women's small boat crew in the 200m event. We also won silver medals in the 2,000m Mixed and 500m Women's races. The first international gold medals in the club's 17 year history! And a great reward for all the hard work and commitment of our paddlers and coaches. We already have our sights set on Hong Kong in two years' time.

The outriggering season saw many improvements in ocean racing, paddling endurance and the development of steerers. We spent a week embracing island culture in the Cook Islands at Vaka Eiva, where we competed in V6 Iron, OC1 16km, Sprints and the 35km Round Raro Race. We topped off the season with Australia's longest changes race; 43km along the Gold Coast.

The single craft season saw many new paddlers take up an OC1 or ski, learn some new skills, compete hard or just explore Sydney's waterways. We hosted a very successful PaddleNSW event on Australia Day: the Cockatoo Cupcake Cup, an eclectic mix of racing, dress-ups and cupcakes. With over 100 competitors, the event has grown to be a highlight of the single craft season!

Pacific Dragons appreciate the support and opportunities provided by the many paddling associations – DBNSW and AusDBF, AOCRA and PaddleNSW. The variety of opportunities provided by these associations means there's always a reason to get out on the water! This season we have had a big increase in paddlers becoming individual members of PaddleNSW and compete in more of the great variety of events on offer than before; the PD's value the additional opportunities that PaddleNSW have provided to our club and its members.

### Penrith Valley Canoeing

2009/10 was a successful year for Penrith Valley Canoeing. The slalom activities at Penrith Whitewater Stadium continued throughout the year with a small hiatus in July and August.

The year was highlighted with several of the juniors from this discipline gaining representation into Australian teams. PVC members who gained selection to represent Australia are as follows:

- Senior team – Jess Fox (C1W & K1W), Ethan Hodson (C1M) and Ben Hankinson (C2M)
- 22 team – Joey Croft (K1 M), Ian Borrows (C1M), Heather Caesar (K1W) and Alison Borrows (K1W)
- Junior team – Jess Fox (C1W & K1W), Alison Borrows (C1W & K1W) and Reilly Edwards (C1M)

Jess claimed two gold medals at the Junior World Championships in Foix for C1W and K1W, won a gold at World Cup 2 in Spain for C1W and represented Australia at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore claiming gold in the slalom competition.

Flatwater activities gained a lease of life after some years of minimal activity. In October last year the Thompson clan of Bec, Greg, Jarrod and Ben successfully completed the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic in a K4. Following on from this on Wednesday evenings a Daylight Saving Twilight Series saw paddlers come from all directions, experienced ex-Australian reps to beginners participated in these activities. It was very pleasing to see some slalom paddlers come across and try the different discipline.

Following on from this, a small-dedicated group has commenced paddling in the Marathon 10 Series with some encouraging result.

State Kayak Championships returned to the waters of the Nepean in May with the successful running of the 5km State Championships including the K4 challenge.

2009/10 saw some significant growth in our flatwater membership especially with the World Masters Games Kayak Marathon being held on "our" water.

Penrith Valley Canoeing is looking forward to 2010/11 with high expectations about growing our membership and developing a program for paddlers with disabilities.

## River Canoe Club

Invitations go out to all past members of the River Canoe Club to join in the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration to be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Please refer to [www.rivercanoeclub.com.au](http://www.rivercanoeclub.com.au)

Another fantastic club year has passed with good whitewater and lots of paddling for the members of the River Canoe Club. The Club's major focus is for recreational paddling on moving water, and this year saw trips on swollen rivers with sleet and snow to add to the excitement.

We would like to congratulate our two canoe polo players, Bob and Cassandra, who made the Australian team.

Membership is exploding. Of the 100 members: 6 are juniors interested in freestyle competition; 4 play canoe polo; 20 paddle flatwater; 9 are alumni non-paddlers; 2 honoree; 2 life members non-paddling; 2 life members very active paddlers &/or shuttle bunny; and the rest are very active whitewater paddlers. 1/3 of our members are female.

We are very proud of Helen Brownlee, long serving life member of the Club, who has been recently inducted into the International Hall of Fame for Whitewater.

The Club can now boast 14 whitewater instructors and guides – some with advanced level and others with qualifications in sea kayaking: 3 Canoe Polo Officials: 1 International Canoe Federation Official. Thanks to PaddleNSW for their financial assistance in raising the number of qualified members who actively train within the Club. The Club has introduced many new safety procedures for the conduct of paddling trips.

With PaddleNSW assistance all registrations and events are completed online.

The Club participated in the Marrickville Council Sport a Month in December, the Wolli Creek Preservation Society tours and Come and Try days where 50 or 60 people were introduced to paddling and exploring the Cooks River by boat. And clean up the Cooks river local projects.

Penrith Whitewater Stadium is the whitewater paddler training ground, and on any one day 10 – 15 members can be found trying new moves to hone their skills.

Many of our members can now call themselves Willow Warriors, especially after assisting with the clearing of all willows in the upper Wingecarribee. We have been rewarded with some wonderful paddling opportunities and at times access to areas otherwise closed to the public.

## Windsor Canoe Club

I have thoroughly enjoyed the year as president and I take great pride in reflecting on a great many achievements attained by our club members. We continue to raise our profile in the paddling community and are renowned for our ability to organise events and support the endeavours of other clubs.

This year has seen us focus on education as an integral part of our development. Tony gave members an opportunity to develop their skills in resuscitation. This was a practical session that gave members confidence in their ability to revive a patient through CPR. The club thanks Tony for his time and his expertise.

To assist the club run our events safely Bruce Duffy ran a power boat rescue session. This session was invaluable as we were given the chance to retrieve people from the water safely and efficiently. We urge all members to take advantage of Bruce's next session when the weather warms up.

The purchase of our inflatable rescue boat reflects our commitment to member's safety. It is proving to be an integral part of our Tuesday night races. It was also bought to assist with coaching, and I look forward to seeing it used with the school groups during summer.

Luke and Sarah attended a Level 1 Coaching course and are looking forward to sharing their newfound skills.

Sarah and Les have begun a more formalised juniors program on Tuesday afternoon. We have a skills checklist that forms the framework for our juniors program. To assist with junior development we purchased a junior K1 to be used by our younger paddlers.

Lyle coordinated a garden makeover for Renae Watkins a past Windsor Canoe Club member who has faced a very challenging year. Approximately ten members turned up at Callala Bay to help Renae prepare her garden to hopefully make it more appealing for the sale of the house. I was amazed when several members turned up to help who really didn't know Renae. One member had not even met Renae before. This was a wonderful day as it proved to me that we are more than just a kayak club. This was a very rewarding experience and our best wishes are with Renae.

We are pleased to have our new club t-shirt and our vibrant new jacket. Our thanks go to Warren and Clayton for organising these highly desirable clothing options. These clothes certainly make us stand out from the crowd and give us a feeling of club unity.

Lyle should be commended for his contribution as clubhouse captain and his continued efforts with Come and Try days, coaching and family paddles. His commitment to the club is second to none. He is an integral part of the club and we are very fortunate to have him.

Our fundraising efforts have now become a reality with a team of members helping with car parking at the Hawkesbury Show. Richmond Rotary Club presented us with \$700 as payment for our contribution. Hopefully, this will become an annual event for us and we will see even more members give up some time next year.

We have a Bunnings BBQ coming up and I urge you to support Jenny and Gary in making this a success. Neil has coordinated efforts with the soap fundraiser and he was responsible for laying turf around the container. Steven has very kindly donated drinks to the club and these have been very popular and are greatly appreciated with our fundraising efforts.

Our Tuesday night BBQ's have been popular and I thank Ian for serving up some great steaks. These have been a welcome change from the traditional sausage sandwich.

I am really impressed with the way people have been challenging themselves to further their paddling skills. People have been choosing to paddle K boats with great success. Many have made the transition and are now seeing the fruits of their labour.

My thanks go to Warren and the race committee who ensure the Tuesday races run smoothly and our Marathon 10 Race is run professionally.

We are lucky to have the most amazing publicity officer. Paul is renowned for creating great stories and keeps the local papers up to date with our results both at club level and beyond. Paul's love of paddling is reflected in his writing and I thank him for his enthusiasm.

Our results throughout the year have been outstanding. We have seen Sarah attend the World Championships in Portugal. Sarah is the first athlete from WCC to be selected in an Australian Team. Her selection was an amazing achievement and her 12<sup>th</sup> place was the equal best of any Australian crew. She won a bronze medal in the 35 Years Masters event. This followed her bronze medal in the World Cup race in Denmark.

Sarah was also presented with the Hawkesbury Gazette Veteran Athlete of the Year Award. This award and her back page stories in the Gazette gave our club great publicity and generated interest from the wider community. My award for Coach of the Year was a great honour and once again gave me the opportunity to raise the profile of our club.

The great thing about Sarah's inclusion in the Australian Team was that it bought our club closer together. Financial assistance was given to Sarah by various club fundraising events. Gareth and Vicki's movie night was a great success. This united approach was great to see and it showed once again that we have a club that cares about people. I know that Sarah was overwhelmed by the generosity of club members.

I cannot speak highly enough of the Executive team, Jenny, Tom and Luke. They have worked tirelessly to ensure the club runs smoothly. They have spent numerous hours sorting out issues that the team inherited. The team have worked very well together and I thank them for their commitment to their roles.

I thank you for the support you have given me throughout the year. I have been proud to be a part of the executive team and most of all thanks for your friendship.



## PADDLESPORTS REVIEW

### CANOE POLO

Sydney Canoe Polo competition continues to develop, with two successful seasons each year (unfortunately attempts to get a winter season going continue to fail due to lack of interest). The numbers are still low, but gradually improving.

There are still a number of great country competitions run each year. The new Paddlefest competition was very successful. Unfortunately, it looks like the 2 Hunter Valley competitions (Charlestown and Queens Wharf) are doubtful in the future.

The first of a new series of monthly Saturday PM competitions was held recently and was very well attended.

An important goal of the polo Committee is to get the number of participants up, and to generate some income, to allow improvement of the gear that is available to beginners.

Apart from the committee, polo is blessed with a core of players who are always ready to help out with equipment, planning, coaching, etc. whenever needed. Without their efforts it would be impossible to keep the sport going.

Special mention should be made of our 3 national representatives (Bob Simms, Cassandra Simms, and Craig Hutchinson) who, apart from the heavy training program, are always ready to referee and to spend time with beginners.

I personally would like to thank Anna Ward and Richard Barnes for their great effort throughout the year on the canoe polo Committee as without them little would have happened.

### MARATHON

#### Marathon 10

Marathon in NSW is still achieving good support even after some recent difficult times.

Last year's great conclusion to the Marathon 10 series at Cooks River was the culmination of a year's hard work by marathon conveners Roger Aspinall and Liz Wilson. Quantum Kayaks provided the series with a K1 to be drawn from all race entrants at the awards dinner, and was won by Judy Greenwich, well deserved after years of support for the sport.

On-line registration for entries was introduced mid-way through 2009 following difficulties getting registrations completed in time for the start at earlier series.

In 2010, the timing system, which was showing its age, finally called it quits at Narrabeen, the most popular event of the season. Manual results were taken, though not perfect, and a new timing system that was being evaluated at the time, was quickly brought on-line. After several difficult events that followed, where the intricacies of the system were exposed, the system now is working well, with results available immediately after the event, directly to competitor's emails.

Equipment and timing systems are factors relatively easy to manage. However, the lack of volunteer support after Roger Aspinall moved north to Queensland, has made life very difficult for the PNSW Management Committee, and especially Liz Wilson, who took over the running of the events. We thank her for the dedication and commitment she has shown to the series even through often trying personal circumstances.

Following a call for support, a new Marathon Technical Committee has been formed, which will be learning the ropes as they gradually take control of the Marathon 10 Series.



Photograph (cropped) courtesy of Tony Carr

It is likely the series will be reduced to 8 races in 2011, in order to avoid clashes with the Harbour Series and major Sprint competitions happening early in the year. Such decisions will be the responsibility of the Technical Committee in future. Further changes are likely as new ways are introduced to improve the experience for competitors and spectators alike. However, the 9 division, 5km lap format with portages where possible, will remain as the standard format for the series.

### State Marathon Championships

The State Marathon Championships were held at Narrabeen in February prior to the National Championships in April. As the Nationals were held in Adelaide, fewer competitors than normal made the trip, though some were rewarded with selection to the National team to compete in Spain in September/October 2010.

Larissa Horsnell and Kate McGrath were both selected, and received support from the Marathon Technical Committee and PaddleNSW toward their trip.

The State Championships were not well supported this year, causing the Technical Committee to rethink the way the State Team is selected. It is likely that the team for 2011 will be selected at the last 2010 Marathon 10 event at Penrith, and details of how this will be managed will be released shortly.

### Northern Marathon Series

In a change from the customary 5-race format, the series was extended to 6 events this year for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the series, with a race added at Forster an anniversary of the first race 10 years ago. The series has been very successful this year, however the future of the series is in similar plight to that of the Marathon 10. Long-standing convenors Bob Berridge and Jo Holman are standing down, so replacement organisers are eagerly sought to keep this niche series happening in 2011.

## OPEN WATER (OCEAN) RACING

This year the focus of PaddleNSW as far as Open Water is concerned was to provide open water events for a wide range of paddlers. PaddleNSW honed in on Harbour Racing, given there already existed a number of suitable events. To provide the safety of an association structure for organisers, PaddleNSW incorporated Harbour Racing Inc. on 1 October 2009 and then formed a Committee to run what became known as the Harbour Series. Five events were run by the five participating groups as follows:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Number of Participants</i>
Balmoral Blast	103
Cronulla Blast	84
Northbridge Baths	106
Rose Bay Time Trial	135
MWKC Pittwater	157

The series was sponsored by Bing Lee, LG and Epic Kayaks and all events were run through the PaddleNSW online entry system so all paddlers were insured through the AC scheme. The series was very popular and there has been a lot of feedback from paddlers keenly anticipating next year's series.

In June, in line with a push to establish the full range of technical committees and give them the appropriate responsibilities, PaddleNSW decided to initiate an Open Water Technical Committee to manage its running of Open Water affairs in NSW.

Kobi Simmat was appointed the Chairman of the Open Water Technical Committee and he was joined on the Committee by Robert Tobias and Glen Orchard. The main focus of the Committee in its early stages is to run an Open Water Coach's Accreditation course and to manage the setting up of good safety standards to be adopted by groups who run Open Water events.

An Open Water Coach's syllabus has been produced by Ian Dewey, Education Officer of AC. The Open Water Technical Committee is currently engaged in setting up an accreditation course which will hopefully be held within the last few months of 2010. It is intended that the first course will involve as many current coaches as possible. Once accredited, these coaches will be in a position to accredit new coaches and thereby expand the expertise to a much wider spectrum of paddlers.

The first event of Pacifica, a new Open Water paddling club based at Fishermans Beach Long Reef was held on 15 August 2010. The Club was incorporated and all members have become PaddleNSW members. This club is intending to run a series of Open Water events towards the end of 2010.

Manly Paddlers has a long tradition of holding informal paddles with a mixture of lifesavers and other paddlers. Manly Paddlers has now become an incorporated body and will soon affiliate with PaddleNSW. This arrangement will protect the organisers and provide insurance to all the paddlers doing events arranged by Manly Paddlers.

## RECREATIONAL PADDLING

Group recreational paddling continues to bring members, their partners and friends together for fun, exercise and exploration. Feedback shows that it is a valued component of PNSW membership.

In the past 12 months our programme has expanded to include paddles outside the greater Sydney area and we featured a weekend paddle for the first time. This was to the Myall Lakes area and was organised by a new club, the Port Macquarie-Hastings River Canoe Club. Paddles are sponsored and organised by the clubs and PNSW is grateful to the Sutherland Shire, Lane Cove, Central Coast and Port Macquarie-Hastings River Clubs in particular, for a diverse and interesting series of events. The paddles are held approximately once a month and typically attract around 20 paddlers. Locations visited in 2009/10 included the Central Coast, Refuge Bay, Islands of the Lower Hawkesbury, Northern Rivers, Pittwater, Middle Harbour and Myall Lakes.

The format is simple. Participants must pre-register. There is no charge for members. Non-members pay \$20 for single day insurance cover. Hire boats are usually available for those without a suitable craft. We all bring our own lunch and beverages. The Recreational Paddle Committee handles all promotions, and the registration process and PNSW arranges insurance cover. The sponsoring club provides a trip leader and determines the route to be followed. Often trip leaders have paddled the spot for years and have great stories to tell about the history and ecology of the area. Kayak club leaders have the opportunity to showcase their "neck of the woods" and paddlers often return with their families at a later date for further exploration. Skills workshops are organised with fully qualified instructor, Christine Heywood, who takes newcomers through the basics of technique, focusing on safety aspects and self-rescue.

Recreational Paddle Committee Member, Trish Hamilton's views sum up how many of us feel about the series:

*"New friendships have been made and the knowledge of our waterways has expanded. Those of us who have taken part have had some wonderful trips and it would be great to extend further into other parts of NSW, but we would need to attract more volunteers to organise and lead trips. We'd also like to run two paddles a month, but again more trip leaders would be required. Most kayakers are not competitive, so Recreational Paddles represent the best way to attract more of them to PNSW membership".*

The Committee would particularly like to thank Lynn Parker and the Executive for their support and encouragement.

## SLALOM/WILDWATER

With declining rainfall and drought conditions through most of NSW the sport of wildwater kayaking has been largely affected. Having said this, we have still been able to send away a handful of junior paddlers to the Junior World Wildwater Championships held in Buoch's Switzerland, the World Cup in Tasmania, Junior Pre-World Wildwater Championships in Czech Republic and in January 2010 the Australian Schools Wildwater Championships in Eldon, Victoria. All our Juniors did remarkably well with very competitive results. So much so that their efforts have been rewarded with a School Blue and a World Ranking of 4<sup>th</sup> in Open Mens C2 to say the least.

Although battling the elements we are striving to keep the sport alive and will be hosting the 2010 Australian Wildwater Championships on Goolang Creek Nymboida in October. This promises to bring some of our states finest out of the woodwork and give our juniors opportunity to see just how the sport is paddled.

The most memorable thing in Slalom is the achievements of the NSW paddlers both Junior and Senior in the tours overseas. In particular, Jess Fox with medals at pre-worlds, Junior Worlds, K1 & C1, competing at worlds, and the Lawrence sisters, of course.

Junior development of the sport is coming along with PVC and NTIS group called the JETS as a very good model and plans for junior coaches. Greater participation arising from the efforts of people such as Anita Roach, Peter McIntyre and Lawrie Lawrence should see a great level of participation in slalom in the younger years, both at the NSW Champs and Nationals at Nymboida.

I would like to thank once again our volunteers for their support which is largely a thankless and not-for-profit job.

## SPRINT RACING

This year PaddleNSW, again in conjunction with host clubs, conducted Sprint Events in 2009-2010 which included :

- State 500m and 1000m Sprints
- State 5000m Flatwater Championships (hosted by Penrith Valley Canoe Club)
- State 10,000m Flatwater Championships

PaddleNSW would like to thank all those volunteers and Penrith Valley Canoe Club for their support and outstanding assistance to all the paddlers of NSW. Again without their support, the events could not take place.

## SPRINT SERIES

Following on from 2009, PaddleNSW continued to run the Four Event Sprint Series. The events were designed as a low cost format for competitors of all levels based around elapsed time, regardless of gender, boat type, age, etc. The format worked as in 2009 with management falling to the clubs volunteering their support. This year, with slightly declining numbers and a busy calendar of events, only four of our Sydney based clubs came to the fore :

- Manly Warringah Kayak Club
- Penrith Valley Canoeing
- Sydney Northern Beaches Kayak Club
- Windsor Kayak Club

Our numbers to these events being around 40, meant that these clubs volunteered without benefit to themselves. So it is appreciated that these clubs offer up their volunteers with no financial gain to the club itself. Although the events break even it is PaddleNSW's intention to continue the series in the hope to build the sport of sprint racing. Again, we call upon people to stand on the Sprint Paddlesport Committee to lighten the load of those who are giving their time and support to building the sport.

## INSURANCE AND SAFETY REVIEW

### INSURANCE CLAIMS AND PREMIUMS

There have been no insurance claims brought to the notice of PaddleNSW, for personal injuries over the 2009-10 membership year.

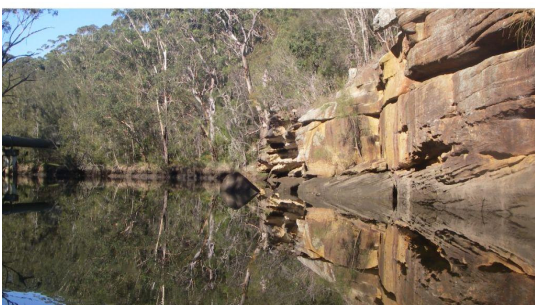
This was the first year that insurance was provided by Australian Canoeing as part of interim affiliation. The insurance cover for members was strengthened over previous arrangements by the insistence that members be covered for personal accident insurance while participating in any paddling activity, whether training, recreation or competition.

It is the determination of PaddleNSW that this level of insurance be continued into the future.

A new initiative, and one that is undergoing further refinements as the year progresses, is the provision of boat insurance for members. A new policy document recently released makes the conditions of the policy more readily available to members, and should improve the take-up rate. PaddleNSW acts as a payment gateway for this insurance, which is only available to members. Some claims have already be honoured, in very rapid time.

### FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

Several First Aid courses have been conducted by PaddleNSW for members. One has recently been cancelled through lack of numbers, however the courses will still be offered in future, especially for members undergoing accreditation for Guide, Instructor or Coach qualifications. First Aid will always be an important aspect of the PaddleNSW education initiative. PaddleNSW is able to provide these courses at reduced rates for members.



*Photograph (cropped) courtesy of Susie Linn*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FINANCIAL REPORT

As at year ended 30 June 2010

#### Income Statement

- The major source of income for 2009/10 was membership fees of \$98,135 the increase being partly attributable to the 25% increase in adult memberships and partly to the increase in members.
- Government Grants have increased due to the successful submission of applications for specific projects \$15,000 and the receipt of 2 years funding in the year.
- The receipt of \$13,156 from funds held in trust on behalf of NSW Canoeing Slalom committee has been considered a windfall gain and will be applied to the development of the slalom discipline in NSW.
- Harbour Racing income is derived from single event membership and as such has been included in membership income (\$1.075).

#### Balance Sheet

- The Balance Sheet shows Paddle NSW to be in excellent financial health. With Member's Equity of \$182,746.
- There have been several equipment purchases this financial year including computers and sound systems. All assets are at this point in time being depreciated over 4 years using a straight -line method.

#### Emerging Issues

- With the income of PaddleNSW now exceeding \$150,000 the organisation becomes liable to submit BAS returns.

It is the responsibility of the Management Committee to ensure that the assets of the organisation are applied to maximize the outcomes for members and ensure the ongoing sustainability of the organisation.

The current Management Committee have shown prudent and responsible fiscal management. However:

- The accumulation of funds will require the development of budgets and plans to acquit those funds to ensure the ongoing development of the sport in a sustainable manner.
- The opportunity to manage and activate these budgets and plans is reliant on the support of proactive, responsible, accountable and supportive discipline and associated sub-committees supporting the PaddleNSW Management committee. The absence of these are putting undue demands on the management and administrative resources.
- It is the responsibility of the member base to address the above issue as in any organisation the people contributing to its success are its greatest asset.



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## INCOME STATEMENT

As at year ended 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010 \$'s	2009 \$'s
<b>Income</b>			
Membership Fees		96,191	45,885
Marathon Income		16,537	17,955
Canoe Polo		6,632	6,536
Sprint Income		9,608	11,282
Education Income		5,644	-
		<u>134,611</u>	<u>81,658</u>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Government Grants		56,000	20,000
Other Income	A	14,607	4,386
		<u>70,607</u>	<u>24,386</u>
		<u>205,218</u>	<u>106,044</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Marathon Expenses		15,552	13,548
Slalom		1,388	
Canoe Polo Expenses		8,967	6,520
Sprint Expenses		10,639	18,740
Harbour Series		2,522	
Education		1,899	
Salary and Wages		12,434	
Advertising		1,964	1,826
Affiliation Fees		40,000	530
Bank Fees		147	424
Clothing		1,687	580
Depreciation		4,080	1,074
Insurance			9,613
Internet		1,243	1,574
Membership Expenses			1,896
Newsletter		153	1,877
Office Expenses			602
Postage		1,514	420
Printing and Stationery		2,394	489
Telephone		1,322	956
Training		263	865
Travel Expenses		2,172	898
Other Expenses		2,682	786
		<u>113,022</u>	<u>63,219</u>
<b>Net Income</b>		<u>92,196</u>	<u>42,825</u>

**BALANCE SHEET**

As at year ended 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010	2009
		\$'s	\$'s
<b>Assets</b>			
<i>Current Assets</i>			
Cash at bank	1	53,364	63,773
Cash in Investment		120,000	-
Undeposited Funds		3,252	-
Other Receivables	2	1,494	22,109
Inventories	3	8,390	5,775
Consumables		2,850	2,772
		<u>189,349</u>	<u>94,428</u>
<i>Non-Current Assets</i>			
Plant & Equipment	4	12,186	4,483
		<u>12,186</u>	<u>4,483</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>201,535</u>	<u>98,911</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<i>Current Liabilities</i>			
Trade Payables		7,289	2,004
Other Liabilities	5	1,886	1,248
Memberships in Advance		13,341	8,836
		<u>22,516</u>	<u>12,088</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>22,516</u>	<u>12,088</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>179,019</u>	<u>86,823</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Opening Members' Equity		86,823	43,999
NSW Canoeing		0	0
Current Year Net Income		92,196	42,825
<b>Net Equity</b>	6	<u>179,019</u>	<u>86,823</u>



**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

As at year ended 30 June 2010

	Notes	2010	2009
		\$'s	\$'s
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts from Members		109,532	54,870
Receipts from Marathon Events		16,537	19,198
Receipts from Canoe Polo		6,536	6,536
Receipts from Sprint Events		9,608	11,282
Receipts from Education		5,644	-
Receipts from Other Income	A	14,607	21,119
Government Grants		56,000	-
Payments to Suppliers		<u>(93,837)</u>	<u>-70,791</u>
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>		124,626	42,213
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
Payments for Plant & Equipment		<u>(11,783)</u>	<u>-5,557</u>
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>		(11,783)	-5,557
Net Increase in Cash Held		112,843	36,656
Net Cash at Beginning of Year		<u>63,773</u>	<u>27,117</u>
Cash at end of year		<u>176,616</u>	<u>63,773</u>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As at year ended 30 June 2010

Notes		2010	2009
A	<b>Other Income</b> Other income includes an amount paid to PaddleNSW from money held in trust by Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre on behalf of the NSW Canoe Slalom committee of \$13,156	14,607	4,386
1	<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b> Cash at Bank - ANZ Cash in Investments Cash on hand	53,364 120,000 3,252	63,773 - -
2	<b>Other Receivables</b> Government Grant Trade Debtors Deposits	0 1,494 0	20,000 1,109 1,000
		<u>1,494</u>	<u>22,109</u>
3	<b>Inventories</b> Clothing	8,390	5,775
4	<b>Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b> <i>Plant &amp; Equipment</i> At Cost Less: Accumulated Depreciation	17,340 (5,154)	5,557 (1,074)
		<u>12,185</u>	<u>4,483</u>

### *Movements in Carrying Amounts*

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Plant & Equipment	Total
Balance at 1 July 2009	5,557	5,557
Additions	11,783	11,783
Depreciation	(5,154)	(5,154)
Disposals	0	0
Closing Balance at 30 June 2010	<u>12,186</u>	<u>12,186</u>

Notes	2010	2009	
5	<b>Other Liabilities</b>		
	Accrued Expenses	1,886	1,248
6	<b>Net Equity</b>		
	Opening Balance of Members' Contributions	86,823	43,999
	Contributions from NSW Canoeing on Winding Up	0	0
	Current Year Excess Members' Contributions	92,196	42,825
	Closing Balance of Members' Contributions	<u>179,019</u>	<u>86,823</u>

## FUTURE DIRECTION

While we have been able to accumulate some valuable working capital through careful management of expenditure, the reliance on volunteer contributions is unsustainable in the longer term. The management committee is faced with the responsibility to ensure longevity of the association through good business management practices, requiring the development of systems for our administrative activities, and hiring staff to conduct them. In the short term, it has resulted in the employment of two valuable office staff, one (Sarah Grant) to manage the website, and another (Janine Sim) to look after office administration and memberships. Between them, they account for 32 office hours per week, and their recruitment has brought much needed relief for the management committee.

Improved access to our waterways in general will require a great deal of negotiation with Statutory Authorities, Councils and National Parks, highlighting the need for the creation of a parallel 'paddlesport industry association'. By uniting the many businesses and individuals involved in the promotion and marketing of paddling, we will have a much improved profile and greater lobbying power with the decision-makers.

It is essential for our longevity that a succession plan is in place, that new people can be introduced to the myriad of processes and policies the association must consider, and that they be given the means to take the association forward.

Whatever the future may bring, it must not be shackled by the limitations of association with any other party, whether financially or by constitution. PaddleNSW' prime focus must be servicing the needs of its members, and from the accompanying data from our on-line registration process, we know that a substantial number of paddlers engage in non-competitive activities. In addition, the recent efforts to engage the ocean racing fraternity has been rewarded with a large number of new memberships, primarily as a result of the inaugural harbour racing series.

It is highly likely that in the near future, a number of committee members will not be recontesting their place on the Board of PaddleNSW. Every effort must be made to introduce new candidates to the operations of PaddleNSW before any change in management committee structure.



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