

PADDLENSW INC.

Annual Report 2011



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OVERVIEW

PaddleNSW has now completed its third year of operation as an association. It has been an amazing journey of growth, both in membership numbers and services to members. While most of our activities have been conducted behind the scenes, some have had a more direct effect on members.

For the first time, we were able to source a provider of very cost effective boat insurance, and coupled this with our membership renewals process to give our members some added value to their membership. We actively engaged the IT world in creating a new website to be unveiled at the 2011 AGM.

We started the year on a sound financial footing, due to our earlier restrained expenditure and the contribution of many volunteer hours by the management committee. Primary expenditure this year involved the payment of AC affiliation fees and the employment of a paid staff, initially for 16 hrs / week. Additional administration assistance was sourced for several projects, especially those of education development and membership processing, taking our combined office hours up to 38 hrs / week. See 'personnel'.

Commencing this year, PaddleNSW has actively developed the 'Paddle Australia' event sanctioning process. It provides organisations new to paddling an opportunity to conduct events with the guarantee of event quality through guidance by the State Association and Australian Canoeing. Several very successful events have been held in diverse locations throughout the state, and the process is opening up new opportunities for PaddleNSW to extend its sphere of influence.

Some Paddlesports Technical Committees, in particular Marathon and Open Water, have excelled at promoting and developing their area of paddlesports. Their summaries can be found later in this report.

OFFICE BEARERS

Elected Committee members at the 2010 AGM were:

Tony Hystek

Lynn Parker

Tim Hookins

Chris Thompson

Andrew Mathers

Andrew Mackay

Andrew Mackay stood down not long after the meeting, due to difficulties relating to his location in Dubbo.

David Lunn joined the committee not long after the AGM, to take on the role of Treasurer.

PERSONNEL

Following expansion of the Education Programme, it was realised that paid administration assistance was essential. After advertising in several sport administration-oriented publications, PaddleNSW engaged Janine Sim for several months on a part-time basis. She proved invaluable in processing memberships and performing our varied administrative tasks, but resigned after several months to take up full-time employment elsewhere. At that time, Australian Canoeing were forced to make some staffing cuts due to funding changes, and Una Mackay was contracted to PaddleNSW on a 4 day per week basis. She continued Janine's good work, but left unexpectedly just prior to the contract with Australian Canoeing coming to completion.



There followed another search for an Executive Officer, but without success. In the meantime, Marie Carr was engaged to fill the vacancy on a temporary basis. This was the situation at the end of the membership year, and remains in place at the time of the AGM.

Marie, who has extensive skills in document design and management, has transformed the PaddleNSW office, and has been instrumental in creating an efficient document management system, while also standardising the look and layout of all PaddleNSW documents.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

The 2010-11 membership year saw the consolidation and development of the ideas and fledgling programmes of previous years. These include core components of PaddleNSW, such as education, insurance and paddlesports development.

It also signalled the move toward greater involvement with organisations such as NSW Maritime, where the development of paddler safety programmes, and the opportunity to contribute to several of their committees has given PaddleNSW a voice in the wider community.

The 'Start Paddling' project finally commenced with the engagement of videographer Brett Clancy to create a short 'pilot' version of the full production. With valuable financial assistance from the NSW DSR grant scheme, and direct contributions from NSW Maritime and PaddleNSW, the final pilot video was largely completed during the early months of 2011. It briefly covers topics including basic waterways rules, lifejackets, lighting at night, crossing harbour channels and preparation for a paddle on open water.

NSW Maritime actively embraced the project, providing watercraft, personnel, and as mentioned, the all-important funding contribution. The finished product was presented by NSW Maritime to the Australian and New Zealand Boating Safety Committee, along with the overall concept and proposed full list of topics to be covered in the project.

In response to a tragic boating collision on Sydney Harbour, a report was commissioned on Safety on the Harbour, to be conducted by an independent assessor. PaddleNSW was able to contribute to this report by creating a comprehensive on-line survey at short notice. An amazing response was provided by over one hundred of our members, in less than 6 days. The amount and quality of information gathered provided invaluable assistance to the authors of the report, and PaddleNSW members should be justifiably proud of this contribution.

Paddlesports development has continued, with the rejuvenation of the Marathon and Canoe Polo Committees, the rapid growth of Open Water activities and the ever-popular Recreational Programme.

New Committee recruit Andrew Mathers has been instrumental in guiding the association down the IT pathway, initiating research and implementation of a new 'content management' based website that will provide members with a huge range of new information and the ability to contribute to that information resource. Included in the website will be a National Waterways database that will provide information on every waterway known to members, with the possibility that the latest conditions met on that waterway will be noted on the website.

During this membership year, a new constitution was developed, and adopted following almost universal approval from the membership. It is summarised elsewhere in this report, but in short, the previous 'Model Rules' based constitution has been replaced by a new 'Sports Specific' constitution more in line with the requirements of the Australian Canoeing constitution. However, it still maintains the individuality and independence of the NSW association as a priority.

There will no longer be office bearers elected annually. Instead, committee members will be elected according to the particular skills they bring to the association, and from amongst these MC members, a Chairperson is elected.



As a reflection of the emphasis placed on better-organised paddling, several new clubs have formed this year, many citing Open Water paddling as their primary activity. This reflects the increasing growth of this particular facet of our sport, and the desire of organisers of these paddlers to be more adequately protected from liability for their own personal contributions.

PaddleNSW was for the first time contracted to Communities NSW to assess and recommend guidelines for the safe conduct of paddling activities at all the NSW DRS camps for juniors. This was conducted very successfully, and more information can be found on this substantial project later in this report.

For some, the fact that PaddleNSW 'exceeded the GST threshold' may be regarded as a nuisance, but for PaddleNSW it means that we are now required to report quarterly BAS statements and charge GST on our transactions. On the positive side, it indicates that our 'business' is growing, and we are dealing with a substantial cash flow, requiring careful financial management and compliance into the future.

FUTURE DIRECTION

Our association is growing. Membership fees and DSR assistance have till now provided the basis for running our 'business', however continued development of services requires additional income through the engagement of industry in a co-operative and mutually beneficial way. New income opportunities developed through sponsorship, advertising and the provision of specialised services will provide resources for increasing the quantity and quality of assets available to members. It will also provide the funds necessary to complete current major projects such as the Start Paddling programme, the creation of new State Competition series such as the NSW Ocean Racing series, the continued development of existing Paddlesport Series, and specialised programmes such as Adaptive Paddling.

Paddler education will be expanded, and more facilities grants pursued through our expanding connections with statutory authorities.

While we look forward to new horizons, we must never abandon our core function, that of providing services for our members, and the many clubs they support.

A concerted effort will be made to better engage with clubs, to support them with services and advice, and to assist in matters of governance and compliance. Clubs are the backbone of organised paddlesports in NSW, and their continued good health is of vital importance to the ongoing success of the association that links them.

Tony Hystek



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

EDUCATION

Offering education and training opportunities to members, clubs and industry continued to be a major PaddleNSW objective for 2010 - 2011.

Firstly, the Management Committee would like to thank Therese (Buzz) Powell, Margi Bohm, Andy Halliday and Richard Alder for their considerable advice and assistance in the areas of coaching and ACAS course delivery. Many other specialists in their areas have stepped forward to conduct the coach and instructor courses delivered by PaddleNSW. Industry and PaddleNSW has combined to bring the latest in product and skill to local forums and events like the Coffs Harbour Sea Skills Workshop and the PaddleFest held on Lake Macquarie. We thank Skee Kayaks in Coffs Harbour and Expedition Kayaks of Sydney for their great effort.

All this could not be possible without the considerable support of the NSW Government, Communities (Sport and Recreation) who generously awarded PaddleNSW \$12,000 during the previous financial year, although the allocation has continued in this reporting year.

The objective of the first two Communities grants received in 2010 and 2011 is to increase the number of qualified coaches and Instructors in clubs across the State. We have worked hard to make this equitable, with funds available to all PaddleNSW clubs. However, about 50% of clubs did not take advantage of courses on offer.

To ensure funds were spent carefully the process adopted was to refund graduates their course and registration expenses if the club endorsed that they would become a club instructor/guide or coach. This also enabled courses to be open to the public or to members on a user pay process and gain the qualification for other reasons.

Following is a list of clubs, their graduates and awards that have been recipients from this grant. We have included those to whom PaddleNSW has also committed funds because they are "nearly" complete. We do hope this happens in the very near future or funds will need to be returned to Communities.

Club/ Section	Accomm	Travel	Course Cost	Rego	Total	Instr.	Coach	Name
PNSW	710		1,012	420	2,142			Delivery/ Admin expenses
BAK			360	120	480		2	Russell Lutton Carolyn Williams
BCCC								
BGCC	285			525	810	2	6	Helen Tongway Margi Bohn Tom Hicks Madelaine Chad Roslyn Hickson Alan Clark Russel Murphy James Suthern



Club/ Section	Accomm	Travel	Course Cost	Rego	Total	Instr.	Coach	Name
BRCC			180	764	944	5		Shantal Zervos Philip Benfield Richard Williams Emma Williams Charlie Taikakara
CBCC								
CCCC			180	60	240		1	Craig Dodd
CSCK								
DCC		96	360	402	858	2		Lance McCabe Paul Brandon
FNCCC			900	807	1,707	5	1	Colin Cussell Barbara Davies Bruce Taylor Martin Smith James Rogers Paul Yager
GLCC								
HVCC								
ICC			95	322	417	1	2	Sharyn Cahill Kirsty Higgison Mark Higgison
JP					60		1	Merridy Huxley
LCRK			540	422	962	3	1	James Newman Matthew Swann Andrew Mathers Tony Hystek
MWKC			360	180	540		3	Bert Lloyd David Hipsley Lee Killingworth
MISC/ NON CLUB						7	4	Industry
NBOCC								
PDBOCC								



Club/ Section	Accomm	Travel	Course Cost	Rego	Total	Instr.	Coach	Name
PVCC				120	120		2	David Lunn Liz Wilson
RCC			360	744	1,104	6		Tim Sindle Markus Bisbing Ali Parker Gaye Foster Tracy Hudson Lynn Parker
SCKC	95	75		303	473	2		Andy Halliday Paul Fraser
SNBCC								
SSCC			180	60	240		1	Bill Graham
StGKC								
TIKOCC								
TUM								
WBCC								
WCC				360	120		2	Luke Ommundson Sarah O'Connell
WTC			180	140	320	1		Deborah Cuneen
WW				280	280	2		Jeff Cottrell Steven Body
TOTAL	1,090	171	4,707	6,093	11,880	36	26	

PaddleNSW has been successful in gaining another grant for this year, \$6000 to continue with increasing the numbers of coaches and instructors. In this we need your help. Firstly that you will find reason to assist others to improve their skills and that you could be the one to bring this about. Register for a course now.

PaddleNSW Director Tim Hookins is everywhere when it comes to Open Water and it seems only fitting that PeddleNSW should be the organisation that develops the first coaching course in this area in Sydney. It has been exciting to see the open water champions and specialists come together to thrash out the key elements to coaching others to master the ocean, "broken water", "open water", "off shore" and all the changing weather conditions and safety needs for training and racing. Buzz Powell with her considerable coach and assessor experience is directing the content.

Athlete and Coach Travel Assistance

Communities NSW also supported young country athletes and their coaches by reimbursing some of their travel expenses to State age competition and training camps. Many of these kids have been featured in our PaddleNSW monthly newsletters and the common theme is their love for paddling and keenness to improve their skill.



The following members shared \$3000. A further \$3000 has been allocated to this next year - so save your receipts now.

Lydia Toms	Lisa Allen
Addison McCormack	Claire Firkin
Blake McCormack	Anita Roach
Jake Perram	Kate Lawrence
Anna Bain	Shane Ison

The Start Paddling DVD pilot has been completed with \$6000 support from Communities (DSR). Tony Hystek and Brett Clancy, a fellow paddler and filmmaker, are focussing on safety when kayaking in all waterways. This short pilot is to be used to seek sponsors to fund the completion of the Start Paddling Video, a long-term goal of PaddleNSW but one that will help every paddler in Australia.

Earlier in 2011, PaddleNSW undertook a large project for Communities – this time is was to evaluate the safety aspects of the eleven Sport and Recreation Camps across NSW. We would like to thank Andrew Love, ACAS instructor and teacher of many years experience for his detailed report and risk analyses. The Sport and Recreation executive signed off on all the PaddleNSW recommendations and (they) are to be implemented into all centre programs and procedures as of now (or at least, the very near future.) reports Matt Duggan, Senior Project Officer from Sport and Recreation.

The Course Calendar goes on. We invite all clubs and paddlesports to put forward their needs for training. The Education Committee is happy to bring a course to your area. This may be to attract new members or can be for your current members seeking more knowledge and skill. A deeper participation will enhance any paddling experience.

First Aid

PaddleNSW ran First Aid and Safety training workshops, and plans to conduct its next Biennial Conference early next year, which will be open to every paddler, coach and instructor.

Athlete Assistance Grant

This year the Slalom paddle sport provided \$250 to each of the athletes who represented Australia overseas. These members have done us proud – well done.

Ian Burrows	Ali Burrows
Joey Croft	Lydia Toms
Reilly Edwards	Lucien Delfour
Will Forsythe	Ethan Hodson
Ben Jones	Katrina Lawrence
Rosalyn Lawrence	



MEMBERSHIP

By Category and Gender	Gender	Total
Adult Premium (incl AC competition) Membership	Female	45
Adult Premium (incl AC competition) Membership	Male	130
Adult Standard Membership Renewal	Female	352
Adult Standard Membership Renewal	Male	929
Junior Premium (incl AC competition) Membership	Female	29
Junior Premium (incl AC competition) Membership	Male	59
Junior Standard Membership Renewal	Female	23
Junior Standard Membership Renewal	Male	73
Total		1640

By Paddlesport	Member Interest
Canoe Polo	59
Dragon Boat	11
Freestyle	8
Marathon	336
Not specified	29
Ocean Racing	159
Other (not listed in table)	32
Outrigger	56
Paddleboard	9
Rec Flatwater	501
Rec Whitewater	118
Sea Kayak	75
Slalom	76
Sprint	135
Surf Kayak	13
Wildwater	23
Total	1640



By Age and Gender	Male	Female	Total
15 or under	94	37	131
16 – 44	498	206	704
45 and over	599	206	805
Totals	1191	449	1640

ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS 2011

The Paddlesport Awards recognises achievement and outstanding contribution to the canoeing, kayaking and related paddlesports in New South Wales.

Category	Name	Club	Testimonials from Club Nominees/PNSW Committee
Female Paddler of the Year	Joanne Brigden- Jones	Sydney Northern Beaches Kayak Club	A great ambassador and strong supporter of local events.
			Ranked World Number 1 following 2010 World Cups.
			Results in 2011 3rd (K2 200m) - ICF Sprint World Championships (Szeged, HUN) 5th (K4 500m) - ICF Sprint World Championships (Szeged, HUN) to name some of her achievements
Male Paddler of the Year	Murray Stewart	Manly Warringah Kayak Club	Talented paddler where his results speak for his abilities.
			Recipient of NSW – University of Sydney Academic excellence award.
			Results in 2011 2nd (K4 1000m) - ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships (Szeged, HUN)
			2nd (K2 1000m) - World Cup 2 (Racice, CZE) 2nd (K4 1000m) - World Cup 2 (Racice, CZE) 3rd (K4 1000m) - World Cup 3 (Duisburg, GER) 1st (K1 200m) - National Championships (West Lakes, SA)
			1st (K4 200m) - National Championships (West lakes, SA)
			1st (K2 1000m) - National Championships (West Lakes, SA)
			1st (K4 1000m) - National Championships (West Lakes, SA)



Category	Name	Club	Testimonials from Club Nominees/PNSW Committee
Junior Paddler of the Year	Arnold Graf	Southside Paddlers	Arnold Graff ("Arnie") has shown dedication to his club and commitment to his paddling. His commitment has been paying off and we have admired his progress as he has advanced through in the marathon series to division 2, with division 1 in his sights. We are looking forward also to his future success in sprint events, where he works equally hard and consistently. Most of all though, we love Arnie for his gentle self effacing manner, and the way in which he supports and cares for his fellow junior club mates. He is an asset both to his Club and to the sport.
Volunteer of the Year	Neil Crabb	Windsor Canoe Club	Extensive fundraising activities and an undeniable ability to assist Club members (and generally in club activities), without reservation.
Master Paddler of the Year	Stephen Shelley	Windsor Canoe Club	Relatively new to kayaking, has moved from Div 8 to Div 3 in the Marathon 9 series in a short space of time. Assists club coaches and commenced a mentor program to help junior and new paddlers.

2011 NSW ATHLETES REPRESENTING AUSTRALIA

Slalom

Athlete	Participation Event	Team
Ian Burrows	C1 Men	
Will Forsythe Lucien Delfour	K1 Men	Slalom – 2011 Australian Senior Canoe Slalom Team
Jessica Fox Rosalyn Lawrence	K1 and C1 Women	



Athlete	Participation Event	Team	
Ian Burrows Ethan Hodson	C1 Men		
Lucien Delfour Joey Croft Ben Jones	K1 Men	2011 Australian T22 Canoe Slalom	
Jessica Fox Rosalyn Lawrence Alison Borrows	K1 Women	Team	
Rosalyn Lawrence	C1 Women		
Jessica Fox Reilly Edwards Lydia Toms		2011 Junior Team	

Sprint

Athlete	Team
Murray Stewart Naomi Flood Jo Brigden-Jones Sebastian Marzcak	Senior Team for World Cups
Nick Dawe Lachlan Tame Maddison Prior Emma Thomson	Australian U23 Sprint Team
Scott Smith Allison Bryant Kirsty Higgison	2011 Australian Junior Sprint Team



CLUBS

Following, is a list of Clubs affiliated with PaddleNSW.

Bay Adventure Kayakers Inc.	Northern Beaches Outriggers Club Inc
Big River Canoe Club	Pacific Dragons Boat and Outrigger Canoe Club
Bonville Creek Kayak Club Inc	Pacifica Ocean Paddling Club Inc.
Burley Griffin Canoe Club	Penrith Valley Canoeing Inc
Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club Inc.(Formerly Cape Byron Canoe Club & Sunrise Canoe Club Inc)	Port Ocean Paddlers Incorporated
Central Coast Canoe Club	Port Stevens Outrigger Canoe Club
Coffs Coast Outrigger Canoe Club	River Canoe Club
Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club	Shoalhaven Canoe & Kayak Club
Dubbo Canoe Club	Southside Paddlers
Far North Coast Canoe Club	St George Kayak Club Inc
Georges River Bull-Sharks Inc	Sutherland Shire Canoe Club
Great Lakes Canoe Club Inc	Sydney Northern Beaches Kayak Club
Harbour Racing Inc	Sydney Northern Beaches Kayak Club
Hunter Valley Canoe Club Inc	Tumut Valley Canoe Club
Illawarra Canoe Club Inc.	Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club
Just Paddlers Inc	Wakehurst Touring Canoeists Inc
Lane Cove River Kayakers	Willow Warriors Inc
Macleay Valley Canoe Club Incorporated	Windsor Canoe Club
Manly Warringah Kayak Club	Womdomnom Incorporated
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Club Reports

Bay Adventure Kayakers

Bay Adventure Kayakers is a fledgling club whose activities are focused on the Clyde River at Nelligen, upriver from Bateman's Bay. Ours is a very clean and attractive waterway and the course we use is relatively free of traffic.

Membership currently stands at 20 and recruitment always presents a challenge in this part of the world where there is so much to do.

Racing is all-year-round, being weekly in summer and fortnightly in the off-season using 5km laps for 5km and 10km time trials.

We encourage participation at all levels with regular competitors carrying the club colours at Marathon 9, State and National levels.

Our club has forged strong bonds with the Burley Griffin Canoe Club from whom we have received very strong support. This has taken the form of donated kayaks and two-way visits. We can offer mild conditions when the Canberra waters are hostile to paddlers!



This very brief report would be remiss not to mention the kudos brought by the paddling Ison family from Nelligen. Dad, Steve, is a most determined competitor who is currently threatening Marathon 9 aficionados, while son, Shane aged 12, is a potential star of the future.

Part of our club policy is to encourage participation and foster development. To this end one of our enthusiastic members, Russell Lutton, is organising a follow-up coaching clinic to one he mentored earlier in the year. We look to a good level of participation once again.

Best wishes to all paddlers from BAK.

Ian Castell-Brown, President

Bonville Creek Canoe Club

BCKC's main activity is a weekly handicap race held on Bonville and Pine creeks, which attract an average of 20 club members and visitors from other clubs. As a foundation member of the North Coast Marathon Series, we host one of their events each year and some of our members travel to the other centres to compete. We have 55 current members of PaddleNSW.

In the 2010 Series, through the efforts of a select few, namely Bob and Chris Berridge, Steve Boyle, Stuart Fawle, Les Custer and Daniel Jenkin plus those that participated in Race 1, BCKC managed to finish 3rd in the overall club point score behind Currumbin and FNCC.

The 2011 NZMS started with Race One here on Bonville Creek. Brad Restall [FNCC] managed a win over Daniel Jenkin. Stuart Fawle, Jim Layton, Noel Rodda and Janice Gregory all did well in the 18km.

Local ex-member, Brad Cook [K1] was first home in the 12km. Graham Gee and Mickey O'Brien, Roy Doutreband, Rose Coote, Pam and Roby Franklin, Clem Murray, Bob and Chris Berridge rounded out our members who competed in the 12km.

At Race 2 at Sandgate, Bob/Chris Berridge, Noel Rodda/Janice Gregory, Jim Layton and Mickey O'Brien/Rose Coote flew the flag.

At Race 3 at Brunswick Heads, we were represented by Noel Rodda, Janice Gregory, Bob, Chris Berridge, Mickey O'Brien, Rose Coote, and Jim Layton.

Graham Gee and Kerry Bayliss did the 47km Myall Cassic.

Splinter won an Ocean Ski/Outrigger Race at South West Rocks on 14 August.

Sadly, last year there were no Bashers at the Hawkesbury Classic.

On the 13 November, the AGM was held. New office bearers were: Mike Mackney, Norm Jeff, Brian Leiper, Chris Berridge, Ken Buckley, Mikey O'Brien, and Bob Berridge.

The Australian Marathon Titles was held at Geelong over Easter 22-24 April. Of interest to the club were past Victorian visitors to our club, David Cole 3rd, Andrew Stimpson 14th and [FNCC] member Brad Restall who was 15th and 5th U23.

Splinter's went to Hawaii to compete in the Pa'a Steinlager Kawai Channel OC1 World Champions. Locals but not club members, Mike and Jessie Mills Thom were also entrants.

I would like to thank the club committee and in particular, Brian Leiper as Treasurer (and for the weekly raffles) and Chris Berridge as Secretary.

Mike Mackney, President



Central Coast Canoe Club

The club had a sixteen race handicapped programme for the year held roughly every 3 weeks. These races were held over a distance of 11.35kms increasing to 15kms and finally 30kms in the lead up to the Hawkesbury Classic.

During the months of daylight saving we held a Summer Time Trial Series on Wednesday evenings in which we encouraged junior participation. This was held over much shorter distances.

Club paddlers also organised themselves for recreational paddles. These included sea kayaking trips, some particularly to enable a visiting paddler from the UK to participate in ocean paddling. Other paddling experiences included a breakfast paddle on the Hawkesbury River.

This year, the club was approached by a representative from Vision Australia to take a small group of visually impaired children for a paddling experience. This was successfully held on local waterways.

Club achievements include representation and great results in the 404kms Murray Marathon and Hawkesbury Canoe Classic. Club members were also medalled in various categories of the State and National Titles.

Club's representatives at the National Marathon Championships were:

Leah Crockett Open TK1, XOpen TK2

Clare Monger XVet50 TK2

Steve Brett Vet55 K1, XVet50 TK2

Mal Crosland Vet45 K1, Vet45 TK2

Craig Dodd Vet55 TK1, Vet45 TK2

David Hobbs OpenTK1, XOpen TK2

Mick Carroll TK1

Our club membership for the year stood at a healthy 69, not including our regular club race visitors who came from local surf clubs and other PaddleNSW clubs.

Stephen Brett, President

Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club

Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Inc. conducts club races each Saturday afternoon between April and September. There is a short course option of 5km and an increasing long course option starting at 5km and increasing to 12km toward the end of the season.

During daylight savings month's informal 5km races are conducted each Friday afternoon.

The Hacking Classic from Gunnamatta Bay to Grays Point was well attended this year and will continue to be offered to all paddlers after the SLSC Nationals are completed.

Our second feature race this year forms part of the Vajda Marathon 9 series to be held at our club venue on August 20. In this, we shall award a club perpetual trophy known as 'The Rock' to the fastest overall paddler, in the fastest division within which, there are at least three boats competing.

The history behind the 'Rock' starts with an event known as the Hacking Classic and Bert Hopkins. Bert was a Life Member of the NSW Canoe Association who, along with his wife Gwen, were members of the River Canoe Club, having joined at the time of its formation by Paddy Pallin in 1935. Bert was active in assisting Scout Groups to build canoes and kayaks, and began assisting the Lilli Pilli Scout Group (which went on to form the Lilli Pilli Kayak Club). The rock, that forms the trophy, was donated to the Hopkins family by life members of the River Canoe Club, who were bushwalkers and rock collectors.



The rock has since been transformed into the current perpetual club trophy. It is hoped that this initiative will help to attract more competitors into Division 1. Previous Olympian and National Champions who participated when the event was known as the Hacking Marathon include Robert Lee, Barry Kelly, Ray Martin, Tony Schumacher and Ian Timbrell.

This year, in the afternoon after the Vajda 9 Marathon race has been completed, our club will be running our regular club race commencing at 2pm. This will be a fund raising event in support of **CAMP QUALITY** – we are inviting all visiting paddlers to remain with us and take part in the fund raising effort by participation in the race and by voluntary donation. There will be no race entry fees. Those who are unable to remain and enter for the club race may also elect to support the effort by donation. The charity race is a first time event for our club and it is hoped it will become an annual feature of our program. Camp Quality is an organisation that provides outdoor fun type activities for children being treated for cancer.

Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club is fast approaching its 50th year since formation in 1965 as the Lilli Pilli Kayak Club. We are currently compiling a historical dossier outlining significant people, events and changes since formation.

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for September 24.

Peter Sigal, President

Dubbo Canoe Club

Dubbo Canoe Club has about 12 members ranging in age from 5 to 50. We are a small club with an emphasis on introducing kayaking to kids in Dubbo.

Our club has approximately 20 Kayaks and 30 life jackets - enough to teach school groups and sporting groups.

So far, apart from club days where we instruct members of the public, we have had distant education school groups, junior rugby league groups, birthday parties, mines rescue squads and high school students all enjoying our clubs resources.

We are not big on organising events other than social paddles - as our numbers limit commitment, however several members of our club are acting as guides in December for a paddle from Wellington to Narromine.

Our club has one qualified Instructor and several members completing their Guides.

Council has recently submitted plans for a two-storey Clubhouse on the river for ourselves and the Dragon Boat Club. I am sure the proposed verandah overlooking the Macquarie will ensure many more social paddles followed by a quiet beverage and many a tall story.

Lance McCabe, President

Georges River Bull-Sharks Inc

We are a small club with 10 members. Currently we conduct weekly sessions, have a surf boat crew, three kayakers, one stand-up paddle boarder and one experienced sweep.

Our club hosts free rowing lessons as part of the Health & Fitness expo (our local suburban festival), which is held at Lambeth Reserve Foreshore at Picnic Point. This also gives us an opportunity to promote our club as all things paddling.

Arturo Alibrandi, President



Harbour Racing Inc

This organisation was set up in 2009 to support Harbour Racing events run by organisations and groups which were not affiliated clubs in order to provide secure insurance arrangements for events. It has been successful in this and will probably be useful for a few years while fledgling clubs running events are not incorporated. The organisation has been run by a group of dedicated committee members including Steve Newsome (Southern Districts), Ben Chalmers (Northbridge), Dave Edelman (Rose Bay), Brett Greenwood (Manly Warringah), and Geoff Hurt and Peter Jamieson (Toronto Rotary Club).

The website is the mouthpiece of Harbour Racing Inc. and it carries links to PaddleNSW, AC and the sponsors. It features the notification of events, results, photos, videos and stories. In the year there have been 11,400 visits with 3,073 absolute unique visitors. After each event about 190 people visit the site. Each page of our website displays the active logos of Bing Lee, LG and Epic at the top, and Garmin, Prokayaks and Unleash Compression along the footer.

Tim Hookins, President

Illawarra Canoe Club

The last 12 months have been busy for a small but committed group of members of the Illawarra Canoe Club. ICC has hosted a variety of activities ranging from social paddles on local waterways to 'Come & Try' days, giving the community a taste of kayaking. Off water workshops such as 'Core Focus' are educating members of the importance and benefit of strength, conditioning and injury prevention. Most of our members enjoyed ocean paddling, while some participated in white water and flat water disciplines.

One of the highlights for Illawarra Canoe Club was finally moving in to the long awaited new clubhouse on Lake Illawarra. This facility is shared with other paddlesports, including NSW Rowing, Dragons Abreast (Dragon boats) & Five Islands Outrigger Canoe Club.

Three club members competed internationally in 2010/2011. Kirsty Higgison competed in the 2010 Olympic Hopes International Regatta- Piestany, Slovakia. Elyse Yardley - 2010 Australian Canoe Sprint Senior Team ICF Canoe Sprint World Cup 3 - Duisburg, Germany. Robert Barry also represented Australia at the World Ocean Racing Championships' Molakai, Hawaii with a great result - 1st 40-49 Yrs.

Other members competed in National Slalom and Whitewater champs as well as Marathon and Sprint competitions.

The club's current coach is Terry Prosser with a new coach Kirsty Higgison, having recently completed her coaching course.

In the last 12 months ICC membership has dropped dramatically due to our insistence participants become a member of PaddleNSW and ICC to participate in club activities. Past members had found the cost of being members of both a PaddleNSW and Illawarra Canoe Club member too expensive, especially if there are 2 to 3 children in the family. Competitors can also compete at many events without being a member of an affiliated club. Unfortunately, many past members have not rejoined.

PaddleNSW offers minimal support to the club and provides no encouragement for people to be part of individual clubs. Competitors can compete at many PaddleNSW events and activities without being a member of an affiliated club. The little clubs go to big efforts to run events for PaddleNSW, in which participants may only be a member of PaddleNSW. To develop the future and safety of the sport, especially for junior participants, clubs need support from PaddleNSW to encourage club development and participation.

Sharyn Cahill, President



Just Paddlers Inc

Our membership numbers for this year was 42, with members spread across the state, south to Moruya, the 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 9 Series

Hawkesbury Canoe Classic

Myall River Classic

Dubbo to Narromie 3 day Paddle

3 rivers mini marathon at Port Macquarie

North Marathon Series

YMCA Murray Marathon

Forster Frolics week-end Recreational Paddle

Plus social club paddles and weekends away – Myall National Park and South West Rocks.

Two club members went to the Antarctic and paddled in the most southern waters. Two club members paddled the full length of the Darling River, and one did part of in May to June this year, which took five weeks, totally unsupported.

Two club members went to Western Australia and paddled a bit of the Shark Bay area in May/June.

Two club members did the Murray 200 event in South Australia and set new class records!

A Club Newsletter goes out 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 be just as good!

Happy Paddling!

Elizabeth van Reece, Secretary

Lane Cove River Kayakers

What an active year it has been!

Our members have been involved in a multitude of activities relating to the sport of kayaking, be it competitive, adventure or recreational.

On the infrastructure front there have been developments too. The pontoon with its extension is now well established and standing up to good use.

We have acquired a K4 and a Flash, the Frank McDonald, which brings our club boats up to 3. Our club trailer is ready to carry two K4's and several other boats; and plans are underway for better storage facilities at the oval and ultimately a proper shed.

The K4 is terrific fun and I encourage members to have a go under Tony Hystek's guidance in the next few weeks.

There have been many competitive achievements in the last year, but it is the depth of involvement of members in events that has been just as important an achievement as doing well. It is the realisation that it is fun to take part that percolates through the membership that makes this club a great club.



I would first like to mention the HCC. 43 members competed backed up by an army of land crew and, of course, Magoo at our Wiseman's base. 13 were first timers. With 2 records broken and another established, plus 6 sub 10 hour times. With that result, we were able to win the Commonwealth Cup back, which makes it our seventh win in 8 years. This would not have happened without the vigour and team spirit displayed by all involved. The trophy, which was established by Justin Paine for the fastest LCRKer in the Classic and won by Matt Blundell, is up for grabs again this year.

I would like to say though, that I believe it is OK not to go full-out every time in the Classic. Why not take the foot off the accelerator one year and enjoy the company, the serenity, Derek's zone, Magoo's burger, the low tide Siren's Soup then come back next year reinvigorated?

The famous, traditional famils for the Classic have sadly stopped this year. Thankfully, Justin Paine has stepped in and organised our own brand of Hawkesbury practice paddles. Two have already been run successfully, with 2 more to go. Thanks to our rescue boat people Craig Ellis and Richard & Joy Robinson; and thank you Justin.

Another successful outing was the Murray Marathon. 8 members took part with the winner being Tom Simmat and a 4th for Tony Hystek. Tom was in his Apollo, which he had doctored for the Classic, taking a record there. Tom has had 4 wins from 5 starts in the Murray. Also competing were James Mumme, John Thearle, Marg and Rob Cook, Richard Barnes and Andrew Mathers. Andrew backed up this event with attendance at the Murray 200 earlier in the year.

LCRK has also been involved in several other competitive events, notably the marathon 10 series which consistently attracts 20 members. I must thank everyone who pitched in to run our event last year. We will be running it again on 11 September this year and I am sure we can make it a good one.

Then there is the Sprint Series and State Sprint Championships enjoyed by Tony Hystek, Nigel Colless, Derek Simmonds, John Greathead, Jason Cooper, Steve Paget and John Thearle. Also the Myall Classic attracted many members. Not to forget the popular Harbour series organised by Tim Hookins and the Bridge to Beach which saw 18 of our members arrive safely at Manly in very choppy conditions.

I spoke of adventure events earlier and must mention another of Tom Simmat's amazing wins. This time he was in the grueling Yukon 1000. That's 1600kms or 15 Classics in a row! With his mate Steve Pizzy next to him he finished in just over 7 days winning by 1 and a half hours and was awarded The Andrew McCauley Trophy for his efforts.

Another adventurer went far afield for his kicks. Tim Hookins participated in the Avon Descent in Western Australia, but did not finish due to a broken boat. Not put off, he was off to South Africa for the Fysh River K2 event. This time his boat broke up but he didn't sink until the finish line! Tim is encouraging a group of people from the club to go and do it next year with him. Good luck Tim!

Tony Hystek, Richard Barnes and James Mumme competed in the Marysville2Melbourne marathon.

In another adventure Bert Lloyd, James Mumme and John Thearle did an 800km trip on the upper Darling including a paddle up the Paroo River - a first in kayaking history.

So our members really do get into a whole lot of diverse activities far and wide.

Back on our very own Lane Cove River, the Crudslime Cup was hotly contended with Tony Carr snatching the coveted boat no.1 from Jason Cooper. Could be wide open this year. A Coffee Cup has been added for the 6km paddlers.

We have a club within a club at LCRK: the Beat Your Own Age Club. To join, all you have to do is beat your age in years by your time trial time. Seems easy enough. This year Tim Hookins, Tom Simmat and Tony Hystek have joined Justin Paine, Don Andrews and Tony Carr as exclusive members. Congratulations! Personally, I suppose it gives me one thing to look forward to when I turn 70!



The barbeques continue every second Wednesday of the month and are well attended. The quality of the food has been especially good this year and we would all like to thank Roger Dean and Mark & Rhiannon Sear for their tireless and cheerful work. I'm sure they will be pleased when I ask the committee to look seriously at acquiring a new cooking facility with real heat. Thank you.

On a sad note there was the passing of Frank McDonald on 5 September after his 18 month struggle with Mesothelioma in his lungs. He is missed and remembered for his friendly, kind and encouraging nature. He is still around though, in our recent acquisition of his old Flash, "the Frank McDonald". A few repairs are being done and then it will be available to all members. Does anyone want it for the Classic?

At the club we have two coaches, Tony Hystek and Matt Blundell and four instructors as far as I know: Bert Lloyd, Tony Carr, John Thearle and Jeremy Spear. A few more are nearly qualified, including Andrew Mathers, Phil Newman and myself. If you wish to become an instructor, there is a bit involved, mainly fun, and most of it is paid for you.

I have had a great committee doing most of the work this year. Thank you Vice President Tim Dodd, Secretary Ian Wilson, Treasurer Simon Mann, Membership Secretary and Webmaster Andrew Mathers, Wednesday night Co-ordinator Tom Holloway, Kapers Editor in Chief and Café Barista Justin Paine, and Marie Carr and Liz Winn. I would also like to thank Jeremy Spear, Jason Cooper, Tony Hystek and Tom Simmat for their extra input above and beyond. If I have left people off this list it is because all members contribute in so many ways. Thank you all.

There will be a new committee soon and I wish departing members Ian Wilson, Simon Mann and Marie Carr well. Hopefully some new enthusiastic blood will step up.

One of the things that helps hold the club together and keeps a record of all these activities, as well as giving budding reporters an opportunity to have a go, is our bi-monthly magazine, Kayak Kapers. I'm sure you all hang out, as I do for the next edition. It is a gripping read. It is even read by Willoughby Council! One man is 100% responsible Justin Paine. We thank you.

Matt Swann, President

Pacifica Ocean Paddling Club

Pacifica Ocean Paddling Club was formed in August 2010 by a group of friends with the motto "To share, enhance and promote the culture and sport of Ocean Paddling in all its forms."

The best way we thought to achieve the aims was to put on a race series. I realise now how naive I was in commencing such a task while having no idea about the effort and cost required to mount and run such a series. Well, we ran 3 downwind ocean races between August and December, which were very well supported and actually set the benchmark for S.U.P and outrigger canoe races thus far.

We had optimistically offered 3 trips to Hawaii to be won by the series points leaders and just when it looked like I would be paying for the trips myself I was fortunate enough to secure sponsorship from G.N.C and we did indeed send 3 paddlers to compete in Hawaii - Travis Grant, from Queensland won the OC1 series and while in Hawaii won the prestigious S.U.P Battle of the Paddle. The 2 other paddlers, Sam Parker and Andy Davies, also did very well in 3 races in Hawaii.

Some of our outrigger paddlers won gold and silver medals at the National Outrigger titles and President Kevin Long finished 2nd in the Masters division at the Molokai World Championships race.

Since last season the club has been in resting mode, but we are about to start a fortnightly Twilight Race Series for all craft at Mona Vale Basin.

The actual mechanics of running a club, e.g., recruiting paid up members and putting on courses has proved onerous as we would all rather "just go paddling" but with a track record and widespread support in the S.U.P and outrigger tribes we are planning a big increase in membership and a bright future.



So looking back on the last year I can proudly say we have achieved our aims and are looking forward to continuing on our journey.

Kevin Long, President

Pacific Dragons Boat & Outrigger Club

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

In Dragon Boating, the club had a successful season. We had quite a few new members who blended well with our experienced paddlers, which translated to many successes on the water. We won medals at the Chinese New Year, held at Darling Harbour and the DBNSW NSW State Titles. At the AusDBF Nationals held in Adelaide, we came home with 3 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze medals. These results have now qualified us for the 2012 IDBF Club Crew World Championships, to be held in Hong Kong in July, where we are looking forward to defending our title in the Premier Mixed 500M race.

One of our coaches, Gavin Godfrey continued to run the AusDBF Level 1 Coaches Course at a variety of locations throughout NSW and beyond. To finish off the season, 6 of our club members represented Australia at the World Dragon Boat Championships in Tampa, Florida. They represented a variety of categories in the Premier, Masters and Grand Masters divisions: Matthew Jack, Geoff Eldridge, Kaizer Austin, Gen U, Rachel Giang and Rachel Mosen.

The Outrigger Canoe season saw our women's crew take out State Titles honours and we rounded off the season by taking a contingent of 28 paddlers to the Hamilton Island Cup in June this year. We spent a week at the island with some beautiful weather and some fantastic racing. We competed in V6 around the island 16km iron and 42km changes races - Our women's crew got a Bronze and Silver respectively. For the OC1 races two of our ladies came home with a Silver and Bronze medal. We also had a mixed crew travel to New Zealand to race at the Takapuna Cup in Auckland for their 40km changes race and OC1 relay races and they returned with a silver medal - a great time was had by all. We have 5 paddlers travelling to Hawaii in September to compete in the Na Wahine O Kekai Molokai to O'ahu V6 changes race: Lisa Green, Charmain Gradwell, Annett Happich, Alex Floro and Jane Hall. The ladies are very excited to compete in this very prestigious race.

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 Cup, which is an eclectic mix of racing, dress-ups and a family BBQ. With around 97 competitors, the event has grown to be a highlight of the single craft season!

This season we have had an increase in paddlers becoming individual members of PaddleNSW and competing in more of the great variety of events on offer. The PD's value the additional opportunities that PaddleNSW have provided to our club and members. For more information on our club or if you are interested in learning how to paddle an outrigger canoe or dragon boat, contact our Recruitment Coordinator, Amanda on recruitment@pacificdragons.com.au

Nicola Frowen, President

Penrith Valley Canoe Club

Penrith Valley Canoeing has had a successful 2010-2011 on a number of fronts.

- An increase in Club membership across recreational, flatwater and slalom paddlesports.
- A small but enthusiastic number of paddlers trying the Adaptive Paddling program with Andrew Williams attempting his first Hawkesbury Canoe Classic in 2011.
- Jessica Fox becoming the first junior event to win both the K1W and C1W World Junior Championships in the first year. Jessica was joined at the World Champs by Alison Borrows and Reilly Edwards.



- · Selections to various 2011 elite squads included:
 - 2011 Australian Junior Team Reilly Edwards
 - 2011 Australian U/22's Ben Jones, Joey Croft, Ian Borrows, Alison Burrows and Lucien Delfour
 - 2011 Australian Senior Team Jess Fox, Ian Borrows, Lucien Delfour
 - Western Sydney Academy of Sport Naomie Fox, Lachlan Croft, Ciaran Kelly, Angus Thompson and Alexandra Broome
 - National Talent Identification Squad Naomie Fox, Lachlan Croft and Angus Thompson
- In conjunction with Penrith Whitewater Stadium a Slalom race series has been instigated to provide regular competition at all levels and encourage new participants and slalom Membership
- A number of flatwater events were hosted by the club including the final race of the 2009/10 State Marathon 10 series in November and third race in May of the 2010/11 Vadja NSW Marathon 9 series
- A Yahoo Group was established to facilitate communication between club members. It has also been used to circulate articles on training.
- An on-line survey of members was conducted to help guide the committee to meet the wants of our membership. Better communication to enable a greater sense of belonging was the clear message we received from those who participated.

Based on the above success stories the committee and members are looking forward to being an even better club destined for even better results in meeting the needs of all paddlers and greater community participation.

David Lunn, President

Port Ocean Paddlers

Port Ocean Paddlers Inc was formed in Port Macquarie on the Mid-North Coast earlier this year. The aim of the club is to encourage and support the development of competitive and social ocean paddling in the area.

Currently we have just 12 members.

During May and August the club conducted the Mid-North Coast's first ocean series. This was a four race programme with races held in South West Rocks, Forster, Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie.

The races were well supported with an average of 35 entrants and a pleasing 48 participants for the final race in Port Macquarie. It is hoped to build on the success of this first year with a similar series next year.

Gary Henderson, President

River Canoe Club

It's not every club that can boast a member who has been inducted to the International Whitewater Hall of Fame but our Club can. Congratulations Helen Brownlee for this award and all of the other awards you have gained this year and in years gone by. Helen is now a Life Member of RCC, PaddleNSW, AC, OAM and reaching higher and higher to Life Member of the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC). Top that if you can!

Well - last year PaddleNSW honoured Basil Slaughter for his volunteer service to paddling and the Doctors gave him a pacemaker to keep him ticking over for another 30 years.



More than 130 members past and present celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Club at a terrific party on the 30th October 2010. Club wine and commemorative glasses assisted with much toasting. A committee worked tirelessly on documenting the important aspects of our activities for a new "green book" of the last 25 years to compliment our "golden" book! Steve Molino produced a DVD to cover 75 years paddling and reduced the rowdy partygoers to gob smacked stunned silence for an hour.

It seemed fitting that the Snowy River below Jindabyne Dam flowed again during this year and we were there to make the first runs. The Club joined PaddleNSW and other Clubs to stake a claim to the planned releases in the future. The Spring release at 12,000 mega litres may be a tad too much. They plan to scour the river and return the riverbed to some resemblance of times past, but in the future it is hoped that releases will allow for good Club trips and local paddle festivals.

It also seems fitting that PaddleNSW is now behind rewriting the NSW Canoe Guide and that River's paddlers are active in preparing the material for the Online Paddling Guide of tomorrow. Tim Sindle is working closely with Andrew Mathers, a new RCC member and PaddleNSW manager in charge of the project.

Membership is exploding with 116 active paddlers - and any number of social members who shuttle, tend the fire and patch the wounds - 2 honoree and 4 life members, with one the Patron

Members when asked to state their favourite paddlesport answered:

Canoe polo, 1

Freestyle competition, 3

Marathon Racing, 1

Recreational Flatwater, 24

Recreational whitewater, 78

Sea kayaking, 5

Adventure Conservation, 1

At registration, members declared they held the following qualifications:

Whitewater/flatwater Instructor/guide qualifications at different levels, 10

Flatwater instructor/guide, 3

Sea leader, 3

By the end of June, the number increased by 3 flatwater instructors, 3 whitewater instructors and 1 sea kayaker instructor. A further 6 members attended the whitewater guide/instructor course and await assessment

51 members hold a First Aid Certificate.

The Club has done exceedingly well by endorsing its regard to safety with PaddleNSW supporting the increase of instructors and coaches by reimbursing more than \$1000 for course and registration costs. The Club has now approved the continued support by reimbursing training and registration of their qualified leaders.

The Club also ran a Barrington Beginners weekend for PaddleNSW by offering a whitewater experience to all its members. The Club participated in the Marrickville Council Sport a Month in December, the Wolli Creek Preservation Society tours, and Come and Try days introduces another 50 or 60 people to experience paddling and the Cooks River.

Marrickville Council seems to be reconsidering the threatening increase to the lease cost, with an extensive consultation of all activities and facilities in their Local Council area planned for the near future. It is expected that the lease will be similar to other years.



Jeff Cottrell still leads our Willow Warriors work. We invite all to join us on a Wingecarribee River trip to see first hand the difference a little love and a lot of hard work can do to transform a river back to its original state.

David Barlow. President

Shoalhaven Canoe and Kayak Club

This last year has been another busy year for this small club based on the New South Wales South Coast. With a return to generally wetter weather, there has been increased club activity in white water paddling on some of the creeks and rivers in this area.

Canoe Polo has continued to be the main regular activity, with about 16-20 people turning out most Tuesday nights to play. The club ran its annual "Mudcake Challenge" canoe polo tournament in November. This popular one-day competition again attracted polo paddlers down from Sydney and Canberra regions.

Other paddling activities in the last year have seen regular sea kayaking trips by some members, kayak surfing on the local beaches and participation at a local dragon boat regatta. Shoalhaven Canoe and Kayak Club paddlers have also been training and competing in a number of multi-sport races and involved in PaddleNSW education programs.

Andy Halliday, Treasurer

Tumut Valley Canoe Club

Tumut Valley Canoe Club hasn't been represented in any formal national or international events. We have been extremely fortunate over the summer 2010-11 that the river levels in the Goobarragandra (Goob) river were consistently at a level that enabled us to paddle the gorge section and Chute, very exciting stuff! As always the club paddles the Tumut River between the Junction of the Goob and Tumut Rivers, and the Riverglade caravan park during daylight savings on a Wednesday afternoon. This covers a distance of about 6k, is a nice two hour paddle, and we are fortunate to pick up new members on these days.

We currently have no instructors but are planning to remedy this in the coming summer 2011-12.

You can find us on facebook at TVCC.

Adam Farguharson JP, President

Windsor Canoe Club

Our club has continued to grow in terms of membership and financial stability. We have focused on fundraising activities to bring our dream of a clubhouse closer than it has ever been before. With our development application underway we have made the most important step. We now need to maintain our focus and see this get off the ground in the next 12-18 months.

The fundraising committee was established last year and we have been very fortunate to have Neil lead a group of very enthusiastic helpers. Neil has received assistance from a few dedicated members. I would also like to acknowledge Stephen for his assistance particularly with his ever popular ergo machine.

I know that Neil will be annoyed at me for making such a fuss about him, but I will once again mention Neil's generosity in donating a beautiful new racing K1 for our junior paddlers.

This year saw us once again support Richmond Rotary Club at the Hawkesbury Show. Even more members put up their hands this year and I thank them for generously giving up their time. \$1000 is a very generous donation from the Rotary Club.

For our club to move forward we must continue to pursue a variety of fundraising activities.



The most contentious issue this year for our club was the application by the Western Sydney Water Ski Club for a water ski slalom course to be set up on the breakaway. Making the front page of the Gazette turned out to be a bonus as it kept the sport we love in the headlines. We made a big impact as a club and this helped to get the support we needed from the councillors who refused to support the water skier's proposal.

I feel we did a great service for the Hawkesbury community and the environment in opposing this and we should be proud of our victory.

The race committee, which was ably run by Gareth, ensured we had a very full Twilight Series. I was really impressed with the overall improvement in paddlers' times and the improved skill level. People are striving to paddle faster and are continuing to experiment with the more unstable, faster boats.

The committee also assisted PaddleNSW in running the State Marathon at Penrith. We had a very large turnout of volunteers on that weekend and the event ran smoothly. My thanks go to Gareth, Stephen and Sarah for keeping us informed and organised throughout the year.

Our club put on another very successful Marathon 9 race. At this stage of the season we have taken a clear lead in the Marathon 9 Series point score. An amazing achievement!!! This result is yet another example of the strength of our club and also the success of our coaching initiatives.

A new initiative following the completion of our Twilight Series was our Monthly Club Day. This initiative by Stephen has seen us being able to offer support for a wide range of our membership.

Our aim was three pronged where we would encourage potential new members to come along and paddle and also develop specific paddling skills within our club. We also aimed to develop our junior program in this time. Mentoring of new members proved quite popular and we were pleased to see several junior members come. We feel we have been successful in this and we look forward to seeing this program grow in the future.

Our Webmaster and Life Member, Brian has once again ensured that our web page continues to evolve. The new improved site is up and working due to Brian's continued efforts.

Our profile in the local media has increased with Gary putting numerous results and interesting articles forward for publication. Gary's expertise with the camera lens is undisputed and I thank him for his creative efforts. Recently we have seen Kit look for even more publicity and I have been most impressed with her wealth of knowledge and her enthusiasm.

Windsor Canoe Club is made up of a team of talented who are actively involved in seeing our club grow and change. The profile of our sport and our club has increased in the local area and this is due to the combined efforts of every member of our club.

We have on average 20 people attending our monthly meetings. This is a vey healthy sign and it highlights the fact that we are working well together. We have a wonderful group of people who really work well as a team. Our club may not be the largest in number but our passion to develop our club and ourselves is first rate.

We are a club that makes things happen and we are highly respected by other clubs and PaddleNSW.

I thank the executive for their dedication and their professionalism during the past twelve months.

It is an honor to be president of Windsor Canoe Club and I thank you for your support throughout the past twelve months.

Mark Coulter, President



PADDLESPORTS REVIEW

CANOE POLO

We've had another successful year for canoe polo. The highly enjoyable Sydney competition continues with a Spring and Autumn series along with several Saturday competitions during the winter break, however the number of participants continues to be low. Thanks to the core of key players that keep the competition going, as without their efforts it would not happen.

The teams representing New South Wales in the Summer Series performed very well. Both the A grade and B grade teams finished near or at the top of the rankings in all of the rounds.

The Bomaderry competition was, as always, a great success. Unfortunately the other country competitions at Nambucca, Charlestown, Queens Wharf and Paddlefest did not go ahead.

A key focus for the canoe polo committee over the next year is to increase participation in the sport. Current numbers are not sustainable and an increase is required to keep it going.

Well done to Craig Hutchinson, Robert Simms and Cassandra Simms who all gave outstanding performances representing Australia at the World Championships in Milan last September. Thank you to Cathy Miller, Richard Barnes and Trevor Williamson for their fantastic effort throughout the year on the canoe polo committee.

Richard Andrews, Chair





MARATHON

Vajda PNSW Marathon 9 Series 2011 Review.

After the not so well liked finish to the 2010 PNSW Marathon 10 series we started the new year with a bit of trepidation, but quiet confidence that we could improve and bring the paddlers back to a much better series.

We started by securing the sponsorship for the series by Vajda Kayaks, headed by Mario Vesely, and additional sponsorship from Casio watches that supply a G-Shock watch to be given away at every event.

Our first event was on the Woronora River, hosted by Sutherland Shire Canoe Club, and what a day it was, even though winter seemed to have set in early. With a cold wet day many paddlers were out in force to start their series off. Not only that, they were happy to be back and looking forward to a wonderful series which so far has not disappointed.

The weather gods decided that the next couple of races would be held in some of the best weather we have seen, especially in Canberra, which turned on unseasonably warm nights for those who stayed on both Friday and Saturday nights. This event fielded a large number of entrants.

Not to be outdone, both the Manly and Penrith events were held in what could only be described as "picture postcard" Sydney weather. The Manly event saw the most entrants in an event (that we have seen for some time) with over 180 boats. These included a lone C1 paddler and a number of OC1 paddlers from the Pacific Dragons Outrigger Club who were using the race as a training and selection paddle for their upcoming Hamilton Island race.

The next couple of races in the series saw numbers down, but only because of the weather. For those of you not living in Sydney it has been a very wet and cold winter. Both of these events - Tacoma, hosted by Central Coast Canoe Club and Hawkesbury event, hosted by Windsor Canoe Club, were under serious threat of being postponed due to possible river flooding, but again the weather gods were in our favour and these went ahead with die hard paddlers attending.

The only break in the weather was for the State Marathon Championships held at the iconic Regatta Centre at Penrith, which was hosted by both Windsor and Penrith Valley Canoe Clubs. This event saw an increase in the number of paddlers over previous years and an inclusion of recreation kayaks, ocean racing ski's and spec surf skis, which helped to increase the numbers. This event was held over two days - Saturday 2 July and Sunday 3 July. The singles events were held on Saturday with spectators being treated to some great racing from not only the vets but the many juniors who turned up to participate. One of the great finishes of the day was a sprint to the line from Joan Morison (OAM) in the vet 80 women's TK1 and Dave Roberts in the vet 85 men's TK1 with Dave pipping Joan by a mere second.

The Sunday event was a later start, as we had to wait for the finish of a bike event around the lake, which ended up being beneficial as the fog on that morning only lifted shortly before the competitors hit the water.

This event was seen as a success by many of the competitors and the PNSW Marathon Technical Committee would like to that both Windsor Canoe Club and Penrith Valley Canoe Club for, not only their support of the weekend, but the many volunteers who were happy to help out and make the event the success it was.

The series is not over. We have some wonderful events still to come from host clubs Cronulla Sutherland, Lane Cove River Kayakers and, of course, the iconic Wagga race which will be the last race of the season and where our Presentation night will be held at a venue nearby.

For those of you who do not know, the National Marathon Championships for 2012 will be hosted by the PaddleNSW Marathon Technical Committee at the Penrith Regatta Centre.

See you at the next race!

Tom Balaam, Chair



OPEN WATER

Harbour Series

In its second year of operation the series expanded to 6 races. We started with Cronulla and then went to Paddlefest at Lake Macquarie in conjunction with Toronto Rotary Club. Then Northbridge, which was a challenge as it was held entirely in a heavy downpour. Then came the Sydney Harbour Challenge, Rose Bay and the finale was held again at Pittwater. The total number of entries increased by 20% from last years series, which was good considering the unfortunate weather conditions on the event days. There were a total of 695 paddler entries this year compared to 585 last year.



Iceberg Series

This is a new initiative of Harbourracing Inc. designed to give Open Water paddlers a few rather more relaxed paddles through the winter rather than letting things go completely. It soon became clear that, though the paddlers might be more relaxed, there is no relaxation for the event organisers. Safety and organisation standards had to be maintained, Aquatic licence conditions complied with and budgets balanced. 4 events were held: Pittwater, called "Stroke the Lion", Botany Bay called "Botany Bounty" and another event at Lake Macquarie entitled "Toronto Winterfest" and Finally Rose Bay, named "Tingira Open" This was named after the HMAS Tingira, a clipper used as a navy training ship which was moored at Rose Bay from 1911 to 1926. Though the series commenced cautiously, it has built up momentum and will be keenly anticipated by paddlers next year. A total of 217 entries were received for the Iceberg Series.

Open Water Coaching Course

This initiative has been firmly supported by the PaddleNSW Management Committee and the individuals contributing to it were Buzz Powell, Lynn Parker, Tony Hystek and Tim Hookins. With the backing also of Greg Doyle and Australian Canoeing, an Open Water Coaching Course was run on 4 & 5 June and again on 30 & 31 July. Most of the best known and widely respected coaches and paddlers in the Open Water paddlesport either presented segments or else contributed to discussion. The syllabus was based upon a prospectus written by Ian Dewey. Negotiations are on-going with AC and the Australian Sports Commission to produce a course which fits into their framework of accreditation, now in a development phase.



The actual manual based upon the course presentation is currently being worked upon. This is a big job and it needs financial support and the well organised contribution of volunteers.

Technical Committee

After the last AGM an Open Water Technical committee was set up under the Chairmanship of Kobi Simmat and with members Glen Orchard and Rob Tobias. Though Kobi had to resign shortly afterwards, Glen and Robert have been supporting the initiatives of Open Water throughout the year.

Open Water Clubs

Several new Open Water Clubs have been created and affiliated with PaddleNSW during the Year. They are Coffs Coast Outrigger Canoe Club (Mike Mills-Thom,) Pacifica Ocean Paddling (Kevin Long and Trevor Groeneveld), Port Ocean Paddling (Garry Henderson) and most recently Southern Districts Ocean Paddlers (Steve Newsome.) Each of these organisations has been created to protect the paddlers and organisers, and there is good communication between them and PaddleNSW.

NSW Open Water Championships

This event was run for the first time by Coffs Coast Outrigger Canoe Club and organised by Mike Mills-Thom and Sammy Williams. It was held over the weekend of 19 & 20 February and while the course and event management was great the attendance was not good. Efforts are underway to create a State Championship which will attract a wide range of the ocean paddlers.

Tim Hookins, Convenor

RECREATIONAL

In a survey of members conducted just over a year ago, a surprisingly high 41% nominated recreational paddling as their major interest.

Your Recreational Paddling Committee reacted this year by offering this large and growing segment of members an expanded series of guided paddles and recreational activities for their enjoyment.

- Early in the year we announced a doubling in the number of PNSW Co-ordinated paddles offered each month.
- We're also expanding the number of weekend paddles offered in regional New South Wales and another is on the schedule for between now and the end of the year, with more planned for 2012.
- New boat owners are an opportunity for us and we are developing a promotion that will encourage retailers to refer their customers to us.
- We streamlined the registration process members now register for paddles online as they do for racing and time trial events.

Much work has also gone on behind the scenes to improve the documentation available to trip leaders and paddlers. We now offer a print-friendly version of our list of upcoming paddles, safety checklists for trip leaders and paddlers, a float plan and a paddler Code of Behaviour. Ensuring paddler safety remains a major focus of the committee. All paddles are graded and we offer advice to paddlers regarding the suitability of trips for them.



In the last 12 months, our paddle locations have included the Colo River, Brooklyn/Dangar Island, Towra Point Wetlands, Smiths Creek/Bobbin Head, the Hawkesbury, the Forster area, Lake Macquarie and Sydney Harbour. Our first paddles took place when PaddleNSW opened for business and we have yet to repeat a location – apart from the Central Coast, which we ran twice because of demand. In the immediate future, we'll visit the South Coast Lakes & Inlets, the Georges River and Middle Harbour. The Committee wishes to thank the clubs that have contributed paddles and particularly the individuals who have generously given their time to run paddles for us.

The Recreational Paddle Committee plans the paddle schedule, handles all promotion and the registration process and PNSW arranges insurance cover. Members take the role of trip leader and determine 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 their area. They have the opportunity to showcase their neck of the woods and paddlers often return with their families at a later date for further exploration. The paddles are free to PNSW members. Non-members pay the single day membership fee.

To ensure paddler safety we require there to be a suitably qualified person with either Flatwater Guide or Instructor qualifications on every paddle. We are working with the Educational Committee to increase the number of members who have these qualifications in the hope that more will lead trips for us.

PaddleNSW would like to thank all Recreational committee members – particularly the long haulers – for their support and dedication.

Tony Carr, Chairman





SLALOM/WILDWATER

Slalom and Whitewater has progressed through the year with club events being held at Nymboida, Barrington and Penrith. On a regular basis Big Rivers Canoe Club hold the Northern Series at Nymboida and Penrith Valley Canoeing hold the PWS series at the Whitewater Stadium. Weekly club level paddling is carried out by a number of clubs in NSW.

At National level NSW hosted a successful but very wet Australian Schools and Australian National Slalom Championships at Nymboida in January this year with winners being Kate Lawrence in K1W and Will Forsythe in K1M class. Also arising from the Nationals was Jessica Fox's winning of the Junior C1 & K1 Women's Championships with Reilly Edwards taking out the Mens C1.

The Australian Open was hosted at Penrith Whitewater Stadium in February this year, the Australian Open together with Bradys (Tasmania) were the selection races for the Senior and under 23's Australian Teams.

At National Team level NSW was well represented with paddlers in all teams (Juniors, Under23's and Senior). Major highlights at International level this year include Jessica Fox winning C1 in two World Cups, Rosalyn Lawrence won the World Cup Series for C1W and was ICF International Paddler of the Year. Jessica Fox qualified Australia for a place in the London Olympics for K1W.

At Whitewater, Rosalyn Lawrence became the C1W World Champion at Augsburg, Germany winning by a margin of just 0.09 seconds.

New pockets of slalom paddlers have been developed in Grafton and Penrith, the later through the JETS program run in conjunction with Penrith Valley Canoe Club.

Whilst these developments are good, our biggest problem is recruiting new paddlers to the sport and retaining them – our new club level Sunday morning PWS sessions are helping with this and providing greater opportunity but is still very limiting and expensive (for club level).

Looking forward, NSW again looks forward to having paddlers from NSW representing Australia at Junior, Under 23's and Senior Team levels and in the 2012 London Olympics in Mens K1, Mens C1 and Womens K1 events. Selection races are being held at Penrith Whitewater Stadium over 2 weekends in February. Good luck to those training for London.

Colin Borrows

SPRINT RACING

PaddleNSW State Sprint Competition this year comprised 3 Sprint Series events and the NSW State Championships.

The sprint series was reduced to the three events due to the unavailability of one of the major junior squads (who comprise a large percentage of regular participants) for the final regatta.

The series was blessed with perfect conditions at all three events, with racing all distances plus 200m relays. It was great to see the steady improvement of the juniors, especially in the breakthrough ages of 16-17, where performances improved markedly, often by 20 – 30 seconds during the year.

In a change from previous years, host clubs were not engaged to run these events; instead the committee used the assistance of several dedicated volunteers to fulfill the essential roles of starter, timekeepers, and safety boat driver.

The future of organised Sprint racing at a State level depends on the formation of a workable Sprint Technical Committee, driven by volunteers from the very squads who benefit most from these events.



The 2011 State Sprint Championships were very successful, with events over three distances held on the one day. Many thanks go to Jan Hall, who provided a 'state of the art' sprint registration and progression system that drastically cut the amount of work necessary to create the event programme, and linked into the SIRC results system.

Our big challenge into the future is to unite the disparate sprint groups into a workable and progressive committee to promote and develop sprint racing at a State level. Up till now, Sprint events have been organised largely by Liz Wilson and Nigel Colless. Without their assistance, these events would not have happened. There is only so much that these dedicated people can contribute, and additional volunteers for this committee will be most welcome.

Tony Hystek





INSURANCE AND SAFETY REVIEW

INSURANCE CLAIMS AND PREMIUMS

Following the interim affiliation with Australian Canoeing, PaddleNSW now sources its PLI, Directors and Personal accident insurances via AC brokers, Willis.

SAFETY

We all know that being safe on the water is important. Paddling on waterways that are shared with other types of craft means that our safety is sometimes in the hands of other boaters. NSW Maritime has finally recognised paddlers as a group of boaters whose requirements need to be considered.

2010-11 saw PaddleNSW working closely with NSW Maritime on a number of projects aimed at raising awareness and increasing the safety of paddlers. PaddleNSW members were involved in a survey to gather information for a review of speed limits in Sydney Harbour. They were so impressed with the feedback that they invited us to be part of the Impact Analysis.

As paddlers we need to do our part also. There are things we can do as well to reduce the likelihood of harm. PaddleNSW, with funding from NSW Maritime, has started work on a 'Start Paddling' DVD that includes safety considerations.

NSW Maritime has identified PaddleNSW as a Safety Partner in their 'Paddle Smart' initiative. This initiative resulted in the production of brochures and stickers that PaddleNSW is going to assist in distributing to paddlers, both members and non-members, to remind us what to do to keep safe on the water. The stickers are designed to be placed on a kayak, visible to paddlers to remind us how to keep safe on the water.





FINANCIALS

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	Notes	2011 \$	2010 \$
INCOME			
Membership Fees		108,803	96,191
Marathon Income		28,660	16,537
Slalom Events		21,108	-
Canoe Polo		8,140	6,632
Sprint Income		6,077	9,608
Wildwater		131	-
Education Income		16,392	5,644
Open Water/Harbour Racing		1,160	-
Advertising Income		1,800	-
Retail Sales		1,927	-
		194,198	134,612
OTHER INCOME			
Government Grants		46,151	56,000
Interest Earned		8,045	-
Other Income	А	2,220	14,607
		56,416	70,607
Total Income		250,614	205,219
Purchases for resale		2,651	-
EXPENSES			
Marathon		23,158	15,552
Slalom		15,309	1,388
Canoe Polo		7,921	8,967
Sprint		5,695	10,639
Harbour Series		425	2,522
Education		30,790	1,899



	Notes	2011 \$	2010 \$
Athlete Assistance - Core Pool		5,691	-
Athlete Assistance - Marathon		1,600	_
Athlete Assistance - Slalom		3,050	-
Salary and Wages		45,447	12,434
Advertising		1,966	1,964
Affiliation Fees		39,091	40,000
Bank Fees		-	147
Clothing		-	1,687
AC Coach and Instructor Registration		4,319	-
Depreciation		5,072	4,080
Insurance		15,474	-
Internet		2,915	1,243
Membership Expenses		1,084	-
Newsletter		-	153
Office Expenses		-	-
Postage		2,313	1,514
Printing and Stationery		1,861	2,394
Telephone		1,780	1,322
Training		350	263
Travel Expenses		3,316	2,172
Technical Resources – Books/video		4,957	-
Other Expenses		2,929	2,682
Total Expenses		226,512	113,022
NET INCOME		21,450	92,197



BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	Notes	2011 \$	2010 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	1	53,794	53,364
Cash in Investment		170,322	120,000
Un-deposited Funds		-	3,252
Other Receivables	2	941	1,494
Inventory and Consumables	3	12,899	11,240
		237,956	189,349
Non-Current Assets			
Plant and Equipment	4	10,101	12,186
		10,101	12,186
TOTAL ASSETS		248,057	201,535
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade Creditors		9,262	7,289
Other Liabilities	5	6,938	1,886
Memberships in Advance		31,388	13,341
		47,588	22,516
TOTAL LIABILITIES		47,588	22,516
NET ASSETS		200,469	179,019
EQUITY			
Opening Members' Equity		179,019	86,823
NSW Canoeing		-	-
Current Year Net Income		21,450	92,196
NET EQUITY	6	200,469	179,019



NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	NOTES			2011 \$	2010 \$
A	Other Income In 2009/10 Other Income incl PaddleNSW from money held Environmental Education Cer Canoe Slalom Committee	in trust by Pen	rith Lakes	-	13,156
1	Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash at Bank – ANZ Cash in Investments Cash on Hand	•		53,794 170,322 -	53,364 120,000 3,252
2	Other Receivables Government Grant Trade Debtors Deposits			- 941 -	- 1,494 -
3	Inventories Medals, T-shirts, Hats, River	Guides		12,899	8,390
4	Property, Plant and Equipment At Cost Less: Accumulated Depreciat			20,328 <u>-10,227</u> 10,101	17,340 <u>-5,154</u> 12,185
	Movements in Carrying Am Movement in the carrying am property, plant and equipmen and the end of the current fina	ounts for each o			
		Plant & Equipment	Total		
	Balance as at 1 July 2009	5,557	5,557		
	Additions	14,771	14,771		
	Depreciation	-10,227	-10,227		
	Disposals	-	-		
	Closing balance at 30 June 2011	10,101	10,101		



	NOTES	2011 \$	2010 \$
5	Other Liabilities		
	Accrued Expenses	-	1,886
6	Net Equity		
	Opening Balance of Members' Contributions	179,019	86,823
	Current Year Excess Members' Contributions	21,450	<u>92,196</u>
	Closing Balance of Members' Contributions	200,469	179,019



CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	Notes 2011	2011	2010
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Prepaid Receipts		31,388	-
Receipts from Members		108,803	109,532
Receipts from Marathon Events		28,660	16,537
Receipts from Canoe Polo		8,140	6,536
Receipts from Sprint Events		6,077	9,608
Receipts from Education		16,392	5,644
Receipts from Other Income		2,220	14,607
Government Grants		46,151	56,000
Interest Earned		8,045	-
Payments to Suppliers		-225,576	-73,837
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		30,300	144,626
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments for Plant & Equipment		-2,500	-11,783
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities		-2,500	-11,783
Net increase in Cash Held		27,800	132,843
Net Cash at Beginning of Year		196,616	63,773
Cash at End of Year		224,416	196,616



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