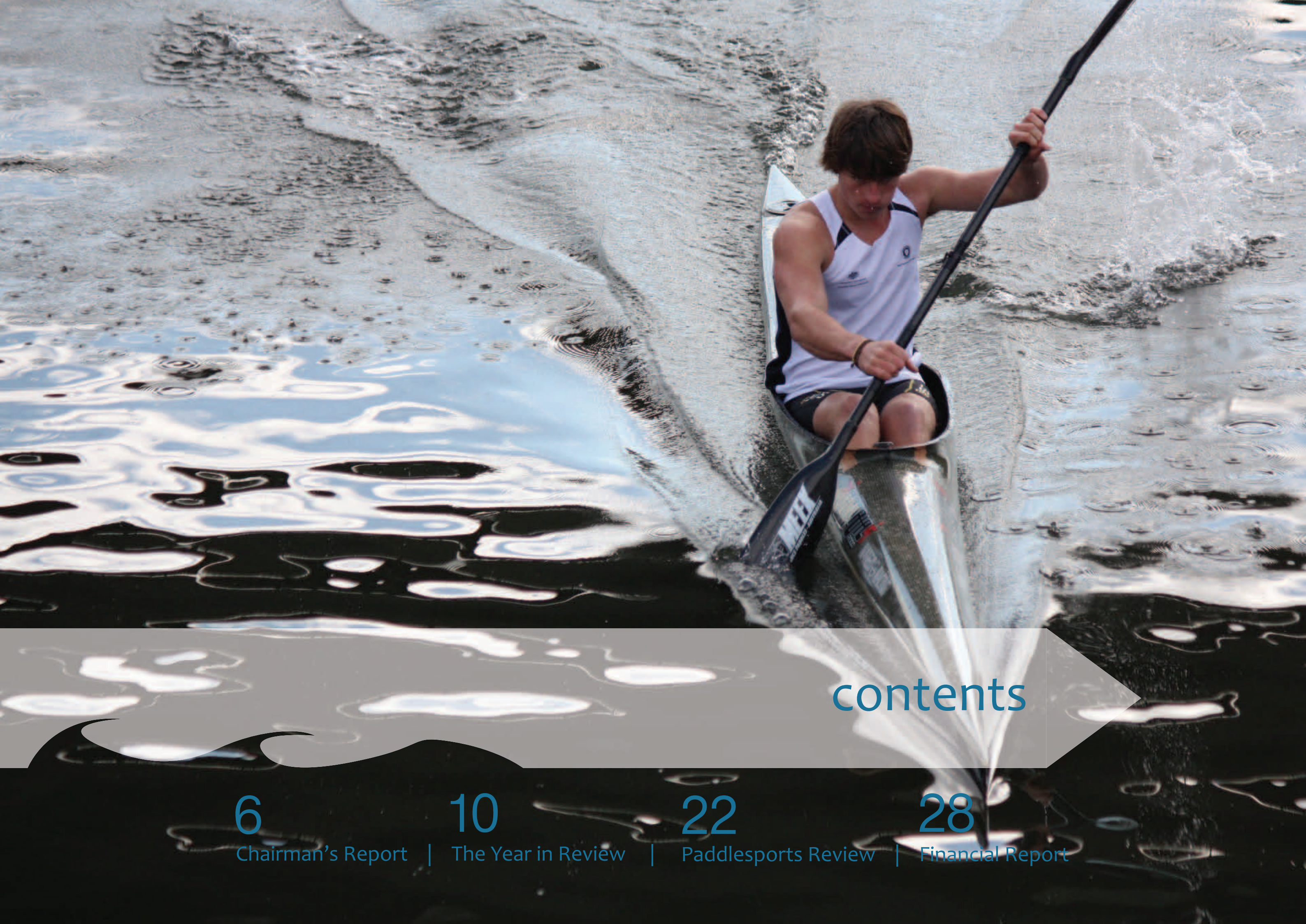


PaddleNSW Inc

2012 annual report





contents

6

Chairman's Report

10

The Year in Review

22

Paddlesports Review

28

Financial Report



chairman's report

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



This year has seen PaddleNSW step up another level with the engagement of a new Executive Officer, Scott Schweickle, in mid-2012. He replaces Marie Carr, who managed the office in a 'temporary capacity' until the association was in a position to move to engaging a CEO. In addition, the appointment of our bookkeeper Patricia has transformed the accounting processes within the organisation and its various committees. Marie Carr overhauled our office management practices and standardised the association's documentation, permitting a seamless administrative transition on her departure. We are grateful for her diligence and expertise, and ongoing commitment to the association.

These appointments enable, for the first time, a much reduced face-to-face workload for volunteers in the office, particularly for Lynn Parker, who has managed the education portfolio magnificently.

Elected Directors as at the 2011 AGM were:

- » Tony Hystek
- » Tim Hookins
- » Lynn Parker
- » Peter Debnam
- » Andrew Mathers
- » Stephen Newsome
- » Chris Thompson

Under the guidance of Board member Peter Debnam, who has brought expertise in association management to the Board, PaddleNSW meetings are now better structured, more efficient, and target driven.

The Board's adoption of a new and meaningful Business Plan has provided realistic targets for the Board and Executive Officer. In addition to some very hefty Australian Canoeing affiliation fees, expenditure has been budgeted for activities to develop and grow PaddleNSW's public profile and influence in the sector and to attract more people to our sport with a target of significant membership growth as well.

This year's financial investment in development of our sport means we must also put considerable effort into developing our revenue growth. While membership fees provide sufficient funds to administer our activities, we need further funding to significantly develop and grow the sport and the Board is working to develop several new revenue sources to offset expenditure.

There have been a significant number of new initiatives undertaken in the 2011-2012 membership year. These include:

- » an active partnership with NSW Transport Maritime services on paddler safety, including presenting the PaddleNSW display stand at the NSW Boat Show at Darling Harbour;
- » the purchase of a fleet of 9 Minisonic flatwater boats for junior development;
- » the purchase of our first inflatable rescue boat (IRB), the starting point for a comprehensive Safety Programme at PaddleNSW events. It has been used almost every weekend since its purchase;
- » the development of an Open Water coaching course to accredit those current and future coaches to ASC standards.

This has been an initiative of the PaddleNSW Open Water Technical Committee, ably assisted by the current NSW leaders in open water education and coaching;

- » the agreement for funding of the Paddlesafe video production by the National Maritime Safety Council. This PaddleNSW project and associated on-line resources will now be distributed nationally and in New Zealand, free of charge. Production commences in late October 2012;
- » the launch of the new PaddleNSW website, incorporating our own payment gateway, member database and registration system, and National Waterways Guide;
- » the development of an ambitious Business Plan aimed at increasing revenue streams and member services into the future.

In addition, some notable achievements include:

- » the successful hosting of the National Marathon, Sprint and Canoe Polo Championships, all held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre and Penrith Whitewater Stadium;
- » the presentation of several coaching and instructors/guides courses in flatwater and whitewater throughout the year;
- » the engagement of PaddleNSW to deliver paddling education and instruction to physical education students from Western Sydney TAFE;
- » assisting in the creation of several new paddle clubs as affiliate members.

It has only been possible to achieve this level of service through the efforts of a group of passionate volunteers dedicated to the promotion of paddling in its various forms. Alongside the core Board of Directors, we had an equally passionate number of members of the Marathon, Sprint, Canoe Polo, Open Water, Slalom, Recreational and Education Technical Committees. These committees have dedicated their time to ensuring events under their management have been financially viable, successfully managed and growing in participants. It has been a substantial improvement over the year that has seen all of these committees now operating in surplus for the first time. The PaddleNSW Board congratulates these committees on the excellent results they have achieved over the year.

The challenge ahead lies in continuing the good work achieved by the current Board, while at the same time developing new ideas and methods to satisfy the objectives of the PaddleNSW Business Plan. This can be assisted with the injection of new blood into the PaddleNSW Board, technical committees and volunteer bases.

PaddleNSW is in a unique, but unenviable position of currently having the lowest Government grant-based support of any Australian state paddling association, while having the second highest affiliation fee with Australian Canoeing. There is no short-term solution to address this problem, as there are many factors involved in the determination of that affiliation fee. We simply have to look to broader horizons for our revenue stream inspiration.

The core focus of increasing revenue is to increase membership. Though we had over 1700 members in the last membership year, there are many more paddlers out there who have not been introduced to paddle clubs or PaddleNSW itself. Our task is to engage these paddlers, preferably from an early age, so the sport becomes an integral part of their lifestyle, and their ongoing support ensures our survival.

Your continued support of our events, committees, volunteer duties and other activities is essential, and appreciated. Our targets can be reached and exceeded through your contributions. It is your Association.

Tony Hystek





the year
in review

EDUCATION



The highlight for this year has to be the PaddleNSW Educators Conference held at the end of June 2012. Forty PaddleNSW members come together from all over the state - Lismore, Leeton, Dubbo, Coffs Harbour, the Shoalhaven, Canberra, the Central Coast and Sydney. The conference brought together coaches and instructors to collectively identify best paddling standards and strategies for assisting others to reach their paddling goals. What a pleasure it was to see our own members present and lead the workshops for “action learning” at its best.

Special thanks are extended to David Barlow, who facilitated and managed the highly charged debates, and speakers - Andy Halliday, Phil Newman, Buzz Powell, Margi Bohm, Ian Royds and Andrea Wood, the National Paracanoe Specialist. One focus of the conference was preparing paddler’s training plans and Tom Simmat, for after dinner entertainment, explained what it takes to plan and win the Yukon 1600km Expedition Race. Thanks to Basil Slaughter and Roger Dean for providing the excellent catering.

It was touch and go when it came time to run the Assessment Mentoring workshops. There were qualified assessors mentoring trainee assessors assessing new instructors and coaches, who in turn were instructing the rest of the participants who took the role of beginner paddlers learning to paddle “correctly”. Of course everyone had an opinion on “best practice” and the optimum standards for beginner coaches and instructors, however what better way to build paddling standards and also approve five new coach and instructor assessors to support other paddlers across NSW.

The conference was mostly funded from the surplus made from delivering courses across the state during the year. PaddleNSW delivered fourteen (14) courses to more than 300 participants seeking to improve their skills and knowledge. This ranged from basic skills in kayak for 150 Personal Development and Health trainee teachers to current teachers who need to guide for the Duke of Edinburgh and environmental river education.

There was a surge in demand in skills for managing risk in moving water from the inner west of NSW with the Macquarie and Lachlan rivers running again. Many more trained to become coaches and instructors for clubs and the industry. The demand for Level 1 Flatwater Coaching training remained high which could be directly related to the growth in marathon, harbour and open water racing.

PaddleNSW thanks the twenty-five (25) different instructors and coaches employed during this time and the many volunteers who also willingly gave of their time to support education.

PaddleNSW has now presented to Australian Canoeing for endorsement a new Learner’s & Administration Manual for Coaching in Open Water. This course provides information for successful paddling in open water. It covers safety and preparing for the risks in open water, equipment, physical conditioning and ocean skills.

To fulfill a need to extend flatwater coaching to the open water, the best open water specialists in NSW willingly volunteered two weekend workshops. Special thanks must go to writers, Buzz Powell and Glen Orchard who further researched and massaged the material into a text and course guide that all open water paddlers will want to complete. It is designed as a one-day extension of the L1 Flatwater Coaching Course.

PaddleNSW is developing a new Online Waterways Guide. This guide brings the old Canoeing Guide of NSW to life by converting it to an online guide and extending it to cover all waterways. Connected to the Bureau of Meteorology for the latest river heights and weather forecasts, online maps and current access points and camping sites, Members will be able to plan trips up to the minute and from their mobile.

To support decentralised training and assessment initiatives in the future, PaddleNSW’ education area of the website provides training and coaching resources, a course calendar for NSW/ ACT and a communication portal to all course participants.

Employment guidelines and course costing schedules will assist PaddleNSW educators to build confidence in delivering through an educators network.

A Forum is currently functioning to assist with sharing information and to seek assistance in solving challenges. All members are invited to use the forum for their views of what education in PaddleNSW should look like this time next year, and also what you might pledge to “make it happen”.

Athlete and Coach Travel Assistance

Congratulations to young country athletes, Craig Graham and Shane Ison for their dedication to training and who received financial support to travel to state-based competitions. Unfortunately, many other young athletes did not apply for the available funds when repeatedly advertised.

Lynn Parker

MEMBERSHIP

By Age and Gender

Age	Male	Female	Total
15 or under	72	40	112
16-44	468	217	685
45 and over	641	227	868
Total	1181	484	1665

By Category and Gender

Category	Male	Female	Total
Adult premium	148	43	191
Adult standard	921	377	1298
Junior premium	50	35	85
Junior standard	59	26	85
Life member	3	3	6
Total	1181	484	1665

By Paddlesport

Paddlesport	Male	Female	Total
Canoe Polo	45	9	54
Dragon Boating	5	3	8
Freestyle	5	1	6
Marathon	276	72	348
Not Specified	15	5	20
Ocean Water	172	24	196
Other	10	7	17
Outrigger	28	19	47
Paddleboard	5		5
Rec Flatwater	303	222	525
Rec Whitewater	86	31	117
Sea Kayak	61	20	81
Slalom	46	18	64
Sprint	92	43	135
Surf Kayak	11	6	17
Wildwater	21	4	25



ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS

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

Category	Name	Club	Bio
Male Paddler of the Year	Murray Stewart	Manly Warringah Kayak Club	1st place K1/K4 1,000m - NSW State Championships 2nd place K1 200m and 3rd place K2 200m - NSW State Championships 1st place K1/K2/K4 1,000m - Oceania Championships 1st place K1/K2/K4 1,000m - National Championships 5th place World Cup 2 (Duisberg) K1 1,000m and 4th in K4 1,000m 1st place World Cup 3 (Moscow) K1 500m and 2nd in K1/ K4 1,000m 1st place London Olympic Games Men’s K4
Young Male Paddler of the Year	Joseph Dunne		Joseph was crowned the 2012 Australian Junior Champion when he won the National Junior Freestyle and the National Junior Boatercross Titles held in Cairns in March 2012. He then went on to successfully represent Australia in three ICF Canoe Freestyle World Cups held in Rock Island, Pigeon River Hartford, TN and the Nantahala River, Wesser, NC in the United States in September.
Female Paddler of the Year	Jessica Fox	Penrith Valley Canoe Club	2012 Olympic Games – Silver Medal WK1 2012 Junior World Championships – Gold WK1 2012 Women’s U23 World Championship Team – Gold
Young Female Paddler of the Year	Allison Bryant	Manly Warringah Kayak Club	2012 U22 National Canoe Sprint Team 2012 Canada Day International Regatta – 2nd place, Open Women K4 2012 Lake Placid International Regatta - 4th place, Open Women K4
Paddler with a Disability Award	Tracey Hansford	Lane Cove River Kayakers	After suffering a broken back as a result of a motor vehicle accident and having difficulty just walking, Tracey has used paddling to rehabilitate herself to a point where she is leading her club point score championship. She has also improved her performance in the Marathon 9 series.
Team of the Year	Murray Stewart	Manly Warringah Kayak Club	2012 Olympic Games K4 – Gold Medal
Clubs Charity Challenge Cup	Myall River Classic	Just Paddlers Inc	After 10 years, this small club has raised the profile of the Myall Classic into one of the iconic marathon events on the paddlesport calendar, while raising substantial funds for the ‘Cure for Life’ Foundation.
Masters Paddler of the Year	Tony Hystek	Lane Cove River Kayakers	National Age Marathon and 500m sprint champion, fastest ever full distance time in South Australia’s Riverland 200 Marathon, and competed in the World Marathon Championships, Rome.
Coach of the Year	Tim Jacobs	Manly Warringah Kayak Club	Coach of the London Olympic Gold Medallist, Murray Stewart
Distinguished Long Service Award	Lawrie Kenyon	Manly Warringah Kayak Club	Joined the club in 1989, then became the Treasurer from 2002-2006 and President from 2006-2011. Assisted with the formation of PaddleNSW in 2008 and was Treasurer for 3 years.

Administrator of the Year	Tim Hookins	Harbour Racing Inc	Vice Chairman of PaddleNSW Inc, Member of the Australian Canoeing Open Water Technical Committee, Chairman of the Harbour Racing Committee and the PaddleNSW Open Water Technical Committee. Assisted in the development of the Harbourseries, the Iceberg Series and the Open Water Series. Convenor of the Open Water Coaching course development. Assisted with the development of the “Start Paddling” program.
Volunteer of the Year	Jeff Cottrell	Willow Warriors	Jeff is a recreational paddler who has also played and organised canoe polo at a local, state and national level for 10 years. He was Treasurer of Parramatta Canoe Club; and Sydney Canoe Polo Committee, NSW Canoe Polo Committee and Australian Canoe Polo Committees during the 1990’s and early 2000’s. Between 1997-99 he was also treasurer of NSW Canoeing and during that period represented canoeists in meetings and forums regarding access for canoeists to NSW Wilderness areas, Sydney Catchment and the Snowy Water enquiry. It was through these meetings that Jeff became involved in Adventure Conservation and Landcare and with others formed landcare groups, Friends of the Colo and Willow Warriors. Because of his amazing enthusiasm, foresight and enduring personality he encouraged all kinds of paddlers, some experienced and some new, to combine paddling and bushwalking with removing weeds like Black Willows from areas of high conservation value. Over more than fifteen years, these groups of volunteers lead by Jeff, have built enduring partnerships with National Parks & Wildlife Service, Crown Land managers, catchment management authorities and private landowners in local landcare groups to raise the profile of canoeists as a group interested in helping government and communities to monitor and protect Australia’s natural environment. They access and record what they see and where possible remove invasive species from remote and difficult to access sections of rivers, lakes and other waterways. Willow Warriors run programs for canoeist of all abilities including school and corporate volunteering groups. They camp and paddle in World Heritage and wilderness areas on the Colo and Snowy; Goat Island in Sydney Harbour; along the Hawkesbury Nepean from Picton to Barrenjoey and most of the whitewater rivers between Sydney and the Victorian border.
Event of the Year	Middle Harbour Paddlers Inc	Harbour Racing Inc	This newly established club hosted the event for 150 paddlers on 14 April this year. The event, supported by the charity “Sunnyfield Independence” raised about \$4,000 in donations. The paddlers were treated to the most rousing admiring spectators who were made up of people with an intellectual disability. The vibe at the event was the best experience both for the Sunnyfield people and for the paddlers.

CLUB REPORTS

Bonville Creek Kayak Club (Bonville Bashers)

Our club activities continue to center on marathon type kayaking in a competitive format.

Our Saturday afternoon race continues to be the main focus of our program.

Membership numbers for last year were 53. 35 have joined to date this year.

Unfortunately, there was no club representation at either the NSW or Australian Marathon Championships.

The Northern Marathon Series was not well attended by our club in 2011, but relied on a steady support of a few club stalwarts.

Sadly, there were no Bashers at the 35th running of the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic in October. For over 20 years we Bashers have had representatives in the Classic.

The Christmas Party/Awards night was held at the Sawtell CWA Hall.

Rebekah Abood paddled the YMCA Murray Marathon in her K1 during the last week of December and completed the 5 day epic in 42:03:29.

At one stage, Matt O’Garey was leading the pointscore in the BLAST Series of ocean races.

Our hosted National Marathon Series race was Race 1 in the 2012 series. It is a surprise that more of our members don’t participate on either day as it is right on our doorstep.

Ken Buckley, our Publicity Officer has performed this task excellently for the past year (yet again), producing reports and our monthly “Spraysheets”. Please join me in thanking him, his deputy and Micky O’Brien, who filled in while Ken was ill.

There seems to be a consensus within our club that there is a change in focus. Many members seem to be content with only participating in our club events. We no longer, as a majority, participate in external events.

Mike Mackney, President

Central Coast Canoe Club

The club’s main paddling activities for 2011-12 included a total of seventeen events in a handicap format on Wyong River. Event distances included 11.35km and 15km. Our usual 30km event, which serves as a “lead up” to the Hawkesbury Classic, was abandoned soon after the start due to extremely heavy rain and lightning.

Eighteen craft contested the President’s (Steve Brett) Doubles Event, with six paddlers rewarded for their efforts with hampers. This race was run over the usual course of 11.35km.

We also hosted the Marathon 9 State Series Race 4 at Tacoma, in June. Throughout the year many members competed in the Marathon 9 State Series and the PaddleNSW State Sprint Championships at SIRC.

Eighteen of our members also competed at the Australian Canoeing Marathon Championships. Other events included:

» Hawkesbury Canoe Classic

» Myall River Classic

The club also conducted a PaddleNSW recreational paddle, led by Owen Walton, in the northern region of Lake Macquarie, and had other recreational paddles in Lake Macquarie (Jim Buckland), Hawkesbury River (Jack Ward), Broken Bay (Owen Walton), and the ocean with Aidan Shipton.

Our current membership base consists of 72 with the larger majority of these being active paddlers.

We have several “coaches in training”, with Craig Dodd arranging a coaching day with Chantal Minchin, in August, which attracted around twenty paddlers. From this, one of our Juniors, Sam Hutchinson, was invited to Elite Training.

Nick Naughton, President

Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club

Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Inc has been established since 1965 when it was first formed as Lilli Pilli Kayak Club. The club was formed by a group of scout leaders and parents from the Lilli Pilli Scout Group. Besides building canoes and kayaks for the scouts they organised races on the Hacking River that started from the Lilli Pilli wharf. The neighbouring waterfront then became the site for the Lilli Pilli Sea Scout HQ - an ideal facility for the boys and their boats. As power boat traffic increased in the area Lilli Pilli Kayak Club moved to Swallow Rock Reserve at Grays Point which was a much safer and quieter part of the river. Swallow Rock Reserve originally had no road access and comprised mostly mangroves. Sutherland Shire Council developed the area including the subdivision on Swallow Rock Drive. Most of the beach area that now exists was reclaimed land from dredging operations.

The club has thrived for all of its forty eight years. We have prided ourselves on the quantity and quality of all our members over the years. Our membership has in the main been the mums and dads with kids at paddling age followed by mums and dads whose kids have moved on, then followed in some cases by the kids themselves who have returned as adults. Our oldest turned 80 this year. Bert Laurendet has notched up his 60th year of paddling. This year he contested the NSW State Marathon in a double with a young 76 year old. Many of our members are from the local Bate Bay, Illawarra and Eastern Suburbs surf clubs. We continue to encourage surf club member participation and affiliation. A number of Olympic qualifiers have trained with our club and at one stage the Australian team from interstate was billeted in the Grays Point Scout Hall.

We have been blessed by the environment in which we are conducting our events – the Hacking River and the adjoining Royal National Park is our best asset. By conducting a passive low impact sporting activity we gain the support of the Sutherland Shire Council, NSW Waterways and the National Parks and Wildlife service. In 2015 we will be celebrating our fiftieth year for which celebratory events are planned.

2012 has been a year of consolidation. Currently our affiliated membership stands at 59 including 12 new members. We generally run middle distance events over a short course option of 5km or a long course starting at 5km increasing to 12 km toward season’s end. The season starts in April and concludes the last weekend in September. We still run races by age and boat class category and offer awards at our annual presentation dinner in November. To view some good kayak shots and look at Lilli Pilli history visit our website www.cronullasutherlandkayakclub.com

Two feature races are conducted each year where we invite visiting paddlers from other paddlesport clubs. One covers most of the Hacking from Cronulla to Audley which we call the ‘Hacking Classic’, the other is into the upper reaches of South West Arm we call the Hacking Marathon. In both cases the full beauty of the Hacking and the National Park can be appreciated.

In 2011 & 2012 we welcomed visiting paddlers from Manly Warringah, Illawarra, Southside Paddlers, Sutherland Shire Canoe Club, St George, Windsor and Penrith Valley. In 2011 we trialled a charity event after the Vajda 9 Marathon at Swallow Rock. We were generously supported by donors on the day with proceeds going to Camp Quality. We appreciated commercial sponsors who generously supplied their products and merchandise as prizes. We acknowledge the support of Steve Newsome from Epic Kayaks, Gill Australia, Rebel Sport, Porters Liquor, Grays Point and GyMEA Tradies. This year the same event will take place with proceeds donated to the local Sylvanvale Foundation.

Cronulla Sutherland provided volunteers and co-ordination for the 2012 NSW State Marathon Championships at Penrith SIRC. We sincerely thank those involved over the weekend of July 7 & 8. We were helped by volunteers from Manly Warringah, Windsor, Central Coast, Sutherland Shire, Southside and Lane Cove.

We congratulate two of our members who will contest the World Masters Marathon Championships in Rome later this year - Darren Lee and Dianne Chelley - who will also co-ordinate the Australian Masters team.

We appreciate the work done at PaddleNSW to promote the sport and in particular the Marathon Technical Committee. We look forward to an exciting 2013 season which will include the Australian Masters in Geelong and the World Masters in Turin-Italy. Both events will feature the largest team CSKC has yet fielded.

Peter Sigal, President

Far North Coast Canoe Club

The Far North Coast Canoe Club is a flatwater paddling club in the main. Historically the club included a strong whitewater interest group with paddling on the Nymboida River. In recent times more members have bought sea kayaks and individuals join an informal group of kayakers at Byron Bay on Sunday mornings for paddling to Julian Rocks and surrounds.

In May 2012 six members participated in a Sea Skills course with instructor Karen Dallas at Mullaway near Coffs Harbour. A group also participated in sea skills training with the Queensland Sea Kayaking group on the Gold Coast.

Apart from club paddles on Saturday morning and Sunday afternoons, and training paddles on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, members have enjoyed regular recreational paddles during the year. Day paddles were held on the Kungurrabar Broadwater on the Upper Clarence River beginning at Yates Crossing; the Evans River; the Brunswick River; and the Esk River. All these paddles were well attended and included enjoyable social activities such as camping out and group picnics. Club members also enjoy the friendly competition provided by the Northern Marathon Series where we host a race annually.

Our club also facilitates the annual Paddle for Life, a community/charity paddle from Lismore to Ballina, a distance of ninety plus kilometres. This year, thirty-two paddlers sought Single Event memberships to participate in the event together with PaddleNSW members and local FNCCC members.

The FNCCC was granted \$5,000 from the Department Communities Sport and Recreation to introduce and mentor new paddlers during the year as part of their Participation in Sport program. The target group was female paddlers. Our efforts included rolling “Come and Try” days which included basic paddling training and self-rescue training. New paddlers were mentored by ‘old hands’ and invited into club life. We also provided regular training and mentoring to local high school students as part of their sport program.

Our membership fluctuates every year with a core of around fifty paddlers and twenty or more ‘floating’ through each year.

Bradley Restall represented the Far North Coast Canoe Club at the Nationals, held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre 6-8 April 2012. Bradley came 7th in the Open K1 competition.

At present our club has five trained guides and four trained instructor who provide periodic training sessions on flatwater skills.

Bruce Taylor, President

Illawarra Canoe Club

In the last 12 month the Illawarra Canoe Club (ICC) has hosted a variety of activities, including social paddles on local waterways and Come ‘n’ Try days for interested paddlers.

2011-12 saw another dramatic drop in club membership, and it is only due to the dedication and commitment of the remaining few members that the club still exists.

In order to halt this major decline in club memberships, ICC conducted a ‘Paddle Sport’ survey to identify the target market and ways the club can move forward and increase its membership base. An analysis of the results saw the development of our Paddle-Safe program for new paddlers, Kayaking for Fitness - which will start October 2012, and the introduction of more recreational paddles. ICC will also conduct a Kayak Guiding course in mid-November to increase qualifications within the club.

Two club members competed internationally in 2011/2012. Maddison Prior was selected in the Under 22 Australian team, and Darren Lee competed in the World Cup Marathon Masters in Singapore. Unfortunately, his individual effort was a DNF, due to equipment failure. He subsequently teamed up with Johan Dahl Silver to take second place in the Men's K2 45-49. Other members competed in national slalom and whitewater championships, as well as marathon and sprint competitions.

Currently Terry Prosser is ICC's only coach.

ICC memberships continued to drop dramatically when many past members did not renew. This may be due to the club's requirement that participants be both a member of PaddleNSW and ICC to participate in club activities. Some past members stated they found the cost of being members of both a PaddleNSW and Illawarra Canoe Club member too expensive, where others said they saw no need to join ICC.

As a club, ICC finds that PaddleNSW offers minimal support or encouragement for paddlers to be part of an individual club. Club affiliation is not a pre-requisite to participate in PaddleNSW-sanctioned events or activities. Smaller clubs struggle in their effort to run events for PaddleNSW, where participants need only be a member of PaddleNSW. In order to develop the future and safety of the sport, especially to junior participants, clubs need more support from PaddleNSW to encourage club growth and participation.

Sharyn Cahill, President

Just Paddlers

Currently, our club membership consists of 45 paddlers from across NSW.

In 2012 many of our members competed in a number of events including:

- » Northern Marathon Series
- » Hawkesbury Canoe Classic
- » YMCA Murray Marathon
- » Myall River Classic

Many other events were also well supported including a number of recreational events that included trips away over a number of weekends during the year.

The Myall Classic, now in its ninth year, was another great success providing a range of different paddling distances for all paddlers under one event. The Myall Classic is a major fundraiser for the "Cure for Life Foundation" and was once again well supported by the greater paddling community.

Our club now has a new website that includes a link to PaddleNSW. The link provides our membership base with direct access to any new or current information that is published.

In addition to our website we also provide members with a regular club newsletter that is published quarterly.

Elizabeth van Reece, Secretary

Lane Cove River Kayakers

It has been another great year at Lane Cove River Kayakers.

As at 30 June 2012 we had 110 members, who have been involved in a multitude of paddling events as competitors, officials and volunteers throughout the year.

Firstly, the Marathon 10 last year and the Marathon 9 series so far this year has been well attended and we held a very successful Lane Cove marathon last September (2011) with the usual great BBQ and raffle. An army of Lane Cove members headed by Matt Swan made it a very successful day.

More members are starting to become involved in the NSW Sprint series. A number of Australian and International elite paddlers were in attendance at the PaddleNSW State Sprint Championships in the lead up to Olympic qualification events. On each day, Lane Cove provided over 20 volunteers, headed by Nigel Colless and Tony Hystek.

Our involvement in Harbour Series racing has continued to grow with events being organised by Tim Hookins and Jeremy Spear.

On the adventure front our members have achieved the following:

- » Richard Barnes - his 3rd Bass Straight crossing
- » Tom Simmat and Glen Orchard - The Doctor in WA
- » Matt Shields, Richard Barnes and James Terpening - Adventure Racing World Championships in Tasmania
- » James Mumme, Bert Lloyd, John Thearle, Matt Blundell - Gregory River Kayak Race in north Queensland

Justin Payne continues to produce our much loved bi-monthly magazine known as Kayak Kapers. There are always details about all the races our members participate in plus many other stories of recreational paddles our members do, often as part of a holiday.

Our regular Wednesday night time trial, for fun and fitness, is at the heart of the club's success, starting at 6:25pm every Wednesday all year around. The long stretch of winter paddles in the dark is the start of preparation for the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic. The first Wednesday of every month sees handicaps allocated, rather than self-nominated, and points are earned for finishing positions. The much sort after Crudslime Cup over 12kms, with each individual's best 9 counted, saw Nigel Colless take out the trophy and the right to don the No.1 plate for the year. The Coffee Cup over 6kms was won by Justin Payne who gets to display the No. 2 for the year. Congratulations!

Finally, the club went into the 2011 Hawkesbury Canoe Classic seemingly under-represented compared to recent years but somehow we still managed to come out ahead and win the Commonwealth Bank trophy on the back of a record-breaking performance by Tom Simmat and near records by others including Tony Hystek. Paddlers were buoyed by tremendous ground support at all the major checkpoints where the landcrews could meet and encourage each other's paddlers and provide all the support they needed. Another great effort, Lane Cove.

This past year also saw more emphasis on improving paddling technique with training sessions conducted by Tony Hystek. The club is fortunate to include other qualified coaches, instructors and a guide amongst our members with at least one more moving towards qualification.

Finally, thanks to all the committee members and President for all their hard work. One of the strengths of our club is that there is such a great willingness to get involved and help out when required. There were a number of people outside the committee who made significant contributions during the year, so thank you for that.

Wade Rowston, President

Macleay Valley Canoe Club

The Macleay Valley Canoe Club had a great year of paddling, with the upper reaches of the Macleay, upper Wilson River-Port Macquarie, Nymboida, Little Nymboida, Goolang, Toorumbie Creek, Georges Creek, Upper Gara River and Penrith Canoe Centre all seeing trips.

The annual Macleay Down River Race was also held in November. Small numbers were in attendance this year resulting in a club annual financial loss of \$90 that was absorbed by the clubs cash reserve.

In 2012, we expect to see more paddlers during the clubs 40th year. There are three members in office, a core crew of ten paddlers and over 100 social members.

The annual Macleay Down River Race will be held 17-18 November 2012 and will consist of a 32km race over two days on grade 1-2 water.

Anthony McCudden, President

Makai Paddlers Society

Makai Paddlers Society is a relatively new paddling club that was formed in September 2011 for paddlers of any type of single craft including skis, OC1s, stand ups and kayaks. We are based on the south coast of NSW in Ulladulla and our training takes place on Burrill Lake and the coastal waters off Ulladulla. At present, we have 18 members from all walks of life who paddle on all sorts of craft.

So far we have hosted two regattas. The first was the 'Makai Cup' on 24 March 2012. This was a 20km downhill race from Bawley Point back to Ulladulla Harbour. Participants described this as one of the best run and enjoyable races they have attended. The second event was 'Lake Lunacy' on the 25 and 26 August 2012 at Big4 Bungalow Park, Burrill Lake. This was a two-day fundraising event that included 100m sprints at sunset and into the evening under lights (possibly a first); and 5km and 10km races on the following day. Proceeds from this event were donated to a local youth and his family who are doing it tough waiting in a Sydney hospital for a heart and double lung transplant.

Our members have attended many races both in Australia and overseas where they have achieved some outstanding results, often placing in the top of the field.

Damien Staunton and Paul Watkins have both travelled to Hawaii on separate occasions to compete in the Molokai Challenge, recognised as the World Surf Ski and OC1 Championship. The solo race begins near the west end of the island of Molokai, crosses the volatile Ka'iwi Channel (considered one of the roughest ocean channels in the world) and finishes near Diamond Head on Oahu. Damien and Paul both had extremely successful events and gained huge amounts of experience and respect within their respective fields.

Makai Paddlers Society has some knowledgeable and experienced paddlers. Damien Staunton is completing his Level One Flat Water and Open Water Coaching Course, and also has many years of multi-sport and surf life saving experience, as well as being a fully qualified Lifeguard.

Paul Watkins is a Level One Outrigger Canoe Coach. He has been involved in outrigger canoe racing since 2000 and has competed in national and international events in both OC1 and OC6 craft. He was part of the team that won the Takapuna Beach Cup, New Zealand in 2012. He placed 2nd at the AOCRA State Titles and was 1st in the short course at AOCRA National Titles and 3rd in the long course.

As a club, Makai is focused on not necessarily being the fastest or the best, however we do believe that we should be efficient within our respective disciplines with a technically correct stroke that will decrease the risk of injury while ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience.

Our 'O'hana' (or 'family') mentality is summarised by our motto - "that the best paddler out there is the one having the most fun!"

Damien Staunton, President

Pacific Dragons

The Pacific Dragons Dragon Boat & Outrigger Canoe Club continued from last year and again had a fun and successful season!

In dragon boating, the season was topped off with the World Club Crew Championships in Hong Kong resulting in a Silver in the Premier Mixed 200m and a Bronze in the Premier Women's 200m. These are fantastic results and cement the club as a force in the dragon boating world. At the AusDBF Nationals held in Melbourne we collected 3 Gold medals and 1 Bronze, while at State Titles we also secured 2 Gold and 1 Silver medals. Some of our club members also represented the NSW State team, which included: Graeme Bacon, Matt Jack, Luke Bogan, Eugene Lee, Geoff Eldridge, Jo Petterson, Kaizer Austin, Robyn Bruce, Rachel Giang and Steve Jack (coach & paddler) with Geoff Eldridge and Jo Petterson joining the National Team for the Asian Championships.

In Outrigger Canoeing the club continues to grow and has also enjoyed numerous successes and triumphs. At the State Titles we won Gold for the Open Women's short course, Silver for the Open Women's long course, a solid performance by the Open Men to finish 4th and 10th in the long course and in the Mixed division 6th in the short course and 4th in the long course. This was backed up by impressive results at the Nationals in Mooloolaba with the Open Women and Open Men both placing 4th in the long course. A number of our club members also attended Battle of the Paddles on Hamilton Island, The Gold Coast Cup as well as The Great Barrier Reef Challenge.

The club also continues to be a force on the NSW regatta scene and looks forward to building on its results.

In single craft, again the season saw many new paddlers taking to OC1's and skis to take on challenges in the rivers, Sydney Harbour and Ocean Racing Series. 9 of our club members headed to Newcastle for the State Titles and 6 went to Coffs Harbour for the OC1/2 National Titles. Further success was had on Hamilton Island at the Battle of the Paddles in the OC1 category where Silver was won by Mandy Shannon in the Open Women 16km, Silver for Charmain Gradwell in the Senior Master Women 16km and a Bronze for Lydia Ronnekamp in the Master Women 16km. 5 PD Chicks went to Hawaii in February to take part in a paddling clinic to learn from some of the best single craft paddlers in the world; and the club has benefited from the tips they have brought back to us.

For the 3rd year in a row, the club hosted the PaddleNSW sanctioned Cockatoo Cup on Australia Day from Drummoyne and around Cockatoo Island and Dobroyd, where fantastic weather on the day and much fun was had by all. The race is handicapped so everyone who enters has a chance of winning; and we offer both a long and short course option. We are looking forward to running this event again in 2013.

This season has seen an increase in the number of paddlers becoming individual members of PaddleNSW and competing in the various events organised and sanctioned by them.

The club is heading into its 20th anniversary year in 2013 and looks forward to celebrating this with present and new members, taking on the experiences of more competition and social activities.

If you are interested in learning more about our club or learning how to paddle an outrigger canoe or dragon boat, contact our Recruitment Co-ordinator, Cath on recruitment@pacificdragons.com.au.

Ian Amos, Sponsorship & Marketing Co-ordinator

River Canoe Club

Another fantastic club year passed with good water and lots of paddling. For a strongly focused recreational club that would prefer to compete against the elements than people, the rain made for one of the best whitewater paddling years since the 90's.

With the rains came additional interest in whitewater. The club's whitewater beginner days held at the Barrington, Shoalhaven and Murrumbidgee rivers introduced more than a hundred new paddlers to the sport.

The Easter Safari, travelling some 120 kilometres from Oallen Ford to Tallowa Dam over 5 days with grade 3 – 4 rapids and against the most remote and best scenery NSW has to offer had to take the cake for events of the year. The Spring safari followed only a poor second, with 10 days of car camping and moving through the sections of the Mitta, the Upper Murray, the Snowy and the Eucumbene rivers.

The Club continues to support the development and registration of qualified guides and instructors.

It is also working closely with PaddleNSW to bring about the new Waterways Guide – which will be an online guide with links to river levels, weather reports, and maps to assist all recreational paddlers when planning their trips.

It was really terrific to see that RCC had the greatest representation of any club at the recent PaddleNSW Educators Conference, with our President sharing his professional coaching knowledge, 7 instructors adding to their skills and Basil, the Club Patron, heading the catering – they all made our Club proud. It was a great effort.

Membership is stable with over 100 members, 4 life members, 2 honorary and many social members. It's also really great to report that past members continue to meet on a regular basis – testament to the bonds that paddlers make after sharing truly great experiences. Whilst most members paddle for strictly recreational purposes, there are others who represent our sport at the top end. Helen Brownlee continues to head the NSW Olympic Committee and representation on the International front, especially this year at the London Olympics and Rob is the Coach for the K1 slalom representative. One of our juniors is off to the USA representing Australia in freestyle. Nineteen members state that flatwater is their preferred interest, 3 sea kayaking, 3 touring and expedition kayaking, with the rest declaring whitewater their only obsession.

The Club continues to do its best for the local community, running the Wolli Creek Preservation Society tours where locals can view the river from the water and also enjoy a paddling experience.

The Willow Warriors, led by Jeff Cottrell, have cleared many rivers of its weeds. The upper Wingecarribee is now debris free leaving clear fun rapids. They have attacked the Deau, the Tuross, the Snowy and now Goat Island is providing one of the best weed control jobs in the world. A Government grant awarded to Rivers and National Parks funds the Snowy project.

Another four whitewater boats and a trailer were purchased to meet the increased call for beginner whitewater training. As the premier whitewater club in the state, RCC is always happy to share its expertise with all PaddleNSW members and the community.

Lynn Parker, Secretary

Southside Paddlers

It gives me great pleasure as President of Southside Paddlers to present our first report to PaddleNSW and to outline our very busy 2nd year of operation. We are based on the Woronora River in the Sutherland Shire in Sydney's south. Our active membership demographic ranges from the youngest at 12 years of age to a sprightly 78!

Our club was formed to mainly provide youth in the community an opportunity to learn to paddle, to provide them with the opportunity to perhaps develop a lifelong love of paddling, a lifelong exercise habit and for those who want to compete, a fast track to successful competition at local, state, national and international events in sprint and marathon kayaking.

I am very pleased at our growth as we set an initial target of 50 members and we almost reached that number in only our 2nd season, doubling the membership of our 1st year.

From quite humble beginnings (1 container and a few 20 year old boats), we are now struggling to find room for our equipment. Obviously, a priority is a clubhouse with ramp and team boats. Once we have that in place membership will double again. At the moment we have to trek across the mud flat to get to the water.

Although we are primarily a sprint club, Southside Paddlers has excelled in the PaddleNSW Marathon season of 2011 – coming 2nd overall in our first year of competition. Currently, in 2012, we are placed first. This is an outstanding achievement by our club members most of whom are in their first or second season of marathon competition and are under 20 years of age.

Congratulations to PaddleNSW for running the Spring/ Summer Sprint series at Penrith. It is ideal preparation for our competitors, and we will be there in force! We believe all clubs have a responsibility to support PaddleNSW initiatives to grow the sport, so we are looking forward to big numbers.

The club was very proud of our young paddler, Arnold Graf, in achieving the prestigious NSW Young Paddler of the Year at last year's Annual Award in his first full year of paddling and our first year. I can assure you that we have plenty more under development, ready to step up.

The club has a wonderful group of parents who tirelessly ferry the kids around to training and competition, consistently putting their hands up to run the Bunnings BBQ, the big fundraisers, the club races, etc; and members, supporters and committee who provide back-up for the constant, unflagging, relentless back office jobs that go into building and running our club. On that note, special thanks to my sprightly partner in crime, Rod Smith who just seems to get younger and more enthusiastic every year. Bear in mind that it is all voluntary. NSWIS provided us with some old boats, but in Club Land it is DIY.

In closing, I would like to express our clubs appreciation to PaddleNSW for the thankless task of finding a path through, over and around the obstacle course thrown at them and for managing to keep the sport going forward.

Brian Trouville, President

Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club

The year was highlighted by the major flooding of the clubrooms in February 2012. Advanced warning enabled an efficient group of members to produce a relatively smooth evacuation of boats and fittings from the clubrooms. However, not all fittings were able to be removed or salvaged and replacement of safes, whiteboards and cupboards was still required. Paddling was interrupted for several weeks as all electrical fittings had to be replaced by Wagga City Council and there was no hot water until this was completed. Fortunately, external lighting over the roll-a-doors at each end was added which has made access a little easier for winter-evening paddlers. Additional metal sheeting added to the gates at either end and combination locks have increased clubroom security and access control.

On the water - The water level has remained relatively high for most of the year and lots of sand at the beach made river access more comfortable.

The weekly handicap races have not been as well attended over the last 12 months with many of the stalwarts becoming spasmodic attendees. The flood certainly hampered the typically peak summer paddling season. However, the social paddling group has managed to continue the Saturday morning outings, including a couple of "special" paddles away from the beach - the leadership efforts of Craig Alexander, Paul Reardon and Peter Murphy deserve recognition.

Only a few members have participated on a regular basis in the PaddleNSW Winter Series races in 2011 and 2012. However, the 2011 Wagga Marathon race event in 2011 was well attended by both club members and visitors. The Series presentation night was again a success. Unfortunately, the club was not allocated a Series race for 2012, but arrangements are currently in progress for an application to host an event in next year's PaddleNSW Marathon Series.

Finances - The club remains in a financially viable position despite costs marginally exceeding income for the 2011-12 financial year. Income from boat hire, race fees and drinks has declined in parallel with paddling numbers. However, we are fortunate to have a highly motivated Treasurer/Registrar in Shane McMullen, who has ensured we continue to move forward.

The Executive have put in place a slight increase in membership fees and boat hire and significantly increased rack fees in order to deter those who take advantage of cheap storage, but more importantly, to ensure we are in a position to sustain the facilities and access we have established over the years. This has particular currency as the Wagga Wagga City Council has reconvened discussions with both the Canoe Club and Swimmer's Club as part of their planned Riverside Development Project. As yet, no formal plans have been proposed.

The future - There are several major challenges facing the club. Maintaining an active club membership will continue to be the main focus for the incoming Executive. The former School's Program proved not to be sustainable and there is little indication there is demand and/or support for developing an alternative junior program. One of the more disappointing changes over the last few years has been the gradual disappearance of social and non-paddling activities, apart from the coffee sessions on Saturday mornings.

We are grateful to our long serving Public Officer, Paul Johanson, who has now retired after performing this annual duty with efficiency but little recognition, for nearly 20 years.

An ongoing issue has been the lack of a vibrant functional webpage, and this is being addressed with high priority by the Executive. This has meant communication has been limited to infrequent email distribution of the Platypus Newsletter.

The Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club remains one of the best kept secrets in Wagga. There is an enthusiastic Executive running of the club but it is important that all club members continue to propose new ideas and to step forward to volunteer in any of the many aspects of club development.

We have enviable facilities and access to paddling, and hopefully the camaraderie and enjoyment for members will continue into the future. We look forward to a great 2012-13.

Bruce Graham, President

A full-page background image showing a kayaker in a red kayak navigating a turbulent white-water rapids. The kayaker is wearing a white helmet and a dark wetsuit, and is using a paddle. The water is churning and white with foam. The surrounding cliffs are dark, jagged, and rocky, with some sparse vegetation. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

paddlesports
review

CANOE POLO



Get your hit of exercise, adrenaline, fun and sociability. Canoe polo is a fast and exciting team sport!

Sydney has a small but dedicated band enthusiastically playing on Tuesday evenings at Lidcombe pool. Three seasons were held, a total of 25 weeknights of polo. Numbers fluctuate around 20-25 each week. This level of commitment lets polo just cover the cost of hiring the pool, however the level of competition remains high and the friendly nature of participants shines through, keeping a polo presence alive.

There are regular Saturday morning training sessions at Lake Parramatta, where our Aussie team players are passing on their skills to a new band of committed players including Kate Lord, Sam and Nas Aljunied, Geoff Patterson and myself.

We've had another successful year with NSW players giving great performances in local, state and international competitions.

The National Championships were held in Sydney this year and had strong representation in NSW as well as in other states. The men, women and junior teams all finished well, with all getting medals in the competition. The teams representing NSW in the Summer Series continue to perform very well with great results from the Canberra, Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne rounds.

Unfortunately, the Bomaderry competition was not held last year but will be returning this year. Hopefully, this will spark a revival of some of the other regional competitions.

Bob Sims and Craig Hutchison were selected to join the Australian Canoe Polo team and played in the World Canoe Polo Championships held in Poznan, Poland in September, finishing fourth, and at one stage in the running for Gold with only slender margins separating them from world champion status.

Thank you to Cathy Miller, Richard Barnes and Trevor Williamson for their fantastic effort throughout the year and who continue to drive the sport with their spirit and enthusiasm.

Richard Andrews, Chair

MARATHON



There was much anticipation for the start of the 2012 PaddleNSW Marathon 9 Series, not only from the paddlers and clubs, but also the Marathon Technical Committee. In addition to this year's series the committee organised the Australian Canoeing Marathon Championships held at the Regatta Centre in Penrith. This event was combined with the inaugural Oceania Championships.

The year started well with the sponsor from the previous year, Vajda Canoes and Kayaks, staying on board for the 2012 season.

Our first race was hosted by the Burley Griffin Canoe Club in Canberra with well over 100 competitors - this large number indicative of the start of a great year! At each subsequent event we noticed an increase in entrants as some paddlers had returned after not paddling in the series the previous year.

The Oceania Championships were fast approaching, and the Committee was quite stressed, given this was the first time they had organised an event of such magnitude. Their major concern was water depth over the portage area and the dreaded weed. After much discussion with SIRC we were able to solve the problem. I would like to thank the staff at the Regatta Centre, as they worked tirelessly to assist us with our concerns. I would also like to thank Committee members, Gaye Hatfield and Bob Turner for their seamless administrative skills and Laurie Ward for his efforts as Chief Scrutineer. Not only did we have over 200 entrants, but we received congratulations from the Oceania and ICF officials who attended.

Unfortunately, the State Marathon Titles were a bit of a let down as many paddlers stayed away due to the weed, but this did not detract from any racing.

Entrants have increased by about 20% on the previous year, with a minimum of 105 at each event - hopefully, this trend will continue next year. The competition between paddlers is getting more intense as we draw towards the end of the season and as clubs vie for the Brian Norman State Marathon Championship trophy. Southside Paddlers (who finished a close second to Windsor last year) are in front with a hard finishing Burley Griffin Canoe Club very close behind.

Lastly, I would like to thank my hard working and dedicated team of Geoff Horsnell (Vice Chairman), Gaye Hatfield (Secretary), Craig Dodd (Treasurer), Laurie Ward (Scrutineer and Northern Series Co-ordinator) and Bob Turner (Devil's Advocate).

Tom Balaam, Chair

OPEN WATER



This has been another year of expansion for Open Water.

The Harbourseries is now an established annual event completing a third year. Numbers are up about 20% overall, the largest being 160 at Pittwater.

A new timing system suggested by Steve Newsome and originally designed by Alan Phillips, has been tailored especially for these events. The arrival of Gillian Garde undertaking the position of Timing Manager covering registration, race timing, results and certificates has led to gains in efficiency. Race results are now quickly available to paddlers via their phones on the way home from the event. Results are also forwarded by email text message. The new system allows the pointscore to be updated immediately at the conclusion of each event.

The Balmoral race, titled Middle Harbour Challenge, was conducted by the newly established local club "Middle Harbour Paddlers" and run as a charity event for Sunnyfield Independence, an organisation which supports people with intellectual disability. The event generated approximately \$3,000.

The Iceberg Series, after only one year, has become established as a favourite with paddler numbers, in most cases, up by about 50% reflecting a clear intention of the paddlers to continue competing throughout the winter months and not simply pack their boats away until spring.

Last season two Open Water Series events were held at Cronulla Bay and Ulladulla. Both were successful. A much bigger NSW Open Water Series is planned for this coming season.

The Harbournacing website is owned by PaddleNSW and it continues to be a much used direct link to all the NSW Open Water events together with the Harbournacing Facebook page which reaches up to 1600 people. It features articles by paddlers, heaps of photos and gives easy contact between paddlers and organisers. The website will continue to be closely linked up to the PaddleNSW website.

There has been a drive by the Open Water Technical Committee to create and support new open water clubs like the Middle Harbour Paddlers Inc and Manly Paddlers Inc. What started off as the Harbournacing Steering Committee has now been absorbed into the PaddleNSW Open Water Technical Committee.

Tim Hookins, Convenor

RECREATION



The PaddleNSW recreational paddles are a great way for members to get out on the water with groups of like-minded paddlers in areas that they wouldn't normally paddle in. These paddles are led by qualified leaders or guides, have a high standard of safety and are hosted by members local to the area so paddlers can be assured of a safe, informative, enjoyable and quality experience.

This year, with an expanded recreational committee, we were able to offer more recreational paddles with greater variety. As well as the usual flatwater paddles, we also included sea kayaking and whitewater trips.

Under the guidance of Dave Page, for those who wanted to get a taste of sea kayaking, there were a series of sea kayak trips starting with a trip from Palm Beach to the Basin culminating in a Broughton Island camping weekend trip. There were also a number of trips to various locations in Sydney Harbour and Botany Bay hosted by enthusiastic members.

The River Canoe Club hosted a number of whitewater beginners weekends on the Barrington, Shoalhaven and Murrumbidgee rivers. These events were well attended, introducing more than a hundred new paddlers to the sport.

We had the usual array of great flatwater trips to areas like the South Coast, Lake Macquarie, the Hawkesbury River and the Central Coast. These trips were well run and hosted by members eager to show off some of their favourite paddling spots.

Andrew Mathers, Convenor

SLALOM



2011 saw the last NSW Slalom State Championships to be held on the north coast whilst the Goolang Creek pumping station undergoes major reconstruction - its future capacity yet to be determined. The State Champions were Will Forsythe - Mens K1 and Roslyn Lawrence - Women's K1 for 2011.

Penrith Valley hosted a successful race series in the pre-Olympic year that saw some great racing from state, national and international athletes. The Penrith Whitewater Stadium provided a fantastic venue for the series. The coming of 2012 saw the NSW slalom paddlers travel to Tasmania for the National Championships, held on the Mersey River and the National Schools Championships held on the Forth River, with Jessica Fox and Will Forsythe taking out the National titles.

Back to Sydney for the February international race season and Olympic selection races, namely the Australian Open and Oceania Championships. Tight racing in the Men's K1 saw Warwick Draper of Victoria pip Will Forsythe by 1 second for the 1 x Olympic Men's K1 seat. Jessica Fox took out the Women's K1, dashing the hopes of one of the sports true ambassadors, Kate Lawrence, in her quest for Olympic selection. 2012 saw Kate bow out of competitive paddling and move on to other adventures. She was and remains a true inspiration.

In the meantime sister Roslyn Lawrence, Alison Borrows, Jessica Fox, Ian Borrows, Ethan Hodson and Joey Croft were competing in the Under 23 World Championships, together with other National U23 and Junior Team members in Wassau, USA. Jessica Fox, Lucien Delfour, Ian Borrows and Will Forsythe were the NSW members of the National Team representing us in the ICF World Cup Series, with Lucien securing a bronze medal in Pau, France for Australia.

Of course, no one could forget the excitement of the London Olympics and whilst Jessica Fox was the one paddler from NSW in the team, she was our silver lining for slalom canoeing, where Australia secured silver in consecutive Olympics in the Women's K1 discipline.

Younger NSW paddlers include a group from Penrith Valley Canoe Club - Noemie Fox, Lachlan Croft, Angus Thompson, Kieran Fercher, Ciaran Kelly and Alexandra Broome, all of whom made the National Talent Squad ranks after the National Championships in Tasmania.

Noemie, Angus and Lachie travelled to New Zealand for their first international team tour and secured some reasonable results.

Noemie has most recently secured selection in the Australian Youth Olympic Slalom Team and will compete for Australia in January 2013 at Penrith Whitewater Stadium.

There is room for Masters Paddlers recognition as well, with Richard Fox, Kevin Songberg and John Forsythe presenting an all NSW podium in the 2012 nationals in Tasmania and Gary Nelson taking silver in the Grand Masters event for K1.

2012/2013 sees the Slalom community developing new juniors and moving on the Olympic wave of success.

Chris Thompson, Convenor



SPRINT



2012 NSW State Championships – January 2012

The first Sprint event for the year, and the first real involvement of the new Technical Committee, was the running of the 2012 State Sprint Championships. The event was a financial success and provided an important lead up event for several of the Olympic qualifying regattas.

Races were conducted over all three distances (1000m, 500m and 200m) and the meet was a big success. Highlights included over 150 registrations including excellent collaboration with Australian Canoeing (AC); both with respect to event management and the use of the AC start system.

We were also fortunate to have an excellent group of keen volunteers. This made it possible for volunteers to gain increased exposure to many aspects of event management under the supervision of AC representatives.

Next year's State Championships are scheduled for January 2013 and the challenge will be to maintain the momentum in a non-Olympic year.

2012 PNSW Sprint Series

The aim this year was to build on the attendance figures from the 2011 season.

Of the four events planned in 2011, only three Regattas were run after the final event was cancelled due to a lack of numbers. All events were blessed with excellent weather and relied heavily on a small number of dedicated organisers and volunteers.

The ongoing use of volunteers remains fundamental to the success of the series and whilst there was ample volunteer coverage for the event, it is becoming clear that there is a need to increase the volunteer base.

Opportunities

In order to grow the sport and ensure its long term success at the State level, there are a number of opportunities which present themselves:

- » To increase the participation rate for female paddlers. Overall, women represented only a small number of the total number of entrants, and this was particularly skewed in favour of junior paddlers.
- » To build on the number of competitors in the 20 to 40 year old age group who were notably under-represented.

- » Increase the awareness of Sprint at the club level, both with a view to growing the above representation rates and to broaden the volunteer base.
- » Broaden the club representation on the Technical Committee.
- » To communicate to the broader paddling community, and in particular Marathon paddlers, that the sprint format is not dependant on the ability to race a K1/K2 style of boat.
- » Consideration of other racing formats such as previously trialled relay events.

Whilst the Olympic lead up events and the Olympics itself have no doubt raised the profile of the sport, further success will come from increased club participation at an organisational level. Moves are already underway to broaden the Technical Committee to include representatives from a number of major affiliated clubs.

A further requirement will be to increase both the number and skills of the event volunteers and perhaps a return to the previous practice of 'host clubs' should interest in the sport begin to blossom.

Nigel Colless, Chair





financial
statements

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ABN 46 043 881 042

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2012.

Directors

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

- » Mr Anthony Hystek
- » Mr Timothy Hookins
- » Mrs Lynne Parker
- » Mr Christopher Thompson
- » Mr Andrew Mathers
- » Mr Peter Debnam
- » Mr Stephen Newsome

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

Review of Operations

The profit of the company for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to \$13,941.

Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

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

Principal Activities

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

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

Events Subsequent to the End of the Reporting Period

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

Likely Developments and Expected Results of Operations

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

Environmental Regulation

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

Dividends

No dividends were paid during the year and no recommendation is made as to the dividends.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

Options

No options over issued shares or interests in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report.

Indemnification of Officers

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

Proceedings on Behalf of the Company

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

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

Auditors' Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditors independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 30.

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

Director:



Mr Anthony Hystek

Director:



Mr Timothy Hookins


Dated this day of: 8 October 2012

AUDITORS' INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE DIRECTORS OF PADDLENSW INC

We declare, that to the best of our knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2012 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Name of Firm: W & D Financial Services
Chartered Accountants

Name of Partner: 
Peter Power

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

Dated this day of: 12 October 2012

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Revenue (net)		258,309	247,210
Event expenses		(103,132)	(83,298)
Employee benefits expenses		(63,875)	(45,447)
Affiliation fees		(36,364)	(39,091)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(7,355)	(5,072)
Other expenses		(33,634)	(53,604)
Profit for the year	2	13,949	20,698
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		199,717	179,019
Profit attributable to members of the company		213,666	199,717

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	241,179	224,116
Trade and other receivables	4	2,791	143
Inventories	5	7,331	12,899
Total Current Assets		251,301	237,158
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	7,487	10,102
Total Non-Current Assets		7,487	10,102
TOTAL ASSETS		258,788	247,260
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	6	19,168	16,155
Other current liabilities	8	25,954	31,388
Total Current Liabilities		45,122	47,543
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	9	-	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities		-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		45,122	47,543
NET ASSETS		213,665	199,717
EQUITY			
Retained earnings	10	213,666	199,717
TOTAL EQUITY		213,666	199,717

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Note	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2010		179,019	179,019
Profit attributable to equity shareholders		20,698	20,698
Balance at 30 June 2011		199,717	199,717
Profit attributable to equity shareholders		13,949	13,949
Balance at 30 June 2012		213,666	213,666

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts from events		119,241	83,142
Cash receipts from members		108,624	108,803
Cash receipts from Government Grant		20,000	46,151
Interest received		8,817	8,045
Cash paid to employees		(63,875)	(45,447)
Cash paid to suppliers		(171,184)	(149,942)
Net cash used in operating activities		21,083	50,752
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payment for fixed assets		(4,740)	-
Net cash flows from investing activities		(4,740)	-
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash		17,063	50,752
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		224,179	173,364
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	3	241,179	224,116

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the company is a non reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the needs of members.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies disclosed below which the directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of these statements are as follows:

Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Property, Plant and Equipment

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

Plant and equipment

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

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

Depreciation

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

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

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

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

Financial Instruments

Initial Recognition and Measurement

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

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

Impairment of Assets

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

Trade and Other Receivables

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

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

Provisions

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

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Revenue and Other Income

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

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

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

Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Trade and Other Payables

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

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

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

Comparative Figures

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
2 Profit for the Year		
Profit before income tax from continuing operations includes the following specific expenses:		
Expenses		
Cost of sales	-	2,651
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	7,355	5,072
3 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at bank - ANZ	63,040	53,794
Cash in investments	54,566	170,322
ING Direct Savings	123,573	-
	241,179	224,116
4 Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Sundry debtors	1,000	-
Trade debtors	1,070	143
Other debtors	720	-
	2,791	143
5 Inventories		
Current		
Inventories	7,331	12,899
6 Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Trade creditors	8,602	9,217
Other creditors	2,751	-
BAS liability	7,815	6,938
	19,168	16,155
7 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and equipment		
At cost	25,069	20,329
Accumulated depreciation	(17,582)	(10,227)
	7,487	10,102

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

7 (cont.) 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.

	2012 \$	2011 \$
	Plant and Equipment \$	Total \$
Additions	4,740	4,740
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation	(7,355)	(7,355)
	(2,615)	(2,615)

8 Other Liabilities

Current

Memberships in Advance	25,954	31,388
------------------------	--------	--------

9 Retained Earnings

Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	199,717	179,019
Net profit attributable to members of the company	13,949	20,698
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	213,666	199,717

10 Change in Accounting Policy

No changes in Accounting Policy during the year.

11 Company Details

PaddleNSW Inc registered office and principal place of business is
6A Figtree Drive
Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2129

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

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

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 28 to 36, present fairly the company's financial position as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

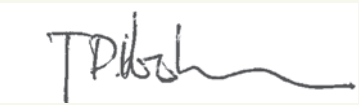
This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director:



Mr Anthony Hystek

Director:



Mr Timothy Hookins

Dated this day of: 8 October 2012

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDLENSW INC

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of PaddleNSW Inc, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2012, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

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

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDLENSW INC


Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of PaddleNSW Inc as of 30 June 2012 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis of Accounting

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

Name of Firm: W & D Financial Services
Chartered Accountants

Name of Partner: 
Peter Power

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

Dated this day of: 12 October 2012

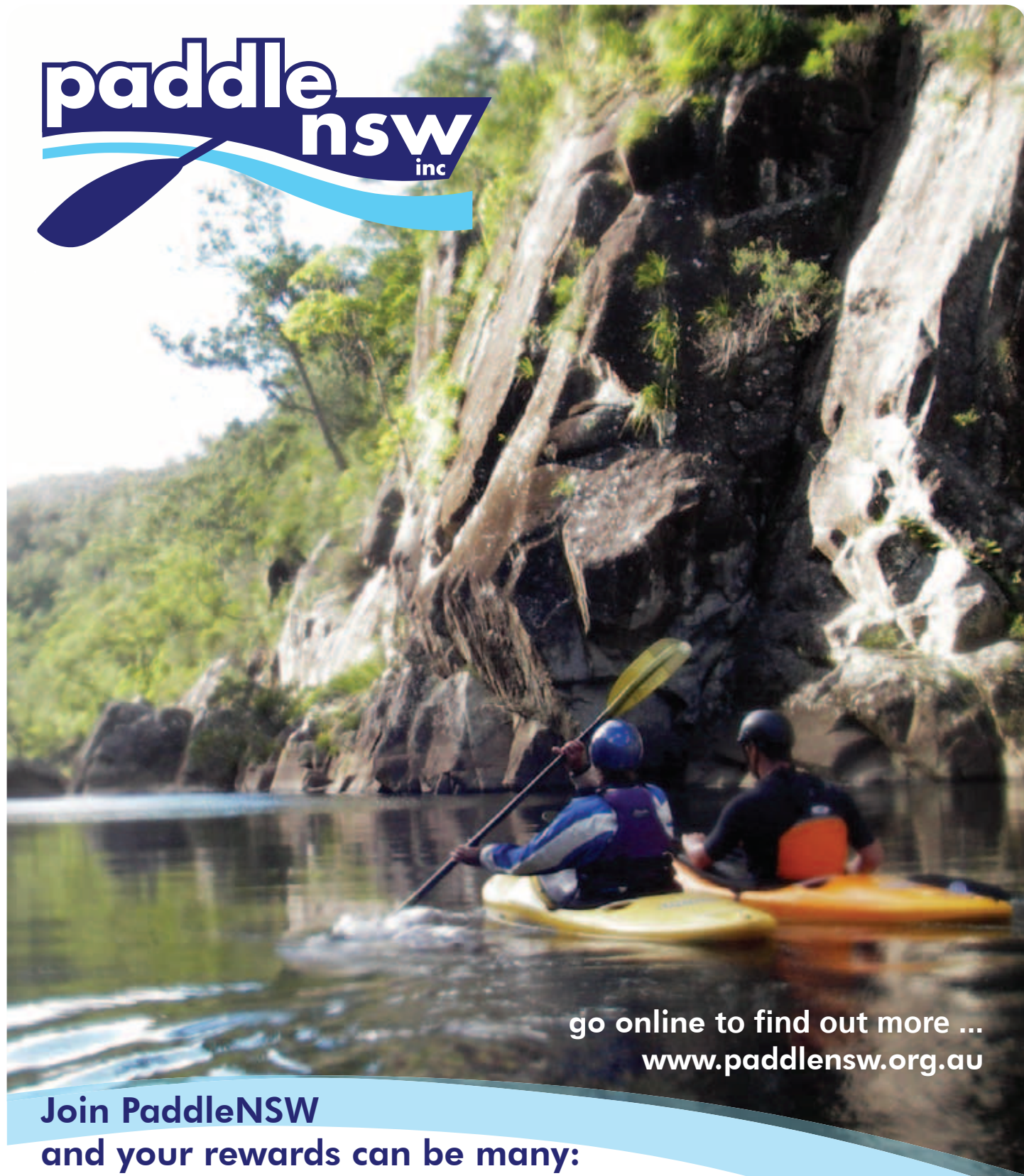
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
REVENUE		
Marathon income	58,892	28,660
Education income	27,739	15,939
Canoe Polo income	21,744	8,140
Open Water/Harbour Racing income	3,982	1,160
Sprint income	2,901	6,077
Slalom Event income	2,064	21,108
Wildwater income	-	131
Merchandise Items	2,100	1,927
	119,421	83,142
LESS: COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Purchases for resale	-	2,651
GROSS PROFIT FROM TRADING	119,421	80,491
OTHER INCOME		
Membership fees	108,624	108,803
Advertising income	1,348	1,500
Interest received	8,817	8,045
Other income	100	2,220
Government subsidies	20,000	46,151
	138,888	166,719
	258,309	247,210

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
EXPENSES		
Marathon expenses	47,586	23,158
Education expenses	29,266	30,790
Canoe Polo expenses	18,221	7,921
Open Water/Harbour Racing expenses	3,781	425
Sprint expenses	2,935	5,695
Slalom Event expenses	1,343	15,309
	103,132	83,298
Salaries, wages and superannuation	63,145	45,447
Insurance and workers compensation	427	-
Recruitment expenses	154	-
Staff amenities	150	-
	63,875	45,447
Affiliation fees	36,364	39,091
Depreciation	7,355	5,072
Accountancy fees	545	-
AC coach and instructor registration	190	4,319
Advertising and promotion collateral	5,576	1,966
Athlete assistance	350	10,341
RegisterNow charges	2,848	2,915
Board meeting and costs	2,946	-
Computer expenses	1,246	-
General expenses	551	2,929
Boat insurance	-	15,474
Membership card	4,492	1,084
Merchandise purchases	351	-
Postage	2,706	2,313
Printing and stationery	2,120	1,860
Subscriptions	849	-
Technical resources	5,406	4,957
Telephone	3,314	1,780
Training	-	350
Travelling expenses	144	3,316
	33,634	53,604
	244,360	226,512
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	13,949	20,698



go online to find out more ...
www.paddlensw.org.au

Join PaddleNSW and your rewards can be many:

1. Information and resources for paddlers to get more from their sport
2. Improve your paddling skills and techniques
3. Organised events for fun, fitness and competition
4. Recreational activities to meet other paddlers and discover new places
5. Insurance for members while you participate in paddling activities

RECREATIONAL ~ SPRINT ~ SLALOM ~ MARATHON ~ CANOE POLO ~ SEA KAYAKING ~ RAFTING
SURF KAYAKING ~ WILDWATER RACING ~ OPEN WATER ~ FREESTYLE ~ WHITEWATER

Photos with kind permission of Yvette Graf - Southside Paddlers, Helen Moody, Makai Paddlers Society, Richard Barnes, Gary Roberts, Nigel Colless, Rachelle Mascord, Abbey Digital, Tim Sindle, Addison McCormack and PaddleNSW stock photos.

Annual Report designed by Marie Carr | e: muz_carr@hotmail.com



PaddleNSW Inc
Sports House, 6a Figtree Drive
Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2027

www.paddlensw.org.au