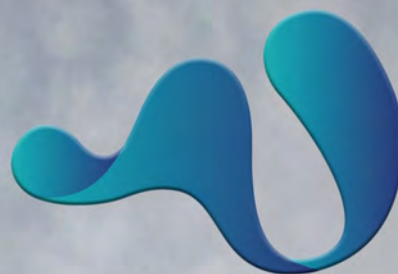


Paddle NSW



10th Annual Report 2016/17



Dear Members,

On behalf of the PaddleNSW Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to present for your consideration and adoption the 10th Annual Report of PaddleNSW Inc that covers its activities during the financial year 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017.

Peter Tate *Chief Executive Officer*



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Anthony HYTEK



Vice Chair:
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Elected Director:
Nicole BARTELS



Appointed Director:
Karen FORBES



**Elected Director:
Ross FRASER**



**Elected Director:
Kiaran LOMAS**



**Elected Director:
Lynn PARKER**



**Elected Director:
Chris THOMPSON**



**Appointed Director:
Bob TURNER**



2016/17 PaddleNSW Office Bearers & Committee Members

Co-Patrons: NSW Minister for Sport – The Hon. Stuart AYRES MP
Helen BROWNLEE OAM

Chief Executive Officer: Peter TATE

Accounts Officer: Denise ROGERS

Development Officer: Ros LAWRENCE

Auditor: Tomas WEISZER

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

Coaching Coordinator: Kiaran LOMAS

Waterways Committee: Lynn PARKER, Jeff COTTRELL, Anjie LEES

PNSW PADDLESPOORT COMMITTEES:

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

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

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

Marathon: Gary RAKE (Chair), Colin CUSSEL, Don JOHNSTONE, Bob TURNER

Open Water: Jeremy SPEAR (Chair), Tony HAINES, Tim HOOKINS,
David JEPSEN, Stephen NEWSOME, Paul RICHARDSON, Suzie
RHYDDERCH

Paracanoe: Gaye HATFIELD (Chair), David LUNN

Slalom: John FORSYTHE (Chair), Colin BORROWS, Chris THOMPSON

Sprint: Laura WHITE (Chair), Jeff BEERE, Graham MATTS,
Jake MICHAEL, Stephen SHELLEY

Stand Up: Kiaran LOMAS (Chair)

Whitewater: Johannes HENDRIKS (Chair), David BURGESS,
Nick HERALD, Anna HERRING, Brad JEFFRIES,
Rob McINTYRE, Will STONE

Wildwater: Peter McINTYRE (Chair)

LIFE MEMBERS:

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

1962 Max HILL*, Os BROWNLEE*, Harry SAVAGE*,

Frank WHITEBROOK* OAM, Albert HOPKINS*

1967 Frank HENRY* 1977 Phil COLES OAM AM

1978 Graham JOHNSON 1979 Helen BROWNLEE OAM

1980 Bruce MORISON* OAM 1981 Joan MORISON* OAM

1982 Bill SALE* 1984 John MARTIN

1986 George CLARKE* 1990 Jim FULLER*

1992 Ray ABRAHALL* 1994 Adele MEIER

1997 Beverley PALLISTER 2003 Graham HALFORD*

2005 Peter FLOWERS

2016 Jeff COTTRELL, Gaye HATFIELD, Lynn PARKER

Legend – Year when awarded

* indicates deceased Life Member

Acknowledgment of Partners

We are indebted to numerous government agencies, local government authorities, sporting bodies and corporates – without whom our journey would be far more difficult. We wish to formally recognise our supporters and partners.

Supported by the



Patron's Preamble - Helen Brownlee

Within the PaddleNSW family, the opportunities to share our love of canoeing are many and varied. I am constantly in awe of the enthusiasm within our member clubs and the ingenious events and activities the PaddleNSW Executive plan for the benefit of all. These are exciting times!

Over these past twelve months, much has been achieved, both at Club and State levels. We have seen an increase in clubs, a new website, new events and the continuing Club Roadshow reaching out to our country members. Many of these activities focus on the grassroots of canoeing, where individuals can safely take up a paddle and begin to find the 'magic' in traversing our waterways.

At the elite level, we have cheered on our athletes to be the best that they can be – with some outstanding results. We have also seen how they can turn disappointment into triumph; and marvelled at their courage, strength of spirit and humility in facing the challenges of tomorrow. They are truly inspirational!

It is a source of much pleasure to witness the energy, commitment and resourcefulness of individual members and management (Club and State) towards making PaddleNSW a vital and viable organisation. It is obvious that by sharing our love of canoeing with others, we are all richer for the experience.

Reflect with pride on the contribution you personally have made this year. Congratulations to you all!

Helen Brownlee OAM

Chairperson's Report - Tony Hystek

Part of the pleasure of entering the Riverland Paddling Marathon comes from searching the RPM website for event details. If you start on the home page, you are greeted with a collage photo of one of the towering cliffs along the river. On closer inspection, you find the landscape constructed of a myriad of smaller photos of paddlers in a range of craft and different backgrounds.



It's a great microcosm of our paddling community.

Every facet of our sport forms an integral part of the larger landscape; each facet has to be supported and developed so it contributes to the big picture.

Not many sports have as many diverse activities occurring with their boundaries. From water polo to flatwater sprint, from Arctic expeditions to Sunday coffee runs, there's a niche paddlesport activity to suit everyone.

Over time, I've come to appreciate the amount of effort selflessly given by hundreds of paddlers and their friends in facilitating these sports. If you list the various paddlesports on offer, there are over 10 diverse categories. All are supported by an overall association membership of just on 2000 paddlers in NSW. That's a lot of collective effort, and we should be proud that as a 'not for profit' organisation run on volunteer contributions we can achieve an almost unbroken calendar of high quality competitive events, training sessions, recreational paddles and regular club activities.

If you are into paddlesport, there's a better than average chance you will be involved in its administration in some way.

As the collage so aptly portrays, we all contribute to the big picture. I don't think there are too many other sports that can boast the same level of commitment from their members.

As a State Sporting Organisation, we rely on member contributions for a large portion of our working income. Some of our administration costs will remain constant regardless of member numbers, while others will increase. Accounting and office administration costs won't increase dramatically, however variables such as Paddle Australia affiliation fees may change.

Our primary aim is to provide members with the services they need and expect. To maintain these services, we need a minimum membership base. Anything above this number and we can move forward with strategies such as junior development, education and training, safety and IT. Fall below the membership 'tipping point' and

we will struggle to stay in business. Memberships are all important to our survival. And to our ability to pursue new projects.

The employment of a junior development officer, for example, may seem like an extravagance, however if the resulting increased membership provides funding for that position it will then be seen as a positive outcome.

We need to stay relevant. The relevance of PaddleNSW is a moveable feast, and one which will have a new chef from this point on. As I step down from the Chair's position, I'd like to thank everyone who has supported PaddleNSW in its rise to its current position. In the early

days the board was really a management committee performing everyday tasks and banking the benefits. Our current viable financial position is largely due to this contribution of effort. Now, we are trying to extend our professional approach to management, and Bob Turner has stepped up to take the reins. The board has a very diverse range of skills and he should be able to lead PNSW well into the future.

I'd like to thank every one of our board members. With rarely any dissent at our meetings, we achieved a great deal. Especially I'd like to say a personal thank you to Lynn Parker, there from the start, and an unbelievably driven advocate of everything paddling, especially education and recreation. Irrepressible!

And a thank you to Peter Tate, who has kept the ship on a steady course throughout.

There's more to come from PaddleNSW, just a bit less from me!

Tony Hystek

CEO's Report - Peter Tate

The past twelve months have been typically busy for PaddleNSW and the tremendous volunteers who contribute so much for our members. We have transitioned through a change of branding and logo; released a new website platform; created and conducted an exciting new event at Parramatta; amongst many, many other things.



Clubs

For the record there were 38 financial and affiliated clubs in 2016/17, as follows:

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

That's an increase of two clubs as we welcomed River Racing Australia, Stay Afloat, Sydney Ocean Paddlers and The Armidale School Canoe Club into the fold in the past twelve months, however lost Dolls Point Paddlers (absorbed into



Sutherland Shire CC) and Harbour Racing (re-identified as PNSW Open Water Committee). Additionally two of our clubs changed their identity, with CCCC now known as Central Coast Paddlers Inc, and Dubbo Canoe Club now known as Western Paddlers.

The Club Roadshow continued in 2016/17 with my visit to six northern clubs in July. Another highlight was the 1st Birthday Bash of Newy Paddlers in May. My sincere thanks to each of those clubs for the warm hospitality.

We are extremely grateful to all club executive members and volunteers who contribute so much at the grass roots level of paddling.

The PNSW Club Forum was another success for the 60+ members and supporters who attended the festivities at picturesque Chowder Bay. My thanks to Lynn Parker and Chris Thompson for their tireless behind-the-scene workload, but more importantly to our club executives and personnel who travelled from far and wide to attend.

Members

Paddlers, athletes, volunteers and officials have all enjoyed a busy year across club, regional, state, national and world-class events.



The pinnacle obviously was the Paralympics and Olympic Games held in Rio de Janeiro last August. Congratulations to all the PaddleNSW athletes chosen to represent their country on the world's biggest stage –lan

Borrows, Lucien Delfour, Riley Fitzsimmons, Naomi Flood, Jessica Fox, Dylan Littlehales, Colin Sieders, Murray Stewart and Lachlan Tame. Podium finishes for Jess (K1 slalom) and Lachlan (K2 1000 with Ken Wallace) will go down in Australian paddling folklore.

Of course the outstanding results for Jess continued in 2017 securing the K1 Slalom World Championship, winning seven World Cup medals including three gold and is the overall World Cup winner in C1 Women for 2017. She's also the first female athlete in Canoe Slalom to win five senior World Championships titles. A remarkable athlete and a fantastic ambassador for PaddleNSW.

Membership with PaddleNSW continues to grow, up 171 (10%) on the previous year. The pleasing aspect in the figures is the strong membership growth in our juniors, which almost doubled. This is perhaps due to the wonderful events and activities conducted by our clubs, the paddlesports, and “come n try” days championed by Ros Lawrence and her development team.

Age	Male	Female	Total
5 years to 18	130	87	217
19 to 45	397	182	579
46 to 60	484	231	715
61 and over	285	82	367
Total	1296	582	1878
Category	Male	Female	Total
Full Adult	823	386	1209
Full Junior	120	81	201
Single event memberships	353	115	468
Total	1296	582	1878



PNSW Board of Directors

During the 2016/17 financial year, the Board met on 10 occasions with attendance as follows:

		11/07	15/08	12/09	14/11	16/01	13/02	13/03	10/04	8/05	5/06	Attendance
Tony Hystek	<i>Chair</i>	a	✓	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8
Anjie Lees	<i>Vice Chair</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10
Nicole Bartels	<i>Elected Director</i>				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	a	5/7
Karen Forbes	<i>Appointed Director</i>				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	✓	5/7
Ross Fraser	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9
Kiaran Lomas	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	a	✓	✓		✓	✓	a	✓	✓	7
Andrew Mathers	<i>Elected Director</i>		a	a								0/3
Lynn Parker	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	✓	✓	8
Chris Thompson	<i>Elected Director</i>	a	✓	✓	a	a	✓	✓	a	a	✓	5
Bob Turner	<i>Appointed Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	a	✓	8

“a” indicates apology.

Andrew Mathers resigned from the PNSW Board on 12th October 2016.

Nicole Bartels was elected to the Board on 15th October 2016.

Karen Forbes was appointed to the Board on 14th November 2016.

Tony Hystek was re-appointed Chair of the Board on 14th November 2016.

Anjie Lees was re-appointed Vice Chair of the Board on 14th November 2016.

I take this opportunity to thank each and every Director for contributing their time and effort on behalf of the Members. Each brings their own individual style and background to the table, and all have served the membership with the utmost of integrity and the greatest of passion.

I particularly thank and acknowledge two Directors. **Chris Thompson** stands down after serving on the PaddleNSW Board for close to a decade. His sense of reason and propensity for agenda compliance will be missed at our meetings. We look forward to his continued involvement specifically with slalom events and issues.



Tony Hystek deservedly won the 2016 Sport NSW Director of the Year Award – a great accolade from his peers. Tony is stepping down from the Chairmanship after two years at the helm, however thankfully will remain a back-bencher. His efforts in the past twelve months have been monumental, including event coordinator for the Myall Classic and Parra Paddlefest, and making significant inroads with NSW Maritime for sensible lifejacket legislation. All members are indebted for your selfless and outstanding contributions Tony.

Financial Report

The PNSW Board reports a deficit for the financial year ending 30th June 2017 of \$13,627 (\$29,987 in 2015/16). The organisation remains in a comfortable position to serve our members and paddling across NSW and ACT. The Balance Sheet as of 30th June 2017 indicates total equity in the organisation of \$211,707.

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

Office-Bearers and Sub-Committees

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

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

- Our Canoe Polo Committee worked hard in securing a return to Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre (Auburn).
- Our Slalom Committee entered high-level discussions with Ministers Stuart Ayres and Niall Blair to investigate potential long-term venues in regional NSW. The same Committee was also heavily involved in hosting the National Slalom Championships at Penrith Whitewater Stadium in January.
- We welcomed new PNSW Whitewater Committee under the leadership of **Johannes Hendriks**.

- Our Marathon, Open Water and Sprint Committees continue to conduct safe and exciting series with participation numbers growing every year.
- **Eileen Callaghan** and the Freestyle Committee secured a \$4,290 grant from **Penrith City Council** for our representatives at the World Championships in Argentina. Additionally, PaddleNSW awarded \$3,050 worth of Athlete Grants to our U23 representatives across all disciplines. This expenditure was partly offset by Program Partner **First Option Credit Union** to the tune of \$2,400.
- Appreciation is also extended to all personnel who maintain our collective equipment such as the four trailers and event gear (canoe polo, marathon, open water, safety IRBs).
- **Lynn Parker**, with her hard-working team, continues doing a magnificent job coordinating all the education and training courses throughout NSW and ACT.
- **Kiaran Lomas** as the State Coaching Coordinator oversees that important component of our membership. **Tony Hystek** and **Margi Bohm** did much of the assessing state-wide.
- New Development Officer **Ros Lawrence** continued on where Jo Brigden-Jones had pioneered the role. Ros was very passionate and championed numerous junior development programs in Sydney and across the state. Thank you for your enthusiasm and practical professionalism Ros. The model will expand in future years as we spread our wings into the school system and other junior development opportunities.
- Our relationship with NSWIS is strengthened by Jake Michael joining the PNSW Sprint Committee. We also acknowledge mutual partnerships with **Central Coast Academy of Sport** (sprint) and **Western Sydney Academy of Sport** (slalom). Kind thanks to **Ian Robilliard** and **Martin Bullock** respectively for supporting our Pathway Programs.

Awards & Recognition

At the gala 2016 NSW Annual Sports Awards our PNSW Chairperson **Tony Hystek** won the Volunteer Director of the Year Award from amongst all 100+ sports in NSW. On the same night, **Helen Tongway** was duly recognised with a Distinguished Long Service Award for outstanding contribution to our sport, while World Slalom Champion **Jessica Fox** (NSW Athlete of the Year), **Dylan Littlehales** (Young Athlete with a Disability) and **Pauline Findlay** (Masters Athlete of the Year) were also finalists.

Another event conducted by Sport NSW was the 2017 NSW Community Sports Awards. At Parliament House in June, stalwart **Nick Naughton** received a Distinguished Long Service Award, whilst **Roger Deane** (Community Official) and **Robert Walker** (Community Sports Administrator) were worthy finalists. Congratulations to all the above members for highlighting our sport so highly on the industry platform.

Brian Trouville was posthumously awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the general division for his outstanding service to sport through canoeing, kayaking and surf lifesaving as part of the 2017 Australia Day Honours list.



The highest award for any organisation is the honouring of Life Membership. At the 2016 AGM we were delighted to honour three outstanding members for their distinguished and exemplary service to PaddleNSW. Our Patron and fellow Life Member Helen Brownlee OAM was on hand to present the Life Membership Awards to **Jeff Cottrell**, **Gaye Hatfield** and **Lynn Parker**. Remarkable contributions by each person and most thoroughly deserving of such recognition.

Annual Performance

- The PNSW Board, Paddlesports and staff performed numerous tasks and achieved desired objectives in 2016/17, including:
- Representation at the AC AGM and Forums
- Evaluation and implementation of the PNSW Strategic Plan (2014-2018)
- Developing athlete and coach pathways
- Monitored budget versus actuals
- PNSW Safety Committee continues to break new ground, especially regarding lifejacket legislation
- The state body and its paddlesports utilised Facebook and social media more effectively
- Regularly communicated with members and key stakeholders
- High-level advocacy on industry groups and Boards – NSW Recreational Vessels Advisory Group (Tony Hystek, Phil Newman); SIRC Venue Management Advisory Committee (Peter Tate); Australian Canoeing Board (Tony Haines); AC Nominations Committee (Anjie Lees).

Acknowledgments

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

- **Tony Hystek** and all the **Board Directors** have been inspirational. They are indicative of how passionate all our members are for paddling in NSW and ACT.
- Our **Paddlesport Committees** have done an outstanding job in 2016/17, conducting many safe, fair and exhilarating events throughout the year.
- Event Coordinator **Tony Hystek**, **Bob Turner** and all our magnificent volunteers continually produce an outstanding **Myall Classic** - our organisation's iconic

showpiece. This year we donated \$2,000 each to Marine Rescue NSW and State Emergency Services.

- Of course this year we established a new iconic event on the national paddling calendar – **The Parra Paddlefest**. Again championed by **Tony Hystek**, this spectacular activity harnessed sprint, slalom, canoe polo, recreational “come n try” and boatercross yes boatercross all at the one venue on the one afternoon. Member for Parramatta Geoff Lee was very impressed and the event will grow to become a leading national spectacle.



- Each year PaddleNSW features at the Sydney International Boat Show. I pay tribute to all the volunteers who sacrifice time on behalf of our organisation, and especially **Lynn Parker** who coordinates our stand. We also thank **Neil Patchett** and all the staff at the **Centre for Maritime Safety**. Their generosity and support at the Boat Show and also at the Marine17 Boating and Safety Forums is greatly appreciated.
- **Lynn Parker** and **Jeff Cottrell** continue to be instrumental in the maintenance and improvement of our internationally-acclaimed Waterways Guide and PaddleSafe App. We really are very fortunate to have such passionate and dedicated people guiding our recreational resources. We also thank our interstate colleagues (Canoe WA and Canoe SA) for supporting the resource with funding and input of data.
- Our loyal sponsors and supporters have each contributed strongly to our sport. I specifically acknowledge **Rhonda Elsayed** from **First Option Credit Union** (supporting our PNSW Representative Paddler Assistance Program each year), and the following local authorities **Clarence Valley Council**, **MidCoast Council**, **City of Parramatta Council** and **Penrith City Council**.
- We are greatly appreciative of the \$20K Sports Development Grant from the **NSW Government**, and the excellent relationship we have with Dept Sport & Recreation staff and the Minister's Office.
- Our warm relationship with the National Body is greatly appreciated. I'm pleased to report our rapport with the **Australian Canoeing staff** is friendly, cooperative and productive.
- The final and most important acknowledgement is to **all PaddleNSW Members**, Club Executive members, competitors and enthusiasts. Thank you.

Enjoy your paddling.

Peter Tate – PNSW CEO

Education and Training Report

Participation:

New opportunities have been created to encourage greater participation in the sport. Whilst Clubs can currently promote Events on the PaddleNSW website, all qualified Coaches, Guides and Instructors can now also advertise courses, squads, social groups organised by them. At this stage all it needs is a quick description of the course or activity, venue and date sent to education@paddlensw.org.au and it will be published. The minimum requirement is to be your self a PaddleNSW member & qualified and to register participants as either single event or full members if they are not already Club members. There is a range of courses (education TAB) or trip ideas (Waterways Guide website) on offer to get started, all to create greater opportunities for members and paddlers.

PaddleNSW Course delivery:

Clubs continue to qualify their front line guides and instructors, an important step to maintaining standards for basic skills and safety. This year, instructor courses were delivered in Wagga Wagga, Barrington and Dubbo. Guides for this year's Macquarie Club, Wondomnom event, particularly focused on managing risk and emergency procedures for their very popular three-day recreational paddle. Schools and especially the Environmental Education Schools lead the way in attending refresher moving-water safety courses. The Lake Parramatta Flatwater & Guide Courses continue to attract members and paddlers working in the industry and this year a large group of Council land-care officers, won over to the approach that its more fun to tackle weeds via creeks and estuaries, trained up as Guides.

In November the first Pack Rafters Course was finally conducted on the Murrumbidgee River, next to Canberra. It was a challenge, coordinating the availability of the Tassie instructors and a river with water after the long dry winter. The reward was great when watching the progression of skill from participants as they confidently paddled the harder rapids on the Angle Crossing to Tharwa Section.



And thanks to the River Canoe Club whitewater instructors and Roslyn Lawrence our development coordinator for conducting a junior whitewater camp on the Childowla Section. Juniors from Penrith Valley and Burleigh Griffin Clubs had great fun on the natural watercourse and around the campfire in the evening.

The number of Courses has been pretty consistent, with 85 participants undergoing training and twenty converting to new Australian Canoeing Awards.

Our relationship with the AC Education and Recreation coordinator has been a little disappointing. Whilst it is appreciated that the Award Scheme is an industry standard, the value that affiliated State Organisations bring is pretty much dismissed, often placed second to the proliferation of businesses endorsed by AC to run training. The National Recreational Committee, of which each State has representation, has not met for over a year. AC has however released resources; the Paddle Oz Scheme, Paddle Log and Paddle Prep.



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



The Waterways Guide website:

The website is now mobile friendly – an especially welcome feature for Android mobile users who are waiting patiently for the PaddleSafe APP.

Check out the layers: Explore by map or Index

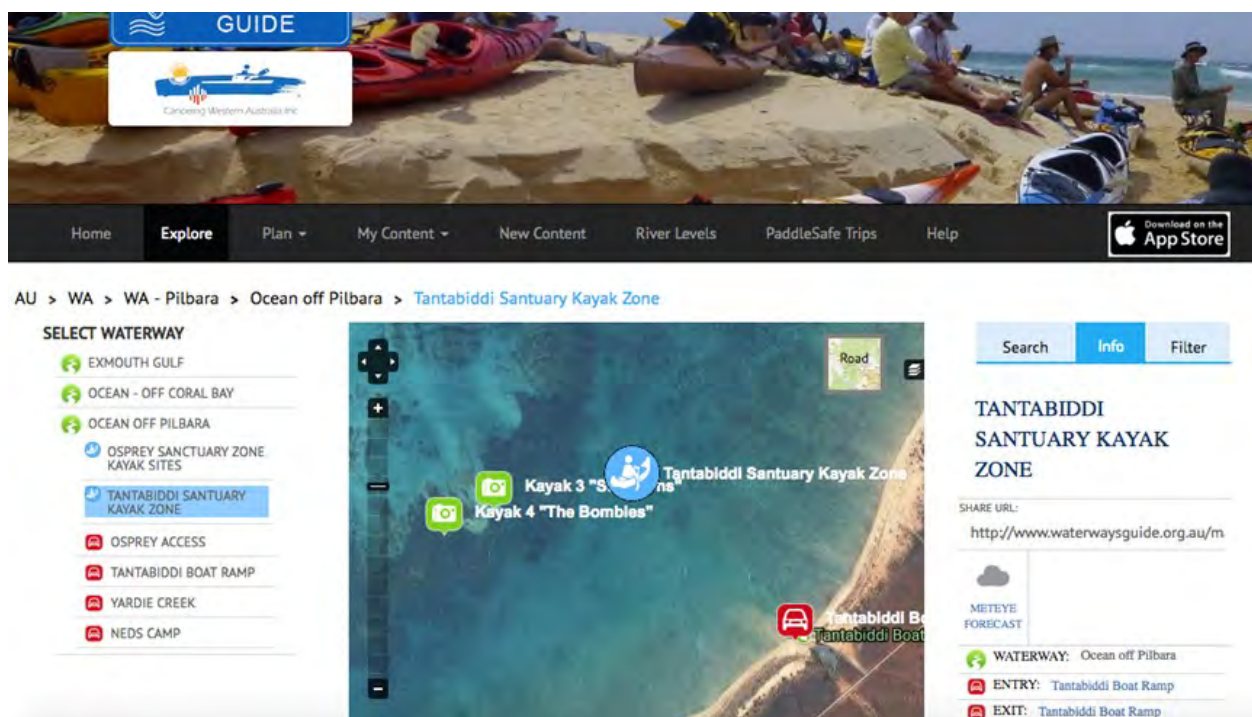
After Paddle SA and WA invested in the Guide development, the site opens directly to their branded State home page. PaddleNSW remains “home” to any search of other States however the opportunity to come on board, remains available to all Paddle Australian partners.

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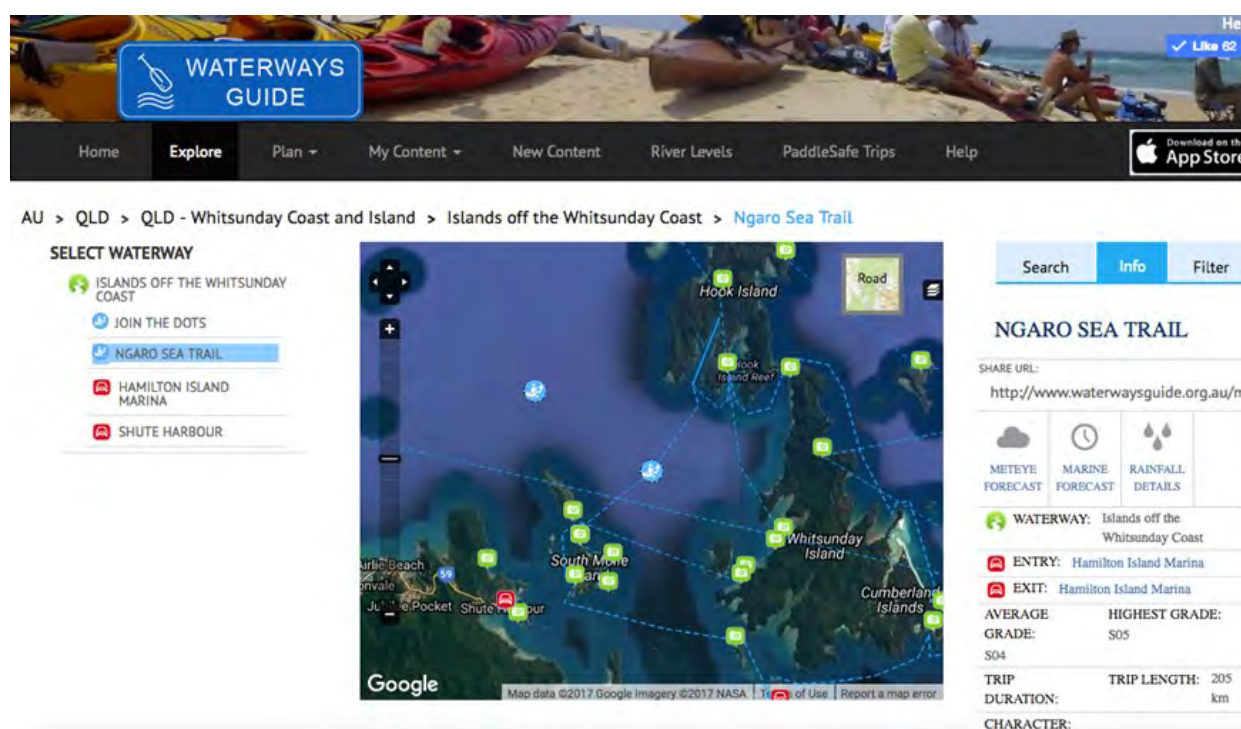
> NSW & ACT



There are many new trip ideas, access points and special adventures to be discovered. Check out the WA National Parks Ningaloo kayak trails to buoys for anchoring whilst you snorkel the reef below. Keep an eye out for the Whale Sharks – harmless and beautiful. <http://www.waterwaysguide.org.au/map/19692>



or stay on the east coast and visit the Whitsundays Coast and Islands in Qld. <http://www.waterwaysguide.org.au/map/19804> Don't stop there, check out the camping details and plan your next holiday now.



Input from all paddlers will make the guide even better, login to add images and contact support@waterwaysguide.org.au to become an editor. The login link can be found under the TAB My Content/my profile.

Reformatting and tidying up has gone on behind the scene, and the whole site should appear more intuitive to the user. Another long list of enhancements will be visible by time the Annual Report is read this year.

A huge thank you again goes to Jeff Cottrell who is now firmly chained to the website development and statistics reporting. Analytics inform where best to spend our time and the financial support of other Organisations. It is important to report that no additional PaddleNSW members' funds have been used since 2013 and the \$7000 balance will be allocated with considerable care in this next development. We continue the search for additional funds to complete the Paddle Safe App for Android mobiles.

Sydney International Boat Show.

Again PaddleNSW took its place on the Safety Precinct at the Sydney Boat Show in July. To herald the return to Darling Harbour, it was preceded by the Marine17 Conference, where PaddleNSW Board members did their best to provide the competitive members' view to the wearing/or not, of life jackets. We also met with, Chris Stec a speaker from the American Canoe Association, to discuss cross- country opportunities. Not sure if our wish for a worldwide Waterways guide can be met, as they too share similar challenges between competitive and recreation demands on the sport.

At the Show, visitors were clearly disappointed to discover that Hobbie was the only Kayak related business. They had hoped for a wide range of kayaks and new developments. Whilst the PaddleNSW stand promoted the Clubs & the kayak businesses its difficult to compete with the real thing. Lets do something about this before next Sydney Boat Show, as it is a great opportunity to be part of a vibrant show that is also full of related equipment and toys.



PaddleNSW offers thanks to the volunteers who put in very long hours.

Lynn Parker

PADDLESPORTS REPORTS

CANOE POLO

Canoe polo has had a great year. During the 2016 -2017 seasons, the regular Sydney competition continued at Ashfield Pool, in the dive pool. Now that the newly renovated Ruth Everuss Centre at Auburn has re-opened we are back on Tuesday nights 7-9pm for the Sydney Spring and Summer competitions. What a great venue! Our numbers have increased already. All welcome, boats and kit provided. We've been successful in obtaining a grant for equipment from ACP to the value of just over \$4,000. These funds will be used to upgrade equipment at Auburn Pool and goals at our new Training Venue at Parramatta River.

We have secured major support from Parramatta Council for the use of this location for training, including storage for our goals and equipment. The venue has also been used for numerous Australian Mens Training Camps, and always draws a crowd. Other sports are welcome to utilise this area if needed, development camps, come and try days.

On the South Coast the Mudcake challenge was held in February 2017. This single day competition with two divisions attracted players from Canberra, Sydney, Goulburn, Wollongong and the Central Coast. The challenge was a social comp with a fun yet competitive atmosphere at Bomaderry with four open and four junior/ beginner teams competing. The eventual winner of the junior competition was Canberra with a joint win of open grade between the Shoalhaven and Canberra teams. A very enjoyable Saturday for all involved with a social BBQ and Mudcake to celebrate at the end of the day.

The club also runs social competition and training nights each Tuesday at Bomaderry pool during the spring and autumn months and has sent a club team to compete at the Canberra invitational Canoe Polo competition for the past two years.

Shoalhaven Canoe and Kayak Club is striving to promote Canoe Polo within the Shoalhaven region and assist new players to grow and develop their paddling skills.



Some of our year's highlights include:

- ParraFest, canoe polo provided a great vibe and lots of action
- Three NSW players (Bob Sims, Nathan Rosaguti and Louie Wu) represented Australia at the 2016 World Championships in Syacrusse Italy.
- Mark Huang, Louie Wu, Robert Sims, Nathan Rosaguti and James Parks have represented the Australian Men's team in 2017 Oceania and in different categories (Nathan, Robert and Louie in Open, Mark in U21 and James in Masters)
- Our Men's A team have won silver at the 2017 Oceania (A team: Robert Sims, Louie, Mark).
- At the Australian Canoe Polo Championships NSW in March 2017 at Nagambie Vic, was represented with two Open teams, and a Masters team who won gold
- The NSW Masters team (Richard Barnes, Bob Kenderes, Steve Brown, Neil Lerve, Caroline Houghton and Ian Houghton) also competed in the World Masters Games in Auckland NZ, where they won bronze in the mixed masters Over 45 category, and narrowly missed bronze in the open masters.
- Caroline Houghton and Ian Houghton represented Australian Masters at the 2017 Oceania Competition winning silver
- Our NSW Lakers Gold team (Alan Lawson, Brett Houghton, Craig Hutchinson, Richard Andrews, Nas Aljunied, Louie Wu) has won gold in the first Summer Series held in Canberra on the weekend of 21 and 22nd Ocober 2017.
- Louie Wu has appointed Development Officer for Canoe Polo
- Heidi Cheney and Cathy Miller are focused on development of a NSW Women's team
- The second round of Summer series will be held in Sydney on the 2nd and 3rd of December.
- The remainder of 2017-2018 will see a renewed focus on Schools and Development with further planning and events to be held in 2018. For example, several club members will also showcase canoe polo as one of 20 sports in the annual Ace of Sports multi-sport charity tournament to be held on 9th December at St Ignatius' College Riverview.





Training at the Parramatta River venue drew crowds from the Fiji day event



SYDNEY CANOE POLO

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Cathy Miller

FREESTYLE

Following the Winter break, Freestyle turned to preparing for the upcoming ICF World Championships to be held in San Juan, Argentina in late November and early Dec 2017.

Part of the preparation for the world championships has included for most of the team training at the Penrith Whitewater Centre. The Centre has two very good 'hole' features for training which were created by Penrith Whitewater Stadium Manager, Mr Jack Hodge. Freestyle's head coach Jez Jezz, assistant coach Josh Singleton and multiple world Freestyle Kayak World champion Claire O'Hara have been assisting the team in developing their 'moves'.

This season has seen an increase in new juniors and seniors joining the sport which is looking promising for the future of freestyle.

After a free fun Christmas throwdown, some of the senior and junior freestyle paddlers headed over to the South Island of New Zealand for a junior freestyle camp at Hawea lead by Claire O'Hara.

The final two days of the trip were spent at the upgraded Tekapo whitewater course. Australian paddlers experienced new freestyle features and rivers and met many New Zealand paddlers. New Zealand's Freestyle Kayak programme is thriving and their access to regular Freestyle Kayak Features is enviable.



Hole Feature at Hawea, New Zealand

Our Nationals kicked off again in April 2017 with the weather playing nice for the 2nd year in row with clear blue skies.

Junior National K1 Gold Medallist
Christian Hliounakis clearly having fun !



With a number of senior and junior paddlers unable to attend some of the new juniors and seniors had the opportunity to show their tricks. It was also pleasing to see the return of squirt boating.

K1 Men

First	Joe Dunne (NSW)
Second	Morgan James (NSW)
Third	Richard Cass (NSW)

C1

First	Jez Jezz (NSW)
Second	Lewis Wylie (VIC)

K1 Junior Men

First	Christian Hliounakis (NSW)
Second	Liam Dowd (NSW)
Third	Jack Newland (VIC)

Squirt

First	Lewis Wylie (VIC)
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K1 Women

First	Michaela Dealtry (NSW)
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OC1

First	Liam Corr (NSW)
Second	Jez Jezz (NSW)
Third	Lewis Wylie (VIC)

K1 Junior Women

First	Maddison Lewis (NSW)
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The Nationals were also the selection event for the 2017 ICF Freestyle Kayak Team. For the first time in many years freestyle will be sending squirt boat athletes. The team is:

Jez Jezz (NSW)	OC1 and C1/Team Captain/Head Coach
Sue Robb (NSW)	K1 Women and Vice Captain
Joshua Singleton (WA)	K1 Men and Assistant Coach
Eileen Callaghan	Team Manager
Jamie Carter	Assistant Manager
Joe Dunne (NSW)	K1 Men
Luke Callaghan (NSW)	K1 Men
Peter Newland (Vic)	K1 Men
Luke Carter (NSW)	K1 Men and Squirt
Lewis Wylie (Vic)	C1 Men and Squirt
Michaela Dealtry (NSW)	K1 Women
Dita Pahl (Vic)	K1 Women
Georgia Clarke (NSW)	Junior K1 Women
Maddison Lewis (NSW)	Junior K1 Women
Christian Hliounakis (NSW)	Junior K1 Men
Liam Dowd (NSW)	Junior K1 Men
Jack Newland (Vic)	Junior K1 Men



The Freestyle Technical Committee would like to thank the following organisations:

- **WAVE MONKEY**, for allowing the Australian Freestyle Kayaking Technical Committee the use of the Wave Monkey patented ICF Approved scoring system
- **Bunning s North Penrith**, for allowing us the use of their BBQ facilities
- **Penrith Whitewater Stadium**, for providing a freestyle feature which is suitable for training for the 2017 world championships
- **Penrith City Council**, for a grant for \$300 per NSW Athlete to help cover transport and minibus hire for the 2017 ICF World Championship Tour

Eileen Callaghan
Freestyle Committee Chair PaddleNSW

MARATHON

In 2017, we have started each race briefing with an Acknowledgement to Country. This is a way to show respect to our First Australians – people who have the longest continuing connection to the land of any people on earth. In starting this report, I acknowledge the traditional owners of each place where we have held a marathon race. I know that many of the waterways we use have long and special cultural significance for the local people and we are privileged to be able to share them. In each and every one of those places, I pay my respect to elders past and present.

We've had another great year in marathon paddling – with more growth in event participation, new paddlers taking up the sport and lots of good times being had out on the water.

2016 marked the last year for the series under the leadership of Bob Turner. The vast majority of the growth in marathon paddling can be put down to the exceptionally high standard of race organisation established by a small crew of volunteers over recent years – and Bob has been one of the biggest contributors.



Nothing like a tight top turn to sort out the skies from the kayaks

When I took up this sport, Bob was racing Div 2 in a double and was one of my regular rivals. We had some great races. I found it quite hard to see Bob have to give up racing to run the race series for the rest of us. He never complained – he just got the job done, in fact covering nearly every job on the list, and ran a great series. He's a bloody hero!

In asking me to take over 2017, he also helped set up a race trailer that enables clubs to take a greater role in managing their own races and recruited other volunteers to help spread the load (we'll come back to them later). Those changes have reduced the administrative load enough that I can run the series and still race in it myself. His effort has made the whole thing more sustainable. Thanks Bob. We owe you a lot - at every level.

Now...on to the racing...

Wrapping up the end of the 2016 calendar season – we had races at Davistown, Cockle Creek, Burrill Lake and Wagga Wagga.

While we reported on the Davistown and Cockle Creek races in last years' report, they technically fall into 2016-2017 (and were great races) so we'll give them a

quick mention again.

The Davistown course on Brisbane Waters presents a great challenge for participants. For some, the challenge is basic navigation, while for others it is dealing with the passing Saratoga Ferry. But it was a great race and in 2016, 162 paddlers registered (124 singles and 19 doubles).

The northern-most race in the 2016 series was held at Cockle Creek, Teralba. 136 paddlers (106 singles and 15 doubles) contested the event on a brand new course. The shallow water tested the long doubles while inclement weather kept spectators looking for shelter. The K1s, however, loved the enclosed courses and the dedicated finish chute was a great success. This race will be back in 2017.

The Makai Paddlers Society on the south coast really know how to put on a party and their race at Burrill Lake is a crowd favourite. Paddling the tipper boats across the chop when the wind gets up can really test a paddler's courage and determination. 161 paddlers were up for it in 2016 (125 singles and 18 doubles) and the race was another great success.

The final race for 2016 was scheduled to be on the moving water of the Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Wagga. However, the rain set in in the weeks before the event and the river was still in flood on race day. Not to be deterred, the folk from Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club laid out a fresh course on Lake Albert and the race was relocated. The weather gods were unimpressed by their determination and sent a mighty gale which made the water boil. We didn't get an accurate swim-count, but the record shows 93 paddlers were tough enough to take the course on (69 singles and 12 doubles).



After the Wagga race, we all retired to the Farrer Hotel for presentations – with awards across all divisions and culminating in Lane Cove River Kayakers being crowned overall champion club for 2016 and Manly Waringah Kayak Club picking up the ICF Trophy. Congratulations!

Albert Laurendet at Wagga - Lake Albert.

The 2017 series started with a return to Wagga Wagga. This time the river was fine but the sun was throwing down the gauntlet. With a forecast maximum of 39 or 40 degrees and a 1pm race start, we were all thinking about heat management strategies. There was obviously a fair bit of enthusiasm for the start of the season with 145 paddlers (113 singles and 16 doubles) registering. As it transpired, the temperature only reached about 36 degrees (!) but the water was cool and this

enabled paddlers to pre-cool before the race and cool off again afterwards. Congratulations to everyone who braved the conditions and thank you all for sensibly managing your own safety in the heat.

Burley Griffin Canoe Club hosted the 2017 State Championships in Canberra with 131 paddlers competing in 74 events (some raced twice). 100 singles went out for the morning session and 36 doubles went out in the afternoon. The 3.75km lap and pontoon-to-pontoon portage was designed to prepare paddlers for the national championships, being held just a fortnight later, and it served the purpose brilliantly. As usual, the club put on a great race (two on this occasion) and, despite having to field a larger number of volunteers to cover the championship official roles, BGCC still managed to have enough paddlers on water to win the inaugural Paddle NSW State Championships – Champion Club trophy. Well done. It will be interesting to see which clubs organise their numbers to give this award a shake in 2018.

*A shout out to the
volunteers!! Roger Deane/George von
Martini – “Now what!!” (pre-race clearing
of course debris)*



National Championships were held in March at SIRC Penrith and the NSW team looked great in their new uniform – the first state body to show off the new Paddle Australia logo adapted for Paddle NSW colours. Under the new leadership of David Little, the NSW team produced many great individual results and won the Frank Whitebrook Trophy (finishing points for all classes). We also tied with Queensland for the Touring Class Trophy and only narrowly missed out to Victoria for the International Class Trophy. Congratulations to all participants, medallists and paddlers selected for international duty at World Championships in South Africa in September.

After Nationals, the series resumed with a 10km-lap race on the Woronora River. This was the race that really woke us up to the growth in our events. With 230 paddlers registered (170 singles and 30 doubles), we started to seriously think about whether we would need to cap entries at 250 to ensure we could cope. The conditions were good, the racing great and the event was a cracking success. Well done Shire paddlers!

Heading north to the Wyong River at Tacoma, entry numbers remained strong with 204 paddlers (154 singles and 25 doubles). The water at Wyong is deep and fast and this event was as well-run as always.

The Lane Cove race attracted a near-capacity field of 185 paddlers (141 singles and 22 doubles) making parking and the logistics of getting boats on and off the water a massive game of Tetris. The LCRK crew have got this down pat and nothing was going to get in the way of another successful event.

Warm weather greeted paddlers at Windsor and plenty came out to enjoy it. 190 paddlers (142 singles and 24 doubles) took to the scenic Hawkesbury River for one of the crowd-favourite races of the year.

Many paddlers won't be aware that all clubs who host a race are given a share of any proceeds from the race. This year, with strong numbers, the team at Windsor Canoe Club were able to invest their share in buying a couple of new boats for beginners. A great outcome...growth in the sport (through the race series), supporting more growth in the sport (through investment in facilities for novices).

It was now time to try out a new venue and new racing format with a 'crossover race' for paddlers from the Northern Marathon Series and our series to go head to head. The race was held on the mighty Bellinger River (although my auto-correct wants to call it the Bollinger River!) at Mylestom under the management of former marathon world champion Mike Mills-Thom. This was our northern-most race for 2017 – eight hours drive for me coming up from Canberra – and 146 paddlers were there to take it on (114 singles and 16 doubles). With 90 minutes to race start, the conditions looked daunting. But the locals assured us the chop would drop as soon as the tide turned and they were spot on. This was a sensational course and paddlers came off the water beaming. A presentation at the local bowling club (with beer and the world's BIGGEST schnitzel) capped off a great day out. Paddlers who were unsure about the long drive would be mad to miss the event if it turns up on the 2018 calendar.



The final race for the 2016-17 reporting year (but still only half way through the 2017 series) was Davistown. Another great day. Another challenging course. And another strong field. The registration of 192 paddlers (152 singles and 20 doubles) was an increase of nearly 20% over 2016 – rewarding the Brisbane Water Paddlers for their effort in putting on another great race.

Division 1 at Windsor - washriding even during the portage?

At the time of writing, we have also completed our race at Narrabeen and will soon be heading back to Cockle Creek then on to Grays Point and finally down to Burrill Lake. We'll cover all of those events as part of the 2017-18 report.

We are currently in the process of setting out the calendar of 2018 races. It's going to be another great year, I'm convinced! We're going to make a few more changes to try to smooth out our entry and results processes and make them even more professional – but more on that next year. We'll also look for more ways to encourage participation in our sport and friendly rivalry between clubs. Watch out for a few more specials like the State Championships Champion Club and Sprint+Marathon Trophies.

We have also been thrilled to see new clubs join the series (the orange shirts of Newy Paddlers being the most prominent example) as well as an increasing number of dragon boat and outrigger paddlers. You are all very welcome – we love having you paddle with us and we hope you are having a great time!

The success of the marathon series is down to hard work and commitment of our volunteers. On behalf of all paddlers, I would like to thank our regular race-day crew of Karen (master time keeper!), Don (entry and results guru!), Anne and Kaye (both members of the brains trust!). Thank you Don Johnstone, Colin Cussell and Bob Turner for helping with the formal Marathon Committee roles.

I'd also like to thank all of the individual club volunteers – especially those who serve as race directors. Your work enables literally thousands of positive race experiences over the course of a year. To those who have stepped up to help transport the new race trailer, store it, charge the electricals etc – thank you. This is essential to the conduct of a great event.

And finally, paddlers! Thank you for supporting our events. Thank you for being patient when things don't go to plan. Thank you for bringing your friends along and helping to grow the sport.

Gary Rake
Chair – Marathon Committee



Abbey Phipps (Newy Paddlers) – fast improving and winning Div 11 at Narrabeen.

OPEN WATER

The Open Water Committee again ran a very successful Harbour Series of events during the 2017 calendar year. 2017 saw the OWC run 6 events to provide a really strong and well attended series.

The Open Water Committee for 2016/17 consisted of the following volunteer personnel:

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

Event 1 was the **Cockatoo Cup** race, hosted by **Pacific Dragons**. This event is quite different to the majority of harbour races in that it utilises a handicap start system, instead of the traditional handicap finish. Handicaps are issued by the race hosts using some statisticians, some fiction, possibly some incentives and – well it's all a lot of fun. Previously this event drew around 70 competitors. With OWC backing and marketing and promoting the event we were able to get 120 paddlers to race on Australia Day. Many OC paddlers were therefore introduced to the Open Water events and have since crossed over from the dark side and are now regular competitors. OWC also used the scratch handicap finish times to use paddler's results as part of the 2 event series. PD's has expressed their desire to repeat the success of this event and have PNSW OWC involved again and to have the event as the season opener for next year, although the handicap system of results may be optional ie - paddlers can decide to enter either the handicap Cockatoo Cup or have their points allocated on a scratch system, as per all other OWC events to be part of the 6 event series.



Event 2 was the **Pittwater Challenge**, hosted by an excellent combination of Australian Paddle Sports and Prokayaks. Both of the joint event hosts had fantastic boat and equipment displays on site, resulting in many test paddles – especially of the exciting range of Carbonology skis. Matt and Brett always deliver a great event and this was no exception. Great weather and a strong fleet ensured a great day's racing. 122 competitors charged up Pittwater and back in sunny and windless conditions – this is up by a dozen or so boats –even on a brisk and overcast day, with 16-20kt Southerly winds giving a great downwind first leg, a challenging cross water leg followed by a stiff headwind for the slog home, with many places being traded in the last few km of the course.

Event 3 was the **Tingira Challenge**, hosted by **Shark Island Paddlers**. This event is always a high point of the calendar and invariably meticulously organised by the strong committee at SIP, based in Rose Bay. The event incorporates the Tingira Cup and will also add a Women's trophy for 2017. 129 paddlers competed across the two courses – again, with numbers up on the previous year. RMS had varied Aquatic License conditions since last year so a slight change to the course was necessary to allow seaplanes priority in the harbour. Cade Barnes won the Tingira Cup this year. This year SIP also developed and promoted a Women's cup – named after Helen Jacobsohn – former Olympian kayaker and Rose Bay local. Montannah Murray ably took this out being the fastest long course female competitor. The event was videoed from air and ground and was widely covered and broadcast in local and social media. Cup hosts, Shark Island Paddlers look forward to even bigger and better event next year – with the Tingira and Helen Jacobsohn Cups both up for grabs once again.



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

Event 4 was the **Botany Bay Challenge** - this time hosted **Sutherland Shire Kayak Club**, who have run many fantastic events at other venues in the southern districts. They turned their hand to this event very ably and provided an absolute flat and hot race for the 127 competitors - some 30 more than the previous year's event. Conditions were hot and very flat right across Botany Bay – a day for small rudders and tippier boats if one had a choice. The race starts at Dolls Point, proceeds north along Botany Bay's beaches and turns east to return home from right under the landing aircraft to the shallows at the south end.

This event will definitely be on the calendar again in 2018.

Event 5 was again the **Scotland Island Showdown**, hosted extremely well by **Paddlecraft**. In contrast to the previous event it was cool and overcast but dry. The soup and buns after the event certainly proved very popular. Having run this event in previous years they had no problem in attracting great attendances and the event ran really well. 115 paddlers competed in the event this year, down some 10 paddlers – probably due to weather and other events. The Long and Short courses included long legs both up and down wind.



Event 6 on the 2016 Harbour Racing calendar is the Series Final - **Spit to the Zoo** which occurred a month earlier this year on Sat July 8th. This event also incorporates the Mike Snell Trophy for fastest single ski and this was won this year by Dave Coward after a fiercely contested 18km dual in steady and smooth-ish conditions. Whilst numbers were again up from the previous year - it has been decided to avoid school holidays and long weekends for all future events, wherever possible, as these can impact attendance.

Building from last year's success this is anticipated to be a very well attended and strong event – the highlight of the season. This event has a challenging course for some, depending on conditions but is able to make use of Middle Harbour Yacht Club's excellent safety resources, infrastructure and boats. This year the event attracted 142 paddlers and next year we expect an even larger turnout.

Ocean Series:

The technical committee was able to co-ordinate a series of 4 Ocean Racing events during the second half of 2016/17, which were known collectively as the Ocean Series. Ocean Series events were held in association with host SLSC clubs.

Avalon SLSC ran the Lion Is Challenge, Bondi SLSC ran Bondi to Watson's Bay, Cronulla ran the Cronulla Bay Runner and Bulli ran the Seacliff Challenge.

All events were well attended, strongly supported by sponsors, club members and open water paddlers and were really successful days. The Seacliff event was required to be postponed and rescheduled due to safety concerns and violent weather the day it was forecast to run, but attracted 60 or so paddlers when it was run in May 2017 in idyllic calm conditions.

However, it became apparent that PaddleNSW is not able to coordinate the Ocean Series on an ongoing basis and therefore decision has been made to suspend co-ordinating the series for the foreseeable future.

Event Roles:

This year the OWC replaced it's timekeeper for events part way through the series. We thanked Renee Haynes for her efforts for previous years as she departed to spend more time with family and work commitments. OWC now the services of a team several volunteers bring a wealth of IT and data experience with them, ensuring clean, fast results. This is the only paid role in the Owen Water sector. Most events saw attendance of OWC members as event managers or assistants as well as competitors. All OWC members pay entry fees like any other competitor.

PNSW IRBs:

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

Sponsorship:

Sponsorship for the series was down in cash but up in prizes. Every event was able to give away over \$1000 of goods as lucky door prizes, which we feel are still a strong attractant for competitors. The Series Pointscore also assures us of good attendances as many take this very seriously and compete at any cost to retain their spot on the ladder and achieve bragging rights. Developments and initiatives are currently underway to assist in covering the overhead and costs of running some of these events for the next season.

Series Stats:

Events per year:	2017 10 Events (included 6 Event Ocean Series)
	2018 6 Events (Ocean Series - TBA)
Total paddlers:	Will be in excess of 755 paddlers (includes duplicates - Harbour Series Only)
Entries on line:	78% (OWC would like to consider following marathon's lead and not include on day entries).
Qty Sponsors:	5 Commercial organisations in or related to the industry.

The PNSW Open Water Committee is looking forward to another great season of racing when the season starts again in January 2018.



Having now spent five or so years heading up the PNSW Open Water Committee, I feel it is time to allow someone else to step up to assist. If everyone takes a turn, the workload is spread wide and is easily managed, so if you feel you have some skills or opinions to offer, please contact the Open Water Committee and offer your services. I thank my colleagues on the committee for the past years for their support and tireless efforts in bringing the events to you and welcome some new members who have put their hand up to assist.

I wish you all a happy, enjoyable, competitive and safe paddling season for the remainder of 2017 and into the next year's series.

Jeremy Spear
(ex) Chair – PNSW Open Water Committee



PARACANOE/ADAPTIVE PADDLING

Well sadly I must start my report with the sudden loss of my dear friend and coaching partner David “Dave” James on 21st January 2017. We started coaching Paracanoe /Adaptive paddling in 2012 after a come & try day with Therese “Buzz” Powell & Australian Canoeing. Daves generous and kind spirit ensured everyone was happy and comfortable testing the water! A fitting epitaph on his memorial chair at Narrabeen Lakeside

“His time was not for himself but everyone else”



Dave James with BJ & Matty



Kayak4kids Gaye Dave Sami & Buzz

The idea of introducing Paracanoe to Narrabeen came with the announcement that canoeing would be included in the Rio Paralympic Games.

It proved to be a learning experience for all of us, with every paddler requiring different setups and coaching techniques.

Our aim was to introduce paddlers and get them up to speed to compete in the PNSW sprint series and then onto State and National events. However, while this didn't always eventuate, the weekly sessions spent paddling on the lake have been fantastic and always rewarding for everyone involved.

We are fortunate at Narrabeen to have an accessible water entry ramp. Just this past week a new transfer device has been created –thanks to Don Andrews for his engineering experience and ingenuity!

The Hawkesbury Council have built a fully accessible ramp and launching area for any type of canoe at Macquarie Park and Darren Forbes from Newy Paddlers in Newcastle is working on his Adaptive paddler area. With new innovation and consultation, accessibility for adaptive paddlers is improving rapidly. I have also been in touch with the recently opened Sargood Centre at Collaroy and hope to offer kayaking as a potential sport/recreational opportunity for its residents and families this coming summer.

“The Sargood Centre at Collaroy will be a place for people living with a spinal cord injury to refresh and gain insights into new learnings and technology.” (from Sargood web page)

As I have already said –each paddler presents a new situation with their setup for paddling, and I have recently learnt a lot from visiting Occupational Therapist Jacky Peile. Jacky approaches her clients with a healthy curiosity about what makes life tricky, and how the client (child or adult) thinks the challenge could be overcome. The methods and results are quite incredible and encouraging to watch.



Jacky, working with Lance



My constant paddling companion since 2013 Sam Bloom and her husband Cams book Penguin Bloom continues to be a hit worldwide, and this year came the announcement of the making of the movie. Kayaking will play a substantial part in the film, and I am looking forward to teaching the “stars” how to paddle and coach like an adaptive paddler. This can only be a positive for people looking to try something new and also get to experience the beauty out on the water.



Sam Bloom



Anthony Butt

Thanks to my assistant paddlers Jana Osvald, Brett Mitchell & Annie Lloyd Green for helping out with the sessions this year.

So, onto the fabulous Australian Paralympic team. What a year these extraordinary paddlers have had.

I was fortunate enough to be involved closely with the team in 2015, and apart from training & watching them compete on a world stage I got to meet and work with coaches and athletes from all around the world. Invaluable learning experiences and swapping ideas about setups, seats etc.



A few chairs lined up in Milan 2015

The Team

Curtis McGrath LK2 –Gold Medal

Amanda “AJ” Reynolds LK3 – Silver Medal

Susan Seipel LK2 – Bronze Medal

Colin Seiders (NSW)LK1

Dylan Littlehales (NSW)LK3

Jocelyn Neumeller LK1

A fantastic result for the first year of Canoeing in the Paralympics. Visit the Australian Paralympic Facebook page for their stories and updates.

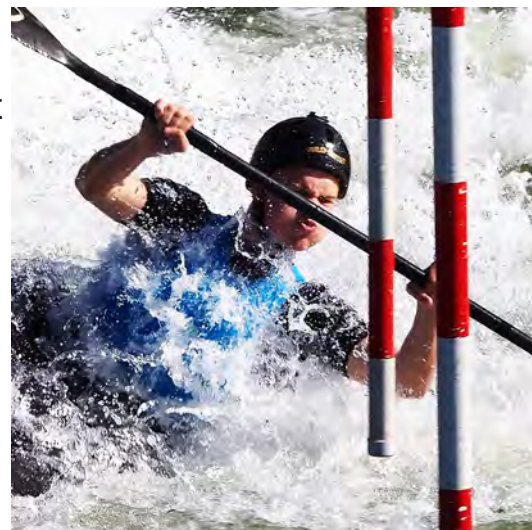
Gaye Hatfield



SLALOM

This 2016/17 year saw the Slalom community put in a fantastic effort to re-establish Glenbawn as an out of Sydney resource for Slalom in NSW. The State was set to host the 2017 National Championships for Schools at Glenbawn and Seniors at Penrith. Alas Water NSW could not guarantee supply, notwithstanding political representations.

Those representations saw Colin Borrow, myself and PaddleNSW CEO Peter Tate, attending meetings with Department of Sport & Recreation and State Ministers Stuart Ayres (Sport) and Niall Blair (Regional Water).



We managed to run a successful Schools Championships at the grounds of the Barrington Outdoor Recreation Centre on the Steps on the Barrington River. A great event was had with all levels of paddlers having a crack, thanks to the rain spirits we managed a half decent flow for the kids aged from 5 - through to 65.

It was then on to Penrith for the seniors and a successful albeit stressful event was run to the enjoyment of all, standing in part as a selection race for the Senior and U23 Teams.

NSW had a few good paddlers go through to represent Australia at the Senior and U23 level. Jessica Fox, Noemie Fox, Rosalyn Lawrence formed the backbone of the women's Senior and U23 teams, competing in World Cups from June through to September this year in Europe - Jess winning another World Championship in WK1 to boot. On the men side of things, we had Lucien Delfour and Ian Borrow in the Men C1 senior team and Angus Thompson in the U23 in MK1.



With Junior development having been a focus of Paddle NSW over the last few years including provision of development officers of the ilk of Jo Brigden Jones and Ros Lawrence, I am sure we will over the next few years see further Junior Slalom paddlers emerge from NSW.

The demands on these young athletes as they move into representing their country is of no small scale. Lives and careers are put on hold often for more than 3 months a year to compete in Europe, the home of slalom. A cheer for their dedication and commitment is due.

Slalom has suffered in NSW for lack of ready venues and given the mixed blessing of Penrith Whitewater Stadium. The never-ending power costs of the Stadium increasing costs for events at Penrith continually over the last several years. Nevertheless, slalom and whitewater groups are developing in the north around Armidale and Nymboida, in the south around Canberra and there is a resurgence in Penrith with a junior group starting up thanks to people like Ros, Steve Molino and the band of assistant coaches helping them. In the north, Michael Taylor and John Forsythe and others are pushing on to give the sport new blood and in the south Sam Lyons has a small group emerging. There are countless others who continue to assist and participate in this sport which has boundless opportunities as Jess, Ian and Lucien - the 2016 Rio Olympic representatives all from NSW have shown. Jess taking Bronze, Ian missing the Olympic final by 1 second and this year Jess triumphing in yet another world senior Championship in WK1 and Lucien coming in the top 10.



As with all things, new blood and change is essential. I have been a Director of PaddleNSW for a decade and it is appropriate that I move on. My role included provision of a legal background for the Board and also as representative of the Slalom community for which I am proud to have been given that opportunity. Zachary Thompson, now also a lawyer and with far more moving water experience than I have had, will fill my role. I trust he will represent the NSW Slalom community with its best

interests at heart.

Moving from where the sport was we face continuing challenges both at Penrith and throughout the state. I sense a move forward in the current climate and whilst challenging it is happening. I will continue to press for Glenbawn to be re-established as a venue for NSW slalom. I will continue to participate and promote slalom as much as possible whilst not being on the Board.

Chris Thompson
PNSW Slalom Committee



SPRINT

Well last year the drama was all about who was going to make the Olympic & Paralympic Teams and this year kicked off in style with the 2016 Rio Games themselves on the international scene for our Senior athletes but first it was the turn of some of our younger athletes to represent NSW and Australia at the 2016 Junior & U23 World Championships in Minsk, Belarus.

Our Junior representatives (Jayde Bagnall, Ella Beere, Jakob Hammond and Ethan Neville) and U23 representatives (Rachel Duncan, Jaqueline Green, Ben McLean, Simon McTavish and Mark Stowe) raced exceedingly well and came away with some great results whether it was their first or last Junior Team:



Jayde Bagnall: 8th WK4 500 Final A

Ella Beere: 4th WK1 200 Final A

Jakob Hammond: 8th MK2 1000 Final B | 4th MK4 1000 Final B

Ethan Neville: 7th MK1 200 Final C

Rachel Duncan: 8th WK4 500 Final

Jaqueline Green: 7th WK1 200 Semi Final

Ben McLean: 2nd MK2 200 Final B

Simon McTavish: 8th K2 1000 Final A | 8th MK4 1000 Final

Mark Stowe: 2nd MK1 200 Final C

Taking a massive step up after only a few short years in our sport another athlete, Riley Fitzsimmons, qualified for both the U23 & the Olympic team in the same year and rightly turned down the U23 team to compete at the Olympics.

And at Rio he was involved in the race of his life, teaming up with Jordon Wood, Ken Wallace and Jacob Clear to race in the MK4 1000 which may be the last time this event appears on the Olympic schedule.

The crew finished 4th in the Final, in what was not only a very tough race but an exceedingly quick one with Germany leading from start to finish in a time of 3:02.143.

Lachie Tame, another Olympic debutant raced in the MK2 1000, again with Ken Wallace and the duo medalled, bringing home a Bronze medal in a time of 3:12.593

Murray Stewart, who had unfortunately battled with a severe illness in the earlier part of the year, made an impressive and raced through to the A Final, placing 4th.



Naomi Flood who had to battle it out against her former K2 partner, Joanne Brigden-Jones just to make the team placed 6th in the WK1 500 Semi-Final but did not progress to the Finals.

After the Olympics, we all tuned in to watch the debut of Sprint Canoeing at the Paralympics. With a maximum team size of 6, Australia had qualified athletes in all available categories and they all shone like superstars! The team came away with a Gold, Silver & Bronze to firmly plant Australia as one of the leaders in paralympic canoeing and our own NSW representatives, Colin Sieders and Dylan Littlehailes

helped show just how good we are!

Colin Sieders, competing in MKL1 class, placed 8th in the A Final

Dylan Littlehailes, competing in MKL3 class, placed 6th in the Semi-Final. With four athletes progressing to the Final, this means that Dylan is the 10th best athlete in the world and he was just 16 when he qualified for the team.

Not to be outdone by the athletes, NSW also had two International Technical Officials representing Australia. Fred Bahrami was the Australian representative at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and yours truly was selected for the Junior & U23 World Championships.

In between these world class international events, our domestic SprintSeries continues with event from July to November and delivering upon last years success we had two co-hosted Club based events with Avoca Kayak Club stepping up to host their first event and Manly Warringah Kayak Club hosting their second.

Many of us know Narrabeen Lakes very well so it was great to get up to Avoca to see where one of our sports newest clubs is based. And didn't they turn it on for us, going all out with home-baked cakes & other goodies as well as a mean BBQ to keep us all going.

The SprintSeries events are very popular with a very relaxed atmosphere and have become a good environment for those starting out in our sport as well as being competitive enough for any age and we regularly see athletes from U10's through to a 70+ category in attendance. Everyone always has a great day out as well as getting to enjoy some much needed weekend downtime.

There always seems to be so much going on in our sport, no matter the time of year and leading into Christmas is a flurry of activity as we get ready for the State Championships which we host in January.

We implemented some changes this year to ensure the health and safety of all competitors, the biggest change being that all ages race over both days and not just on a single day. Many of the athletes can race up to 5-7 kilometres a day (which may not seem like much compared to a marathon race) but this become a fine balance of warming up & cooling down all day long to avoid injury and we do in fact change schedules to that each age group races roughly the same distance each day. As you may be able to appreciate from that, scheduling races is therefore no easy task and to ensure that all athletes have the same opportunities this decision was made for the benefit of all athletes.

We also started some club v club races which we anticipate will become some of the key highlights of the weekend of racing.

NSW is amazingly fortunate to have the best venue in our own backyard and the standard we hold our State Championships too, means it is the next highest quality event in the country behind the national events and it certainly means we continue to attract participants from interstate as well which is great for all the NSW athletes who attend.

Looking forward to 2017/2018, the Sprint Committee plans on undertaking some Strategic Planning to help shape the way forwards for Sprinting in NSW over the next 3-5 years to help set us up for some goals we can collectively move towards as a state for the benefit of our clubs, our athletes, our officials and our coaches. There are some exciting times ahead!

Laura White

PNSW Sprint Committee Chair



CLUB REPORTS

Brisbane Water Paddlers

The Brisbane Water Paddlers club (BWP) was established in July 2015. Now in its second year (2016/17) the club has grown to 30 members.



This year, the Club Presentation was held on 1st of April at Davistown RSL, we thank the club for supplying the function room at no cost.

Club events are held every 2nd Saturday. The 1st Saturday is a Club Championship format held over a long and short course. The 2nd Saturday is Divisional with 4 divisions, each division paddling a different distance course, to create an overall winner. During summer, the club also runs Time Trial events on Wednesday afternoons. The BWP committee awarded two Encouragement awards in 2016/17. The two award winners were Gina Weekes and Mark Brear.

This year we introduced the Three Island Race event, a handicap event, where paddlers went around Reilly Island, St Hubert's Island and then up to the Kincumber Broadwater a 15km course.

The interclub race was conducted at Cockle Creek this year, with 20 BWP's competing, it was the hottest day on record, all members paddled with a very competitive spirit with paddlers needing to be hosed down after the race to cool off. BWP came 2nd to HVPC with CCCC in 3rd, it was a great effort by all paddlers.

In February, the State championships were held in Canberra and were attended by Steve Morrow, Alby Cobb, Steve Monger, Karen Scofield, Mark Brear and Craig Dodd.

The National Championships were held at Penrith in March. BWP was represented by Adam Gray, Alby Cobb and Craig Dodd

In December the BWP held a promotion at Erina Fair Shopping Centre to help promote the club. Thanks to all the members who gave up their time to come and pass out flyers. In January, we held a come and try day at Davistown which was very successful. Ros Lawrence from Paddle NSW provided the kayaks for new people to try, thanks again to all the members who gave up their time to help on the day.

In an effort to improve the BWP paddling technique, Tony Hystek was invited to

conduct training sessions for the club members. He travelled up from Sydney on two occasions to run the coaching sessions which were both appreciated by all those who attended. Regular training sessions were also held on a Monday night over the summer months.

The BWP's have continued to support the Marathon 11 series again this year. BWP club members have also supported the HCC and the Myall classic with great results. In April a team of BWP's headed over to New Zealand for the World Masters Games, with great results in both the marathon and sprints.

This June, BWP hosted Round 7 of the marathon series, with a little wind, clear skies and 171 paddlers it was a great day. With BWP club members' teamwork the day ran very smoothly, it was great seeing everyone pitch in to make the day such an outstanding success. We are grateful to the Stillwaters Restaurant for opening up for the day, serving food and coffee and allowing us full access of their facilities

The Club cannot run without the help of willing volunteers and both the BWP committee and the memberships are very grateful to David Hawker, who continues to give up his time to come down to the club events to do the timing for club races. Thanks also go to Mick & Jenny Collins, from **Oasis Printing**, for their continued support, supplying the flyers for the 'Come and Try' day and the certificates for the presentation night.

Craig Dodd
President



Burley Griffin Canoe Club

Our club shed extension has taken up most of the clubs resources and efforts over the past 12 months (4 years of planning), fortunately we received a \$ for \$ grant from the ACT Government earlier this year and building is about to take place, this will double our floor space letting us store more boats for members, add a meeting area and men and women toilet, showers and changerooms.

The last 12 months have been a mixed year for the Burley Griffin Canoe Club – we've had some great individual achievements and continued growth in SUP, C1's and C2's with renewed interest in K1's within the flatwater marathon discipline, though after holding the Brian Norman Trophy for the PNSW marathon series – we relinquished it.

Membership numbers have remained constant around the 350 mark with many taking part in training groups, time trials or canoe polo. We now have a Slalom and White water convenor, with a govt grant to purchase some 2nd hand slalom boats for juniors. They have been practicing on flat water using portable slalom poles set up on a variety of waterways. There was also a whitewater course run by River Canoe Club which was well attended by our canoe polo juniors.

We have had several members compete overseas - Gabrielle Hurley and Gary Rake at the World Marathon, Gabrielle placing 3rd in her age group, James Deakin and Rowan Holt competed in the National Canoe Polo team, we had 8 canoe polo players selected for the Oceania comp – 5 of those junior girls.



BGCC club members have achieved great results in World and Australian Masters, Australian Marathon and Sprint Championships, Grand Prix Series SA and NSW Titles.



Our club members also took part in the Hawkesbury Classic, the Murray Marathon, Myall, the Murray 200, the Frank Harrison Memorial Race, Merimbula Classic, Saucy Jack's (SUP), George Bass Surfboat Marathon and the Molokai Surf Ski World Championships.

During the year the BGCC has hosted a successful NSW State Marathon Championships, our own Burley Griffin Bash, a NISCO series SUP race, Canberra Invitational Canoe Polo. The club runs regular time trials, canoe polo games, various training sessions across the disciplines, beginner courses for new members, Taste of Paddling courses for the public and SUP coffee runs.



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

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual 24 Hour Relay due to low numbers. Hopefully, it will return, though in a more simplistic format.

Finally, the key to the success of the club is the people who volunteer their time to organise and run events and activities. One club member in particular, Helen Tongway, received recognition from PNSW as well as an award from NSW Sports and Rec for her volunteering. There were many club members who volunteered at the Marathon Nationals earlier in the year.

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

Patricia Ashton
BGCC President.



Central Coast Paddlers **(formerly Central Coast Canoe Club)**

The club has enjoyed a stable year, maintaining our membership numbers and regularly attracting visitors from other clubs to boost the numbers at our race days. In addition to 20 Sunday morning races scheduled throughout the year, the club also has summer time trials and winter training sessions on Wednesday evenings.

The Central Coast Canoe Club has now changed its name to Central Coast Paddlers and we feel the new name better represents the members and the diversity of craft that are used in paddlesports today. It is important that we don't lose the strong history of the club however it is also time to ensure we build a brand that reflects what we do and provides a clear message to potential new members regardless of which form of paddlesports they participate in.

The Club is powered by volunteers who give their time to enable us all to enjoy and benefit from the Club's activities and I would like to thank the efforts of the Committee and the volunteers who chip in to help set up and pack up at Club Races. I would especially like to thank our timekeepers, Diana Hopkins and Margaret Naughton who provide this important function.

Nick Naughton has been a contributor to the Club for many years and his efforts have been recognised with Nick being presented with a Distinguished Long Service Award at the 2017 NSW Community Sports Award ceremony on June 29th. It is also worth noting that Margaret has given Nick full support in his participation in Club activities and duties for 37 years and during that time has herself served in various Committee roles including Treasurer. Congratulations Nick and Margaret and also thank you to Peter Tate for nominating Nick for the award.

In April 2017, the club ran a very successful round of the PNSW Marathon Series with almost 200 paddlers enjoying a great days racing on the Wyong River. It is generally regarded as one of the best events in the calendar due to availability of parking, easy access to the river and of course, the superb paddling conditions on the river that we regularly enjoy.

In the past few months, we have commenced discussions with the Central Coast Council regarding creation of better access to the river by means of a floating pontoon and access ramp as well as storage facilities for the club on-site at the Lions Park. These improvements will not only benefit the members but also the wider community creating opportunities for paddlers with a disability and younger paddlers to participate in the sport. We are still formulating the requirements and plans but our primary contact at the Council is very enthusiastic and providing good guidance and support to us.

During the past year, the Club has improved its "web-presence" with the creation of a web-site (www.centralcoastcanoecub.org.au) with news, results and photos

linked to the Clubs Flickr site and Instagram account. The Club's Facebook page is also regularly updated with Club news and relevant posts.

On the water, it has also been a good year for the Club.

The regular Club races have been well attended and usually attract paddlers from other clubs including Newy, Hunter Valley, Avoca and Brisbane Water.

Congratulations to Cam Tunbridge and Gina Weekes who jointly accumulated the most points through the Summer Series to finish just ahead of Heidi Duncan and Anne Moore.

Paddlers from the Club participated in a number of other races through the year including the 3 Rivers 3 Distances Challenge, Myall Classic and Hawkesbury Canoe Classic events.

The Club has also been well represented at the Paddle NSW Marathon Series with 18 paddlers participating in the race series throughout the year. Anne Cowper has also assisted at the events as Timekeeper - thanks Anne.

Steve Hill

President – Central Coast Paddlers



Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Inc.**2017 Membership**

Current membership of CSKC is 126 including 15 new members joined in 2017 – a significant number of our members are made up of Bate Bay SLSC members comprising Cronulla, North Cronulla, Elouera and Wanda Surf Clubs.

As the CSKC racing season runs from April to September each year Surf Club members benefit from flat water racing during the winter months.

CSKC is in its 52nd year and caters for all ages although boats and paddles have changed – the predominant craft today is now the universal Ocean Racing Ski/ Kayak.

Competition

CSKC competition is held each Saturday from 2.00pm from Swallow Rock Reserve – Grays Point. There are two competitions – short course and long course. The short course is fixed at 5km all season – the long course increases in distance over the season to 15km. Every third Saturday a 5km handicap race is held called the president's Cup which ends up being a challenge for the time keepers when all competitors sprint for the finish line at once.

The days when the President's Cup is held is preceded by a 5km doubles race.

This year we ran trial sprints over 200/ 500/ 1000m during the pre season period in April which needs to be better organized but was fun.

All times are recorded and awards and trophies presented at seasons end where age and boat classes are recognized the old fashioned way. The awards are made at our annual Presentation Dinner after which the AGM is held.

This year we are running an invitation race from Swallow Rock to South West Arm and return where there are no divisions / age or boat classes. The event finishes with a BBQ and lucky number draw where the prize pool will be shared with 10 lucky winners. This event occurs September 23 and hopefully will attract the legion of ocean/ harbour series paddlers for a bit of end of season get together.



We often see old faces from other clubs visiting to paddle with us which gives us much pleasure. We always welcome visitors to show off the beautiful waters of the Hacking in the Royal National Park.

Young Ones

Our junior program has gained momentum this year – initiated by the ‘come and try day’ managed by Rosalyn Lawrence from PNSW Development and the O’Loughlin family earlier in the year. It has been maintained by our accredited coach Rod Smith which culminates in a short race to the 1000m mark and return. Rod starts his program each Saturday morning which often includes adults as well as kids. Most of the kids have learnt their skills from Nippers and cant wait to get down to Swallow Rock after their soccer match during winter. It is incredible to witness from the beach the determination in the kids faces as they return home from the 1000m mark.

One to watch in the near future is ‘Mitch’ O’Loughlin who can sprint and distance paddle. Currently he is up there in Division 8 of the Marathon Series.

Community

We have for the last 6 years sponsored a national charity for people with disabilities – The Sylvanvale Foundation. All proceeds from the race day including race fee, BBQ and meat tray raffle are donated. Whilst our contribution by comparison is small it is nonetheless continuous and very much appreciated by the foundation.



Representation

The club has fielded a number of members who have qualified for selection by Australian Canoeing to represent Australia at International level. In Marathon we had two members qualify for selection for the 2017 World Marathon Championships in South Africa. In Ocean Racing we have three members qualify for selection in the 2017 World Ocean Racing Championships in Hong Kong.

Twelve club members travelled to Auckland NZ to compete in the 2017 World Masters Games.



Peter Sigal
President CSKC Inc.

Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club

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



Last year we reported that the club aimed to provide more opportunities for people to get out and enjoy paddling be that for fun, fitness, competitively, or simply to make new friends. Reflecting on the past year, I can confidently say that we have provided many opportunities for members to experience our sport. We continued to conduct our club summer and winter marathon series, and also introduced a twilight series. It was great to see an excellent turnout for the twilight series in particular, and our members enjoy a BBQ

after each race and debate the how the race played out. Who did and did not have right of way on each turn was a regular topic of discussion!

Club members participated in a variety of PaddleNSW events. At the time of writing this report we were very pleased to be placed 3rd in the club standings after seven rounds of the PaddleNSW marathon series. This result is a testament to the dedication of a number of our members who spend many hours on the road travelling to and from each race. Now the challenge is to hang on with Burley Griffin and Windsor Canoe Clubs close behind! We are subsequently looking forward to hosting the 9th round of the PaddleNSW marathon series race on 5th August, on the waters of Cockle Creek, Lake Macquarie, and welcoming everyone to our club.

The club conducts regular recreational paddles that are well attended. Some of the many locations our paddlers enjoyed over the past year include Wallarah Creek, Wangi Wangi, Budgewoi, Myuna Bay to Murrays Beach, Myall River, Murrumbidgee Creek, and Stony Creek. We are very fortunate to have so many rivers, creeks, and lakes in the Hunter Valley and surrounds. These provide the opportunity to escape, relax and enjoy what nature has to offer. Looking ahead we plan to conduct a mix of guided and peer paddles that cater for a wide range of skills and experience. We are also returning to our white water roots with one paddle held so far and more to follow.

This year was the second Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club, Central Coast Canoe Club, and Brisbane Waters Paddlers Perpetual Cup. Our club hosted the event in very hot and humid conditions despite starting early in the morning. It was a good reminder of the need to assess and manage the risks that high temperatures and humidity present to the safety of participants. There were 46 participants and the Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club was first, Brisbane Waters Paddlers was second, and the Central Coast Canoe Club was third.

The club is also starting to invest more in developing the paddling skills of our members. We are fortunate to have a wealth of experience in the club, and have run a flatwater coaching session and some skills days. These days are very important as they help our members to develop their skills, enhance their confidence and safety on the water, and increase their overall enjoyment of paddling. The intent is to conduct more coaching and skills days for our members, complemented by 'Come and Try days' to introduce more people to our sport.

Facilities are a valuable asset for any club and we are very appreciative that the Teralba Bowling Club lets us share their facilities. We also recently obtained access to some small storage facilities, which has allowed us to store the equipment used to run our marathon and twilight series races. This was a great win as before we had this storage it was necessary for a club member to transport the equipment by trailer for each race. We are now exploring opportunities to provide facilities for boat storage.

If you are ever visiting Newcastle then please come and join us. Time trials are held Mon and Thu from 5.00pm, and a peer paddle is held Wed from 4.30pm, year-round. Details of our summer, winter, and twilight marathon series races are on the club's website at www.huntervalleypaddesportsclub.com.

Nick Grey
Secretary



Lane Cove River Kayakers

Introduction

2017 has been a very eventful and successful year for LCRK. We have seen a continued growth in our numbers , rising to 152 members but more importantly a growth in Time Trial attendances, Marathons and Ultra Marathons, together with a continued involvement of members as non paddling volunteers in day to day operation, LCRK marathon, and HCC support as well as contributions to PNSW.

The contribution and support of members to the club in all aspects of its operations has been one of the highlights of the year.

Committee and Contributors

The ability of members, both general and Committee, to recognise jobs needing to be done and attend efficiently and professionally, as those jobs arose, made life easier for all members and contributed greatly to the smooth running of the Club. Many thanks go to all members and the Committee. Who are:-

Committee (committee@lcrk.org.au)

Office Holders (2017 – 2018)

President - Phillip Geddes

Secretary - Alanna Ewin (& LCRK Marathon Food meister),

Treasurer - John Duffy

Vice President - Duncan Johnston (HCC Famils)

Committee Members:-

Wade Rowston ,Ian Wrenford (LCRK TT Report and Web master, Post TT Cafe Maitre D'), Oscar Cahill (Safety Officer), Paul van Koseveld (LCRK Marathon, HCC paddler and volunteer organiser), Richard Yates (Head Pontoon Committee), Louise White, Tracy Hansford

Contribution of Members to Clun & Paddling in NSW

In addition to the support members give the club we also have a number of members contributing to the functioning of paddling in NSW by their work on various committees with PNSW and other bodies and deserve recognition for their efforts. These include:-

Tony Hystek – Chair PNSW and organiser of the Myall Classic

Angie Lees – PNSW Committee member

Don Johnston – Marathon Committee

Tim Hookins – Ocean and Harbour Series

Jeremy Spear – Ocean and Harbour Series

Roger Dean – HCC organiser

Richard Barnes – HCC Committee

Meg Thornton – HCC Committee

Within our own club recognition is given to the special contributions to the clubs activities from Roger Dean and Mark Seir for our Doubles night BBQ and, Nigel Colless for his unstinting and ongoing efforts in the perfecting of our timing system software and regular assistance to the timekeepers on Wednesday nights.

In addition report writers Naomi Johnson, Ian Wrenford and photographic contributors Ian Wrenford, Jana Osvald, Tom Holloway, Nigel Collis have allowed Marathon and other events to become memorable occasions.

Club Activities

Time Trials

Of course the most important activity for the club is the Wednesday Night Time Trial. This has continued to go from strength to strength this year with strong support from members with Crudslime nights experiencing strong attendance together with increasing support for Doubles Cup night, which is benefiting from the clubs acquisitions of a number of new doubles. We are now experiencing many Doubles nights when nearly all of the Clubs Doubles are in usage.

Some of the Wednesday Night Statistics are very interesting

Events

Total Time trials	49
Singles Cup	12
Doubles Cup	12
Reverse	12
Standard	13
Average Starters (boats)	40.65
Average Starters (paddlers)	46.47

Members

Fastest 12km Time	0:48:36	Matt Blundell & Brett Greenwood
Fastest 12km Single	0:49:39	Matt Blundell
Fastest 12km Single (female)	1:00:20	Ella Beere
Fastest 6km	0:31:41	Tim Binns
Fastest 9km	0:47:07	Don Johnstone

Most Entries	43	2 PADDLERS
40 or more Entries	40	10 - PADDLERS

In addition we had 52 Members do ≥ 20 Paddles and 34 do ≥ 30

This has seen a Maximum on one night of 70 Paddlers, with many nights above 50 . Winter has also seen a continuation of support with many nights seeing in excess of 40 paddlers attending.



Marathons

The Club has also provided substantial support to the PNSW Marathon Series, to the extent that for 2016 we won the Club Points championship for the first time in 9 years, a feat accomplished by a combination of good paddling and good club attendance. Many thanks to members for supporting these events. LCRK is currently leading the points score for this year; hopefully continued member support will see LCRK retain the trophy for this year.

Support for the Marathons also spilled over to this year's State and National Marathon Championships with good attendance and excellent individual results.

Primary amongst the Marathons was of course our **LCRK Marathon**. Thanks to Paul van Koesveld and his team ably assisted by the fantastic support given by club members, that despite major works at the Oval, this event continued to be a prime event on the calendar, garnering many positive comments from visiting competitors for the excellence of the Management as well as the uniqueness of the event.



Myall Classic

LCRK members also gave great support to the rejuvenated Myall Classic, now organised by our own Tony Hystek for PNSW and it is hoped that this will become a prime annual event for LCRK paddlers.

Hawkesbury Classic

LCRK continued this year with strong support for the HCC, working hard to give Roger Dean and his team as much support as possible as they celebrated the events 40th year. As a result we saw 60 paddlers compete in 54 boats which also saw the Club regain the Commonwealth Cup Trophy. Again the event was marked by excellent support from non paddling members who gave support to Club paddlers as well as assisting the HCC organisers.

Many thanks to Paul v K for marshalling the troops and Duncan J and Tom Simmat for ensuring our paddlers were in the best possible condition with their Famils.

Ongoing directions for the Club

This year saw a consolidation of the Club with its new facilities at Rotary Field. On an ongoing basis, we are planning to further enhance the Clubs fleet by updating existing boats and adding new ones where we perceive a need, to assist our members in paddling development.

As has already been mentioned the increase in Doubles fleet has been meet with a corresponding increase in doubles involvement to the betterment of the club experience as more members are introduced to the joys of Doubling.

Expansion of our pontoon facilities is still high on our agenda with initial enquiries as to Kayak steps meeting an environmental response from Council that has prompted us to evaluate other methods of improving member ease of access to the water. It is anticipated that the investigation of options and obtaining approvals and funding will be a major task this year.



Newy Paddlers

It has been a very successful, rewarding year for Newy Paddlers. Our club was one year old 29th March 2017. Our members are proud participants in life, whose goals are to get fit, have fun and support their club so of course we celebrated with gusto. We staged a 'Splash and Dash' event to recognize our first milestone and used the event to raise funds for a cause that is close to our heart. More on this below.



What we have achieved in our first 12 months:

We currently have 50 adult and 6 junior members. Membership participation in, and camaraderie at club events is strongly promoted. Our club uniform with the strong orange influence is a stand out and well known amongst all the clubs we compete against. This was complimented recently by a great Winter Jacket to get us through the cold months.

We can demonstrate good governance by talented, forward thinking committee members. As our club grows and matures we continue to upgrade and strengthen the individual roles of each committee member.

Our club enjoys the support and assistance of several other clubs with whom we share our waterway. They are, Newcastle Rowing Club, Newcastle Hunter Dragon Boat Club, and Newcastle Outrigger Canoe Club. We also benefit from advice and assistance from The Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club. We enjoy the support of Lake Macquarie SUP Club. This is considered our 'sister club' and members often participate in each others' events.

Since putting three coaches through Flatwater Guide &/or Instructor Training, Level 1 Certificate courses, May 2016 we have:

- Developed a successful coaching program for beginner level kayakers.
- Developed and implemented our skills program.
- Developed and implemented our training program.

We have enjoyed the support of other paddle sport clubs via donation and/or offering generous purchase price of used boats and equipment.

We have successfully obtained a Community Building Partnership Grant from NSW Government to assist us to obtain club storage facilities, new K1 boats and a timing clock.

Of particular note, we have identified an opportunity to develop the somewhat neglected area of junior paddle sport in the Newcastle region. Our goal is to help talented junior athletes achieve their sporting goals in a supportive, professional arena. We are well placed to advance that goal as follows:

PaddleNSW have generously afforded us a hire-purchase agreement to help us purchase boats for our Junior Paddle Program.

We obtained a small 'Make Your Place' grant from Newcastle City Council. This grant helped us run a very successful 1st birthday celebration event that was supported by Peter Tate from PaddleNSW, Sharyn Claydon, MP for Newcastle and Sonia Hornery, MP for Wallsend. The success of this event is demonstrated by the fact that we raised sufficient funds to purchase four new paddles for our Junior Paddle Program.

We have had a generous donation from Maritime Services Newcastle, of Personal Flotation devices for our junior members.

PaddleNSW have also offered assistance to help us reach our goal of developing local and state level junior representation in paddle sport.

The remaining element to put in place is funding to cover training. In this regard, a request to Western Suburbs Leagues Club for funds to help pay for appropriate training is currently awaiting a response.

Our goals for 2017-2018:

It is essential that we learn to understand and negotiate the complicated landscape of grant writing and sponsorship funding. This will allow us to strengthen our cash flow and secure the future of our club. The steps taken to date in this regard have been:

1. to form a Sub-committee to identify priority areas for funding and potential sources to fund them. Currently, we have two requests under consideration from funding bodies. Two more are being prepared for submission during the second half of 2017.
2. we have sought opportunities to enlighten ourselves how best to proceed with grant applications and sponsorship by attended a presentation on Membership and Sponsorship, supported by the Office of Sport. We were assisted and offered advice by the CEO of Sport NSW on grant application procedure.
3. we plan to continue to seek such opportunities to gain networking skills.

As our club grows we recognize that we need to increase our governance skills. We will seek funding to help committee members achieve that aim.

We hope to increase the number of our committee members and actively promote the importance of each committee member carrying out the roles that they have elected to do.

Equality for all members is a key club value that we promote and consider essential for our ongoing success. To sustain our goal of gender equality we will seek to appoint women trainers/coaches.

Our Facebook profile will continue to be lifted. It already has a strong following within our club and kayaking colleagues. Our aim is to extend that to the wider community.

We will also continue to improve our website to build a local and national club profile.

Newy Paddlers will continue to participate in the PaddleNSW Marathon Series with the sense of fun and enjoyment hitherto demonstrated by our members. In this regard we will create a calendar of events, 12 months in advance, to permit members to plan their attendance. Our aim is to include all race and recreation paddles as well as charity events such as Kayak for Kids, 3 Rivers, Paddlefest, Myall Classic, Hawkesbury Classic, Burley Griffin 24Hr Challenge, etc.

Newy Paddlers proudly acknowledge the generous support afforded us by PaddleNSW.

Marg Wade
President



Southside Paddlers.

I would like to first commend SSP committee for the smooth running and continuing the tradition of the club.

Over the last year Southside paddlers has experienced many changes. One being a shift in direction for the club entirely into sprint, with disciplines in 1000m, 500m, 200m the main focus. Special emphasis on 200m for the future.

The club has also been split into two groups training under the SSP banner. One being the beginners group training out of Woronora river, the second group, the elites training out of Gunnamatta Bay.

Since last year was the first of the Olympic calendar the athletes were advised to take a sabbatical from training. Two of our athletes decided to take the opportunity to pursue their postgraduate studies which meant they had to decline an offer to compete in China Guilin World Cup in the Australian rafting team.

We thank Paddle NSW for their support of all paddle sport clubs in NSW and look forward to another successful season as we expect to see our athletes return to competition in sprint this year.

Patrick McGlynn
President



Luke Hagan

Sutherland Shire Canoe Club

Sutherland Shire Canoe Club (SSCC) had another fabulous year with membership growing to almost 100 members. Potential members are welcome to try kayaking at our "Club Sundays" on the beautiful Woronora River. People trying out in recent months have had the pleasure of paddling the club's new kayaks and ocean skis - a very worthwhile purchase. Our Club Sundays are always popular and are the perfect venue for members to get together for training paddles, recreational paddling or just to sit in the sun, drink tea and chat.

The busiest Club Sundays are undoubtedly Time Trial days. Time Trials are held monthly and the handicapping is taken very seriously. Every month a huge "PB" medal is presented at the post Time Trial BBQ. The winner of the overall series is kept secret until the Christmas party / presentation night.

In March 2017, we hosted Race 2 in the PaddleNSW Marathon Series. This was a real highlight with a record attendance of over 200 participants and perfect paddling conditions. The event ran smoothly thanks to our wonderful SSCC volunteers, PaddleNSW officials and the SES who provide support boats and crews every year for the marathon series event. We are very grateful for their support.

The SSCC volunteers had another opportunity to help out at Round 4 of the PNSW Harbour Series "Dolls Point Classic". We had a perfect Autumn day but unfortunately there were no waves for the ocean skis. The event was hosted by our affiliate club, Dolls Point Paddlers.

SSCC members often leave the Woronora to compete in racing events around the state. Our members had success in the PNSW Marathon Series. Our Wonnie living legend, Bert Laurendet, was awarded Most Outstanding Paddler in the 2016 series by the Marathon Technical Committee.



Our club was well represented in the 2016 Hawkesbury Classic with fantastic results. Kristy Benjamin and Kate Dawson came 1st and 2nd on handicap, setting records for their divisions. Steve Dawson won his division and set a course record. All the participants deserved to do well after months of training.

Kate and Steve went on to win the Murray Marathon. Club members were also successful in the National and State Championships and Myall Classic.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the outgoing president, Steve Dawson, who has made a huge contribution to the club and encouraged us to broaden our paddling horizons to include sea kayaking, canoeing and ocean ski racing. He also developed an online presence for the club, namely social media and our superb website,

Shirekayaking.info. We also

farewell and thank the outgoing treasurer, John Eades, who has done a sterling job with the club finances. Our club would not enjoy its current success without our SSCC volunteers, including time trial timekeepers, BBQ chefs, marathon and classic volunteers, Hawkesbury landcrew - to name a few. Thanks to all of you.



If you are near the Woronora River, make sure you drop in for a cuppa and a paddle one Sunday. You will receive a warm welcome.

Janet Small
Vice President

Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club

The 2016-17 paddling year has been another successful year for the club and we are still receiving significant interest from the public to attend trial paddles and to join the club.

Wagga Bidgee continues to hold regular local racing and social paddle events, and held two Paddle NSW Marathon Series events in the in the space of four months – a big thank you to all who attended. We have refurbished our 12-boat trailer and we're looking at conducting part-day and multi-day paddles around the local region. A push from Gundagai to Wagga Wagga will be on when the weather improves! Let us know if you would like to come and join in.

Wagga Bidgee is also in the market for a couple of beginner style boats to assist with training of new members and to make the river experience a little less daunting for newer paddlers.

Safe paddling and see you on the water.

Cheers.

Jason Redlich
President



Windsor Canoe Club

Windsor Canoe Club has been in a period of consolidation. We have stable leadership, steady membership, a strong financial position, a plan for the future and some talented and improving paddlers. Now is the time for us to act on our plan to increase our numbers and work on our paddling skills. The 2,5 and 10 year plan we are developing will let us achieve these results.

None of this is possible without a great amount of time and effort put in by our members, especially the executive and committee leaders. I have been fortunate to have Clay, Tony and Garry together for four years now and we have not had a problem we could not deal with without any fuss. It has been a pleasure working with them and having their support.

Our race Director, Peter has done a wonderful job with the Twilight series and his reports on all races our members are involved in.

Ian Cooper is our catering leader but is always the first to offer assistance in any situation.

Lyle as the boathouse captain maintains our fleet so they are ready for use when required. This might be for come and try paddlers or members and their families,

Most members contribute in some way during the year and I thank you all.

Being involved in paddling is not just about the individual or the club. Steve Shelley is heavily involved in organising and running the sprint series. Tom Balaam spends a good deal of time in his position at Australian Canoeing. If it were not for the efforts of volunteers such as them we would not be able to enjoy such a variety of paddling events.

WCC has had some success on the water over the past 12 months. Our main focus is on marathons but some members also compete in the sprints. We had some divisional winners in the Paddle NSW series and finished respectfully in the club pointscore. It is a similar position in the current series with a small but dedicated team turning out at each race.



We have become affiliated With Hawkesbury Sports Council this year. Rather than being a small sporting club acting alone, we now have the backing of a local government organization when applying for funding etc.

Our fundraising is still very active and varied. We are now in a position to improve or add to our club assets when needed.

This is a big task and we are always looking for more help.

The highlight of our social calendar was the night out at St Marys organised by Phil. This was enjoyed by a large number of members who witnessed a good show.

It could not be a report without an update on the clubhouse. Troy and his staff have been diligently working to finalise our application. The biggest effort now will be to raise the funds necessary for the construction.

This is the 20th year of WCC and I am looking forward to the next very active year in our clubs history.

Neil Crabb
President



2016/17 PaddleNSW Annual Award Winners

Female Paddler of the Year

Jessica Fox

Male Paddler of the Year

Lachlan Tame

Young Paddler of the Year

Mitch O'Loughlin

Paracanoeist of the Year

Dylan Littlehailes & Colin Sieders

Masters Paddler of the Year

Laura Lee

Coach of the Year

Darren Forbes

Official of the Year

Laura White

Administrator of the Year

Heidi Cheney

Volunteer of the Year

Susan Robb

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 June 2017**

Liability limited by a scheme approved under
Professional Standards Legislation

PADDLE NSW INC
ABN 46 043 881 042

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on the association for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

Directors

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

Mr Anthony Hystek
Mr Ross Fraser
Ms Anjie Lees
Ms Nicole Bartels (elected 15 October 2016)
Ms Karen Forbes (appointed 14 November 2016)
Mr Kiaran Lomas
Mr Andrew Mathers (resigned on 12 October 2016)
Ms Lynn Parker
Mr Christopher Thompson
Mr Bob Turner

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

Review of Operations

The deficit of the association for the financial year was (\$13,627) (2016: (\$29,987))

Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

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

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were to manage events and assist through Education and Coaching programs, the sports of Canoe Polo, Marathon racing, Open Water racing, Slalom/Wildwater racing Development Camps and Projects and Sprint.

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

Events Subsequent to the End of the Reporting Period

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

Likely Developments and Expected Results of Operations

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

Environmental Regulation

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

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Indemnification of Officers

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

Proceedings on Behalf of the association

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

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

Auditors' Independence Declaration

The auditors' independence declaration for the year ended 30 June, 2017 has been received and can be found on page 3.

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



Chairperson: _____

Mr Anthony Hystek



CEO: _____

Mr Peter Tate

Dated this day - 14th August 2017

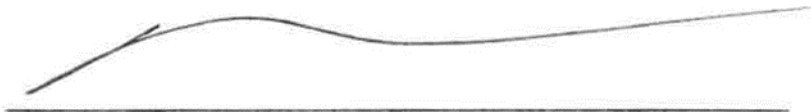
**AUDITORS' INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO THE MEMBERS OF PADDLE NSW INC.
ABN 46 043 881 042**

To the Board of Directors of Paddle NSW Inc

In accordance with the requirements of section 52(2) of the Associations Incorporations Act 2009 , as lead auditor for the audit of Paddle NSW Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2017, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

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

Name of Auditor:



Peter M Power FCA

Address: Suite 5, 11 Waratah Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103

Date this day of 14th AUGUST 2017

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue			
Education & Special Projects	3	18,116	21,653
Event Revenue	2	168,852	96,725
Government Grant		22,056	20,000
Membership		112,919	114,282
Other Revenue	3	7,788	8,017
Total Revenue		329,731	260,677
Expenses			
Australian Canoeing Affiliation Fees		48,607	46,736
Administration expenses	4	61,621	56,156
Education & Special Projects	4	19,666	15,767
Depreciation expenses		6,832	6,970
Event expenses	2	124,256	78,269
Employee benefits expenses		82,376	86,766
Total Expenses		343,358	290,664
Surplus/(Deficit) before Income tax		(13,627)	(29,987)
Income tax expense		0	0
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period		(13,627)	(29,987)
Other Comprehensive Income		0	0
Total Comprehensive Income		(13,627)	(29,987)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Assets			
Current Asset			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	305,202	251,543
Trade and other receivables	6	1,353	20,124
Inventories	7	4,982	3,864
Total current assets		311,537	275,531
Non-current Asset			
Property, plant and equipment	9	11,913	11,538
Total non-current assets		11,913	11,538
Total assets		323,450	287,069
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	36,261	16,025
Unearned Income	10	52,304	36,873
Employee benefits provision	11	14,187	13,531
Total current liabilities		102,752	66,429
Non Current Liabilities			
Unearned Income	10	8,991	10,413
Employee benefits provision	11	0	0
Total non-current liabilities		8,991	10,413
Total liabilities		111,743	76,842
Net assets		211,707	210,227
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		210,227	240,214
Other movements		15,107	0
Current year (deficit)/surplus		(13,627)	(29,987)
Total equity		211,707	210,227

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement in Changes in Equity
For the year ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		\$	\$
Balance at 1 July		210,227	240,214
Total Income and Expenditure for the period		(13,627)	(29,987)
Retained Profits acquired from Harbour Racing Inc.		15,107	0
Balance at 30 June		<u>211,707</u>	<u>210,227</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts from events		168,852	96,725
Cash receipts from members		112,919	114,282
Cash receipts from government grants		22,056	20,000
Interest received		3,553	4,794
Other receipts		22,351	24,876
Cash paid to employees		(81,194)	(80,428)
Cash paid to suppliers		(188,670)	(174,376)
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>59,867</u>	<u>5,873</u>
 Cash flows from financing activities		 -	 -
Net cash provided from financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Cash flows from investing activities			
Payment for fixed assets		(6,208)	(7,715)
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(6,208)</u>	<u>(7,715)</u>
 Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		 53,659	 (1,842)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		<u>251,543</u>	<u>253,385</u>
 Cash and cash equivalent at 30 June	5	 <u>305,202</u>	 <u>251,543</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2017

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the Association's constitution. The Board of Directors have determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

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

AASB101 Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB107 Statements of Cash Flows

AASB108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB1031 Materiality

AASB1048 Interpretation of Accounting Standards

AASB1054 Australian Additional Disclosures

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

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

Inventories

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

Property, Plant and Equipment

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

Plant and equipment

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

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

Depreciation

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

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

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

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

Financial Instruments

Initial Recognition and Measurement

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

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

Impairment of Assets

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

Trade and Other Receivables

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

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

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Provisions

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

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Revenue and Other Income

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

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

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

Trade and Other Payables

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

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

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

Comparative Figures

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

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Financial Instruments

Recognition, initial measurement and derecognition

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

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

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

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

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

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The Group's trade and most other receivables fall into this category of financial instruments.

Individually significant receivables are considered for impairment when they are past due or when other objective evidence is received that a specific counterparty will default. Receivables that are not considered to be individually impaired are reviewed for impairment in groups, which are determined by reference to the industry and region of a counterparty and other shared credit risk characteristics. The impairment loss estimate is then based on recent historical counterparty default rates for each identified group.

Financial assets at FVTPL

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

HTM Investments

HTM investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity other than loans and receivables. Investments are classified as HTM if the Association has the intention and ability to hold them until maturity. The Association currently holds long term deposits designated into this category. HTM investments are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

If there is objective evidence that the investment is impaired, determined by reference to external credit ratings, the financial asset is measured at the present value of estimated future cash flows. Any changes to the carrying amount of the investment, including impairment losses, are recognised in profit or loss.

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AFS financial assets

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

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

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial liabilities

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

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

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

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	2017	2016
	\$	\$
2 Event Revenue & Expenses		
Canoe Polo	3,512	3,779
Marathon	52,836	50,122
Myall Lake Classic	16,205	14,647
Come and try days	-	236
Slalom	28,005	5,805
Harbour Series	28,270	-
Freestyle	-	268
Development Camps and Projects	4,725	-
PNSW Event Admin Fee	15,049	-
Sprint	20,250	21,868
Total event revenue	168,852	96,725
 Canoe Polo	 3,777	 3,617
Marathon	50,304	37,400
Myall Lake Classic	7,421	13,212
Wild Water	160	-
Slalom	16,875	4,203
Harbour Series	27,936	-
Freestyle	600	154
Sprint	17,183	19,683
Total event expenses	124,256	78,269
3 Other Revenue		
Education and Training	18,116	21,653
Advertising and Sponsorship	3,173	2,182
Interest Income	3,553	4,794
Merchandise	102	-
Miscellaneous Income	960	1,041
Total other revenue	25,904	29,670
4 Administration Expenses		
Education	19,666	15,767
Accountancy Fees	17,882	16,372
Board Meeting & Costs	869	1,803
Membership expenses	5,811	1,291
Office expenses	33,371	33,282
Promotional and Marketing	3,688	3,408
	81,287	71,923
5 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at Bank- ANZ	27,273	36,995
Cash in Investments	51,109	50,502
ING Direct Savings	226,820	164,046
	305,202	251,543

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	2017 \$	2016 \$
6 Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Trade Debtors	0	3,780
Other Debtors	1,353	16,344
	<u>1,353</u>	<u>20,124</u>
7 Inventories		
Current		
Inventories	<u>4,982</u>	<u>3,864</u>
8 Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Trade Creditors	31,170	11,055
Other Creditors	5,091	4,970
	<u>36,261</u>	<u>16,025</u>
9 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment:		
At cost	60,640	53,432
Accumulated depreciation	(48,727)	(41,894)
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>11,913</u>	<u>11,538</u>

Movements in Carrying Amounts

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

	Plant and Equipment \$	Total \$
Additions	6,208	6,208
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation	6,832	6,832
	<u>(624)</u>	<u>(624)</u>

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					2017	2016
					\$	\$
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10	Unearned Income					
	Current					
	Memberships in Advance				52,304	36,873
					<u>52,304</u>	<u>36,873</u>
	Non-Current					
	Memberships in Advance				<u>8,991</u>	<u>10,413</u>
11	Employee benefits provision					
	Current Liability for annual leave				<u>14,187</u>	<u>13,531</u>
12	Equity	Balance				Balance
		1 July 2016	Revenue	Expenses	Depreciation	30 June 2017
	Canoe Polo	4,572	3,512	(3,777)	(2,958)	1,349
	Special Projects	17,577	3,436	(6,460)	-	14,553
	Freestyle	1,029	-	(600)	-	429
	Marathon	72,323	52,836	(52,304)	(9,837)	63,018
	Harbour Racing	18,452	28,270	(27,936)	-	18,786
	Slalom	14,383	28,005	(16,875)	-	25,513
	Sprint	8,596	20,250	(17,183)	(663)	11,000
	Wild Water	-		(160)	-	(160)
	General Funds	88,401	193,420	(218,060)	13,458	77,219
		<u>225,333</u>	<u>329,729</u>	<u>(343,355)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>211,707</u>

13 Change in Accounting Policy

No changes in Accounting Policy during the year.

14 Association Details

PaddleNSW Inc registered office and principal place of business is
Level 2, QUAD 1, 8 Parkview Drive
Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2129

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

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

The directors of the association declare that:

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

The accounts of the Association have been made out in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements, the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the Association's constitution.

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



Chairperson: _____
Mr Anthony Hystek



CEO: _____
Mr Peter Tate

Dated this day - 14th August 2017

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

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Paddle NSW Inc, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

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

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

Auditors' Opinion**Qualification: Donations and Fundraising Activities**


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

Qualified Audit Opinion

In my opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report of Paddle NSW Inc as at 30 June 2017 presents fairly in all material aspects the financial position of Paddle NSW Inc and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial report and satisfies the requirements of the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 the NSW Associations Incorporation Act and the Association's constitution.

Basis of Accounting

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

Name of Auditor:
Peter M Power FCA

Registered Company FCA

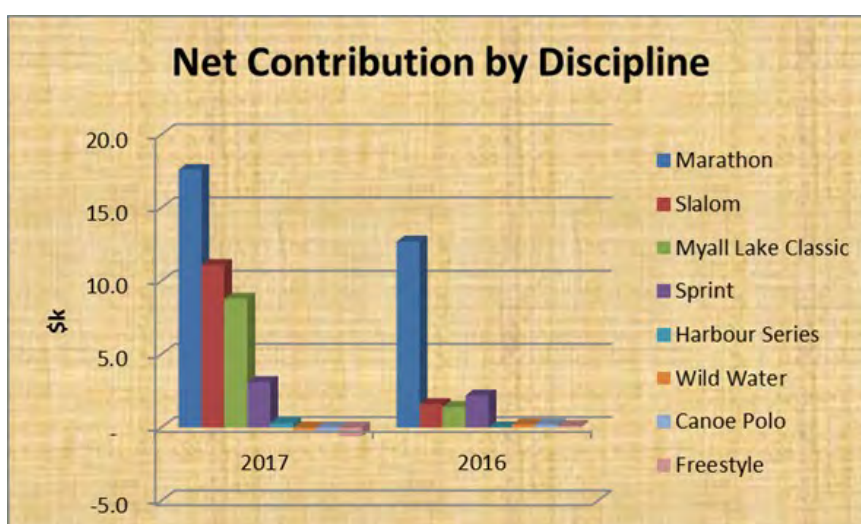
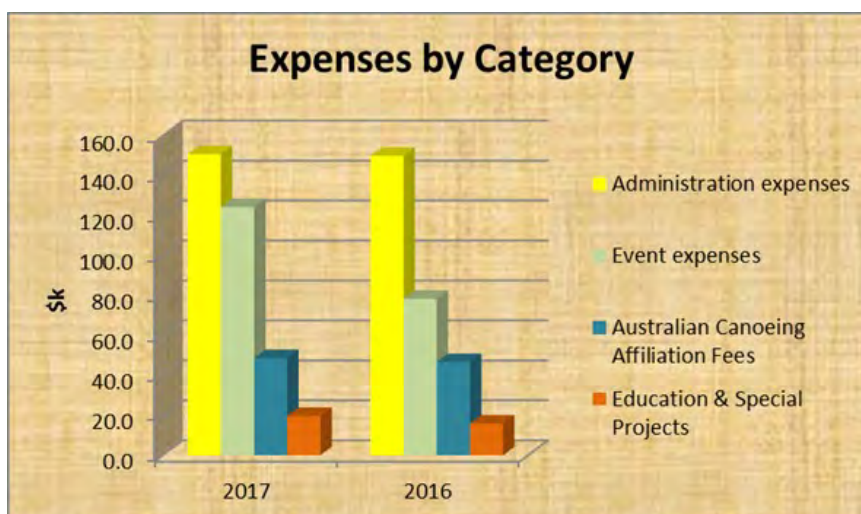
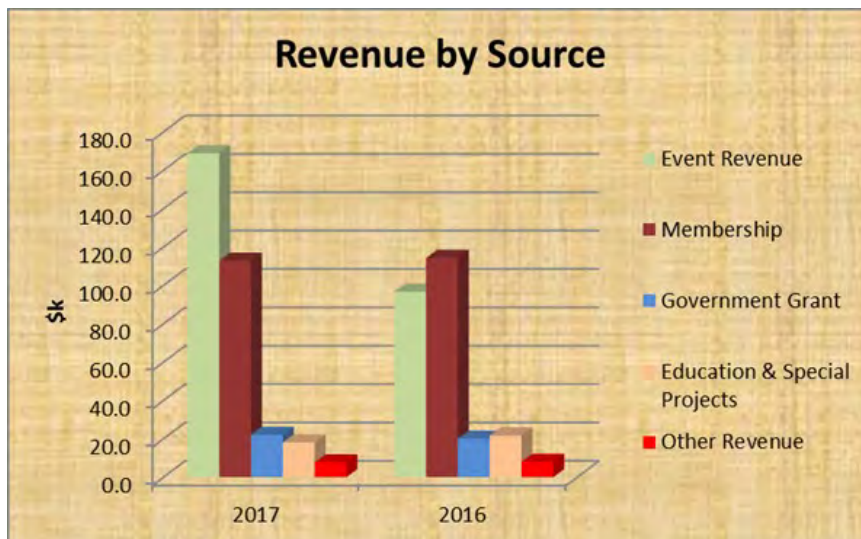
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Address: Suite 5, 11 Waratah Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103**Dated this day of** 14th AUGUST 2017

PaddleNSW Financial Position

Paddle NSW incurred an operating loss of \$13,627 for the financial 2016/17 year - the third consecutive year of losses. Whilst the Balance Sheet remains strong, it is important for the financial position to improve, in order to support to the disciplines and clubs in developing and growing the sport.

The Revenue and Profits generated from Events is our largest contributor, and the Board would like to acknowledge the significant contribution of the disciplines, clubs and volunteers for making these events so successful.



In order to improve the financial situation in 2017/18, the Board has taken the following actions:

- Membership subscriptions have been increased slightly for 2017/18, with full memberships increasing by \$10.
- The Marathon Series has been expanded in 2017/18, with additional events contributing to the bottom line.
- There will be an increased focus on attracting recreational paddlers, by developing and publishing a calendar of events.
- We will be increasing membership subscriptions for direct members (ie PNSW members who are not members of a club) – by a further \$20 for a full member. This is intended to encourage PNSW Direct Members to join a club.
- There will be an increased focus on increasing our membership base and retaining current members. In this regard we will be requesting all clubs to ensure that all club members are members of PNSW, as is required.
- We are investigating rolling membership for new members joining during the year. This initiative will succeed with backing from Paddle Australia.
- Generating income opportunities from the improved Website and Facebook by way of advertising and sponsorships.

A further initiative is that Paddle NSW aims for all clubs to move over to the AC membership registration system this financial year, in order to significantly improve efficiency for PNSW, which will in turn deliver benefits to clubs. At present only a third of clubs have successfully transitioned to the AC membership registration system. This includes a cross-section of clubs that have satisfied business needs representative of most clubs. Paddle NSW is also investigating options of providing training and support to club executives in the use of the registration system, to ensure a seamless transition. Use of the AC system will also support other Paddle NSW initiatives, such as a modern timing system, which would be linked to membership lists, being made available to all clubs.

We seek your support in these initiatives, which are intended to provide a better outcome for all paddlers.

Ross Fraser

PaddleNSW Board Treasurer

NOTICE OF

10TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PADDLE NSW INC.

4:00pm, Saturday, 11th November 2017

Notice is hereby given that the 10th Annual General Meeting of Paddle NSW Inc. shall be held on Saturday, 11th November 2017 at River Canoe Club of NSW, Richardsons Crescent, Marrickville, commencing at 4:00pm sharp.

Members are most welcome to attend. For catering purposes, please notify the State Office of your intention to attend no later than Friday, 3rd November.

Email – admin@paddleNSW.org.au

Phone – (02) 8736 1254

AGENDA

1. Opening and Welcome by the Chair
2. Roll call of Attendees and Apologies
3. Acceptance of the Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting held 15 October 2016
4. Adoption of the 2016/17 PNSW Annual Report
5. Adoption of 2016/17 Statement of Accounts
6. Election of Life Members if any
7. Election of Board Members for two year term
8. Motions on Notice
9. Other business in accordance with the Constitution
10. General business as advised
11. Close of Annual General Meeting

On behalf of the PNSW Board of Management, we look forward to seeing you at the 10th PaddleNSW Annual General Meeting.

Peter Tate

Chief Executive Officer

9th PaddleNSW Annual General Meeting

Held at Land's Edge, Chowder Bay Road, Mosman

On Saturday, 15th October 2016

Meeting Commenced – 4:38pm

Present: **Board Directors:** Tony Hystek (Chairperson), Ross Fraser, Anjie Lees, Kieran Lomas, Lynn Parker, Chris Thompson, Bob Turner

Paddlesports: Cathy Miller (Canoe Polo), Eileen Callaghan (Freestyle), Gaye Hatfield (Paracanoe), Laura White (Sprint), Peter McIntyre (Wildwater)

Clubs: Karen Hutchinson (Avoca KC), Paul Hutchinson (Avoca KC), Gaye Foster (Big River CC), Patricia Ashton (BGCC), Margi Bohm (BGCC), Helen Tongway (BGCC), Paul Byrnes (Hunter Valley), Greg Hillier (Hunter Valley), Elizabeth van Reece (Just Paddlers), Phil Geddes (LCRK), Ann Lloyd-Green (MWKC), Cheryl Bretag (Newy Paddlers), Mark Bretag (Newy Paddlers), Darren Forbes (Newy Paddlers), Karen Forbes (Newy Paddlers), David Lowe (Penrith Valley CC), Tracy Hudson (River CC), Debra Buccan (Sutherland Shire CC), Jeff Buccan (SSCC), Albert Laurendet (SSCC), Kaye Laurendet (SSCC)

Members: Helen Brownlee OAM (Patron and Life Member), Ros Lawrence (Development Officer), Jeff Cottrell, Rosie Cottrell, Litsa Polygerinos, Basil Slaughter, Peter Tate (CEO – Minutes)

Apologies: **Paddlesports:** Tim Hookins (Ocean Racing), Jeremy Spear (Ocean Racing), Jeff Beere (Sprint), Graham Matts (Sprint), Stephen Shelley (Sprint)

Clubs: Christine Berridge (Bonville Creek CC), Craig Dodd (Brisbane Water), Nick Naughton (Central Coast), Damo Staunton (Makai Paddlers), Jodie Watkins (Makai), Paul Watkins (Makai), Karen Dallas (Stay Afloat), John Thurgar (Stay Afloat), Jason Redlich (Wagga Bidgee CC), Neil Crabb (Windsor CC)

Members: Nicole Bartels, Jessica Fox, Denise Rogers (Accounts Officer)

Australian Canoeing: Greg Doyle, Mary Macaluso

BUSINESS

1. Chairperson Tony Hystek opened the meeting at 4:38pm and thanked all those in attendance, with a special welcome to PNSW Patron and Life Member Helen Brownlee OAM.
2. **Previous Minutes:** The minutes of the previous PNSW Annual General Meeting held on 10th October 2015 were accepted as a true and correct record – *moved Tracy Hudson, seconded Anjie Lees, carried.*
3. **Business Arising:** Nil.
4. **2015/16 PNSW Annual Report:** On behalf of the Board and Management, Tony Hystek formally presented the 2015/16 PNSW Annual Report. The Annual Report was accepted by the members – *Anjie Lees/ Laura White – carried.*
5. **2015/16 Statement of Accounts:** Board Director Ross Fraser presented the Audited Financial Accounts, which record net assets of \$210,227 as at 30 June 2016. The state peak body recorded a deficit of \$29,987 in 2015/16 (\$22,471 in 2014/15). Ross foreshadowed a future increase in club affiliation fees for the first time in many years. Tony Hystek indicated

PaddleNSW is considering rolling membership and will canvas the support of clubs in coming months. It was moved that the financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2016, the Directors' Report and the Independent Auditor's Statement thereon, be accepted – *Ross Fraser/ Kiaran Lomas - carried.*

- 6. Election of Life Members:** CEO advised the PNSW Recognition Committee had received numerous nominations for Life Membership. It is 11 years since the last Life Member was inducted. The Committee recommended bestowing Life Membership on three outstanding servants of the organisation, all of whom were ratified by the Board. CEO read a citation for each nominee and Helen Brownlee presented the new Life Member with a gift.

- **Jeff Cottrell** Moved by the Board, seconded Basil Slaughter. Carried Unanimously.
- **Gaye Hatfield** Moved by the Board, seconded Margi Bohm. Carried Unanimously.
- **Lynn Parker** Moved by the Board, seconded Tracy Hudson. Carried Unanimously.

Helen then addressed the members, congratulating the new inductees and expressing what a wonderful “family” environment we all share.

- 7. Election of Directors:** CEO outlined the Constitutional requirements for Elected Board Director positions. Having completed their terms of office, three of the seven Elected Directors stood down, namely **Ross Fraser, Anthony Hystek** and **Lynn Parker**. Additionally **Andrew Mathers** had resigned on 12th October, thus creating another Director vacancy. At the close of nominations on 1st October we had received four applications, being from **Nicole Bartels, Ross Fraser, Anthony Hystek** and **Lynn Parker**. All four were duly declared elected as PaddleNSW Board Directors for a two-year term.

Tony then resumed the chair and called for interested members to nominate for the vacant Appointed Director position.

- 8. Motions on Notice:** Nil

- 9. Other Business:** Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10a. Presentation to Ross Fraser:** CEO presented a Certificate to Ross Fraser as part of the 2016 Commonwealth Bank Not for Profit Treasurers' Awards.
- 10b. Club Roadshows:** On behalf of numerous clubs Gaye Foster expressed appreciation to Peter Tate for the time and effort he has made in visiting so many clubs in recent months, especially in northern NSW. CEO responded that he thoroughly enjoyed meeting with our regional members and sharing their issues. The hospitality has been warm and genuine, and more visits will be scheduled in the future.
- 11. Close:** The meeting was formally closed at 5:25pm with the Annual Awards Presentation scheduled after dinner.

