



## *8th Annual Report*

*2014/15*

### 2014/15 Annual Report



Dear Members,

On behalf of the PaddleNSW Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to present for your consideration and adoption the Eighth Annual Report of PaddleNSW Inc that covers its activities during the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.



**Peter Tate**     *Chief Executive Officer*

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## 2014/15 PaddleNSW Board of Directors

**Chairperson:**

Timothy HOOKINS



**Vice Chair:**

Anthony HYSTEK



**Appointed Director:**

Anjie LEES  
(from 9 Feb 2015)



**Elected Director:**

Kiaran LOMAS  
(from 9 Feb 2015)



**Elected Director:**

Andrew MATHERS



**Elected Director:**

Lynn PARKER



**Elected Director:**

Timothy RING



**Elected Director:**

Chris THOMPSON



**Appointed Director:**

Val TITOV





## 2014/15 PaddleNSW Office Bearers & Committee Members

<b>Chief Executive Officer:</b>	Peter TATE
<b>Accounts Officer:</b>	Denise ROGERS
<b>Auditors:</b>	W & D FINANCIAL SERVICES
<b>Education &amp; Training Committee:</b>	Lynn PARKER (Coordinator), Adrian CLAYTON, Karen DALLAS, Ian ROYDS, Andy SINGH
<b>Waterways Committee:</b>	Lynn PARKER, Fiona BROWN, Jeff COTTRELL, Anjie LEES
<b>Dispute Resolution:</b>	Robert TOBIAS (Chair), Paul VAN KOESVELD
<b>Webmaster:</b>	Andrew MATHERS
<b>Marketing:</b>	Anjie LEES
<b>Equipment Officer:</b>	Tony HYSTEK



### TECHNICAL COMMITTEES:

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

<b>Canoe Polo:</b>	Richard ANDREWS (Chair), Richard BARNES, Cathy MILLER
<b>Freestyle:</b>	Eileen CALLAGHAN (Chair), Joseph DUNNE, Kim KAAR, John KELLY
<b>Marathon:</b>	Bob TURNER (Chair), Gaye HATFIELD, Craig DODD, Laurie WARD
<b>Ocean Racing:</b>	Tim HOOKINS (Chair), Bruce DALEY, Brett GREENWOOD, Tony HAINES, Cameron McTAVISH, Steve NEWSOME, Paul RICHARDSON, Jeremy SPEAR
<b>Paracanoe:</b>	David JAMES, David LUNN
<b>Slalom:</b>	John FORSYTHE (Chair), Colin BORROWS, John KELLY, Chris THOMPSON
<b>Sprint:</b>	Laura WHITE (Chair), Jeff BEERE, David BIRT, Nigel COLLESS, Gavin GODFREY, Graham MATTS, Richard ROBINSON, Stephen SHELLEY, Murray STEWART

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> September 1949.

**1962** Max HILL\*, Os BROWNLEE\*, Harry SAVAGE\*, Frank WHITEBROOK\* OAM, Albert HOPKINS\*,  
**1967** Frank HENRY\*, **1977** Phil COLES OAM AM,  
**1978** Graham JOHNSON, **1979** Helen BROWNLEE OAM,  
**1980** Bruce MORISON\* OAM, **1981** Joan MORISON\* OAM,  
**1982** Bill SALE\*, **1984** John MARTIN,  
**1986** George CLARKE\*, **1990** Jim FULLER\*,  
**1992** Ray ABRAHALL\*, **1994** Adele MEIER,  
**1997** Beverley PALLISTER, **2003** Graham HALFORD\*  
**2005** Peter FLOWERS

*Legend – Year when awarded*

*\* indicates deceased Life Member*





## **Chairperson's Report**

The Board up until August 2015 consisted of: Tony Hystek (vice Chairman), Lynn Parker, Tim Ring, Andrew Mathers, Chris Thompson, Kieran Lomas, Anjie Lees and myself, Tim Hookins (Chairman)



There have been several changes of Board members during the 2014-2015 term. Val Titov unfortunately had to resign owing to health issues and her contribution to the graphics, marketing and design for PaddleNSW has been missed. Anjie Lees and Kieran Lomas accepted invitations to be nominated to the Board in February and have made strong contributions ever since. Kieran has represented the interests of the ACT paddlers and SUP paddling and has recently taken responsibility for the running and development of coaching and other courses. Anjie has slotted into the development of marketing and many other general development components of PaddleNSW.

Tim Ring let us know in August that he could not continue as the overseer of the financial aspects because of an increased workload in his professional life. He has been a reliable stalwart for three years and the Board is indebted to him for his input into the finances month after month. We have been very fortunate to have accepted the services of Ross Fraser who is an accountant. He was appointed to the Board at the September meeting and will take over the role of minding the finances. Also appointed to the Board at the September meeting was Bob Turner who has until now been the Chair of the Marathon Technical Committee. We welcome Bob with his business skills and we feel sure he will bring these to bear in the most beneficial way to the Board. Chris Thompson remains as our legal specialist and Andrew Mathers continues to serve with the website arrangements and membership.



I have been involved with the fortunes of PaddleNSW since its inception in 2007. I have been Vice Chair since 2008 and Chair since 2012. I have indicated that I will not stand for re-election at the forthcoming AGM.

**CEO:** Peter Tate has continued in the role and now has a solid grasp on all things administrative in the organisation. This will be his third AGM and we hope his contribution will continue far into the future. He has been involved in the move of the Sports House office to Parkview Drive, Sydney Olympic Park which has occurred fairly seamlessly under his supervision. His Accounts Officer, Denise Rogers has been working in the office since August 2014 on a one day per week basis.

**CO OPERATION WITH LIKEMINDED BODIES:** The Board is in the process of developing stronger ties with associated bodies. Membership registration now goes through the Australian Canoeing website. The Board also introduced full competitive membership of Australian Canoeing to all full PaddleNSW members and dropped the special category of Premium membership. This means all PaddleNSW members are full AC members as well. PaddleNSW would like to use the AC website templates but this is proving a hard nut to crack. Recent events have adopted the AC registration system and this appears to have a promising future.

Late in 2014 the PaddleNSW Ocean Racing Technical Committee bought the rights to the Sydney Ocean Series and has been developing it ever since. This year features a series of 6 events each hosted by a different organisation. Four of the events are hosted by Surf Lifesaving Clubs and this is proving to be a worthwhile and interesting partnership. There has been talk of partnering with Surf Lifesaving for quite a few years but this is the first time it has really happened. The two events jointly run so far have proven to be successful learning experiences. We expect benefits to flow from this association over the years. This association has lead to the major surfski event of the year in New South Wales, the 20 Beaches coming under the umbrella of PaddleNSW.



Since the opportunity to run the Myall Classic has been given to PaddleNSW this event has become the flagship of the organisation in the marathon field. It was very proficiently and successfully run in September achieving just under 300 entrants. Congratulations to Tony Hystek and his team for putting together the event. The Myall enables closer links with the organisers of the Hawkesbury Classic and these have become stronger during the year.

**COMMERCIAL OPERATORS:** The Board has worked towards engaging private commercial operators within the PaddleNSW network. Meetings were held with individual operators with a view to developing links enabling crossover with websites, promotional opportunities and ways in which PaddleNSW and operators could assist one another, for example with advocacy. This is an ongoing exercise and one which will ultimately benefit both sides. The Waterways Guide now lists the likely bodies involved. See below.

**WATERWAYS GUIDE:** This has become an established asset and is now available as an app on mobile phones. Lynn Parker and Jeff Cottrell have continued to steer its advancement and they are currently in discussions with other state sporting organisations to extend its use throughout Australia. With steady support and marketing it will continue to grow. It is a wonderful vehicle for creating links to other organisations. Significant new additions are links to Paddling Clubs, Fishing Clubs, Canoe and Kayak Tours, Fishing guides and Tours, Kayak and Canoe Shops, Kayak and Canoe Hire and Fishing Gear shops. Once more people get to know about these links it will take off.

**SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW:** Ties with Maritime NSW have never been better. For the third year Maritime has facilitated PaddleNSW running a stand at the Sydney International Boat Show. This stand was run by volunteers from PaddleNSW led by Lynn Parker and featured the Waterways Guide which once again created a lot of interest.



**MEMBERSHIP ORGANISATION:** After consultation with key clubs and advice to all clubs the Board decided to support the club organisations directly by requiring that all PaddleNSW members be club members at the time of joining PaddleNSW. This will have the effect of encouraging stronger support for our clubs which remain the mainstay of our organisation. For people who really cannot get much benefit from a nearby club, country membership has been introduced and clubs have been asked to introduce country membership at very low rates. The original club set up for this purpose is Just Paddlers. They have an attractive membership fee structure and they are very happy to assist paddlers who will not easily be able to use normal club facilities.

It has long been a source of concern to PaddleNSW that Australian Canoeing permits direct membership to members who live and paddle in NSW. Even though fees are transferred back to PaddleNSW, these paddlers, many of whom are the elite ones, do not consider themselves to be members of PaddleNSW. By ending direct membership to PaddleNSW, getting paddlers to join clubs and making all full members also full members of Australian Canoeing, we wish to send a clear signal to Australian Canoeing to end direct membership to AC and get all NSW paddlers to join PaddleNSW.

**VALE JOAN AND BRUCE MORISON:** Sadly we had to bid farewell to both Joan and Bruce this year. Bruce passed away in December 2014 and Joan in May 2015. Joan and Bruce were foundation members of both New South Wales Canoeing and Australian Canoeing. Both held important positions in both organisations for many years and their contributions in time, effort and skill have been significant in developing them to what they are today. Joan and Bruce will be sorely missed by their family, their club and by PaddleNSW.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING:** The Board admires and appreciates the efforts of Lynn Parker who has continued to lead and develop the Education and training arm of PaddleNSW and organised many courses during the year. Kieran Lomas has offered to organise and run coaching courses from now on.



**DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:** Throughout this year the Board has been working towards the engagement of a Development Officer to foster and encourage paddling in schools and amongst Junior paddlers in association with our clubs. When national support for this venture did not materialise the Board decided to go it alone and appoint a Development Officer at first on a part time basis. The position was advertised and it is hoped the successful applicant will be starting in the very near future.

**THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES:** The Board sees these as pivotal to our success into the future of paddling. While I leave individual paddlesports for the respective chairs to report, I would like nonetheless to list the Chairs of the Technical committees and thank them and their hard working Committees for the invaluable contributions they have made to the success of paddling in NSW and ACT in 2014/15.

**MARATHON:** Bob Turner

**SPRINT:** Laura White

**OCEAN RACING INCLUDING HARBOURRAING:**

Brett Greenwood and Jeremy Spear.

**FREESTYLE:** Eileen Callaghan

**CANOE POLO:** Richard Andrews

**SLALOM:** Chris Thompson



**PADDLER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** This program has resulted in payments to Juniors and Under23 members supporting them in overseas international representative events. While the payments are more encouragement than substantial, PaddleNSW is very proud to recognise the efforts of our junior paddlers who strive with significant sacrifice to represent their country.

I take this opportunity to voice my heartfelt appreciation and thanks to my fellow Board members who have toiled so willingly and cheerfully for all these years and brought this organisation so far since its inception.

*Yours sincerely*  
**Timothy Hookins**



## CEO's Report

### **PNSW Board of Directors**

During quite a busy 2014/15 year, the Board met on nine occasions with attendance as follows:

		14/07	18/08	13/10	10/11	9/02	9/03	13/04	11/05	15/06	Attendance
<b>Tim</b>	<i>Chair</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>9</b>
<b>Tony</b>	<i>Vice Chair</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	✓	<b>8</b>
<b>Anjie Lees</b>	<i>Appointed Director</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>5/5</b>
<b>Kieran</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>5/5</b>
<b>Andrew</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	a	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	<b>7</b>
<b>Lynn Parker</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>9</b>
<b>Tim Ring</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	✓	<b>7</b>
<b>Chris</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	a	✓	a	✓	✓	a	a	✓	<b>5</b>
<b>Val Titov</b>	<i>Appointed Director</i>	✓	a	✓	a	a	a	a	a	a	<b>2</b>

"a" indicates apology.

Anjie Lees was appointed to the Board on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015.  
Kieran Lomas was elected to fill a casual vacancy on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Val Titov resigned from the PNSW Board on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 for personal reasons.

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.





*Left to right at the 2014 Annual Awards Presentation:*

Val Titov, Tony Hystek, Tim Hookins, Lynn Parker, Tim Ring, Andrew Mathers, Chris Thompson, Peter Tate.

## Clubs

For the record there were 34 financial and affiliated clubs in 2014/15 (an increase of three clubs from the previous year), as follows:

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

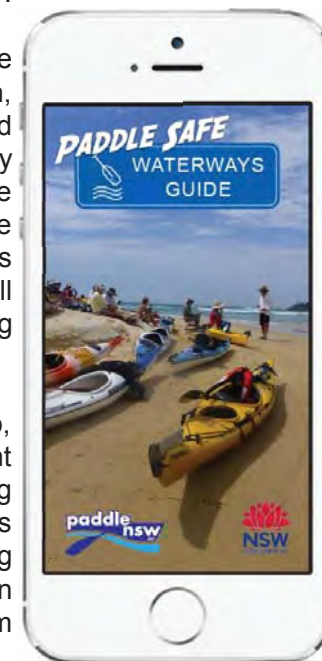
We have welcomed newly formed Brisbane Water Paddlers, Dolls Point Paddlers and Inverell Joeys Kayak Club into the fold in the past twelve months. We are grateful to all club executive members and volunteers who contribute so much at the grass roots level of paddling. Thank you also to the clubs that invited PNSW Board and staff to your activities and presentations at various times through the year.

## 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, like many other state sporting organisations, simply could not exist without the wonderful and unselfish input from its many officers and volunteers. I know the Board is greatly appreciative of the efforts of all the PaddleNSW office-bearers and volunteers, without whom there would be no platform to serve our members and paddling would stagnate rather than prosper.

All the Paddlesport Technical Committees have performed with a high level of passion, professionalism and dedication. As you will read in their respective reports, we have successfully hosted a number of National and State Championships this year, all receiving positive feedback from competitors. Our gratitude is extended to each organising committee and all the volunteers for conducting those outstanding events.

We continue to be indebted to **Lynn Parker** who, with her hard-working team, does a magnificent job coordinating all the education and training courses throughout NSW and ACT. It was tremendous to gain access to an ideal training venue at Watsons Bay, with the old pilot station now functioning very effectively as a premium Boating Safety Education Centre.





A highlight for the state peak body in the past year was the formal launch of the PaddleSafe App - a magnificent tool for all paddlers, anglers and recreationalists alike. **Geoff Provest MP**, NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Police and Emergency Services, had the honour of “cutting the ribbon” at a lavish function at Haberfield on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014. The App is a tremendous credit to Lynn, Jeff Cottrell, Andrew Cheetham and all their predecessors who provided maps and information in the original hard copy Canoeing Guides and subsequent Waterways Guide website. As an organisation we should be extremely proud of our progress over the decades and the contribution we continue to make to the community.

### Annual Performance

The PNSW Board and staff performed numerous tasks and achieved desired objectives in 2014/15, including:

- Representation at the AC AGM and Annual Forum
- Board Directors participated in relevant seminars and workshops to enhance their skill base
- Evaluation and implementation of the PNSW Strategic Plan (2014-2018)
- In partnership with AC, we're developing athlete and coach pathways
- In March we moved office to the new Sports House, still situated in Sydney Olympic Park
- Developing relationships with NSWIS and Regional Academies of Sport
- Monitored budget versus actuals
- The PNSW Safety Committee and PNSW Recognition Committee continue to break new ground
- Reinvigorated the PNSW Representative Paddler Assistance Program
- Updated the PNSW website and Paddlesports pages as appropriate
- Utilised the PaddleNSW and Waterways Guide facebook sites far more effectively
- Migrated our membership database to Sporting DNA, aligning with the national body and all our fellow interstate canoeing bodies
- Regularly communicated with members and key stakeholders



### Vale

Over the past year we've lost three wonderful people who were significantly instrumental in the State Body for many years. Former President, founding member and Life Member **Bruce Morison OAM** passed away in December. **Trevor Williamson**, also a former President, sustained serious injuries in a cycling accident in February and unfortunately didn't recover. Then in May, Mrs Canoeing **Joan Morison OAM** joined her husband on the river of dreams. Joan was a Life Member and still active archivist with both AC and PaddleNSW. The tributes on our website and other club websites personified the monumental contributions of these three paddling legends, and how they touched and molded the lives of so many people over numerous generations. All fondly remembered, may they paddle in peace.

### Awards & Recognition

In 2015 we continued collecting our share of the sporting industry limelight. At the gala 2014 NSW Annual Sports Awards, our popular World Champion **Jessica Fox** was a finalist in the NSW Athlete of the Year category. Amongst many, many notable achievements in the past twelve months, the world canoe slalom star was recognised for her historic performances by winning the Academy Award for outstanding achievement at the inaugural World Paddle Awards in Augsburg, Germany. A truly remarkable 2014/15 for our bright World Champion.



Also at the same NSW Annual Sports Awards, **Bruce and Joan Morison OAM** were duly recognised with Distinguished Long Service Awards for outstanding contributions to the sport.

The **2015 Community Sports Volunteer Awards** were held at a cocktail function in Parliament House, at which **Gaye Hatfield** was a finalist in the Officiating category and **Brian Trouville** jointly won the Coaching category. Thoroughly deserving recognition for both stalwarts of paddling.





Speaking of stalwarts, PNSW Board Director **Lynn Parker** was presented with a distinguished **Olympic Order of Merit Award** at the NSW Olympic Council's AGM in April for her significant contribution to sport over many years. Still in Olympic mode, PNSW Life Member and Vice President of the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), **Helen Brownlee OAM**, was awarded the **Olympic Order** for her significant contribution to world sport and her dedication to upholding the Olympic ideals. Tremendous service by both Lynn and Helen.

We have a **Guinness World Record Holder**. During the BGCC annual 24hr relay marathon held on Molonglo River in December, PNSW Board Director **Anjie Lees** officially broke the record for **longest distance paddled by a female in 24hrs on flat water**, setting a new benchmark of 201.75km, a record that had stood since 2010.

### Financial Report

The PNSW Board reports a net deficit for the financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 of \$22,471 (*surplus of \$52,984 in 2013/14*). The organisation is placed in a comfortable position to invest resources in projects that will benefit our members and paddling across NSW and ACT. The Balance Sheet as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 indicates total equity in the organisation of \$240,214.

The annual P/L statement and balance sheet are fully reported for the information of our Members. We sincerely thank our Accounts Officer **Denise Rogers** for her professional and friendly efforts, and also Auditor **Tomas Weiszer** of **W & D Financial Services** for thoroughly investigating our accounts and providing the audit statement that our organisation complies with the *Associations Incorporations Act 2009*.

### Supporting Charity

The charity of choice for PaddleNSW in 2014 was the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation. CBCF is the largest dedicated fundraiser for brain cancer research in Australia. PaddleNSW actively supported the charity in 2014, with specific focus during the Myall Classic conducted in September. Participants and officials alike generously donated \$5,838 for the research cause.



The paddling community is a genuinely caring "family". Congratulations to all involved.

Pictured L>R are **Tony Hystek** (Myall Classic Race Director and PNSW Board Member), **Michelle Murray** (CBCF National Event Manager), **Catherine Stace** (CBCF CEO) and **Peter Tate** (PNSW CEO).



It is also appropriate to acknowledge the outstanding effort of Tony before, during and after the Myall Classic event. It is now the iconic PaddleNSW event on the annual calendar. Tony leads the event team magnificently and leaves no stone unturned in producing a sensational showpiece for our paddling members, the volunteers, the sponsors and charity, and the local community. Well done everybody.



## Acknowledgments

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

- **Tim Hookins** and all the **Board Directors** have been inspirational. They are indicative of how passionate all our members are for paddling in NSW.
- Our **Paddlesport Technical Committees** have done an outstanding job in 2014/15, conducting many safe, fair and exhilarating events throughout the year.
- Our Accounts Officer **Denise Rogers** works only one day per week however her assistance to the Paddlesports and other sub-committees is absolutely outstanding. Thank you for your friendship Denise.
- Our loyal sponsors and supporters have each contributed strongly to our sport, so I encourage members to reciprocate when considering related products and services.
- I specifically acknowledge **Rhonda Elsayed** from **First Option Credit Union**. FOCU is supporting our PNSW Representative Paddler Assistance Program to the tune of \$2,500 each year.



- 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.
- We've built a solid relationship with the National Body. 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 & Recreation—Lynn Parker

### Promoting Safe Destinations to the Paddling Community:

The work continues in spreading the word about the new PaddleNSW resources – PaddleSafe Waterways Guide APP and website. Articles have been published in Wild January 7 2015, the Bushwalkers online newsletter Bushwalk.com February 2015 ([see elsewhere for the article](#)), NEWSCAST - Recreational Fisheries News - August 2015. ABC Radio interview Central Coast. Presented products to the ORIC Outdoor teachers workshop in March and AGM in August 2015, NSW Marine teachers April 2015, various community groups..

Thanks to the community of volunteers who have supported the never-ending data entry, and to those who have steered the direction of the Waterways Guide.

Special thanks goes to **Jeff Cottrell** for his persistence and support to achieving goals; producing the Waterways Business Plan, financial records and with assistance from **Anjie Lees** our newest Board member, for the marketing plan and web search optimization and social media which has brought more traffic to the website. Contracts are currently being sort for building a better mobile friendly website, with Trip Planning capabilities accessible by all mobiles. In the last 12 months there were 11920 users compared to 3180 in the previous 12 months. Please refer to the graph for further statistics.





1257 PaddleSafe App downloads since launch in 2014. Even though feedback from PaddleSafe APP users has been excellent, we believe direct marketing to the Recreational paddler needs to be improved this year as statistics are disappointing for numbers actually using the Trip Planning and emergency feature of the APP. To date, 103 trips have been planned by 60 users. There seems to be a spike in downloads and return visits when it rains – suggesting interest from whitewater paddlers.

The PaddleNSW/education investment of \$26,000 over three years, \$5000 from NSW Transport, \$45,000 of the \$60K grant from Police and Emergency Services and many hours of volunteer work has produced the website and APP. The remainder of the Emergency Services funds will be used for adapting the mobile friendly website. The project has formed a platform that can be used across Australia. And will reach its full potential for business opportunities when the organized paddling community use it for their destinations, trip ideas, planned paddle routes, tracking, weather, float and emergency plans.

#### **To the Boating Industry:**

Thanks must go to NSW Roads and Maritime financial support to attend the Marine 15 International Safe Boating Conference in Queensland in April. The paper prepared by fellow Ed Committee member Andy Singh and presented by Lynn - *PaddleNSW – Promoting a Safer Kayaking Community* highlighted our concerns with the proliferation of cheap plastic kayaks and sit on tops being sold from the large outlets with little to no advice on safety. The PaddleSafe resources, including the new suite of PaddleSafe courses were promoted as some of the solutions for minimizing kayaking accidents. It is pleasing to see NSW Roads and Transport have employed 12 regional safe boating educational officers around the State to assist in this work.



NSW Roads and Transport have also funded the refurbishment of the old Watsons Bay Pilot Station turning it into a Safe Boating Education Centre



where PaddleNSW and its Clubs are one of the five partners. The Boating Industry Association will hold the lease and be responsible for maintenance. PaddleNSW will have ready access and Clubs and Disciplines are urged to arrange bookings through PaddleNSW Executive officer.

#### **To Recreational paddlers and other water users:**

Many thanks to those who assisted at this years Sydney Boat Show, where once again PaddleNSW did a fantastic job in promoting the Organisation to



other boaters. Many recreational paddlers including kayak fisherman found PaddleNSW resources for the first time. A new Clubs brochure was a great asset to demonstrate the reach and depth of the Organisation. Thanks to the River Canoe Club, Tracy Hudson, David Burgess and Andy Singh, Jeff Cottrell, Tim Hookins and Lynn for “manning” the stand. And Tony Hystek and Jeff who provided Audio/Visual equipment.

Three Clubs participated in **2014 Boating Week** - Learn to Paddle. Channel 7 filmed our “stars” to produce a short TV promotion. Thanks to the Penrith Freestyle team for acting and rising to the call for help!

#### **To the other States:**

Australian Canoeing endorses the Waterways Guide to “going national” – it is yet to be determined what that actually means to recreational paddlers





but to the Website, it will mean that the other States can clearly manage contributions in their own State and have a position on the Management Committee. Western Australia, SA, Victoria and Tasmania are underway. We are now members of the AC Recreational Committee – but things move slowly, so there's not a lot to report.

#### **To the industry: PaddleNSW Course delivery.**

Schools and Industry still provide the greatest demand for Guide and Instructor training as it is a requirement for licensing. It does beg the question why the Peak Body does not require qualified paddlers to deliver basic instruction (to new paddlers) within Clubs. The River Canoe Club is the exception possibly because guided trips rather than races where Coaching is the preferred model.



Thanks to ACAS Assessors and Course presenters; Ian Royds, Mark Hammer, Phil Benfield, Karen Dallas, Andrew Cheetham, Joey Dunn, and Alex Seifertova for their professional delivery.

From all accounts, the only coaching course delivered at Avoca last July (noted in 2013 Annual Report) has reaped giant rewards with many of the



young athletes doing well in competitions. It is the responsibility of each Club as part of their responsibility to their members to see that all Club trainers and coaches are qualified. A club plan for training instructors and coaches can encourage greater participation in the Club by all members.

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

- ACAS Flatwater training and professional development: Nov 19 – 21 2014 for 16 Orange, Red Hill, Dubbo teachers @ Dubbo/Wellington
- ACAS Flatwater Guide/instructor Course – Dec 6 & 7 2014 for 9 Industry paddlers and teachers @ Penrith
- ACAS Flatwater instructors - Dec 7 & 8 2014 for 6 Sport and Education Centre instructors @ Berridale
- ACAS Lifeguard Certificate– Dec 8 2014 for 7 Environmental Education teachers at CIRC
- Watsons Bay suite of course – Introduction to Sea kayaking
- ACAS Flatwater Guide – Marine Teachers Watsons Bay for 8 participants
- ACAS Flatwater Guide/instructor Course – March 14 & 15 2015 (includes young slalom athletes seeking instructor awards) for 7 participants
- UWS Learn to Paddle – March 10 & 11 and 17 & 18 – 2015 Penrith Stadium for 200 students
- Marine Teachers @ Port Stephens for 6 participants - April 18 2015

Sit on tops were used for the University of Western Sydney – Sport Students 2015 Program. In four hours contact the sport of kayaking is “sold” to students. Skills, disciplines, safety guidelines, and accreditation system, the DET & industry rules for guiding are covered. The Sit on tops enabled more time to be spent developing skills through the use of games. These craft also eliminated the fear of many, when introduced to a skirted kayak and a wet exit for the first time.





### To Kids:

A hugely successful program for U12s was introduced for the first time this year and trialed at Penrith. PaddleNSW purchased 10 juniors sit on tops and trialed the Victorian PaddlePower Program. It has five development levels where kids complete "passports" for their awards. In the first levels they learn basic skills through games. After the second level they are introduced to local Clubs and various paddle sports. This program can then feed into the AC junior development program. We look forward to the employment of the PaddleNSW junior development coordinator this coming year to extend the kids programs across NSW.


We would like to thank the many elite paddlers, freestyle and PVC Club members John Kelly and Eileen Callaghan who assisted with the Penrith Come and Try day on the Nepean. Coordinators alone cannot do the job, but when everyone does a little bit, it can be a lot of fun with immeasurable rewards.



### **Bushwalkers online newsletter**

## WATERWAYS GUIDE MOBILE APP

Lynn Parker



The PaddleNSW Waterways Guide website was launched at the 2013 Sydney International Boat Show. Demand for a trip-planning app was immediately evident. A year later, in October 2014, with Water Safety Black Spot funding from the NSW Ministry for Police and Emergency Services, Mr Geoff Provest, NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Police and Emergency Services, released the PaddleSafe Waterways Guide (PWG) for iPhone®. PWG is the first app in Australia to combine a comprehensive paddling guide with real-time conditions and trip planning functions. The PWG app promotes safety by helping paddlers plan safe and enjoyable paddling excursions. Major rivers, lakes, bays and coastlines in NSW are described, with trip suggestions, paddling times and grades, public access points and nearby points of interest. You can view real-time river levels, local weather forecasts, marine forecasts and sea conditions. Your progress on the water can be tracked by using the app to update your current position.

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[www.bushwalk.com](http://www.bushwalk.com)

A less chartered river, the Wollondilly from Goodmans Ford to Burnt Flat. It was nice to know we had a trip emergency plan just in case we needed it in a remote area upstream of Warragamba Dam - thankfully we didn't!





The trip planning tool in the app does not need to be on water, but can easily be used by bushwalkers too. All you need to do is nominate an access point draw your route on the map provided, set your times and presto, leave your plan with a home base. The PaddleSafe App can also be used to invite your mates (with their ICE details), log GPS coordinates along the way (and send them home when in range).

View real-time river levels, local weather forecasts, marine forecasts and sea conditions.

The trip planning facility steps you through the essentials for a trip, sends invitations to friends, and creates a Float Plan to let someone know before you go.

Track your progress on the water by using the app to update your current position.

Demand for a trip-planning app was immediately evident and exactly one year later, with Water Safety Black Spot funding from the NSW Ministry for Police and Emergency Services, the PWG app was previewed at the 2014 Sydney International Boat Show.

...it will also be useful to campers and picnickers looking for a place with access to water.

The PWG app and companion website are both maintained by the paddling community. The app for iPhone and iPad can be downloaded for free from the App Store.

The PaddleSafe Waterways Guide app for iPhone and iPad can be downloaded for free from the App Store.

PaddleNSW is a volunteer-driven not-for-profit organisation and the peak state body, dedicated to providing NSW and ACT paddlers with the best opportunities to pursue their sport or recreational activity. PaddleNSW is engaged in building a community of paddlers and helping create a safe, fun environment for paddlers to navigate.

Tim Hookins, PaddleNSW Chairperson said  
The Waterways Guide and PaddleSafe App will be invaluable to canoeists, kayakers and anglers looking for somewhere to go on the water, but it will also be useful to campers and picnickers looking for a place with access to water. I can see the app also being used by athletes when training on open water. Details can be logged with Home Base in the case of an emergency.

Read more at [waterwaysguide.org.au/](http://waterwaysguide.org.au/) or download the app by clicking on this icon.

Available on the App Store





## Safety



There have been many developments in Paddler Safety over the 12 months since the last PNSW AGM. While the record of paddling incidents within our membership remains at an impressively low figure, other regions and countries have not been so fortunate.

While exhibiting great bravado and endurance, our South African counterparts have been steadily increasing the levels of safety in some of their more extreme events, and including ALL ocean racing events.

As a result of the loss of a paddler during a race when confronted by an extreme weather event, sensible precautions are now enforced. They lead the way in the mandatory wearing of tracking devices, handheld flares and/or strobe lights, and mobile phones during their races.

These changes have met with either approval or acceptance by the S.A. paddling community, a concept that would almost certainly have led to mutiny just a few years ago.

Unfortunately, it has taken the death of a paddler overseas to make them aware of the incredible difficulty of finding lost or injured paddlers in the vast expanses of ocean, and likewise, on remote stretches of water inshore.

With South Africa as an example, we in NSW are continuing to refine our safety strategy to remain in-line with current best practice.

The recent Myall Classic has emphasised the difficulty of immediate communications with paddlers. Amongst the comprehensive NSW Maritime safety kits distributed to paddlers were waterproof mobile phone pouches and document holders. Paddlers wore wristbands printed with the emergency phone number, and were encouraged to carry their mobile phones (at least one per boat). This worked for emergency contact over most of the event course. Tracking devices will be the next step forward.





While there are direct safety measures we can implement, the overall safety strategy both for paddlers and those involved in the administration of the sport can be best be defined in terms of risk management.

There are many ways of creating a safety strategy for paddling events.

1. Adopt a safety strategy that currently exists elsewhere
2. Modify a safety strategy already in place in our organisation
3. Adapt a strategy used elsewhere to suit local conditions
4. Design a safety strategy from the ground up, using best current practice.

In reality neither 1, 2 or 3 above are possible solutions for PNSW. And in any case, PNSW should develop a **new** strategy so that faults of any existing strategy are not inadvertently included.

The parameters for designing a safety strategy have changed in recent years, and now most commonly used basis is the **risk assessment**.

The strategy must be based on the level of likelihood of an incident occurring vs the severity of the consequence of that incident. Incidents resulting in death or severe injury, and with anything other than a remote likelihood must be prevented at all cost.

The following is a recent development of a first aid strategy that will now be revisited with the risk assessment principle in mind

### First Aid

At any organized paddling event there must be a person trained first aid, and who has acknowledged they will provide first aid services as required. They will hold a minimum and current qualification of 'Provide First Aid' HLTAID003 or greater.

This person is quite often a volunteer but increasingly common is the use of and reliance on organized First Aid provider services. This takes the onus of responsibility away from volunteers, adds a level on consistency across the



many paddlesports, and allows volunteers who would otherwise be participants, to enjoy that aspect of the event. The number of first aid providers should be appropriate to the number of participants, and also the distance or time taken to reach a participant in need.

A person suffering a heart attack and requiring resuscitation must have that provided immediately to have the best chance of recovery. If a first aid officer cannot be alerted due to the distance the alert message must travel and equally, the distance the respondent has to cover to provide assistance, then the safety plan is deficient and more first aid officers must be engaged.

PaddleNSW policy is to have qualified first aiders on each rescue boat, or in the case of a closed course such as SIRC, at the event hub. And there must be a defib available at the event.

Currently there is a requirement one trained first aider at our Marathon and Harbour Racing events, while offshore greater numbers are needed.

The HLTAID003 qualification is sufficient for providers to deliver the necessary aid till ambulance officers are can assist.

Summary:

**Minimum** 1x trained 'Provide First Aid' officer for sheltered flatwater events, who can reach the patient within an acceptable time.

**Desirable** Trained first aid officers on each safety boat, and these to be stationed within visual sight of each other in accordance with AC safety guidelines.

Generally, the more and better-trained First Aiders there are available, the better the chances of someone receiving treatment within an appropriate timespan.

If there are more highly trained persons available such as doctors, they could be enlisted to help, but in most cases even trained medics will leave emergency cases up to ambulance officers to deal with until a patient is stabilised, after which they would then assist.



### Communications

What is of more consequence is a fail-safe communications strategy so that if something does go awry, there is no question of the message not being received by the appropriate persons and acted on immediately.

This is an ongoing process that will eventually mesh into an all-encompassing safety strategy with modifications for various paddlesports and circumstances.

### Lifejackets

There has been much speculation and false rumour about the content of the new lifejacket legislation before the NSW Government.

PaddleNSW would like to clarify the issue by including the link to the current legislation (enacted 1 September 2015).

<http://maritimemanagement.transport.nsw.gov.au/documents/marine-safety-regulation-2015.pdf>

The message is clear and simple.

You are required to wear a lifejacket when offshore, and when paddling alone inshore.

Remove all the ambiguities, and make the wearing legislation simple and sensible. Done.

The two greatest risks are paddling offshore and being separated from your craft or paddling buddies, and having a mishap in enclosed waters where there is no-one around to assist.

Even 30-year-olds have heart attacks, and a floating body is easier to find and treat than one at the bottom of the pond.

**Tony Hystek**



## **Paddlesport Reports:**

### **CANOE POLO**

Weeknight polo at Lidcombe Pool has been the lifeblood of canoe polo in Sydney for the last year. There has been enough enthusiasm for seven teams playing in a round robin competition format, over three seasons, interrupted only by the cold winter weather. Beginners have been encouraged to try out in the free end of the pool. The games cater for a range of skills from novice to Aussie representative. There has been a noticeable improvement in the overall standard of play during the last 12 months.

A proposal was put to PNSW and has now been approved to fund the purchase of 5 full sets of polo equipment - kayaks, PFDs, spraydecks, helmets and paddles. This new equipment will be made available to encourage newcomers into the sport, helping overcome novice resistance.

Weekend training occurs at Lake Parramatta, attended principally by our star paddlers with aspirations for a berth in the World Champs. Others are always welcome to attend.





At Easter, NSW was represented in the National polo championships at Nagambe in Victoria by teams in Open, Vets and Masters categories. Whilst the open team were unlucky not to finish on the podium, Vets won Bronze and Masters are the current Australian champions.

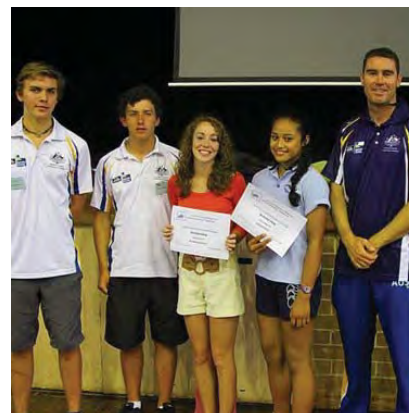
There has been a capital city series of Invitationals, Sydney's hosted at Penrith, aimed at bringing together the best players from across the country. At the more social end of the scale, Bomaderry's Mudcake Challenge, and a Canberra weekend cater to a more fun level of weekend polo competition. Looking ahead, our regular venue has been closed for renovations. There are high hopes that Ashfield pool will take over as the ongoing new home for canoe polo in Sydney.

**Richard Barnes**

**On behalf of the NSW Canoe Polo Committee**



## **FREESTYLE KAYAK**



*Two Cranebrook High School Students Michaela Dealtry and Suresa Enese receive their Scholarship Certificates at School Assembly from Freestyle Kayak Head Coach Jez Jezz with athletes Gilbert Coombes and Rowan Kaar*

2014/15 Has been a busy year for the Freestyle Kayaking Technical Committee's both Australian canoeing and PaddleNSW.

Both Committees have been heavily involved in introducing younger paddlers to our sport.

Our scholarship program for 6 local girls has been extremely successful, and we have retained 3 out of 6 beginner paddlers all of whom are able to roll and confidently paddle bottom drop at Penrith Whitewater Stadium, with one successfully paddling the whole course.

The freestyle technical committees would like to thank Penrith WhiteWater, management for their support.

We have introduced various strategies to encourage junior participation in our sport. One method which has proved successful is the introduction of a social category to our Mini Competitions and Freestyle Nationals, which included the trialling an innovated new Aussie Rules scoring system for beginner and less confident paddlers, allowing them to gain confidence and participate in freestyle competition on a less technical wave.





Junior paddlers participating at Penrith WhiteWater Stadium lessons are also now permitted to enter the social category as part of their Freestyle Kayak lessons. Whilst this is not creating revenue for our competitions the amount of juniors participating in our competition is steadily increasing. Our February Mini Comp usually a quiet period had our 3 regular PNSW juniors but had 9 new social category juniors including one of our scholarship girls.

In April we had our 2015 National Freestyle Competition which was also a selection event for the worlds. We also had the benefit of visiting current Freestyle World Champion Claire O Hara, who delivered some sage advice to our junior and senior athletes. It was heartening to see a return of our junior ladies K1 event and our new social category continues to evolve.



*Last minute instructions from visiting Freestyle Champ Claire O Hara*

#### **2015 National Freestyle Winners are as follows:**

- |                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| • Open C1                   | Jez Jezz        |
| • C1                        | Jez Jezz        |
| • K1 Senior Ladies          | Sue Robb        |
| • K1 Junior Ladies          | Sienna Grady    |
| • K1 Senior Men             | Morgan James    |
| • K1 Junior Men             | Rowan Kaar      |
| • Social Category Junior K1 | Sam Nightingale |



This year Freestyle will be sending one of its largest teams in a number of years to the ICF World Championships in Ottawa, Canada 30<sup>th</sup> August – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

#### **The team includes**

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|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • K1/OC1            | Jez Jezz ( Team Captain /Head Coach) |
| • K1                | Anthony Yap (Vice Captain)           |
| • K1                | Joshua Singleton (Assistant Coach)   |
| • Team Manager      | Eileen Callaghan                     |
| • Assistant Manager | Tim Coombes                          |
| • K1                | Joseph Dunne                         |
| • K1                | Mitch Taylor                         |
| • K1 Ladies         | Sue Robb                             |
| • K1 Ladies         | Dita Pahl                            |
| • Junior K1 Ladies  | Maddison Wilson                      |
| • Junior K1 Ladies  | Georgia Clarke                       |
| • Junior K1         | Rowan Kaar                           |
| • Junior K1         | Gilbert Coombes                      |
| • Junior K1         | Liam Dowd                            |

For a number of these athletes both senior and junior it will be their first foray into International competition and they will gain valuable international experience for their efforts. We wish them luck and congratulate in making the team and representing their country.

I am honoured to have been chosen as team manager with the assistance of **Tim Coombes** who has previous experience at World Competition.



In the next 12 months the Technical Committees will seek

- To further implement strategies to develop the growth of Freestyle Kayaking in NSW and Australia.
- To continue to focus on junior development.
- To have a successful ICF World Championship Tour in Ottawa, Canada

We look forward to continuing success in the next twelve months. We would like to thank the following for their hard work over the last twelve months, without their continued support the previous successes would not have happened.

- Members of the Technical Committees
- PaddleNSW
- Australian Canoeing
- Senior Athletes and Coaches
- Penrith Whitewater Stadium management and staff
- Parents friends and volunteers at Penrith Whitewater Stadium communities
- Visiting World K1 and Squirt Boat Champion Claire O Hara

PaddleNSW Technical Committee

***Eileen Callaghan***  
***Kim Kaar***



## **MARATHON**

M-10 is enjoying another successful year, and continues to see increasing participation levels again in 2015.

At the time of writing, after just 6 of the 10 races, the average number of participants per event is over 190, which is up again on the numbers from the same time last year.

This year, M-10 has offered 13 Divisions to broaden its appeal to paddlers of all levels of skill and/or fitness.

The introduction of Division 12, a 5km distance, has given adults recovering from injury an opportunity to test the water, and also for juniors and masters to gauge their capabilities before stepping up into the more competitive distances.

It is a division which has been well supported and which we hope will continue to develop in the coming years.

The Divisions which have seen the greatest increases in participation are the three 10km distances, (Divs 9, 10 & 11) with some pretty keen competition amongst paddlers in all three.

Division 9 with the mandatory portage has provided an opportunity for Masters wanting to compete at State and National levels to practice and develop their portage skills whilst still enjoying the racing in M-10.

Divisions 10 & 11 have regularly seen up to 30 paddlers in their respective starts, and it has also been great to see the juniors from the Sydney Northern Beaches and Penrith Valley Clubs mixing it up with the adults and masters over the 10km distance.

The 20km Divisions (1-7) have also enjoyed good support from the paddling community this year, and we have again seen a number of paddlers progress through the ranks, improving their times and their techniques. Division 1 and Division 13 (Open) rules were modified slightly this year to try to bridge the gap and ease the step up from Division 2 into the quick end of



The M-10 series has generally been blessed with good weather at nearly all events so far, and nearly all host clubs have reported record-breaking numbers of entrants. The series opened with BGCC (206), then WCC (191), CCCC (190), SSCC (202), PVC (158) and then MWKC (209).....all with fantastic levels of support from both paddlers and host clubs alike, and making for very enjoyable days of racing. We can only hope that the last four rounds can continue to receive the same levels of support and enjoy similar levels of success.

The PNSW Marathon State Championships were held at Davistown this year, just after Round 1 of M-10, and just before the AC Marathon Nationals.

A new and untried venue, a relatively small organizing committee (3-4 people), a new registration system, and a new race system.....all set to test both organisers and paddlers alike.

After a few relatively minor hiccups, a great day of racing would appear to have been had by all. Clear sunny skies greeted more than 180 paddlers for the morning singles events, and the warm conditions were still present for the afternoon Doubles events.

Presentations were made to the Singles paddlers by the Mayor of Gosford, and the Doubles Medals were presented by Mary Macaluso (Operations Manager for Australian Canoeing) in the afternoon.

The winners of the ICF class (Selection) events were selected to represent PNSW at the



Oceania and AC Marathon National Championships in March where they went on to do PNSW and the rest of us proud.

Congratulations to all who competed at State and National levels.....a great achievement.

An equally great achievement, contributed to by all NSW Marathon paddlers at Nationals, was the winning of Frank Whitebrook Trophy....a perpetual trophy that has NSW has not held for many years. Hopefully a sign of our growing strength at a national level.

Perhaps not so well known is that the Registration and race systems, successfully developed and trialed by the PNSW MTC at the State Championships, also went on to be used at the Oceania & National Championships in Canberra.

The PNSW M-10 Series and State Championships, do not just happen, even though it might appear that they are pretty well organized now.

It is only thanks to the hard working Committee members like Gaye Hatfield and Craig Dodd, and the much appreciated support from Anne Cowper, Kaye Laurendet and Jim Buckland, that these races can continue to be offered.

My personal thanks and appreciation must go to these people, and also to the largely unrecognized members of the Host clubs who also turn up early in these mostly winter months to set the courses, fire up the barbecues, bake the cakes, serve the coffee, retrieve the race numbers, and everything else that goes into making these days so enjoyable for everyone.

But, it's not over yet, and with four races to go, there is lots of competition to be had yet before we will know the winners of the Divisions, the Club and ICF Trophies, and be able to present the Individual awards for paddlers (Male, Female, Junior Paddler of the Year, Most Improved, etc), all of which will be presented at the Awards Dinner after the last race at Makai Paddlers, Burrill Lake, on the 17<sup>th</sup> October.





*Australia at the World Marathon Champs in Hungary*

Back Row L>R

Sue Mueller-Hawkins,  
Brett Greenwood  
Ann Lloyd-Green  
Geoff Baggett  
Dallas Newman  
David Little  
James Fergus

Front Row L>R

Geoff Horsnell  
Pauline Findlay  
Margi Bohm  
Lorraine Harper  
-Horak

We hope to see continued levels of support for the series right through to the end, with races yet to come at Cronulla Sutherland, Lane Cove, and Wagga before that season finale at Makai.

And for next year ?.....

What's on offer for M-10 in 2016 ?

Obviously we hope to see all this year's paddlers back competing just as hard next year, and we'd also like to see even more paddlers on the water.

We've got two new Host clubs (and therefore two new venues) for 2016, and we are working now on setting the race program, which will be based on feedback we received from the Clubs earlier this year.

Like all good Committees, we need to be refreshed from time to time, with new blood and new ideas, and we are always looking for new members and support on the committee. If you think you can help contribute to the continued growth of Marathon in NSW, we'd love to hear from you.

Even if it's not as a Committee member, if you've got some ideas, then why not share them with us.....email your thoughts/suggestions to [marathon@paddlensw.org.au](mailto:marathon@paddlensw.org.au) and help us to keep Marathon strong in NSW.

**Bob Turner**

**Chair – PNSW Marathon Technical Committee**



## **SPRINT**

The 2014 Sprint Series kicked off in style with a carnival-like atmosphere brought on by the advent of SUPs, making their first appearance, despite an initial heavy fog settling over the course which reduced visibility to just metres.

After the successful integration of SUPs at the National Championships in Adelaide earlier in the year, the NSW Committee is very pleased to be welcoming SUPs at State level as we continue to look for ways to innovate and increase participation at events.

We had a super-busy day on Round 1 with the largest number of first-time competitors NSW has seen for quite some time. The SUP's brought a strong contingent of 19 athletes; para-athletes showed up in force with many new athletes making their presence known and the States' newest club, Avoca Kayak Club, also showed up en-masse. I believe the entire club turned up!

The mix of craft attending the Sprint Series continues to push boundaries in our sport and it's great to see all craft taking to the water in a brilliant flotilla of colour and craft.

2014 saw the first time 4 events have been hosted across a mix of Saturday and Sunday's and by all accounts our sprinters are keen for even more races. Attendance continues to be strong and healthy numbers are a reflection of how popular and successful our event format has become.



Despite the initial influx of SUP's at our first Sprint Series, this did not continue to the same extent across our other events due to clashes with



SUP specific events. We hope to see SUP attendance continue into 2015 season.

Late in the season SIRC identified a clash of event dates between one of our events and a triathlon ironman event. We were able to change dates at short notice to accommodate the much larger event and this proved to be a day of fun, despite some initial logistical headaches once we arrived to find the grandstand area had been completely overtaken. The ironman staff were extraordinarily accommodating, allowing us to use their equipment and moved as much infrastructure as possible to allow access to the course. Whilst not an ideal scenario for either sport, it was a great example of two sports coming together for the benefit of the athletes and our thanks are sent to the ironman team.

#### **CLUB POINTS CHAMPION**

With points being awarded to each individual paddler, the Club Points are fast becoming the new boasting ground for clubs after each round and friendly rivalries are starting to form. In the second year of instigating a Club Points Champion, MWKC, took the honours from SNBKC in a tough tussle throughout the season.

#### **NSW State Open Championships 2015**

In what was undoubtedly the most talked about event of the season around the nation and a weekend that will be one for the history books, the 2015 NSW State Open Championships was a, shall we say interesting event.



On one front we fought fires prior to the event, much of which is relatively unknown to the wider community and on another front we experienced something that until now had been unheard of in our sport: a boycott and this was all before the first race had even begun.

Unfortunately the boycott largely overshadowed the wonderful success that the State Championships actually were.

A lot of conversations took place over that weekend and in the weeks following. Reports were written, apologies provided and everyone involved underwent an extraordinary learning curve. Without going into specific details of the events, I couldn't consciously write the event out of this report.

What must be highlighted is that despite the actions that took place and despite the run of high emotions that were felt by all, the parents and club members who had volunteered their time to assist in the running of the Championships all continued in their roles for the entire weekend. There will never be any measure of thanks that can be given to our Championship volunteers that is sufficiently suitable.

The Sprint Committee and I extend our enduring thanks to you all.





### National NSW Sprinters

The innovation in competition format, social media use and stability of a yearly sprint competition in NSW is paying off on a national and international scale.

More and more NSW sprinters are progressing through to compete in the national events run by Australian Canoeing and even better, are becoming more successful at those events. So much so that NSW was represented on every 2015 Australian Sprint Team this year and in a few national teams, athletes were predominantly from NSW – we must be doing something right!

### Committee News

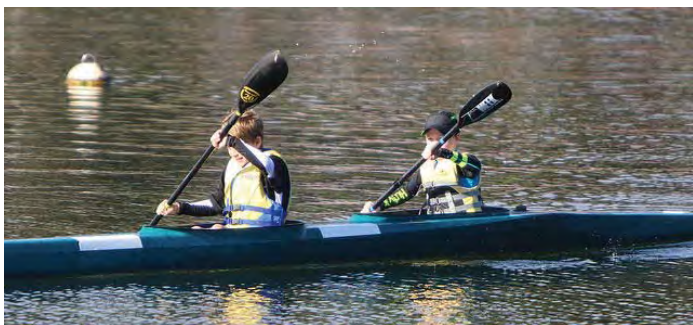
Long serving committee members Gavin Godfrey, Richard Robinson and Nigel Colless all chose to step down from the committee for various reasons and our thanks once again goes to each of you on behalf of the entire Sprint community for the tireless energy, innovation, drive and leadership you have each provided to the sport over the past few years. We wish you well in your endeavours.

A call for new members was sent out in May, resulting in quite a few applications. It is with pleasure that I was able to announce new committee members prior to the commencement of the 2015 season.

David Birt and Jeff Beere have both joined us from AKC, Graham Matts from MWKC and Stephen Shelley from PVC are returning members and

along with myself, Laura White (AC/ICF Officials) form your NSW Sprint Committee to lead NSW Sprint into the next Olympiad.

**Laura White**



## CLUB REPORTS

### Avoca Kayak Club

Avoca Kayak Club (AKC) was set up at the end of May 2014 as the first specific sprint canoe club on the Central Coast. We currently have grown to over 60 members from all over the Central Coast and are very family orientated with parents and young people training together on Avoca Lake or Brisbane Water. We have more young people wanting to join but as we have limited kayaks and no storage facility we are limited to the amount of kayaks we can transport on a trailer. Probably most of our young paddlers are 13 years and up.

We have a range of coaching groups that train 2/3 times a week: beginners, lower and higher intermediate whilst the elite train up to 6 times a week. We have 3 volunteer regular coaches with an extra 3 that occasionally fill in. All coaches completed a coaching course July 2014.

Our experienced coaches work together to develop good paddling skills for people participating in sprint kayaking as a sport. This provides opportunities to follow a pathway to compete in local, state and national competitions in an Olympic sport as well as improve paddling skills in surf life saving competitions. We have high achieving and successful role models in our area competing in sprint kayaking and surf life saving events. This has inspired others to develop and progress in sprint kayaking. We have a very good relationship with Avoca SLSC who have supported this new club. We have an established website [www.avocakayakclub.com](http://www.avocakayakclub.com) for more information and details.

We have held an information morning with a Physiotherapist, sports nutritionist and massage therapist which was well attended.

### Fundraising activities to date:

*Trivia night Nov 2014 – very successful evening*

*Sausage sizzle Dec 2014 - Bunnings*



**Main issues:**

We are without anywhere at present to store the kayaks which have to be stored and transported on a trailer for training sessions. We have been negotiating with Gosford Council and the Sea Scout Association to determine a suitable place for building a storage facility but there has not been any progress with this to date. The growth of the club is limited by the amount of kayaks we can store therefore affecting the number of people who can access a kayak at training sessions. We have also a need for a dedicated paid coach for our elite group of paddlers as well as develop a strength and conditioning programme with expert supervision.

**AKC Member achievements:**

We are so proud of our members' achievements.

**Lachlan Tame** - selected for opens world sprint championships, AIS

**Riley Fitzsimmons** - selected for opens and U23 world sprint championships, AIS

**Rob McIntyre** - selected for U23 worlds sprint championships and world whitewater, NSWIS

**Sam Hutchinson and Ella Beere** - Selected championships for Junior World sprint championships, NSWIS

**Fletcher Cunningham** - Selected for Junior Olympic Hopes Team

**Jack Birt** - U14 National sprint male champion

**Dylan Littlehales** – Selected for the Para canoe World championships

**Members Selected for sprint national talent squad NTS:**

Sam Hutchinson, Fletcher Cunningham, Ella Beere, Dylan Littlehales, Jemma Smith, Jack Birt

**Picture:**  
Avoca  
Kayak Club  
first NSW  
sprint  
series 2014

**Brisbane Water Paddlers**

The club was established 1st July 2015. The club is a paddling club for all craft, including kayaks, skis, outriggers and SUP's

**President** - Craig Dodd

**Secretary** - Karen Schofield

**Vice President** - Stephen Monger

**Treasurer** - Michael Kerr

**Public Officer** - Mal Crosland

**Committee Members** - Geoff Dawes and Clare Monger

Currently the club has approximately 23 members.

A fortnightly racing schedule has been established with 3 races already conducted.

We will commence Wednesday time trials once daylight saving starts. The club received a grant from Davistown RSL club which assisted with establishment fees.

The club is proposing a "come and try" day in November to promote the sport of paddling and grow the membership.

The club will hold an AGM on 5/9/15

**Kind Regards**  
**Karen Schofield**





## **Just Paddlers Inc.**

The past year has seen Just Paddlers tick along quietly, but is still out there with participation and support from its members in the following events:

- The Hawkesbury Canoe Classic, The Myall River Classic,
- Marathon 10 Series,
- Both NSW & National Marathon Championships,

Members have also done recreational paddles with trips to the Qld Coast, 7 day 225km Murray River adventure, South Coast paddling, as well as a few social day paddles and week-end outings.

Our Tuesday afternoon group will be any thing from 3 to 14 paddlers, with our last Tuesday of the month social paddle and dinner being always well Attended in our local Mid Nth Coast area.

We would like to THANK PaddleNSW for all the effort and energy that they put into our paddling organization, both with all the events and the Administration involved. The PaddleNSW web site is our link to what is all happening in the paddling world.

So Just Paddlers is going along very simply, the way we all like it, especially in the country. We are all enjoying the many great waterways to be paddled.

Happy Paddling

**Elizabeth van Reece**  
**JP Secretary**



## **Central Coast Canoe Club**



Representation at State Series, and National, races has been good, with many excellent performances being recorded by the Gentlemen, with Anne Moore leading the Ladies ranks.

We were pleased to return to the 10km Lap format for our PNSW M10 at Tacoma, as were the many Paddlers who attended. Our "Cheese and Chocolates" Lucky Prizes, afterwards, were popular!

Longer Events were also attended, including the Myall and Hawkesbury Classics.

Two new Club Events – The Teams Pursuit Challenge – and a Tag Team race, held at Tacoma in April, were enjoyed by the eighteen Paddlers, and their supporters, with all hoping for similar events to be held again. Greg Hawker's BBQ was very popular, also! Thanks, Greg.

We wish the new Club, Brisbane Water Paddlers, led by Craig Dodd, every success at Davistown. The area is certainly is a "Paddlers' Paradise", and an ideal venue for such a Club. The promise of support from Gosford City Council is an added bonus.

We will be inviting Members from other Clubs to participate in our Annual 30km Race on Sunday 4th October. Appropriate Prizes will be provided as well as the Van Stappen Trophy for fastest Time, (since 1974), and the Handicapper's Trophy for Single Craft, (based on Craft Handicap), in Male & Female, Members and Visitors sections.



Wyong Shire Council has invited Expressions of Interest in organizing a Race for Paddle Craft across Tuggerah Lake in November, for their Lakes Festival. On our behalf, Greg Hawker has made a submission for 17km, and 4km, races centered at The Entrance North, near Terilbah Island.



We are working with Council to improve facilities at our Club Race Venue – Lions Park, on Wyong River, Panonia Road, Wyong.

The many helpers with the various “Race Day Jobs” are vital, and much appreciated.

Our new Committee includes three Life Members, showing continuing support and commitment to our Club.

All the PNSW Committee/s Members are to be congratulated, and thanked, for their good work and commitment during the past year. Especially Gaye Hatfield and our Anne Cowper, for their demanding, and vital, service in the “Timekeepers Tent” on Race Days.

We wish PaddleNSW continuing success, and encourage some Paddling Enthusiasts to “step up” and nominate for the voluntary, but very rewarding, positions on the PNSW Committees.

**Regards,  
Nick Naughton.  
Secretary, CCCC.**



## **Dolls Point Paddlers**

Dolls Point Paddlers was founded on the principal that 98% of ocean paddling is not racing, and an anecdotal demand from many local paddlers for a safe, social & skill-building peer group, as an avenue from flat water to rough water.

We collectively decided on a format for a twilight summer paddle in the more-often-than-not wind swept Botany Bay, with a self assessed handicap over a 10km course that shifted each week according to the wind direction.

Week 1 nearly necessitated a name change to ‘Dolls Point Swimmers’, as a moderate Nor’ Easter kicked up wind against tide conditions, & saw many optimistic debutants find out the hard way just how difficult a dynamic seascape can be on a narrow surf ski. Within a month that same group had successfully taken down a one-way, downwind paddle with winds gusting well into the 25kn range.

It reinforced our belief that exposure to rough water quickly brings competence, if it’s managed in an organised, safe group, with a team attitude & an overarching culture of keeping an eye out for your fellow club mates.

Over the course of the season, stretching from October to April during the daylight saving period, there was only one serious incident. In week 3 a member left the car park after the paddle without coming up to the sailing club for a beer, an indiscretion which was dealt with at a specially convened judiciary, where the culprit was given a severe warning.







We had conditions ranging from dead calm, to summer nor' easters, to southerly busters & even the dreaded easterly. We had cross chop, trailer & car shuffle downwind one-wayers, and slogs on mirror calm water. No two weeks were alike & we introduced little challenges like a compulsory remount at the turn can, to go with the compulsory beverage at the Georges River Sailing Club après paddle.

Above all else, Dolls Point Paddlers are about building skills in rough water, learning and developing the art of ocean paddling in a safe, good humoured & encouraging environment. After our first season we think we achieved that goal in spades, and look forward to 2015/16.

All prospective or accomplished ocean paddlers are welcome, as are all classes of ocean kayaks, including surf skis & sea kayaks. Roll on daylight savings....

***Dolls Point Paddlers.  
Mark Sundin***



***Far North Coast Canoe Club Inc.***

It is my pleasure and privilege to present the 42nd Annual President's Report of our club.

It has been another busy year that has passed quickly due to our full schedule of club activities.

I wish to thank this year's executive for their hard work and efforts on behalf of the members. The committee has had a strong sense of team work which has resulted in many items of business being discussed and acted upon. They have helped the club's development and ensured a strong membership. They have also continued the good work of previous committees in building and maintaining a healthy financial position.

As usual the club's main activities have been focussed on the Wilson River at Lismore with regular trips to other coastal locations for our popular and well attended "Fish and Chips" series.

Club members have supported the Northern Marathon Series and I thank those who assisted with conducting our annual race with great skill and enthusiasm.



During this year several members have expended a large amount of time and effort to prepare the club systems for the introduction of the new Australian Canoeing Centralised Membership Website. A special thanks to Colin Cussell and Martin Smith.

As inevitably we are aging I am particularly proud of the improvements we are making to our club premises to make it easier and safer to enjoy our paddling activities.



I wish to thank the Lismore City Council for the support, materials and permission to install the much needed foot holds on the launching and retrieval ramp.

Mother Nature has again this year provided the opportunity for many members of the club to show their willingness to pitch in and help in times of need. Many club members were involved in the evacuation and restoration of our club house and equipment. Each and every contribution was, and will be again in the future, deeply appreciated.

The hard working Paddle For Life sub-committee operated for 12 years and raised almost \$100,000 for local charities by co-ordinating a paddle from Lismore to Ballina. They have now decided to distribute all funds and wind up the event. However the Clif Weaver Memorial Classic Trophy will now be awarded annually to the winner of the Northern Marathon Series race at Lismore. This will preserve a link with the hard work of many and especially the founders, Clif Weaver and Tim Limbert.

Sadly for the club both Erin and Jenny are no longer members because of their changing circumstances. We will miss their collegiality and contributions but we will keep in contact in the future.

I limit my closing remarks to thanking all members for their continued participation and enthusiasm which we all know augers well for a healthy club going forward. It is not only the Committee Members who make a club successful; it is ALL members who contribute voluntarily in so many ways.

**Phillip Rowe**  
**President**



## **Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club**

The last year has been a fantastic one seeing a resurgence of the club established in 1968 under the name "Hunter Valley Canoe Club". This club had a long proud history in the region which the new committee was keen to maintain and at the same time attract new members who participate in other forms of paddling activities.

We are proud to say that with a lot of hard work and interaction from the members a new constitution was finalised changing the name to "Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club".

### **Achievements**

- Our membership has grown to 162 which range from juniors under 12 to veterans aged 70. 50 of these members are SUPs.
- We formed a relationship with Teralba Bowling Club, Cockle Creek – Lake Macquarie and use this as a home base to run our Summer & Winter Series races.
- The Summer Series club races (Oct '14 – Mar '15) were a big success with an average turnout of 50 members participating in Kayak 5 & 10 km handicap races & SUP 5.0 which is a 5 km time trial based on improving their own individual time.
- Members have supported the PaddleNSW Marathon Series in a positive & energetic way which has resulted in an improved standing on the ladder.
- Regular time trials each Monday & Thursday afternoon, Cockle Creek and Wednesday, Morpeth.
- Monthly recreation paddles have been well attended with an average of 15 participating on a regular basis.







- The club became co-host with Toronto Sunrise Rotary Club to assist in the running of "Paddlefest", February & "Winterfest", August. These are community events to raise monies to support cancer victims. \* A website [www.huntintervalleypaddlesportsclub.com](http://www.huntintervalleypaddlesportsclub.com) and a Facebook page was established to provide interaction for members.
- New clothing to reflect our name change

### **Proposed Plans 2015-16**

- Attract more women and junior members
- Enlist the support of the "Volunteer Centre" to assist in running our club races
- Establish a sub-committee and increase the number of recreation paddles
- Build support for member participation in the PaddleNSW Marathon Series, in particular more SUPs attending.
- Build support from other clubs for "Paddlefest" 28 Feb '16 & Winterfest 7 Aug '16.
- Improve facilities at Teralba Bowling Club with the support of government organisations and funding opportunities.
- We are very fortunate to have such an energetic and fun committee and they are to be congratulated for what has been achieved over such a short period. We are excited about the club's future and want to thank PaddleNSW and all the other clubs for their support both on and off the water.

**Mark Bretag**



## **Lane Cove River Kayakers**

2014/15 was a big year for change for our club.

Although there have been a number of amazing paddling performances by members, 2014/15 can be regarded as The Year of The Shed for LCRK. The dream that started with Matt Swann some time ago was followed by the vigorous negotiating and planning of Jeremy Spear and Tom Simmat. This year it turned into a construction project, a structure and finally an operating clubhouse. Wade Rowston vigorously led our Club's Shed sub-committee. A number of members provided supplies or attended group or personal working bees along the way.

It is truly the LCRK Shed, paid with members' financial and physical contributions over many years plus the support successfully elicited from the NSW government. Fortunately, our financial position remains healthy after the significant expenditure on building the Shed and related expenses. Chatswood Rotary Park has recently been confirmed as our home through the signing of an Occupation License Agreement negotiated with Willoughby City Council.

Having a physical home with storage has allowed us to expand our club fleet substantially, happily without having to pay a fortune, even for new boats. These club craft have enabled members and newcomers to try different craft on a Wednesday evening, at marathon events and for private paddles. This has already resulted in a few new memberships that would not otherwise have been possible. We plan to continue to refine our fleet to meet members' needs. We are also grateful to those members who have loaned a craft for general club use and to those suppliers who have left craft with us for members to use. The storage racks taken up by members wanting to leave a boat at the river has provided income to offset Shed costs.

Another substantial change that has not yet occurred but has already kept the Committee very busy is the move of our Lane Cove Marathon from Blackman Park. This is necessitated by the loss of access to Blackman's parking, redirected by Council to football gala days and similar events to be held on their new all-weather field development. A lot of investigation and



planning work has resulted and this year's Marathon will be held at our Rotary Field home; operating from our home has a number of advantages but necessitates running a very tight ship. As part of our preparations, we have attached a modular pontoon to the upriver end of our main pontoon.



Our membership reached 127 this year, a small increase on last year's record membership. The 2014/15 Committee is happy with this small, incremental growth. We appreciate the decision of many members to take up the pre-paid time trial option; it reduces the cost for frequent Wednesday evening paddlers but provides us with a more assured cash flow and helps get paddlers onto the water more efficiently.

The number of paddlers on the water on a Wednesday evening has edged up again to a new record. The average number of craft on Wednesday evenings across the whole year was 38 with a peak of 58. There has been a good spread of paddling speed and expertise, with the fast group increasing in number, some of them visitors, but also a good number of brand new paddlers enjoying the experience and personal improvement.

A different sort of record was achieved by Ella Beere who took the club's Ladies Open record down to 59:46. Matt Blundell's amazing Open record of 49:18 in 2011 remains.

The timekeeping system has continued to evolve to handle the increasing numbers of paddlers we have had on the start line and to increase the speed and breadth of information offered to members. As before, this progress has been largely due to Nigel Colless's ongoing initiative and effort. In support, we have been working hard to expand the number of us who can work the timekeeping system fully, without the safety net of Nigel looking over our shoulders.

The timekeeping system records were invaluable inputs into the awarding of our annual trophies last December. In addition to our usual five trophies, we awarded the Andrew McAuley Trophy to Anjie Lees who broke the world women's 24 hour flatwater distance record, paddling an amazing 201.75km in horrible conditions. A special award was created to recognise the performance of Glen Orchard who lifted the Burley Griffin open record to 217.5km in 24 hours, also amazing.

Another amazing achievement, this time overseas, was achieved early in the 2014/15 year by Richard Barnes who with Buzz Powell completed the Yukon 1000. That is 1000 miles. The brain, shoulders, back and backside hurt just thinking of this distance.

35 members started in the 2014 Myall Classic and then 50 the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic, providing sufficient depth and quality to retain the Commonwealth Bank Cup for the most successful club and to create a number of records.

#### **A brief list from amongst many other top performances by Lane Covers:**

- **Tom Simmat** competed with his usual success in the Massive Murray Paddle in Victoria and the Riverland Kayak Marathon in South Australia and put in an appropriately somber performance in the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic;
- **Ella Beere** became the Australian Junior Sprint Champion and is now at her World Championships;
- **Ann Lloyd-Green** won her age division at the ICF Canoe Marathon Masters World Cup in Oklahoma;
- A bunch of enthusiastic LCRKers competed strongly in the State and National Marathon Championships; and





In the 2014 PaddleNSW Marathon 10 series, many Lane Covers competed strongly and took us to a strong second place in the club points trophy. We are in the midst of the 2015 competition and we are again in the mix for a podium position.

A small number of LCRK members enjoyed the 2014 PaddleNSW Sprint Series and some others enjoyed competing in the PaddleNSW Harbour and Open Water series although LCRK member participation did not increase across the year.

We celebrated the 25th Anniversary of our main Wednesday evening handicap competition, the Crudslime Cup; it was great to have its originator, Peter Janacek, provide history???. An enthusiastic band of us participated in the Cleanup Australia Day program, removing many bags of rubbish from our river environment and most of us participated regularly in the monthly BBQ generously shopped and cooked by Roger Deane and Mark Sier, Life Members.

Coming up are our Hawkesbury River Familiarisation paddles, our double-length night paddles, the Myall and Hawkesbury Classics. Tony Hystek has again offered to assist club members prepare for these events. Members are also lucky to benefit from Tony's technical advice within the morning paddling group.

#### ***Paul van Koesveld***



### **Manly Warringah Kayak Club**

MWKC - situated on the doorstep of Narrabeen Lake - has enjoyed its 32nd year as a racing club with a lot going on over the last 12 months.

#### **RACING**

Our Sunday morning club races – with a distance of usually 12km – continue to be well attended.

We had a number of members competing in the State Marathon held at Davistown in February 2015 with the tally 18 Gold, 5 Silver and 1 Bronze.

23 MWKC members plus their families, partners and supporters made the journey down to

Canberra on the Easter long weekend for the 2015 Oceania and Australian Canoe Marathon Championships. A great outcome with 15 Gold, 6 Silver and 5 Bronze medals. By the way, we challenge all other clubs to overtake us in the 'best dressed' competition when we are out and about apres racing!



The NSW State Sprints were also well attended with members achieving 21 Gold, 18 Silver and 10 Bronze medals and 11 Gold, 13 Silver, 23 Bronze medals in the National Sprints. The Sprint Series Club Trophy was won by MWKC as a result of a fantastic effort from many club members.





The Myall Classic is proving a popular annual event with MWKC members with 32 competing in 2014. Great results with members coming first in the 12km Vet 50 Mens Single; the 27km Mixed Double, the 47km Open Mens Single K1, Open Double, Vet 50 K4 (also with the fastest 47km time).

The Hawkesbury Classic saw a number of records fall to MWKC members including the K4 50+ and OS 50+.

The Marathon 10 Series has, on average, 25 club members paddling in each race with good representation across the various divisions with leaders in Open, Division 1, Division 2 and Division 9.

MWKC also ran the Pittwater Challenge as part of the Sydney City Renault Harbour Series in March with 145 entries.

### SELECTIONS

Following the marathon selection events, **Geoff Baggett, Brett Greenwood, Geoff Horsnell, Ann Lloyd-Green & Sue Muller-Hawkins** were selected by AC in the Australian 2015 Canoe Marathon Masters Team to compete in the ICF Canoe Marathon Masters World Cup to be held in Győr, Hungary in September, 2015.



In March this year, **Liam Farrell** and **Ethan Neville** were selected to attend the Olympic Hopes team in Bydgoszcz, Poland in September following results at the 2015 National Sprint Champs.

**Sam Bloom** was selected into the 2015 Australian Senior Paracanoe Sprint Team to compete at the World Championships in Milan, Italy in July, 2015. She is being supported by **Gaye Hatfield** who acts as on-water coach and shore manager with both doing 6 water sessions and 3 gym sessions with NSWIS trainers per week.



### AWARDS

**Matt Blundell** won the AC Marathon Paddler of the Year Open Male 2014 trophy and **Liam Farrell** was awarded the Oceania and Australian Canoe Marathon Championships AC 2015 Coulthart Trophy for the most outstanding Under 16 Male for the second year in a row. **Gaye Hatfield** was recognised as the 2013-2014 PNSW Official of the Year at the Paddle NSW Annual Awards Night in October, 2014.

### COACHING

We hold coaching for beginners, juniors, seniors and paracanoeists that is supported by great coaches.

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**Pieter Boer**  
**President**







## **River Canoe Club of NSW**

The River Canoe Club will soon celebrate its 80th birthday. By any measure, surviving for 80 years is worth celebrating. I wanted to provide a small snapshot of what the club looks like, and in doing so highlighting some of the challenges we face.

We had 20 members at the AGM from a total 2014-15 membership of 90. Over the 80 years, membership seems to have fluctuated between 70 and 200, with maybe 30% of members not returning each year. While this might be the flotsam and jetsam of club membership, but it highlights the challenge helping members draw value out of being in the club. Our priorities need to be to retain as members as possible, and for all members to be active paddlers within club events.

The average age of our members is 49. My wife has told me age 50 marks where most people just give up caring about things, lacking energy and overdosing on cynicism to give a damn. So when I turn 50 next year, I do not want to give up. I want to be like those 75 year old dudes who paddled for four days on the WomDomNom last year. Age should not define us. The club should be a safe place for all of us to keep our minds, body and souls active and fit. But the club needs to be more than a bus stop on the road to retirement, it also needs to be a nursery, where members see value in bringing in their children, to have them be comfortable on the water, to be our next generation of freestylers, and our next generation of leaders. We will need to do more to make the club open and of value to families.



Of the 90 members, about 35% of members live reasonably close to the club house in Tempe. The next largest cluster is in the Blue Mountains/ Penrith. There are smaller clusters in the Southern Highlands, Sutherland, the east, the north, western Sydney and the central coast/newcastle. We also have individuals living further field. So while we have our club house in Tempe, our club needs to be active as broadly as we can be.

The club has a rich heritage of exploration in hand made canoes, flat water racing in fibreglass kayaks, canoe polo in bat boats, slalom races on the cooks, sea expeditions across Bass Strait, paddling the 25 miler and then the Hawkesbury classic and so on and so on. The club seems to have always represented a varied range of kayaking interests. Like my age, I don't believe what I paddle, defines me or my relationship with the club. As members, I believe we all sit within the broad church of the paddle.

Looking back at the history of the club, we seem to have lost the time to devote to long expeditions, we lost the need to work collectively to build our own kayaks and canoes, and we lost the 'she'll be right on the day' approach to risk management and safety planning. We are not the community of 80 years ago.

So as we approach our 80th year, we can ask what we are celebrating, is it our history? Is it our survival? Or is it a shared and continuing vision of the fun drawn from our boats pushing through the water, shared with friends? Is it the personal growth which comes pushing our boundaries through either distance or difficulty? Or is it the joys of a post paddle coffee or beer, of camping by a river, of a campfire burning? These visions have captivated thousands of people over the last 80 years.

As we consider club membership – money, time and value may all be factors swaying you away from renewal. My challenge to you, is to turn this equation around. For me, my membership is an affirmation of the joys of paddling, of camaraderie and of pushing personal boundaries. I see membership as an investment in my own happiness, and the more you invest, the greater the return.



I hope all our members can reaffirm their commitment to the path of the paddle within the River Canoe Club. I hope all can find time in busy schedules to plan, lead and enjoy your own trips, and join our club paddles. I hope all can find the time to connect and befriend club members who share the same dreams and visions. I hope you will find cause to draw in your friends and family onto the water and into the club.

**Andy Singh**  
**President**



## **Shoalhaven Canoe & Kayak Club**

This last year has been another busy year for this small club based on the New South Wales South Coast.

Canoe Polo is the club's main regular activity, with about 15 people turning out on Tuesday nights to play. The club ran its annual "Mudcake Challenge" canoe Polo tournament in November. This popular, one-day competition attracted polo paddlers down from the local and Canberra regions.

Other paddling activity in the last year has included: regular sea kayaking trips by some members, kayak surfing on the local beaches, and assisting local triathlon support teams. Shoalhaven Canoe and Kayak club paddlers have been training and competing in a number of multi-sport races, and been involved in PaddleNSW education programs.

The club has also constructed a new website: <http://shoalhavenpaddle.com>

**Paul Offner**  
**Secretary**







## **Sutherland Shire Canoe Club**

This year saw SSCC bid farewell to both of its founding members, Bruce Morison OAM and Joan Morison OAM passed away, leaving behind them a strong and vibrant club with a passion for paddling in all its forms.

The club has continued to build on its strong touring and marathon racing core. Ski paddling has opened new doors for many of our paddlers, buoyed by the availability of more stable skis. Sea Kayaking within the club has also developed a strong core, and both disciplines have been bolstered by our continuing partnership with Expedition Kayaks.

The Woronora marathon event was a resounding success with a record number of competitors racing over a new 10km loop course. The magnificent conditions and strong field attracting paddlers from as far away as Melbourne.

Membership numbers have bounced back this year attracted by the broadening interests that are serviced by the club. Our newly appointed publicity officer has helped us secure excellent coverage with the local community media outlets.

Our plans for the upcoming year include improvements to equipment available to new paddlers, more skills training and a higher profile for paddling as a healthy low impact sport, accessible to people of all ages.

**Regards**  
**Steve Dawson**



## **Southside Paddlers**

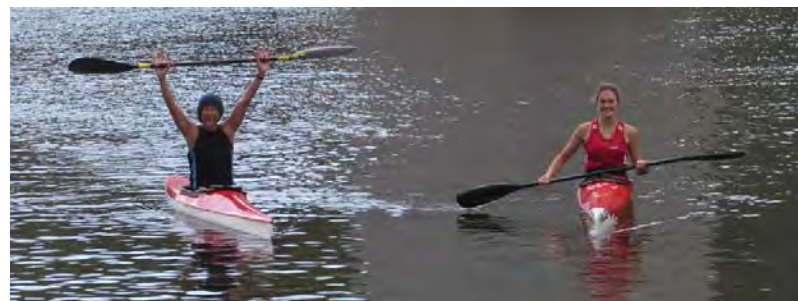


It gives us great pleasure as President and Secretary of Southside Paddlers to present our fourth report to Paddle NSW. Our club was formed to mainly provide youth an opportunity to learn to sprint kayak, to provide them with the opportunity to develop a lifelong love of paddling, a lifelong exercise habit and for those who want to compete, a fast track to successful competition at local, state, national and international events in sprint and marathon kayaking.

We are steadily building community recognition and support thanks to our dedicated Team of volunteers, our Surf Club colleagues and Council. At the time of writing we are close to having had around 100 members, since inception, who have learned to paddle, enjoyed the recreation and have raced with distinction at an elite level of competition. Not bad for a bunch of mud-ducks whose only link with "comfort" is the local coffee shop.

Our growth has settled this year, stability and consolidation were needed and growth is not always the goal. Obviously a priority is a Clubhouse with ramp and a club trailer to get those Team Boats to the sprint series. Once we have that in place, we hope to see membership on the move again.

Congratulations to PNSW for running the Spring/Summer Sprint series at Penrith. It is an ideal preparation for our competitors. Whilst we have been a bit lean on numbers, those that race have been excelling and hopefully we will increase our race numbers and finalists at the appropriate GP's. We believe all Clubs have a responsibility to support PNSW initiatives to grow the Sport.







Our members are very proud of our Coach and President **Brian Trouville** for being recognised with the prestigious Sport NSW Volunteer Coach of the Year.

The Club has a wonderful group of supporters who back up for the constant, unflagging, relentless back office jobs that go into building and running our club. Bear in mind that it is all voluntary. We thank Australian Canoeing and Tradies for their financial support via Grants which save us days/hours on fundraising bbqs!

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

The 2016 Olympic year could produce some surprises. We're up for it, jump on board and let's see where the path takes us.

*Sincerely*

**Brian Trouville - President**

**Yvette Graf - Club Secretary**



## **Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club**

Our club has had another successful year. My observations are that we have had more people paddling on a regular basis than in previous years.

The Saturday morning paddle group has become a key focus for the club. Richard Lyons and other experienced members have done a wonderful job and spent considerable time introducing new members and building a positive social atmosphere. The BBQ's and coffee have been well received. The club continues as a viable community organisation, providing a convenient facility which is accessible and well equipped for kayaking in Wagga Wagga.

Members continue to participate in a variety of activities and there have been a number of members who have had success in local, state and national events. Congratulations to **Peter Murphy** and **Jenny McIlquham** who won their event at the Nationals held in Canberra, and as such are the current National champs in the Vet50+ TK2 class.

Membership is strong and the club remains in a sound financial position, fees will remain the same for the coming year. This year we have spent money on a new club boat and a number of paddles. Some additional boat storage is currently under construction in the shed, which will allow for 6 new spaces. We also bought new PFD's for club use and refurbished some internal doors. Our "shed" and facilities are excellent and allow members convenient and easy access to participate, many of the Sydney clubs envy our facilities.

A long term club member, Bill Heaney passed away during the year. Bill was involved in the club for many years and took an active role in racing and club promotion. For many years he wrote a weekly report describing (with much poetic licence) the results and antics of paddlers in the weekly handicap race. Bill's wife Nancy donated his K1 to the club and we have named it in his honour and a photo of Bill racing has been framed and put up in the club rooms. Vale Bill Heaney.



Thanks to the committee members for their work over the last year. I wish the club well in 2015/16, I will not be continuing on the executive. I encourage members to become involved and work towards promoting the benefits and opportunities that our club offers members of the community.

**Laurie Fitzpatrick**



## **Windsor Canoe Club**

Another year has accelerated past me, just like a lot of boats have done in the past twelve months but I hope to put a stop to that. Our club to be in a fairly stable position at the moment. We have gained a few members and not lost too many. Welcome to the new comers who seem very keen at training and racing. Most members are happy with the way we are progressing and that is a good thing.

It does take a lot of effort to keep a club operating effectively. There are many regulations from government and paddling authorities which we must abide by. This involves a lot of time and paper work. Those who attend our monthly meetings are aware of how many issues we have to deal with. None of this would be possible with out our executive and committees. It is not a one day a month task, every day some one in the club is doing a club related job. I will try to thank every one in this report but things happen that I am not aware of or have slipped my mind and I apologise for that.

Ever since I joined WCC a club house has been a dream. We have fund raised and continue to do so with this in mind. this year a major mile stone has been reached with a development application being lodged with the council.

Our gratitude goes to Troy and his staff for their time and expertise in achieving this. There is plenty more to be done before we have a completed building but I believe we have the team to get it done.

The day to day running of the club is ably handled by Garry, Clay, Tony and Dave. I thank them all for doing this without complaint or argument. It certainly makes my life easy. There are plenty of people assisting when needed to make things go smoothly.

Lyle is still looking after the club gear, coaching, training and looking after the come and try paddlers. He does not ask for thanks but if you see him, help take the boats to and from the shed. Ian is still looking after our catering corp with many assistants at club or fund raising events. I thank you all.



The twilight series was paddled and won. A varied program kept most people keen and competitive. Thanks Dave and team.

Our marathon race was another great day for the club with a record number of entries, good weather and happy paddlers. This day is a club effort and the success reflects that effort.

Our two Australian representatives, Lyle and Liz did us proud at the World Championships in the USA. Lets hope we can have some more WCC paddlers competing on the world stage before too long.

I believe Tom and Tim were our only entrants in the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic so how about thinking of supporting this great event soon. Garry and his team did a great job at check point A and all paddlers appreciate those volunteers.

I could go on thanking people as we are in the fortunate position where all our members are actively involved in making our club the success it is. We are slowly building and moving forward as a club and I am proud and excited to be a part of it.

***Yours in  
Paddling.  
Neil Crabb.***



## 2014/15 PaddleNSW Annual Award Winners

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>1. Male Paddler of the Year</b>              | <b>Lachlan Tame</b>                 |
| <b>2. Female Paddler of the Year</b>            | <b>Jessica Fox</b>                  |
| <b>3. Young Paddler of the Year</b>             | <b>Ella Beere</b>                   |
| <b>4. Paddler with a Disability Award</b>       | <b>Breanna Reid</b>                 |
| <b>5. Masters Paddler (Veteran) of the Year</b> | <b>Anjie Lees</b>                   |
| <b>6. Team of the Year</b>                      | <b>Burley Babes Canoe Polo Team</b> |
| <b>7. Coach of the Year</b>                     | <b>Brian Trouville</b>              |
| <b>8. Official of the Year</b>                  | <b>Bob Turner</b>                   |
| <b>9. Administrator of the Year</b>             | <b>Lynn Parker</b>                  |
| <b>10. Volunteer of the Year</b>                | <b>John Preston</b>                 |
| <b>11. Event of the Year</b>                    | <b>National Marathon Champs</b>     |
| <b>12. Distinguished Long Service Award</b>     | <b>Brian Trouville</b>              |





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

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 June 2015**

**Liability limited by a scheme approved under  
Professional Standards Legislation**



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## DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on the association for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

### Directors

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

Mr Timothy Hookins  
 Mr Anthony Hystek  
 Ms Anjie Lees (appointed 9 February 2015)  
 Ms Kiaran Lomas (appointed 9 February 2015)  
 Mr Andrew Mathers  
 Mrs Lynne Parker  
 Mr Timothy Ring  
 Mr Christopher Thompson  
 Ms Valerie Titov (resigned 30 June 2015)

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

### Review of Operations

The surplus/(deficit) of the association for the financial year was (\$22,471) (2014: \$52,984)

### 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 and Sprint.

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

### Events Subsequent to the End of the Reporting Period

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

### Likely Developments and Expected Results of Operations

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

### Environmental Regulation

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



## DIRECTORS' REPORT

### Indemnification of Officers

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

### Proceedings on Behalf of the association

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

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

### Auditors' Independence Declaration

The auditors' independence declaration for the year ended 30 June, 2015 has been received and can be found on page 3.

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

Director:

Mr Anthony Hystek

Director:

Mr Timothy Hookins

Dated this day of



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

To the Board of Directors of Paddle NSW Inc.

In accordance with the requirements of section 52(2) of the *Associations Incorporations Act 2009*, as lead auditor for the audit of Paddle NSW Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2015, 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 Firm:** Wealth Definition  
Chartered Accountants

**Name of Partner:** \_\_\_\_\_  
William A. Fenwicke

**Address:** 1300 Pittwater Road, Narrabeen NSW 2101

**Dated this day of**



## Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended 30 June 2015

		2015	2014
	Note	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Education & Special Projects	3	29,468	69,824
Event Revenue	2	117,855	93,064
Government Grant		20,000	20,000
Membership		102,688	131,123
Other Revenue	3	10,483	20,508
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>280,494</b>	<b>334,519</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Australian Canoeing Affiliation Fees		47,013	49,241
Administration expenses	4	47,643	30,647
Education & Special Projects	4	48,394	44,964
Depreciation expenses		5,222	6,060
Event expenses	2	73,940	73,104
Employee benefits expenses		80,753	77,519
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>302,965</b>	<b>281,535</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) before Income tax</b>		<b>(22,471)</b>	<b>52,984</b>
Income tax expense		0	0
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</b>		<b>(22,471)</b>	<b>52,984</b>
Other Comprehensive Income		0	0
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>(22,471)</b>	<b>52,984</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.





## Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Asset</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	253,385	333,698
Trade and other receivables	6	44,422	14,623
Inventories	7	600	5,655
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>298,407</u>	<u>353,976</u>
<b>Non-current Asset</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	9	10,793	7,866
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<u>10,793</u>	<u>7,866</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>309,200</u>	<u>361,842</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	8	21,124	41,286
Unearned Income	10	36,853	50,981
Employee benefits provision	11	7,616	3,981
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<u>65,593</u>	<u>96,248</u>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>			
Unearned Income	10	3,393	2,909
Employee benefits provision	11	0	0
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<u>3,393</u>	<u>2,909</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>68,986</u>	<u>99,157</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>240,214</u>	<u>262,685</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Accumulated surplus		262,685	209,701
Current year (deficit)/surplus		(22,471)	52,984
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>240,214</u>	<u>262,685</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



## Statement in Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Balance at 1 July</b>		262,685	209,701
<b>Total Income and Expenditure for the period</b>		(22,471)	52,984
<b>Balance at 30 June</b>		<u>240,214</u>	<u>262,685</u>



The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



## Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash receipts from events		117,855	93,064
Cash receipts from members		102,688	131,123
Cash receipts from government grants		20,000	80,000
Interest received		5,625	5,561
Other receipts		10,483	14,102
Cash paid to employees		(77,419)	(77,519)
Cash paid to suppliers		(251,396)	(159,898)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>		<u>(72,164)</u>	<u>86,433</u>
 Cash flows from financing activities		 -	 -
<b>Net cash provided from financing activities</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Cash flows from investing activities		 -	 -
Payment for fixed assets		(8,149)	(6,226)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<u>(8,149)</u>	<u>(6,226)</u>
 Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		 (80,313)	 80,207
 Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		 333,698	 253,491
 Cash and cash equivalent at 30 June	5	<u><b>253,385</b></u>	<u><b>333,698</b></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2015

### 1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements cover Paddle NSW Inc. as an individual entity. Paddle NSW Inc. is an association incorporated in NSW under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991.

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the IASB. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

#### Inventories

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

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

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

#### Plant and equipment

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

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

#### Depreciation

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



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the year ended 30 June 2015

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

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying

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

#### 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

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

##### 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

##### 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

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



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the year ended 30 June 2015

#### 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.





## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2015

### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

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

### Comparative Figures

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



## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>2 Event Revenue &amp; Expenses</b>		
Canoe Polo	15,264	13,468
Marathon	71,595	36,240
Myall Lake Classic	13,894	-
Open Water	-	5,469
Slalom	2,618	21,178
Freestyle	518	1,645
Sprint	13,966	15,064
<b>Total event revenue</b>	<b>117,855</b>	<b>93,064</b>
Canoe Polo	16,027	12,918
Marathon	39,550	37,519
Myall Lake Classic	6,199	-
Open Water	935	753
Slalom	-	4,876
Freestyle	603	940
Sprint	10,626	16,098
<b>Total event expenses</b>	<b>73,940</b>	<b>73,104</b>
<b>3 Other Revenue</b>		
Grant Funding for PaddleSafe App	-	60,000
Education and Training	29,468	9,824
Advertising and Sponsorship	490	6,955
Interest Income	5,625	5,561
Merchandise	-	65
Miscellaneous Income	4,368	7,927
<b>Total other revenue</b>	<b>39,951</b>	<b>90,332</b>
<b>4 Administration Expenses</b>		
Education	48,394	44,964
Accountancy Fees	16,737	3,850
Board Meeting & Costs	2,128	200
Membership expenses	251	3,826
Office expenses	25,958	9,499
Promotional and Marketing	2,569	13,272
	<b>96,037</b>	<b>75,611</b>
<b>5 Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash at Bank- ANZ	58,104	142,361
Cash in Investments	60,366	59,898
ING Direct Savings	134,915	131,439
	<b>253,385</b>	<b>333,698</b>



## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>6 Trade and Other Receivables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade Debtors	38,950	3,660
Other Debtors	5,472	10,963
	<u>44,422</u>	<u>14,623</u>
<b>7 Inventories</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Inventories	<u>600</u>	<u>5,655</u>
<b>8 Trade and Other Payables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade Creditors	19,621	21,265
Other Creditors	1,503	20,021
	<u>21,124</u>	<u>41,286</u>
<b>9 Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
<b>Plant and Equipment:</b>		
At cost	45,717	37,569
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(34,924)</u>	<u>(29,703)</u>
<b>Total Plant and Equipment</b>	<u>10,793</u>	<u>7,866</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	8,149	6,226
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation	<u>5,222</u>	<u>6,060</u>
	<u>2,927</u>	<u>166</u>



## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>10 Unearned Income</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Memberships in Advance	<u>36,853</u>	<u>50,981</u>
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Memberships in Advance	<u>3,393</u>	<u>2,909</u>
<b>11 Employee benefits provision</b>		
Current Liability for annual leave	<u>7,616</u>	<u>3,981</u>
<b>12 Equi-</b>		
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	<b>1 July 2014</b>	<b>30 June 2015</b>
Canoe Polo	5,173	15,264
Education	28,533	29,468
Freestyle	1,000	518
Marathon	27,556	71,595
Myall Classic		13,894
Open Water	4,280	(935)
Slalom	10,163	2,618
Sprint	(2,928)	13,966
General Funds	188,909	133,171
	<u>262,686</u>	<u>280,494</u>
		<u>(302,966)</u>
		<u>240,214</u>

### 13 Change in Accounting Policy

No changes in Accounting Policy during the year.

### 14 Association Details

PaddleNSW Inc registered office and principal place of business is

Level 2, QUAD 1, 8 Parkview Drive  
Sydney Olympics Park NSW 2129



## DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

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

The directors of the association declare that:

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

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

**Director:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Anthony Hystek

**Director:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Timothy Hookins

**Dated this day of**



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

### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Paddle NSW Inc, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, 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 company's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

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





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

### Auditors' Opinion

#### Qualification: Donations and Fundraising Activities

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

#### Qualified Audit Opinion

In my opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report of Paddle NSW Inc as at 30 June 2015 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 director's financial reporting responsibilities under the association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

**Name of Firm:** Wealth Definition  
Chartered Accountants

**Name of Partner:** \_\_\_\_\_  
William A. Fenwicke  
Registered Company Auditor  
Registration number: 941

**Address:** 1300 Pittwater Road, Narrabeen NSW 2101

**Dated this day of**

