

Paddle NSW



69th Annual Report
2017/18



Dear Members,

On behalf of the PaddleNSW Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to present for your consideration and adoption the 69th Annual Report of PaddleNSW Inc that covers its activities during the financial year 1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018.

Peter Tate *Chief Executive Officer*



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2017/18 PaddleNSW Board of Directors

Chairperson/s:

Anthony HYTEK
(to 11th Nov 2017)

and Bob TURNER
(from 11th November)



Vice Chair:

Anjie LEES

Elected Directors:

Nicole BARTELS, Ross FRASER, Kiaran LOMAS, Lynn PARKER, Chris THOMPSON and Zachary THOMPSON

Appointed Director:

Karen FORBES

LIFE MEMBERS:

This State Sporting Organisation and the former peak bodies of Canoeing in NSW and ACT have awarded 23 Life Memberships since NSW Canoe Association was formed on 8th September 1949.

1962	Max HILL*, Os BROWNLEE*, Harry SAVAGE*, Frank WHITEBROOK* OAM, Albert HOPKINS*
1967	Frank HENRY*
1978	Graham JOHNSON
1980	Bruce MORISON* OAM
1982	Bill SALE*
1986	George CLARKE*
1992	Ray ABRAHALL*
1997	Beverley PALLISTER
2005	Peter FLOWERS
2016	Jeff COTTRELL, Gaye HATFIELD, Lynn PARKER
1977	Phil COLES OAM AM
1979	Helen BROWNLEE AM
1981	Joan MORISON* OAM
1984	John MARTIN
1990	Jim FULLER*
1994	Adele MEIER
2003	Graham HALFORD*

Legend – Year when awarded

** indicates deceased Life Member*

2017/18 PaddleNSW Office Bearers & Committee Members

Co-Patrons:	NSW Minister for Sport – The Hon. Stuart AYRES MP Helen BROWNLEE AM
Chief Executive Officer:	Peter TATE
Accounts Officer:	Denise ROGERS
Auditor:	Tomas WEISZER
Education & Training Committee:	Lynn PARKER (Coordinator), Adrian CLAYTON, Karen DALLAS, Ian ROYDS, Andy SINGH, Lee WRIGHT
Coaching Coordinator:	Kiaran LOMAS
Waterways Committee:	Lynn PARKER, Jeff COTTRELL, Anjie LEES

PNSW PADDLESport COMMITTEES:

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

Canoe Polo:	Craig HUTCHINSON (Chair), Richard ANDREWS, Richard BARNES, Heidi CHENEY, Bob KENDERES, Cathy MILLER, Nathan ROSAGUTI
Freestyle:	Eileen CALLAGHAN (Chair), Tim COOMBES, Joseph DUNNE, Kim KAAR, John KELLY
Marathon:	Gary RAKE (Chair), Colin CUSSEL, Don JOHNSTONE, Bob TURNER
Open Water:	Tom JONES (Chair), Rozanne GREEN, Tony HAINES, Michael LIEBERMAN, Stephen NEWSOME, Suzie RHYDDERCH, Paul RICHARDSON, Jeremy SPEAR
Parapaddle:	Gaye HATFIELD, David LUNN
Slalom:	Colin BORROWS, John FORSYTHE, Chris THOMPSON
Sprint:	Laura WHITE (Chair), Jeff BEERE, Graham MATTS, Jake MICHAEL, Stephen SHELLEY
Stand Up:	Kiaran LOMAS (Chair)
Whitewater:	Johannes HENDRIKS (Chair), Will STONE
Wildwater:	Peter McINTYRE (Chair)

Acknowledgment of Partners

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

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Patron's Preamble - Helen Brownlee

As part of the PaddleNSW family, we often take our involvement in the sport of canoeing for granted. It certainly defines who we are to many of our friends and colleagues. The opportunity to be 'at one' with nature is a unique aspect of our sport and the opportunity to venture into remote and beautiful environments lures us ever onward.

When we take up our paddle, we establish connections with other like-minded individuals, we establish friendships, we build our skills and somewhere along the journey we discover a strength of character and a resilience to confront the challenges of life. What priceless gifts!

For some the competitive drive overrides the pleasure of a quiet, leisurely paddle up the river. I've just watched a replay of the final of the Women's KL3 sprint race at the ICF World Sprint Championships in Montemor-o-Velho, Portugal. Australia's Amanda Reynolds (AJ to her friends) was beaten to the line in a photo finish by Sweden's Helene Ripa. In her indomitable style AJ led all the way, to be "pipped at the post" and be awarded the silver medal! For those who know AJ, her ability to push herself to the absolute limit and then rebound with a positivity of spirit leaves me in awe. I witnessed this first hand at the Rio Paracanoe events where she won silver, and then turned disappointment into a future challenge by declaring that she was aiming for gold in Tokyo. What an inspiration to us all!

For all those involved in the day to day administration of our Clubs, my sincere thanks for the contribution you make, as unsung heroes, to the enjoyment of your members. Without your commitment, there would be little achieved in the canoeing world, and fewer opportunities to share our enjoyment of the magnificent waterways found in New South Wales. May you all find time to take up a paddle and head off down the river sometime soon.

Helen Brownlee AM



CEO's Report - Peter Tate

The past twelve months have been typically busy for PaddleNSW and the tremendous volunteers who contribute so much for our members.

Members

Paddlers, athletes, volunteers and officials have all enjoyed a productive and successful year across club, regional, state, national and world-class events. I won't duplicate the significant achievements within our paddlesports – please read the reports from our respective Chairs to marvel at what all our paddlers have achieved in Australia and internationally - at open, junior and masters level.



Any Guinness World Record holder is worthy of Annual Report stardom, and our very own **Jez Jezz** did precisely that. Husband and wife team, **Jez and Claire**, completed a Guinness World Record for the most amount of tandem kayak rolls in under a minute. They are elite and world champion freestyle paddlers in their own right, and now the crazy couple are entrenched in the Big Book of Craziiness. Congratulations Jez and Claire.

Membership with PaddleNSW continues to grow, although the steep rise is amongst paddlers prepared to pay \$20 for single event insurance (\$10 for U18 participants). Bottom line increase of 21.8% membership is pleasing for the Australian Sports Commission and mass participation numbers nationwide, however it doesn't necessarily satisfy the desire of the peak governing bodies (Paddle Australia and PaddleNSW) to consistently engage with regular paddlers. With 80,000+ paddlers on the marvellous harbours and inland waterways of NSW, the search continues for methods to entice those many paddlers with reasonable and attractive member benefits.

Category	2016	2017	2018
Full Junior (U18)	116	201	168
Full Adult	1172	1209	1280
Single event memberships	298	468	840
Total	1586	1878	2288



Watch our champions racing head to head!

FREE Come and Try Kayaking!

Canoe Slalom - Boatercross - Canoe Polo



under the Wilde St. Bridge



@ParraPaddlefest

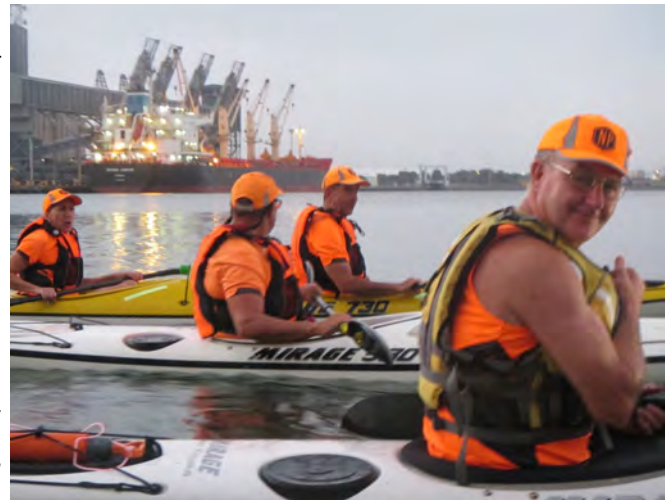
Clubs

We maintained our number (38) of financial and affiliated clubs in 2017/18, as follows:

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

We welcomed Kaimana Outrigger CC, Northern Beaches Outrigger CC and Salty Paddlers into the fold in the past twelve months, however lost Illawarra Canoe Club (although back again in 2018/19), Koa Kai Outrigger CC and Waterfront Kayak Club.

The Club Roadshows continue and I offer my sincere thanks to each inviting club for the warm hospitality. The PNSW Club Forum was another success for the 40 members and supporters who attended the festivities at the home of River Canoe Club in Marrickville. My thanks to RCC President **Andy Singh** for hosting, and just as importantly to our club executives and personnel who travelled from far and wide to attend.



We are extremely grateful to all club office bearers and volunteers who contribute so much at the grass roots level of paddling. Many clubs are proactive and seek funding from government and corporate sources to improve their facilities and opportunities for their members. In 2017/18 I provided many letters of support for such submissions, and I encourage clubs to continue submitting grant and fund requests for the benefit of your members, prospective members and the community.

PNSW Board of Directors

In a typically busy 2017/18 year, the Board met on 10 occasions with attendance as follows:

	Director	10/07	14/08	11/09	9/10	20/11	5/02	12/03	9/04	28/05	25/06	Attendance
Tony Hystek	<i>Chair (to 1/11/17)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	a	✓	✓	✓	a	7
Bob Turner	<i>Chair (from 11/11)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	10
Anjie Lees	<i>Vice Chair</i>	✓	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	✓	8
Nicole Bartels	<i>Elected</i>	✓	✓	a	a	✓	✓	a				4/7
Karen Forbes	<i>Appointed</i>	a	✓	✓	a	a	a					2/6
Ross Fraser	<i>Elected</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	✓	9
Kieran Lomas	<i>Elected</i>	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	8
Lynn Parker	<i>Elected</i>	a	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8
Chris Thompson	<i>Elected</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓							4/4
Zac Thompson	<i>Elected</i>					a	✓	✓	a	✓	✓	4/6

"a" indicates apology.

Chris Thompson stood down at the AGM.

Zac Thompson was elected to the Board at the AGM on 11th November 2017.

Karen Forbes resigned from the Board on 10th March 2018.

Nicole Bartels resigned from the Board on 8th April 2018

I take this opportunity to thank each and every Director for contributing their time and effort on behalf of the Members. Each brings their own individual style and background to the table, and all have served the membership with the utmost of integrity and the greatest of passion. I particularly thank **Chris Thompson** for his outstanding contribution to our sport and to PaddleNSW as a Board Director for an impressive 10-year period.

Financial Report

The PNSW Board reports a surplus for the financial year ending 30th June 2018 of \$7,352 (\$13,627 deficit in 2016/17). The organisation remains in a comfortable position to serve our members and paddling across NSW and ACT. The Balance Sheet as of 30th June 2018 indicates total equity in the organisation of \$219,059.

The \$20K turn-around can be attributed to a number of factors. We discontinued our engagement of a State Development Officer. Also the assets of the PNSW Open Water Committee have historically been recorded as an external entity. They are now consolidated in PaddleNSW finances, as are all other paddlesports. Membership revenue rose due to a marginal increase in annual fees, but more compelling were the single event fees being collected across all disciplines and club events. We thank the sub-committees and the club event organisers for ensuring this vital task is regularly administered, both for insurance and compliance purposes and also as a legitimate income source. The doctrine of user-pay fees for events and activities will counter-balance the need to substantially increase annual membership fees in line with other sports and Paddle SSOs interstate.

We sincerely thank our Accounts Officer **Denise Rogers** for her professional and friendly efforts throughout the year, and Auditor **Tomas Weiszer** for thoroughly investigating our accounts and providing the audit statement that our organisation complies with the *Associations Incorporations Act 2009*. Special thanks to our Board Treasurer **Ross Fraser** who has kept the Board on track fiscally for the past three years. Ross will not be re-nominating for a Board position in 2018/19 and we wish him and his family good health and safe paddling in the future.

Office-Bearers and Sub-Committees

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

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

- Our Canoe Polo Committee returned to Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre (Auburn) and also secured funding from **Parramatta Council** to conduct regular activities in the local precinct.
- **Eileen Callaghan** and the Freestyle Committee secured a \$4,290 grant from **Penrith City Council** for our representatives at the World Championships in Argentina.
- The new PNSW Whitewater Committee led by **Johannes Hendriks** goes from strength to strength – especially with the Snowy River Extreme Race.
- Our Marathon, Open Water, Slalom and Sprint Committees continue to conduct safe and exciting series with participation numbers growing every year. It is refreshing that many of the Series are also being held in regional locations. We are a state peak body, and the letters N-S-W don't merely stand for Newcastle-Sydney-Wollongong.
- Appreciation is also extended to all personnel who maintain our collective equipment such as the four trailers and event gear (canoe polo, marathon, open water, safety IRBs).
- **Lynn Parker**, with her hard-working team, continues doing a magnificent job coordinating all the education and training courses throughout NSW and ACT.
- We are partnering with NSW Dept of Education **School Sport Unit** to develop a course for Teacher Professional Development. Lynn and **Lee Wright** are assisting in this important initiative that hopefully will open gates into schools across the state.
- **Kiaran Lomas** (State Coaching Coordinator) oversees our coaching activity, including the newly-established Flatwater Coaching Foundation Courses which are heavily subscribed state-wide.
- A Coaches Camp was also conducted at Myuna Bay in December. NSWIS Coach and PNSW Sprint Committee member **Jake Michael** was the mastermind and coordinator of the project that we hope will become a regular activity on the coaching calendar.
- Slalom star **Ros Lawrence** continues running successful junior development programs in Penrith.
- We also acknowledge mutual partnerships with **Central Coast Academy of Sport** (sprint) and **Western Sydney Academy of Sport** (slalom). Kind thanks to **Ian Robilliard** and **Martin Bullock** respectively for supporting our Pathway Programs.



- Of course our activity is not confined to competition and high performance pathways. The vast, vast majority of paddlers in NSW and ACT are recreational paddlers. Families and friends who love exploring the state-wide waterways, and also paddlers keen just to get on the water for fitness and health purposes.
- We are enriched also by the many paddlers who choose our pursuit and lifestyle for environmental purposes and contribute to the health and cleansing of our waterways. We are always community conscious, regularly participate in "Clean up Australia Day" and enjoy teaming up with organisations such as **Sydney Water** to provide a better world in which to live, work and play.

Awards & Recognition

At the gala 2017 NSW Annual Sports Awards, World Slalom Champion **Jessica Fox** won the NSW Athlete of the Year Award. A remarkable achievement and due recognition for a magnificent athlete and an outstanding ambassador for our sport. **Laura White** (Official of the Year) and **Peter Tate** (Administrator of the Year) were also finalists and proudly waved the paddling flag on the sport industry's platform. We can no longer be considered a fledgling sport.



Shortly after these Awards, **Jess** was crowned Sportswoman of the Year at the World Paddle Awards in Silkeborg, Denmark. The accolades keep mounting and are thoroughly deserved. Well done Jess.



Another event conducted by Sport NSW was the 2018 NSW Community Sports Awards. At Parliament House in June, legendary **Basil Slaughter** wowed the 300 crowd when receiving a Distinguished Long Service Award, whilst **Margi Bohm** (Community Coach), **Newy Paddlers** (Club of the Year) and **Mark Bretag** (Community Sports Administrator) were worthy finalists. Congratulations to all our volunteers for highlighting our sport so significantly amongst the multi-million-dollar megasports.

Our wonderful Patron **Helen Brownlee OAM** was elevated to Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for significant service to sports administration, to women as an advocate for greater participation in sport, and to the Olympic movement. We greatly appreciate Helen's significant interest and support in all that we do.

At regional level, one of our sport's long-serving members was inducted into the Hunter Region Sporting Hall of Fame. Congratulations **Ray Baxter**.



Annual Performance

The PNSW Board, Paddlesports and staff performed numerous tasks and achieved desired objectives in 2017/18, including:

- Representation at the AC AGM, Forums and teleconferences
- Evaluation of the PNSW Strategic & Business Plans
- Developing athlete and coach pathways
- PNSW Safety Committee (led by Tony Hystek) continues to liaise closely with NSW Maritime on all safety matters including lifejacket legislation
- Regular communication with members & key stakeholders using numerous social media tools
- As the state peak body we continue our strong advocacy charter, including in 2018 lobbying (with PA & state paddle orgs) against the introduction of a national levy within the unpowered hire-and-drive sector
- We also lobby on behalf of members and community paddlers for more and better access facilities for able paddlers, paddlers with disability and paddlers with obesity challenges.

Towards the Future

The Board and its sub-committees are constantly looking to improve the paddling environment we enjoy so much. Some short-term and longer-term projects include:

- More opportunities for female coaches
- Ensuring the sustainability and vitality of the PaddleSafe App through investment in android version
- Introduction of rolling membership so we capture interested recreation paddlers as they hit the water, not months later when they have perhaps lost interest
- Working with Paddle Australia and our interstate colleagues towards a better and user-friendly digital strategy
- Develop and distribute a state uniform for paddlers (from all disciplines) to proudly compete in whilst representing our state
- PaddleNSW is linking with like-minded water-sport SSOs (eg Dragon Boats; Outriggers; SLS; Rowing; Sailing) to create a stronger voice with which to base future participation, infrastructure and resource decisions by all levels of government. A facility audit is already underway.



Acknowledgments

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

- **Bob Turner** and all the **Board Directors** have been inspirational. They are indicative of how passionate all our members are for paddling in NSW and ACT. Bob in particular has been sensational in leading by example and nurturing many of our paddlesports towards best practice model while at the same time maximising value for our participants and members. Your efforts are greatly appreciated Bob
- Our **Paddlesport Committees** have done an outstanding job in 2017/18, conducting many safe, fair and exhilarating events throughout the year.



- Event Coordinator **Tony Hystek**, **Bob Turner** and all our magnificent volunteers continually produce an outstanding **Myall Classic** - our organisation's iconic showpiece. This year we donated \$2,000 to Marine Rescue NSW.
- The **Parra Paddlefest** continued in its second year. Championed by **Chris Thompson** and **Tony Hystek**, this spectacular activity harnessed slalom, boatercross, canoe polo, and recreational "come n try" all at the one venue on the one afternoon. We once again acknowledge the support of **Parramatta Council**.
- Each year PaddleNSW features at the Sydney International Boat Show. I pay special tribute to **Lynn Parker** who coordinates our stand, and all the volunteers who sacrificed time on behalf of our clubs and our lifestyle; namely **Paul Barnes**, **Adrian Clayton**, **Julian Hall**, **Gary Roberts** and **Bob Turner**. We also thank **Neil Patchett** and all the staff at the **Centre for Maritime Safety**. Their generosity and support at the Boat Show and the associated Forums is greatly appreciated.
- **Lynn Parker** and **Jeff Cottrell** continue to be instrumental in the maintenance and improvement of our internationally-acclaimed Waterways Guide and PaddleSafe App. We really are very fortunate to have such passionate and dedicated people guiding our recreational resources. We also thank our interstate colleagues (Paddle SA & Paddle WA) for supporting the resource with funding and input of data.
- Our loyal sponsors and supporters have each contributed strongly to our sport. I specifically acknowledge **Rhonda Elsayed** from **First Option Credit Union** (supporting our PNSW Representative Paddler Assistance Program each year), and the following local authorities **Clarence Valley Council**, **MidCoast Council**, **City of Parramatta Council** and **Penrith City Council**.
- In 2018 we received \$3,850 from **NSW Dept of Family and Community Services** for our activity during the NSW Seniors Festival. Our promotion of two-generation paddling at the Wyong marathon brought a smile to quite a few faces.



- A grant for \$3,000 was received from the **Australian Sports Commission** for one of our Directors Anjie Lees to excel in her university marketing degree. As such our marketing strategy has been led by **Anjie Lees** with some short-term assistance by UWS intern **Reyanna Rifaie**. Thanks Anjie for your vision and expertise.
- Our monthly e-newsletters (circulation 5,600) are compiled and distributed by **Maya Gibson**. Thanks Maya for your creativity and passion (with Harbour Series as well).
- Every year our Annual Report is compiled by **Anthena Huynh**, for which I am extremely grateful.
- We are greatly appreciative of the \$20K Sports Development Grant from the **NSW Government**, and the excellent relationship we have with Dept Sport & Recreation staff and the Minister's Office.
- Our warm relationship with the National Body is greatly appreciated. I'm pleased to report the cooperation, shared vision and energetic rapport with the **Paddle Australia** staff and Board, and indeed all our fellow inter-state Paddle colleagues is friendly and productive.
- The final and most important acknowledgement is to **all PaddleNSW Members**, Club Executive members, competitors, volunteers and enthusiasts. Thank you.

Enjoy your paddling. **Peter Tate – PNSW CEO**

Education and Training Report

Thank you to PaddleNSW Education Committee and Assessors Karen Dallas, Ian Royds, Mark Hammer, Andy Singh, Adrian Clayton and Lee Wright for the great work and time you have invested in course delivery and Steve Molino and your team for running the white water camps and many, many more – you know who you are. We could not do it without you.

Participation:

Only a few Instructors and Clubs have taken the opportunity to promote Come and Try events on the PaddleNSW website and Face book. Such opportunities have been created to encourage greater participation in the sport. Whilst Clubs can currently promote Events on the PaddleNSW website, all qualified Coaches, Guides and Instructors can now also advertise courses, squads, social groups organised by them. There is a range of courses (education TAB) or trip ideas (Waterways Guide website) on offer to get started, all to create greater opportunities for members and paddlers.

PaddleNSW Course delivery:

Less than a quarter of the PNSW Clubs qualify leaders to maintain standards for basic skills and safety. This year, courses were delivered in Canberra, Brisbane Waters, Parramatta and Dubbo. It is disappointing that not all Clubs realize their responsibility and take the opportunity to run Award training for their Club coaches and instructors.



Newy Paddlers, Brisbane Waters and Central Coast Clubs take on Lifeguard training;



Dubbo Clubs gain Lifeguard training on a range of craft

The demand for ACAS Courses dipped considerably, dropping from 85 to 46 participants this year, however an increase to twenty-eight converted to new Australian Canoeing Awards. Clearly we need to review the way Courses are promoted.



Murrumbidgee River: Point Hut to Pine Island here we come!



A skilled junior styles it on the main rapid on the Point Hut to Pine Island section.

Roslyn Lawrence now the Paddle Australia development coordinator has continued to run excellent junior development programs. The Penrith Whitewater Stadium an excellent venue to demonstrate flat and whitewater paddle sports. The River Canoe Club and BGCC whitewater instructors continue to deliver programs to experience whitewater skills on natural waters on the Murrumbidgee near Canberra and Childowla.

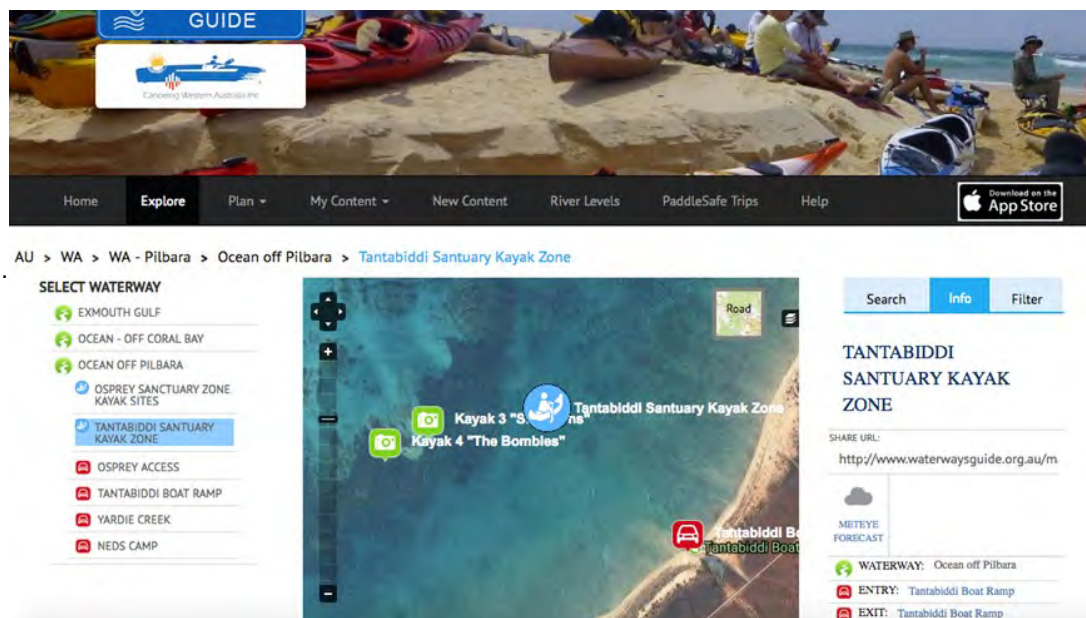


Childowla Camp breaks all records for keen paddlers.

A large group of juniors participated in the Schools Championship on the Nymboida. Thanks to the local Lawrence family who provided excellent coaching for racing and competition.

The Waterways Guide website:

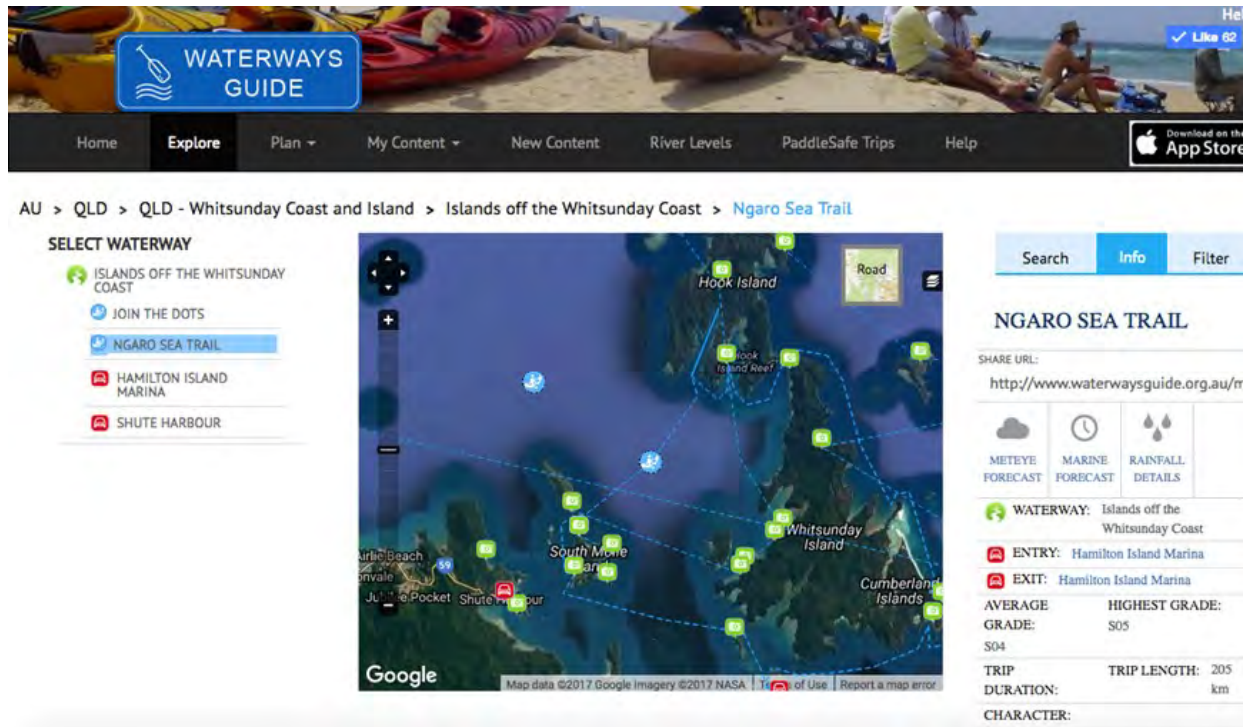
The Paddle Safe APP for smart phone users is now a priority for development in 2018 – 19. A donation button to support this has been added to every PaddleNSW event registration. Recreational paddlers can use a link on the Waterways Guide TAB on the website. We do need, however, a marketing wiz kid to drive the wish.



There are many new trip ideas, access points and special adventures to be discovered. Check out the WA National Parks Ningaloo kayak trails to buoys for anchoring whilst you snorkel the reef below. Keep an eye out for the Whale Sharks – harmless and beautiful.

<http://www.waterwaysguide.org.au/map/19692>

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



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

Reformatting and tidying continues behind the scene, and the whole site should appear more intuitive to the user.



Sydney International Boat Show.

Again PaddleNSW took its place on the Marine Safety Precinct in August. Whilst the PaddleNSW stand promoted the Clubs & the kayak businesses its difficult without the real thing. It remains a great opportunity to be part of a vibrant show that is also full of related equipment and toys.

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

Lynn Parker

PADDLESPORTS REPORT

CANOE POLO

During the 2016 -2017 seasons, the regular Sydney competition continued at the Ruth Everuss Centre at Auburn on Tuesday nights 7-9pm. We held both Sydney Spring and Summer competitions, with an additional May Madness mini-season. As well as our regular round of games, Steve Hemsley introduced a new training game, called "Sideline Polo" which involves all players. A great fun way to keep everyone playing polo. The Paddle-NSW sponsored fleet of Cyclone boats and equipment is always in high demand at Auburn.

We have been active in our use of Parramatta River for training and competitions. We are grateful for the support from Parramatta Council for the use of this location for training, including storage for our goals and equipment. The venue always attracts interest from the passing community.



Ontario

We are proud to congratulate Sydney player Nathan Rosaguti who has been named 2018 PaddleNSW Male Paddler of the Year. Nathan first represented Australia in 2007 at the successful Oceania Championships and has competed in Asian and World Championships. Nathan is also generous with coaching other players during the regular weekly competitions. You can view Nathan's profile here:

<https://paddle.org.au/2018/07/18/nathan-rosaguti/>

Nathan Rosaguti in action at the 2018 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships at Welland,

Some of our year's highlights include:

- Parra PaddleFest in February 2018 was once again well supported by canoe polo players providing a focus of fun and action.
- At Easter 2018, NSW competed in the National Championships in Adelaide. NSW won Silver in the Men's Open in a tight finish with SA who won by a single goal. Our Master's teams won Gold with other players in Junior and Masters divisions.
- Two NSW players (Nathan Rosaguti and Mark Huang) represented Australia at the 2018 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships in August in Welland, Ontario Canada. The Men's team placed 12th, automatically qualifying for the 2020 World Canoe Polo Championships in Rome Italy. Congratulations to all. This is Nathan's fourth international tournament in as many years for the Australian Men's Team.



Mark Huang at the 2018 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships at Welland, Ontario

- Sydney hosted the Australian and New Zealand Men's teams at Lake Parramatta for a special Invitational Only competition in July 2018. Chilly, but exhilarating preparation for the teams who were enroute to the World Championships in Canada.
- With the \$4,000 grant for equipment from ACP, we have been able to upgrade some of our equipment at Auburn Pool and purchase goals for our Training Venue at Parramatta River. This includes a Sydney Canoe Polo Gazebo to increase our profile during events and training.
- On the South Coast the Mudcake challenge was held in February 2018. This single day competition with two divisions attracted players from Canberra, Sydney, Goulburn, Wollongong and the Central Coast.
- The club also runs social competition and training nights each Tuesday at Bomaderry pool during the spring and autumn months.
- Shoalhaven Canoe and Kayak Club is striving to promote Canoe Polo within the Shoalhaven region and assist new players to grow and develop their paddling skills.



Mudcake Challenge March 21, Bomaderry



In 2018-2019, we are proud to be co-hosting the National Championships at Easter 2019 with ACT. The venue is planned to be in Sydney at Parramatta River, and will draw teams from across Australia. NSW will look to field a number of teams across different divisions.

Thanks to the Canoe Polo Sub-Committee: Craig Hutchinson, Nathan Rosaguti, Richard Barnes, Bob Kenderes, Heidi Cheney and Cathy Miller. Louie Wu has been acting as Development Officer for Canoe Polo.

ParraPaddlefest at Parramatta River February 11

FREESTYLE

2017 - 2018 was another busy year for Freestyle starting with, training camp and the 2018 ICF World Freestyle Kayak Championships in San Juan, Argentina which included an epic road trip over the Andes' from Santiago Chile. With a full load of team kayaks and gear.



Part of our Epic Road Journey over the Andes' with Team Kayaks



While not winning any medals, the team did very well and some of our team taking time out from training to, visit local San Juan schools, making lots of new friends, and introducing the sport of Freestyle Kayaking to a new audience.

Taking the sport of Freestyle Kayak to San Juan local school Students

With some of our juniors making the semi's, the whole team looked very smart in their new Aussie Team Cags designed by local Aussie Talent "Tom Hartly" produced by Peak U.K.



Jack throwing down in San Juan



Opening Ceremony San Juan November 2017

January saw some of the senior and junior freestyle paddlers again heading over to the South Island of New Zealand for a junior freestyle camp at Hawea lead by Claire O'Hara. This season has seen an increase in new juniors and seniors joining in the sport which is looking promising for the future of freestyle.

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



Hole Feature at Hawea, New Zealand



Our Nationals kicked off again on 7th April 2018 with the weather playing nice with clear blue skies for the 3rd year in row

2018 Freestyle Kayak National Medallists

2018 Australian Freestyle Kayak Nationals Results Table

	STATE		
			C1
Shaun Clement	NSW	20	Gold (National title)
Tim Smith	NSW	10	Silver (National title)
			Womens K1
Sue Robb	NSW	90	Gold (National Title)
Michaela Dealtry	NSW	10	Equal Silver (National Title)
Maddy Lewis	NSW	10	Equal Silver (National Title)
Alex Broome	NSW	0	Fourth
			Mens K1
Joseph Dunne	NSW	870	Gold (National Title)
Richard Cass	NSW	297.5	Silver (National Title)
Josh Singleton	NSW	220	Bronze (National Title)
Jake Perram	NSW	210	Fourth
Liam Corr	NSW	155	Equal fifth
Rowan Kaar	NSW	155	Equal fifth
Luke Callaghan	NSW	85	Seventh
Peter Newland	NSW	20	Eighth
			Junior Women K1
Georgia Clarke	NSW	120	Gold (National Title)
			Junior Men K1
Jack Newland	NSW	1290	Gold (National Title)
Christian Hlilounakis	NSW	815	Silver (National Title)
Liam Dowd	NSW	190	Bronze (National Title)
Max Christie	NSW	20	Fourth
Otti Tigai	NSW	15	Fifth
Aaron Ward	NSW	10	Sixth

Note:

To qualify for a National Title a minimum of 10 points must be scored

e.g: Athletes scoring 0 -- 9 points can still place 3rd (Bronze) but will not have insufficient points to qualify for a National Title. 24

As we look forward to the start of another busy season in September 2018, we have new training camps planned for athletes and judges, nationals/selections and preparations for the 2019 ICF World Championships in Sort, Spain 2019. The Freestyle Technical Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the following organisations:

- **WAVE MONKEY**, for allowing the Australian Freestyle Kayaking Technical Committee the use of the Wave Monkey patented ICF Approved scoring system.
- **Bunning's North Penrith**, for allowing us the use of their fundraising BBQ facilities.
- **Penrith Whitewater Stadium**, for providing a freestyle feature which was suitable for training for the 2017 world championships.
- **Penrith City Council**, for a grant for \$300 per NSW Athlete to help cover transport and minibus hire for the 2017 ICF World Championship Tour.
- **Tom Hartly** - Designer of what must be one of the best looking Aussie Team cag Design to date.
- **Peak U.K** - For making our Team Cag Design a reality to say we stood out over in San Juan Argentina would be an understatement you could certainly tell the Aussies were there.
- **Paddle NSW, Paddle Australia , volunteers and parents** - for their continued help and support.

Eileen Callaghan

Freestyle Technical Committee Chair

MARATHON

2017-18 has been a milestone for marathon paddling in NSW. After closing out a successful 2017 season, 2018 hailed our biggest ever calendar of races, new race formats and a formal 'crossover' race with Paddle Victoria.

I think it is really important to recognise the commitment of the paddlers who have followed this expanded calendar of events all over the state – as well as the enthusiastic clubs who have helped us present new race formats like the Doubles Round at Lane Cove and the 'single lap – every division' format at Penrith.

I'd also like to thank Bob Turner – again – for helping us make the transition to the new webscorer entry and race management system. It seems that most paddlers are now used to the system and it certainly makes it easier for us to manage the races. I am also pleased to see the same system being used in clubs, other disciplines, other states and at national events. Over time, we hope to include even more innovation such as automated chip timing. Really exciting stuff – but it all started with Bob's effort. Thanks!

As we move towards the end of 2018, we will start planning the 2019 series – one that is likely to be a bit smaller than in 2018. While we have enough clubs and other hosts to run two independent series of 8 races each (for example a southern series and a central series), we do not have enough volunteer officials to even replicate the 2018 series. This will soon become a serious limitation on our sport – and in 2018 we are likely to see some of our clubs missing out on races. I certainly encourage all paddlers to think about whether they can step up to do a bit of the organising on race day and to help our sport keep growing.



General Panorama – Lane Cove round (Photo: Tom Holloway)

Now...let's talk about the racing...

2017 finished with races at Narrabeen, Teralba, Grays Point and Burrill Lake.

In July 2017 we held our first Sprint-Marathon Two Day event, with paddlers competing in the PNSW Sprint Regatta at SIRC on Saturday and in the Marathon at Narrabeen on Sunday. The small contingent of paddlers who competed on both days reported having had great fun – and Manly Warringah Kayak Club took the inaugural title as Champion Club over the two days..

The shallow, but protected, waters of Cockle Creek again welcomed paddlers at the HVPC event in Teralba. 130 boats paddled the 5km laps with the now-traditional finish chute confusing some paddlers but making life much easier for timekeepers when paddlers got it right. The location of this race alongside another bowling club produced a much welcome opportunity for some paddlers to rehydrate with a yeasty, hops-infused, carbonated electrolyte replacement drink. Big tick!

As the club championship battle continued, 146 boats completed the course at Grays Point under the watchful eye of Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club.

The Burrill Lake race, hosted by Makai, closed out the season with 129 boats on the water followed by a fantastic celebration dinner and end-of-season presentation.

Lane Cove River Kayakers took the title of Overall Champion Club for 2017 while Manly Warringah Kayak Club won the title of Champion ICF Club.



Div5 Action at Burrill round (Photo: Lesley Manley)

The 2018 Marathon Series started with a trio of late summer races in hot conditions.

Canberra kicked the season off in February with great conditions on the Molonglo River organised by Burley Griffin Canoe Club. A total of 153 boats completed the race – a sign of a great season ahead. It was also good to see a few paddlers stay the night in the National Capital to head out again on Sunday for the traditional Burley Griffin Bash – raced over 3km, 5km, 13km and 26km.

Our second race for February was a brand new 'crossover' event for our series – allowing PNSW paddlers to earn points by competing in the Paddle Victoria 'Frank Harrison Races' at Mitta Mitta Canoe Club in Albury over two days. Course options were 26km and 13km, both with fast downriver flow. Singles race on Saturday and doubles on Sunday. About 30 NSW paddlers made the trek and enjoyed a couple of days of challenging, exciting and very enjoyable racing!



Div13 start at Canberra round – lots of newbies (Photo: Lesley Manley)

If the weather in Canberra and Albury was warm, by the time we got to Wagga Wagga in late February it was downright HOT! 88 boats completed the race in 36 degree temperatures on the mighty Murrumbidgee River. Many paddlers were seen swimming alongside their boats in the swirling currents – but not all of those had fallen out by accident. It was another well-organised race with a friendly dinner at a local pub to wrap things up.



Tim Binns Woronora round (Photo: Ian Wrenford)

As we moved into autumn, more and more paddlers joined or re-joined the series. 167 boats finished Race 3 at Woronora in fantastic racing conditions. Sutherland Shire Canoe Club always put on an excellent event and 2018 was no exception.

Race 4 was held at Tacoma, hosted by Central Coast Paddlers and produced a near-record field for that course. 168 boats took to the deep fast waters in warm and sunny conditions.

Lane Cove River Kayakers hosted one of the new event formats in 2018 – a dedicated Doubles Round with bonus points available towards the club pointscore for every doubles boat in the race. 145 boats crossed the line – a record 70 of them being doubles. The event format proved popular with paddlers and is highly likely to become a regular fixture on PNSW calendar.

State Marathon Championships were held at Grays Point in early May – under very challenging windy conditions. 133 singles competed in the morning session and 41 doubles took to the water in the afternoon. Congratulations to all paddlers who managed to finish the race – especially those who persisted through capsizes, waves and wash.

The Australian Canoe Marathon Championships (Nationals) were held on the notorious waters of Westlakes in Adelaide in mid-May with a strong contingent of NSW paddlers making the trip southwest. Those who competed in our own windy state championships a week earlier would have been overjoyed to find Westlakes turning on reasonably calm conditions for racing – something almost unheard of in that part of the world! Congratulations to our NSW paddlers who competed – but especially those who won medals and were subsequently selected in the Australian team heading to the world championships in Portugal in September.



Montanna Murray – Lane Cove round (Photo: Ian Wrenford)

Another trial for 2018 was scheduling the Mylestom race, run by Pacifica, on the June long weekend. While this created an opportunity for paddlers to have a long weekend up on the north coast of NSW, only 56 boats took advantage of the opportunity. Those who did attend were rewarded with great racing conditions, deep fast water and a terrific presentation ceremony (with beer and schnitty) at the local bowling club.



Div4 Action at Narrabeen (Photo: Lesley Manley)

Our final race for 2017-18 (but still only Race 7 of the 2018 series) was held at Penrith in late June.

This was a brand new course featuring a single lap race for every distance – whether that be 5km, 10km, 15km or 20km. The race went up the Nepean River into the beautiful gorge and was enjoyed by 130 boats. The long straight sections suited big boats and produced some of the fastest times of the year.

At the time of writing, we have just competed races at Narrabeen and Teralba – with Windsor, Davistown and Burrill Lake still to come. But we'll report on those next year.

Of course, there is no racing unless we have volunteers! The success of the marathon series is down to hard work and commitment of our volunteers. On behalf of all paddlers, I would like to thank Kaye (new webscorer guru!) and Anne for timekeeping, Don for managing entries and results (and helping paddlers see their potential with promotions and rankings). Thank you Don Johnstone, Colin Cussell and Bob Turner for helping with the formal Marathon Committee roles.

I'd also like to thank all of the various club volunteers. Every time you see a smiling paddler out on the water in one of your events...I hope you feel a sense of pride that their joy is, at least in part, because of your service to your club and the sport.

And finally, paddlers! Thanks for turning up and participating. Thanks for bringing your smiles and sportsmanship...and I hope you have as much fun as we do!

Gary Rake
Chair – Marathon Committee



Hobbitts displaying full range of emotions (Gareth Stokes, Peter Faherty) Woronora round. (Photo: Ian Wrenford)

OPEN WATER

This year has been one of transition for the Open Water Committee. A number of paddlers who have made a massive contribution to the running of OWC events have moved on. These include our long standing member Tim Hookins, Tony Haines who is now with Australian Canoeing and most recently Jeremy Spear. Jeremy stepped down as the Chair at the beginning of the season, but has been fully involved this year and, with the other continuing members, has been critically important to the new member's learning curve.

The 2018 Open Water Committee comprised:

Chair - Tom Jones

Secretary - Suzie Rhydderch

Treasurer - Rozanne Green

Event Coordination - Steve Newsome

Assets - Michael Lieberman

Wed Maintenance and Publicity - Paul Richardson

Member - Jeremy Spear

We also received invaluable support from Bob Turner and Peter Tate.

We decided this year to again concentrate on the Harbour Series and to park the Ocean Series races due to difficulties in coordinating relationships with individual SLSA Clubs and insurance issues. Downwind ocean races are notoriously difficult to run with sometimes different start and finish locations and significant safety and logistical challenges. We do hope to return in the future to the ocean racing arena and see it an integral part of the development our particular paddling sport and ultimately the top goal being to run events which identify and produce elite ocean paddlers of the skill and calibre required to represent Australia at International events.



The six harbour series races that made up this year's series were all spectacular successes.

EVENT 1: The Cockatoo Cup run by Pacific Dragons started our season on Australia Day. We abandoned the handicapping of previous years and adopted the new PNSW Webscorer based entry, timing and results system for those intending to compete in the Harbour Series. The event ran smoothly with no interference from ferries that have blighted past events due to a revised course for the second year which no longer required circumnavigation of Cockatoo Island.

A number of factors make this event unique in the series. Firstly the exotic flavour the outrigger canoes (that have traditionally dominated) bring to the event. Then there is the post-industrial marine landscape. But for the ocean racing ski paddlers the flat inner harbour water throws the emphasis onto tactics and wash riding skills which must come to the fore for the pointy end of the fleet.

The event also saw WebScorer used for the first time with Bob Turner, Maya and Luke on the finish line.

169 paddlers entered the event the majority in skis and we all enjoyed our paddle. We hear that Pacific Dragons, no doubt slightly daunted by the number of ORS paddlers wish to return to running the event by themselves, prior to OWC involvement, when they attracted much fewer competitors and do not wish to host the Harbour Series opener again next year, so we are in the process of finding or creating a suitable replacement season opening event

EVENT 2: Took us up to Pittwater with Manly Warringah Kayak Club running the out and back event from Bayview Park. This was a very smoothly run with plenty of sponsors displaying their wares. An ultimate ski prize draw has been run this last season with all the major manufacturers coming to the party to promote their particular boats. 162 paddlers made the journey north bolstered by the enthusiastic young surf ski paddlers from the northern beaches. There was marvellous weather and another very enjoyable event took place.

EVENT 3: Three weeks later we all arrived at Tingira Reserve in Rose Bay and the numbers still on the rise. The idea of a “beach start” with 175 Paddlers was beginning to make the race organisers nervous, but all went well and we all enjoyed our glorious Harbour and some close racing.

Luke Horder’s commercial organisation Sydney Harbour Surf Club were out in force and supported this event strongly in their hot pink life jackets, with an impressive cheer squad in waist deep water at the finish line bringing their paddlers home.

This event and the trophy is named in honour of the young sailors who lost their lives training on the tall masted naval trainer Tingira that was moored in the Bay for many years. This year, after the sudden death of the Shark Island Paddlers President Howard Bersten, a new trophy remembering his massive contribution was awarded to the winner of the short course event.

EVENT 4: The Botany Bash run by the Sutherland Kayak Club that is according to their President “a drinking club with a serious paddling problem” again attracted over 150 boats who raced in calm conditions to the mouth of the Georges River, under the airport’s aircraft approaches and back downwind to the finish and tricky currents of the Dolls Point octopus which favoured some and dashed chances for others. Local knowledge is evidently a distinct advantage here.

EVENT 5: Scotland Island Showdown is run by Paddlecraft from Bayview Park. The Saturday morning was alarmingly windy. There were serious discussions about abandoning or postponing the event, but with plenty of safety craft in place, it was decided to go ahead and 123 paddlers competed with no significant incidents. The newly introduced 4 out of 6 races to count system works to make these events safer, since those who are unsure of their ability to handle the conditions can sit out 2 events without it impacting on their series result. Competition was certainly heating up for the series medals to be decided at the next event.

EVENT 6: The now traditional Series Finale event – “Spit to the Zoo” was once again very capably hosted by Middle Harbour Yacht club. This event saw our biggest fleet ever as 212 paddlers set off out from the Spit towards

the Middle Head. There were numerous races within the race to snare the series podium places in the multiple age, gender and type categories. The racing was intense - all knew this was the season climax.

The notable outcome was the rise of the younger paddlers with members of Jim Squad getting great results and Noah Havard being the outright winner, just ahead of training partner Sam Djodan. Watch out for these names for future representative success. The profile of our sport, which has been dominated by 40+ and often 50+ paddlers, is being challenged strongly by the fit, strong and disciplined younger paddlers who are reaping the benefits of being coached and training several mornings a week.

The Middle Harbour Yacht Club, which is the home to a number of our paddlers, is a great place to finish the series with its beach amphitheatre. The Series medals as well as a new initiative – 100% attendance medals were awarded, the Win The Ultimate Boat prize was drawn and the lucky door prizes were won and distributed randomly amongst the fleet. The Season had achieved a suitable climax.

SERIES ROUND UP: ORS paddling is becoming more and more popular. The attractions are obvious at least to me. Here is a safe, relatively cheap, environmentally responsible, challenging sport that you can compete in well into your 60s and which occurs in impressive and beautiful locations under safe and well supported conditions. We are proud to have grown the series over recent years and are now running events with 200+ competitors.

The increasing numbers have meant that we are making incremental changes to the way we run events. Separating doubles and long and short course starts as well as the fairer and well received decision to also separate singles from doubles has been assisted by Webscorer and the work of Bob Turner.

We are also facing challenges. We aspire to expanding and providing greater variety of venues for our events. However as an emerging sport we lack established clubs with the facilities and administrative structure to host larger events. Ours is a “pop up sport” that uses social media, operates out of cafes, off roof racks and launches from the best beach for that days conditions. We need to source more suitable venues and collaborate with compatible organisations to enable us to reinforce our event calendar.

SOCIAL MEDIA: OWC makes much use of Facebook to advertise and market events, communicate information and promote sponsors. We have a regular reach of over 1000 and in excess of 5000 post engagements during event / series season and are viewed in over 26 countries. We rate 6th on the ladder of similar pages internationally. This has been achieved through carefully target, formatted and scheduled posts of interest and relevance to our target market. This is seen as being very attractive to existing and potential sponsors, especially for international brands.

EVENT ROLES: The Open Water Committee is made up from dedicated volunteer paddlers. The members receive no benefit for the work done on the committee. The host clubs, as a condition of their running of a Harbour event pay a fee of \$300 to the timers, who are not committee members. OWC receives bookkeeping assistance from Paddle NSW as well as event entry, timing and results assistance through WebScorer and PNSW.

OWC ASSETS: We have a trailer with equipment such as canopies, buoys, loudspeakers etc. used to run our events. Some events use these others don't. We are currently discussing the future of the trailer.

SPONSORSHIP: The OWC HS is supported by paddle sport and associated businesses including boat, paddle, clothing and roof rack suppliers and manufactures.

We endeavour to distribute any sponsor prizes across the entry with lucky door prize type draws. This provides opportunities for sponsors to promote their products and makes sure even if we didn't get a place, we hang around, to chat, look at and try out the products and to cheer those who did get a place.

SEASON STATS FOR 2018 HARBOUR SERIES:

2018	6 events		
Paddlers	Over 1000 individual event entries		
Entries	\$35 per entry fee	\$45 late entry fee	No entry on the day.
Sponsors	5 Series Sponsors Including Vaikobi, ProKayaks, Rhino Rack, APS, Think, Azur, Rushcutters Bay Paddle Sports, Bennett)		
	(plus individual events which often attract local one off sponsorships)		

SUMMARY: This has very much been a year of transition. A largely new committee is finding its way and just beginning to understand the size of the challenge. This has however seen the fleet size continue to grow, echoing the significant growth and interest being experienced by our particular discipline of paddle sports.

We are bedding down Webscorer but there is still some work to be done. We still need to lock in standardised starting procedures and other race rules. I am in awe of the work the previous committee and we will endeavour to continue the good work.

Happy Paddling
Tom Jones Chair

WHITEWATER

2017 saw the first year with White-water as a division within PaddleNSW, and the year proved to be quite successful. The aim of the Whitewater division is to promote the recreational and competitive paddling of Australia's white-water rivers of all grades. White-water kayaking is gaining traction on the world stage as a distinct sport from slalom and freestyle with many countries holding boatercross, grand slalom, time trials and other types of races. In 2017, the second annual Snowy River Extreme Race was held on the October long weekend. In addition, solid steps were put in place towards forming a white-water race series in conjunction with the Lea and North Esk races in Tasmania.

The 2017 Snowy River Extreme Race went off without a hitch this year. In total the race had over 160 competitors, competing in team time trials with craft less than 9ft, split between three categories; Expert, Intermediate, and Inflatable. This was an increase from 82 in its first year and is making the race the primary gathering social gathering for white-water kayakers in Australia. The race has been receiving amazing support from local kayaking and non-kayaking business receiving many donations to be given away as prizes. The winners of the categories were:

Expert

- 1st Phillip Gibbons and Ben Hankinson
- 2nd Thomas Mountney and Alex McIntyre
- 3rd Robin Bell and Chris Darlington

Intermediate

- 1st Chris Schmidt and Steven Muir
- 2nd Andrew Davey and Patrick Eastment
- 3rd James Suthern and Toby Carr

Inflatable

- 1st Katie Desa and Raurie Desa
- 2nd Geoff Wallace and Michael McCallum
- 3rd Sam Foura and Caleb Stoneman



Second place in the Expert division gave Alex McIntyre enough points in the Australian White-water grand Prix to take out first place overall.



Looking ahead our goals are to formalise the running of the Australian White-water Grand Prix and to introduce women's divisions into the running of the Snowy River Extreme Race. Long term it would be nice to have more races of different types within NSW but for now that is a pipe dream.

Johannes Hendriks
Chair

CLUB REPORTS

Brisbane Water Paddlers

The Brisbane Water Paddlers club (BWP) was established in July 2015. Now in its third year (2017/18) the club has grown to 30 members.

This year, the Club Presentation was held on 5th May 2018 at Davistown. Congratulation to all the winners.

This year the club purchased a large clock, which we can all see from the water, it has been very helpful self-time the club races.

Club events are held on a Saturday. The Club Championship format held over a long (11.75km) and the short (9.75km) course and this year we added a short/short (5km) course. The 2017/18, short/short course winner this season was Harry Cash, the short course was won Gina Weekes and the long course Alby Cobb.

The second format we use is a handicap, with an 11.4km, 9.4km and 5km course. There is also the three island course 14.38km. Club Captain Geoff Dawes has done a great job this year to set handicaps and running the club events, for the different courses long and short to finish at the same time. The club winner of the 2017/18 handicap events was Mark Brear.

During summer, the club also runs Time Trial events on Wednesday afternoons. The 2017/18 winner was Craig Dodd.

The BWP committee awarded two Encouragement awards in 2017/18. The award winners were Lorraine Gaffney and Ray Weekes.



This year the interclub race was conducted at Wyong hosted by Central Coast Paddlers. With 15 BWP's members competing, all members paddled with a very competitive spirit. BWP came in 1st place with 108pts, CCP in 2nd place with 73 pts, AKC 3rd with 68 pts and HVPC 4th with 58 pts, it was a great effort by all paddlers and clubs.

In May, the State championships were held in Grays Point and were attended by Andrew Wilkinson, Alby Cobb and Craig Dodd.

In April this year club members Steve Monger and Greg Smith travelled to England, to compete in the Devizes to Westminster Canoe race. They were very well supported by Karen Schofield.

The BWP's have continued to support the Marathon series again this year, with 12 races starting in February at Canberra and finishing in October at Burrill Lakes. BWP club members have also supported the HCC and the Myall classic with great results.

BWP will host round 11 of the marathon series in September. With BWP club members working together, I am sure the day will run smoothly. The Dart & Feather Restaurant are doing the catering and Marine Rescue will be conducting the water safety.

BWP have been in contact with Central Coast Council about building storage onto the side of the toilet block at Davistown Reserve and they are very supportive of the idea. Council are looking at what needs to be done next.

The Club cannot run without the help of willing volunteers. Thanks to Geoff Dawes club captain, Ray and Gina Weekes, and Mark Porter with the gear transport. Thanks also go to Mick & Jenny Collins, from **Oasis Printing**, for their continued support, supplying certificates for the presentation.

I would like to thank all BWP members for their support over the last 3 years. With continued support from the members I am sure the club will continue to grow.

Craig Dodd
President



Burley Griffin Canoe Club

BGCC has had a strong year. We have opened stages 1 and two of our new club extension, which involves additional boat storage space, as well as a meeting room and other storage. The extension has been made possible in part by a dollar for dollar grant from the ACT government. Substantial progress has been made towards stage three which includes new showers, toilets and change rooms.

Membership remains strong, while the club has had some excellent results, particularly in canoe polo, with two representatives on the Australian team, Laura Kleinrahm and Samantha McAlister. We also hosted a round of the marathon series, the Burley Griffin Bash, 24 hour race and the Canoe Polo invitational.

Russell Murphy
President



Central Coast Paddlers

The Committee for 2018 - 2019 is:

President: Mick Carroll

Vice President: James Sealy

Secretary: Nick Naughton

Treasurer: Margaret Naughton

Committee: Ross Fraser, Rob McPherson, Anne Moore

Our Club has followed the usual Summer, Winter and Combined Handicap Series model again this past year, with continuing patronage from Members, plus Visitors from Brisbane Water Paddlers, Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club and Newy Paddlers.



Margins were close, but Cam Tunbridge won the Combined Prize, with a dead heat for second between Gina Weekes and Mick Carroll – Nick Naughton third. There were equal points in the Summer Series for Cam Tunbridge and Gina Weekes, Heidi Duncan second and Anne Moore third. Marg and Rob Cook won the Winter Series, Mick Carroll second and Cam Tunbridge third.

There is competition between several Paddlers to better the course record, including Andrew Wilkinson, Lachlan Jonquires, Sam Djorden and Lachlan Blakewell. The clean, deep, protected, non-tidal water of Wyong River is popular with serious, and not-so-serious paddlers alike.

There were good numbers at the PaddleNSW Series Race held in April, and we are grateful for the assistance of Tuggerah Lakes Marine Rescue, Lakes SLSC, 1st Aider Deanna Stratford and PNSW for the successful Event. Our own Anne Cowper, Clive Adams and other Club helpers, were also vital to the operation.

We hosted the Central Coast Perpetual Trophy for the first time on the 1st July, with the three original Clubs' Members participating, plus Members from Avoca Kayak Club.

It is anticipated that Newy Paddlers will join in next year.

The competition was held in seven Divisions over 11.35km and five Divisions over 7.5km, with a total of fifty Paddlers.

BWP took home the Trophy this year, (their second triumph), with CCP second, AKC third, and HVPC fourth. HVPC won last year, at Teralba.

Andrew Wilkinson was fastest on the longer course, with Ella Beer quickest on the short course.

There were Lucky Prizes distributed.



Discussion with Central Coast Council regarding a Storage Shed at Lions Park has stalled due to the forced amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong Shire Councils, and extensive, ongoing rearrangement of their workforce. Council has promised to continue negotiations as soon as possible.

Our AGM is to be held on the 12th August, with all positions to be contested. Unfortunately President Steve Hill will not be standing due to work and Family commitments. Steve has been the “chief negotiator”, and driving force, behind the Storage Shed Project, for which we are very grateful. He was heavily involved in establishing the Club Website and has been the Webmaster since then. We wish him and Kerri all the very best in their future endeavours.

Following our “rebranding” to Central Coast Paddlers, Members contributed designs for a new Club Logo competition, which was won by Anne Cowper. The former “vulture sitting on a broken paddle” Logo, suggested many, many, years ago, by former President Greg Smith, (to be used in the “new” Marathon Series Booklet,) has served us well, and some were a little sad to see him retired.

Committeeman Ross Fraser successfully applied for a Uniform Grant, which will enable complimentary Uniform clothing for Members.

Most importantly, I want to thank Diana and Margaret for being Timekeepers during the year – the most important job of all! And thank you to the Committee and helpers, who all contributed to another enjoyable year of paddling.



*Regards,
Nick Naughton,
Secretary*



Far North Coast Canoe Club

This time last year I sat down to write this report, but it was never sent.

The impact of Cyclone Debbie was still being felt then, months after she swept through our town. I was worn out, with the same general malaise that stayed with our town long after the crisis was spent and the television crews went home.

As a club we'd not been impacted as others had been. Our clubhouse is on the river side of the levee bank so we simply put our evacuation procedures into motion and sat back to wait for the water to subside. There'd been a minor flood only a fortnight earlier so when Debbie struck, we were already half evacuated. Clean up was a full day of hosing and shovelling the 6 inches of black mud covering the walls, floor and toilet block of our club-house. The lawn needs hosing too, or it sets like concrete. Except this time our bands of willing helpers were busy hosing out their own homes and businesses. It was a once a year event for us; on the other side of the levee bank a whole town was dealing with a once in ten year disaster.

18 months later, people still speak in terms of "before the flood" or "after the flood" or "around the time of the flood". As a club we suffered no real losses, except in terms of membership and people wanting to take part in river activities: the river is not seen as the benign neighbour it was before the flood.

Membership

Since the flood our membership has faltered. The natural attrition that comes from any small organization – an injury or two, a work exit, has not been easily filled with newbies. We are working on that with a junior's program and concerted effort to attract Rec paddlers. Winter is normally a slow time for membership. We experience a natural increase when the weather warms. I might add that as I write the nights are cool, but the daytime temperatures are in the mid- twenties: absolutely beautiful paddling in this subtropical part of NSW.

Social

The north coast is amazing place for touring – this last twelve months we've taken social paddles to river systems of the Evans, Brunswick and Clarence. Before the flood we were dedicating one social/rec paddle each month. Since then there have been fewer paddles. It is expected that some club members will take part in Grafton's event "The Clarence 100" - nostalgic no doubt for our own now defunct 100km Paddle For Life, which was a firm favourite on our paddling calendar.

Our regular paddle time is Saturday morning, when both social paddlers and racers paddle in one of the three directions we can go on our river. The final Saturday of the month sees us taking part in an individual pursuit over 7.5km, which has proven popular.





Whitewater

The next generation of paddlers is coming through. Teenage children of former whitewater paddlers are being encouraged to whitewater. With the closest whitewater two hours away, it is not a general club activity, though historically it was. We have promising junior paddlers who are doing well in this modality.

Junior

The small crew of junior paddlers are exploring the advantages of cross-disciplines of flatwater racing and whitewater. We are enjoying the diversity they are adding to the club, and proud of their successes.

Sea Kayaking

There've been no sea kayaking club events this last year, though we have a number of members who paddle out in the bay at Byron regularly. There are a number of sea kayaks and surf skis privately owned. Our club uses sea kayaks as an introduction boat, with older style TK1 and other mid level boats available for beginners to move on to.

Racing Marathon

Our club is now part of the Pacific Coast Paddle Series that sees our members competing against paddlers from Grafton to Brisbane. This was formerly called the Northern Marathon Series. We have between 4-8 paddlers competing regularly. Most are doing very well in their divisions. Our own race in May was very successful, with many visitors telling us that our site, hospitality and course make it one of the best in the series.



Conclusion

We live in a flood prone town. We accept this and plan for it, especially those of us with businesses and buildings on the river side of the levee bank. Cyclone Debbie knocked our town around, and even though it was a while ago now, the impacts are still being felt. Our club has, since 1973, weathered many such storms, along with the attendant ebb and flow of membership numbers and interests. Winter notwithstanding I feel that we are in a healthy position, with active paddlers and a full boatshed of club equipment and private boats, and an enthusiastic steering committee. We are working with council to improve river access in front of our clubhouse and are continually upgrading our fleet of intra-club hire boats. We have an active social-media presence with many contacts coming via our website. Presently the main modalities we offer are marathon racing and flatwater recreational paddling. The gradual increase in new members may adjust this, as is the way.

We welcome any visitors from other kayak clubs within PaddleNSW stable – or indeed new paddlers to the area who may find us through reading this report. Contact us via our website for paddle times or info about our triallist program. We look forward to being able to show you our beautiful part of the world.

As individuals and as a club we collectively continue to enjoy paddling the Wilsons River and other river systems around us, as we have now for nearly 50 years, and will for many years to come.

Christine Porter
President



Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club

The Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club was formed in 1968 as the Hunter Valley Canoe Club, and has a long history in the Hunter and Newcastle region. In 2015 the club changed its name to the Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club to better reflect the diversity of paddling disciplines supported. Today the club is based at the Teralba Bowling Club and conducts regular paddling activities on Cockle Creek, Lake Macquarie and waters across the wider Hunter region.

To celebrate the club's 50th birthday we held a function for past and present club members at the Teralba Bowling Club on Saturday 4th August 2018. The day commenced with the Round 9 of the 2018 PaddleNSW marathon series on the waters of Cockle Creek, Lake Macquarie, and concluded with a function that provided an excellent opportunity to catch-up with old friends, share stories, look at old photos, and watch old videos. It was a great day enjoyed by all.

The club activity calendar was very full this year. We continued our club summer and winter flat water marathon series, and were very pleased to see strong participation in the second year of our twilight series. Our members also travelled across the region to regularly participate in the recreation/touring paddling activities, and across the state to represent the club in PaddleNSW marathon series races.

This year also saw the introduction of some ski events held near Swansea, and a return to the club's roots with white water paddling activities. The club also provided opportunities to develop the paddling skills of our members with highlights including regular skills sessions held in a pool, with some members mastering the ability to eskimo roll, and some introductory white water paddles on rivers in the Hunter region. We are looking forward to holding more of these sessions in the future.

Another significant highlight for the club was news that Ray Baxter, who joined the club when he was 10 soon after it moved next door to his childhood home in Marks Point, will be inducted into the Hunter Academy of Sport's Hall of Fame in early August 2018 for his achievements in canoe slalom. Congratulations Ray!

If you are ever visiting Newcastle and/or Lake Macquarie then please come and join us. Details of our summer, winter, and twilight marathon series races, and other paddling activities are available on the club's website at www.huntervalleypaddesportsclub.com.



*Nick Grey
Secretary*



Just Paddlers Inc.

Amazing that it is that time of the year again for the club annual report and I am always pleased to do one for our club.

Once again it has been a steady flow of paddles within the club and attending many events.

These have included Bernie Craggs, our President, participated in all the Marathon Series races with Warwick from HVCC in a k2 in Division 3. They won this division overall, a great result and congratulations to them both. We had a few other members doing some of the races also through the series.

The Myall Classic, run by PaddleNSW on the 16th of September was once again well attended by our small club, with 7 members paddling. Elizabeth with her win in the 27km Vet 50 Ladies section.

Another Hawkesbury Canoe Classic, the 41st was a big week-end for 7 paddlers and their very supportive land crews. With Lizzy taking out another class record in the ShortRec1 Ladies Vet50, well done.

On the side of recreational paddling, the Murray River Adventure continues with 6 of the club members, paddling their way down the full length of the Murray in sections. Two this year being from Sawm Hill to Robinvale, 286km in October 2017 and then Robinvale to Wentworth 287km in May 2018. Taking all the gear with them for the trip, no land crew here. The river is always so different, never boring, and great to paddle.



Then we have had some great club social week-ends way. To Laurieton in March with 12 of us. Myall Shores in April, on the Myall Lakes with 12 again. Plenty of paddling done.

Our Tuesday afternoon paddles are always well attended and our last Tuesday of the month social and away paddle & dinner are always great fun. Paddling at Wingham, Taree, Forster and Napiac areas.

Our club membership numbers are 20. We had the very sad loss of one of our fun loving, super keen paddlers, Bruce Lew, "Loopy", who would travel miles to go for a paddle somewhere. A man that had paddled the lengths of the Murray, Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers, completed 8 HCC, 2 Murray Marathons and did endless sea kayaking also, He will be greatly missed by all.

Still as a small club we are all kept busy with our passion for kayaking. We have attended the PaddleNSW Annual Club Form & AGM. Put in club reports.

We once again would like to thank PaddleNSW for all their efforts that they put into our paddling organisation, thanks again.

So let us all continue to "just paddle" along many of the great waters we have.

Happy Paddling!

Elizabeth van Reece

Secretary



Lane Cove River Kayakers

Introduction

2017/2018 has been a very successful year for LCRK both on and off the water. Whilst our numbers of 138 is below the bumper crop of 152 members for last year, our growth in Time Trial attendances, Marathons and Ultra Marathons has continued, this is in conjunction with a continued involvement of members as non-paddling volunteers in day to day operations, LCRK marathon, and HCC support as well as contributions to PNSW.

The contribution and support of members to the club in all aspects of its operations has been a hallmark of the club and one of the factors making for a successful year.

Committee and Contributors

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

Contribution of Members to Club & Paddling in NSW

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

Tony Hystek – Past Chair and current committee member PNSW and organiser of the Myall Classic

Angie Lees – Deputy Chair and PNSW Committee member

Don Johnstone – Marathon Committee

Tim Hookins – Ocean and Harbour Series

Jeremy Spear – Ocean and Harbour Series

Roger Deane – HCC organiser

Richard Barnes – HCC Committee



Club Activities

Time Trials

Of course the most important activity for the club is the Wednesday Night Time Trial. This has continued to go from strength to strength this year with strong support from members with Crudslime nights experiencing strong attendance together with increasing support for Doubles Cup night, which is benefiting from the clubs continued acquisition of new doubles.

Some of the Wednesday Night Statistics are very interesting

Events

Total Time trials	49
Singles Cup	12
Doubles Cup	12
Reverse	11
Standard	14
Average Starters (boats)	40.41
Average Starters (paddlers)	45.90

Members

Fastest 12km Time	0:47:46	Brett Greenwood & James Harrington
Fastest 12km Single	0:50:09	Brett Greenwood
Fastest 12km Single (female)	56:59	Ella Beere
Fastest 6km - Male	0:30:42	Andrew Love
Fastest 6km - Female	0:33:59	Ella Beere
Fastest 9km Male	0:43:20	Toby Hogbin
Fastest 9 km Female	49:25	Naomi Johnson

This has seen a Maximum on one night of over 60 Paddlers, with many nights above 50. Winter has also seen a continuation of support with many nights attracting in excess of 40 paddlers attending.



Marathons

The Club has also provided substantial support to the PNSW Marathon Series, to the extent that for 2017 we defended our Club Points championship, a feat accomplished by a combination of good paddling and excellent club attendance. Many thanks to members for supporting these events. For this year LCRK is currently leading the points score again, despite a change to the points system, this year. Hopefully continued member support will see LCRK retain the trophy for this year. Whilst at many Marathons up to 20 - 25% of the field has been made up of LCRK paddlers the most important statistic is that those numbers represent 30 - 35% of club members.

Support for the Marathons also spilled over to this year's State Marathon Championships with improved attendance over last years and excellent individual placings resulting in LCRK winning the Champion Club Trophy.

Primary amongst the Marathons was of course our own **LCRK Marathon**. Thanks to Paul van Koesveld and his team ably assisted by the fantastic support given by club members.

This year saw the Club hold the inaugural Doubles round with resounding success with our best ever attendance figures of 150 Boats and 209 paddlers. A highlight of the event was the fact that LCRK not only had 50 paddlers of the 209 with many of those contributing as event volunteers augmenting the 40 non-paddling volunteers. This meant a very large proportion of our membership contributing to the event resulting in this event continuing to be a prime event on the marathon calendar, again garnering many positive comments from visiting competitors for the excellence of the Management as well as the uniqueness of the event.



Myall Classic

LCRK members continued to give great support to the rejuvenated Myall Classic, organised by our own Tony Hystek for PNSW. The club is continuing to promote this event in the hope that it will become a prime annual event for LCRK paddlers, it is that good an event.

Hawkesbury Classic

LCRK continued this year with strong support for the HCC, working hard to give Roger Deane and his team as much support as possible after the strong effort they put in last year for the events 40th anniversary. As a result we saw 37 paddlers compete in 29 boats which although down on last year saw the Club retain the Commonwealth Cup Trophy. Again the event was marked by excellent support from non paddling members who gave support to Club paddlers as well as assisting the HCC organisers.

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

Further Activities of Members

This year has also saw some of our members partake in some of the ultra-kayaking activities which saw:-

- **Yukon River Quest** - Tony Hystek (Singles), Peter Fitzgerald and his brother John (Doubles)
- **Riverland Paddling Marathon** – Tony Hystek, Ruby Arden, Rich Yate & Tony D'Andreti, Craig Ellis & Duncan Johnstone and Kyla Johnstone
- **Greenland Paddle Trip** - Ruby Arden
- **Bass Strait** - Richard Barnes

Ongoing directions for the Club

On an ongoing basis, we are planning to further enhance the Clubs fleet by updating existing boats and adding new ones where we perceive a need in order to assist our members in paddling development. The aim is to allow members to experience new boats and boat types in order to further their skills or aid in them determining what direction to go for new boats.



As has already been mentioned the increase in Doubles fleet has been met with a corresponding increase in doubles involvement to the betterment of the club experience as more members are introduced to the joys of Doubling. To this end a Civet Cat K2 was added to the fleet this year whilst the old Grey Nurse was retired. We encourage members to consider these boats, both double and singles for use in events like the Marathon Series, the Myall Classic and the HCC, they offer a good way to do these events.



*Phillip Geddes
President*



Macquarie River Paddle Club

In 2017 Macquarie River Paddle Club hosted its 7th annual WOMDOMNOM paddle expedition showcasing the delights of the Macquarie River to a record 134 paddlers from outside of our region. We also continued our commitment to raising awareness and money to assist the work of the Blackdog Institute. In 2017 we raised more than \$35,000 for this worthy cause.



2017 WOMDOMNOM hosted 134 paddlers

Macquarie River Paddle Club continues to promote paddling to our local community by hosting Friday evening POETS paddles. This twilight social event concludes with dinner at Terramungamine Reserve just outside of Dubbo. In 2017 we saw our biggest groups of up to 26 paddlers and greater cultural diversity.



Club Safety Officer Bron Powell delivers Basic Skills training

We continue to promote safe paddling with Basic Skills courses over the summer period led by Club Safety Officer Bron Powell. Members also contribute to the safety of other community events by providing river marshals for the Macquarie Titan Mud Run and local triathlon clubs.

In developing our relationship with Clontarf Foundation and Warren Youth Services we delivered Basic Skills Training and Try Paddle

events. The Clontarf students regularly volunteer on the WOMDOMNOM. Adolescents from Warren were introduced to paddling as part of the Warren Youth Week activities.

Julie Hunt
Secretary



Warren Youth Week Activities

Manly Warringah Kayak Club

This year proved to be successful with three major events organized by the club and successful participation on the International scene.

Over 200 competitors turned up for the PaddleNSW Marathon at our relocated venue on Narrabeen Lake. Much work by Terry Reilly and the team went into the setting up of the new venue with the council and Bilarong Reserve users which paid off in a good day of marathon racing had by all.

MWKC hosted the Pittwater Challenge Ocean Harbour series event from Bayview Reserve with a record number of entries, perfect conditions and a well run event according to participants.

The PaddleNSW Sprint series was hosted at MWKC. It attracted over 70 entries on a cold winters day. With the help of parents the event went well including the feature K4 Challenge.

David Hipsley, coaching coordinator, did a magnificent job starting the process of rebuilding MWKC junior coaching with up to 12 juniors attending regular weekly sessions. The club has six people attending the Foundation Level coaching course this month.

Internationally over 20 competitors from MWKC travelled to New Zealand for the World Masters Games bringing home a record 75 medals from sprint and marathon events. At the World Marathon Championships in South Africa Brett Greenwood took out gold medals in both the Vet 50 K1 and K2 events to claim a World Champion title for MWKC.



The strong MWKC contingent brought home a bunch of medals from the National Marathon Championships in Adelaide

Another highlight of the year was the committees new club uniforms, which have attracted positive feedback from both members and fellow competitors. Also the rebuilding of the clubs website (mwkc.com.au) and Facebook pages resulted in wide online engagement with members and the paddle community.

Congratulations goes to our Maya Gibson for her selection as PaddleNSW volunteer of the year.

Throughout the year participation in the clubs weekly training sessions and club racing continued to grow.

Geoff Horsnell
President



Newy Paddlers

What a year for the Orange Army. It is hard to believe that we are now 2 years old and been able to achieve so much in such a short time. The club has firmly established its presence at Throsby Creek with two 40 foot containers that are filled with boats and equipment to benefit our members.

We continue to focus on our vision of providing an opportunity to learn in an encouraging environment, develop skills and paddle to the best of our ability. Our culture has always been that of having fun, being supportive of the members and fellow paddlers from our clubs.



What we have achieved in the last 12 months:

- **Membership has stabilised between 35-40 members.**
This consists of a core group of original members and an influx of new members each year looking to learn about paddling.
- **Marathon Series 2016/17– 4th**
Our first full season competing in the Marathon series has been truly remarkable with our 4th placing a just reward for the effort and enthusiasm displayed by our members. Over the whole series 16 participants from all clubs attended all 11 Marathon Races of which our club had six of them.
- **PNSW Coach of the Year – Darren Forbes**
Coach of the Year is a great achievement for a relatively new paddling coach in a relatively new club. Darren puts in many hours preparing coaching plans, boats, paddles and lifejackets and helping families with their involvement in the sport by organising car-pooling rides with club members to events.
- **Inaugural Presentation Night, Wickham**
What a year it has been for the Orange Army. 34 eager members of the club celebrated the inaugural Awards/Christmas party at NCYC.
Each of our juniors were presented with medallions & the following awards were presented to the much-deserved recipients:

Encouragement Award: Helen McNaughton

Most Improved: Malcom Lewis

Junior of the Year: Abbey Phipps

Paddler of the Year: Heidi Duncan

Club Person of the Year: Mark Bretag



- **Paddle4Good – Charity Fundraiser, Carrington**

Thanks to 60 competitors and rec paddlers we raised.....\$1,273.00 for Trish's House. What a great effort by the local paddling community. This will be an annual event to a nominated charity.

- **Handicap Series**

Summer series were run each fortnight on a Sun morning over varying distances to meet the needs of paddlers abilities. Average participation was 20 which provided a regular income to the club.

- **State Marathon Championships, Grays Point – 3rd**

A fantastic result from 20 enthusiastic members participating in all categories, including SUP, Outrigger, Kayak and Canoe.

- **NSW Office of Sport – Grant \$5,000**

In line with our vision to support members with disabilities we applied to have a new double Sladecraft built with dual peddles. We are happy to say that the Office of Sport granted us \$5,000 towards this project and is in the process of being built on the Central Coast.

We expect this craft to ready for Spring and it will be an important asset to our club in encouraging people with varying abilities to get on the water.

- **SportNSW – Finalist “Community Club” & “Community Sport Administrator”**

Our club was a finalist as Community Club of the Year together with Mark Bretag as Sports Administrator of the Year 2018. It was a privilege to be nominated and to represent our sport against all the other sports in NSW. To get to the final 6 in both categories was an amazing achievement and our members should be very proud. Thank you to PNSW and for Peter Tate attending on the night – their support to us has been truly amazing.



Proposed Plans 2018-19

- Continue to build cash flow through club events, funding grants, sponsorship and working bees to purchase equipment.
- Clean and paint the exterior of the second container plus plants for screening.
- Build governance skills as a committee, in particular asset management, use and hire of club boats and equipment.
- Promote equality for all members to enjoy paddling with emphasis on appointing women trainers/coaches and assisting people with disabilities.
- Strengthen our Facebook presence and improve the website so that it is more functional for our members eg online membership renewal & payment of various fees.
- Encourage member participation in the PaddleNSW Marathon Series and local handicap races.
- Build a calendar of events that members have ownership in i.e. all types of paddling and want to attend.

We are excited about the club's future. The club is all about having fun, participating to the best of their ability and being able to create positive change that will benefit the paddling community as a whole.

We enjoy the wonderful friendships we have formed with the various clubs and appreciate the support PNSW has shown us in helping us move forward.

If you are ever up our way drop into Throsby Creek, Newcastle Harbour and have a paddle.

Charlene Wellard
President



Shark Island Paddlers

This year has been one of transition for the Shark Island Paddlers (SIP) Committee, with the passing of our dear friend and inaugural President, Howard Bersten. It took some time to re-organize the committee and for us to find our feet. Committee members Tony Haines and Dave Jepsen both retired. A big thanks to them for their ground work in forming our club and helping with the transition to the new committee.

The 2018 SIP Committee comprises:

President - Bruce Moller

Secretary - Sue Jackson

Treasurer - Tom Nolan

Members - Adrian Cohen, Dave Edelman, Tom Jones, Val Titov and Lee Wright

Our weekly Saturday morning time trial at Rose Bay continues rain hail or shine and we regularly attract 20 to 30 paddlers. All are welcome to join us! I have noted we spend twice as long in the café as we do paddling but that's all part of the package.

Our big event of the year is the Tingira Challenge, Event 3 of the PNSW Harbour Series. This event and the trophy is named in honour of the HMAS Tingira, a tall masted naval training ship moored in Rose Bay. More than 3,000 young Australians trained on the ship from 1912 to 1927. "Tingira" is an Aboriginal word meaning "open water".



Race day showed Sydney Harbour at its best. Perfect weather. The dead low tide at the start was a concern but in the end all went well.

We achieved a record 175 paddlers but for me the highlight was the emergence of the short course as a valuable competitive race with 54 paddlers. Short course winner, Tom Lanyon, was awarded our new trophy named in honour of the late Howard Geoffrey Bersten.

There was no shortage of SIP members to help on the day. We have a strong core group and the club's future looks bright. Our thanks to the Woollahra Sailing Club, Bronte Surf Life Saving Club and NSW Marine Rescue for their support in providing facilities, equipment and safety.



*Bruce Moller
President*



Southside Paddlers

The season began with the relocation of training to the Gunnamatta Bay due to the foreshore renewal program arriving at Woronora. This had little impact on training and the performance of the club, as the result held up to par at the National championships. Arnold Graf was able to progress to the men's K1 200m C final, all while taking a sabbatical from the season before to pursue postgraduate studies.

Our aim to further the club's future as the only club in the Sutherland Shire with sprint only focus, pushed our focus to education. This lead the club to send several members to the Level 1 coaching course held at Tradies, with an aim in gaining formalised Sprint Kayak qualifications. We would also like to thank Tradies for the donating the venue for the course.

In the last year we can report that we have membership growth of 20%.

We would also like to take the time to thank Paddle NSW for their diligence in negotiating with Maritime NSW on the policing of life jackets.

Patrick McGlynn
President



Sutherland Shire Canoe Club

Sutherland Shire Canoe Club (SSCC) has had another great year thanks to our fabulous, enthusiastic members who are always willing to lend a hand at events, participate in club activities including time trials, help out around the clubhouse and represent our club at paddle racing events.

This year our club hosted two successful PaddleNSW events - Round 3 of the PaddleNSW Marathon Series and the Harbour Series event; the Dolls Point Classic. Our marathon series event was held on a glorious March day and was very popular with nearly 200 people paddling 160 boats. The Dolls Point Classic was also held on a cracker of a day with fine and sunny Autumn weather. The lack of waves didn't turn off the 160 participants. Both events ran like clockwork thanks to our amazing club members who willingly volunteered their time and skills on the day.



2017 saw excellent results in competitive racing. Four very keen members successfully completed the "Big Year". To complete this 1000km racing challenge, Steve & Kate Dawson and Ross & Robyn Bingle paddled in over 15 competitive events including the PaddleNSW marathon series, Hawkesbury and Myall Classics, Clarence 100 and Massive Murray Paddle. Steve & Kate also completed the Riverland Paddling Marathon (RPM). Kate Dawson was the first female single canoe paddler to complete the Hawkesbury Classic. Ross & Robyn finished first in the Massive Murray Paddle and were placed 2nd in the Hawkesbury Classic on handicap. Our Club was well represented at the 2018 PaddleNSW State champs and

were rewarded with a huge haul of medals.

In May this year we were saddened to lose our good friend, Alan Voges, who lost a long battle with cancer. We all miss Alan's company, his enthusiasm for paddling and his warm, friendly personality. Alan's wife has very kindly donated Alan's K1 to the club.



The club is committed to keeping our members safe. With this in mind, we subsidised a first aid course in January this year. The training was open to all members and, on the day, we got to act out a series of paddling related scenarios where first aid was required along with our best acting skills. The training included CPR and defibrillator training. We have now doubled the number of first aiders in our membership. Shortly after the first aid training day, our application for a grant to purchase a defibrillator was approved. This grant, from the NSW government grants unit, provided half the purchase price. The defibrillator is now installed in our lunch room and we hope we never need to use it. Our thanks go to Janet for writing the grant application and to Albert and Ross for installing the unit.

In 2017 our paddlers enjoyed the benefits of our affiliation with Dolls Point Paddlers. Many of us have enjoyed the variety and fun offered from belonging to both clubs; enjoying paddling on flat water in kayaks and moving water in ocean skis. SSCC members have been keen to get out in the waves and paddle beyond the Wonnie. We had a great learning experience in December at Bonnie Vale when Mark Sundin held an Ocean Ski Skills and Rescue day. This event greatly improved our confidence on the ocean skis as we practiced solo and assisted rescues. We followed this up with a recent social paddle from Bonnie Vale to Jibbon beach. This event was well attended and club ocean skis were provided for members who did not own a suitable craft.



Our club members are a friendly bunch who enjoy club Sundays at our clubhouse located on the banks of the Woronora River. Visitors are welcome on any Sunday to join us for a cuppa and to try out paddling. Our website, Shirekayaking.info is kept up to date with the latest activities on offer.

Janet Small
Vice President



Sydney Northern Beaches Kayak Club

Sydney Northern Beaches Kayak Club continues to focus on the development of junior athletes. We have been able to maintain our status as a key pathways program for the NSW Institute of Sport through the provision of a recognised excellent daily training environment providing equipment, water access, gym access and daily coaching.

SNBKC athletes once again secured representation on National Teams

Senior Open Team - Jo Brigden Jones, Simon Mc Tavish

U/23 Team - Simon Mc Tavish

Junior Team - Kailey Harlen, Tinus Koekemoer

Asia Pacific Team - Jakob Hammond, Tinus Koekemoer, Kailey Harlen, Jarrah Sheppard, Toby Schooley, Alisa van der Kwartel, Sascha Taurins, Kali Wilding

Junior Development Team - Jarrah Sheppard, Ethan Shapcott, Matthew Dunbar, Toby Schooley, Sascha Taurins, Georgia Weston

Olympic Hopes Team - Jarrah Sheppard, Alisa van der Kwartel



The following athletes were selected to the National Junior Talent Squad - a key pathway for elite development - Tinus Koekemoer, Kailey Harlen, Jarrah Sheppard, Toby Schooley, Ethan Shapcott, Sascha Taurins, Alisa van der Kwartel, Kali Wilding.

The coming season will see us once again seek a new intake of athletes who are keen to pursue a pathway of excellence. The provision of equipment is seen as a pivotal to the attraction of junior athletes to programs. This has



been achieved over time through the charging of fees and the purchase and maintenance of a fleet of boats specifically for this purpose.

Parents have continued to provide full support for the program by assisting with transport to regattas, providing supervision at away events and providing a never ending supply of quality food for our squad while competing. Their support is invaluable.

The daily training environment ensures our squad have good water access, provision of breakfast station for the transition to school and team boats for developing team boat skills which are crucial for national team development. Coaching is provided daily both on water and in the gym. Strength and conditioning programs have also been a major focus over the past year. The program is graded so even our younger paddlers can commence with body weight exercises that underpin future gym development.

Our athletes are working towards another successful season in 2018/2019

Christine Duff



Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club

The 2017-18 paddling year has been another successful year for Wagga Bidgee. While paddling numbers have been down a little, regular racing and social paddles were held throughout the year. Lyn Wood and a few of our club members completed most of the Gundagai to Wagga Wagga sections of the river prior to his posting with the RAAF to Townsville early this year. We hear he's paddling numerous days a week up north.

Wagga Bidgee like many clubs has moved the club membership online and we've freshened up the website to make life a little easier for members. Wagga Wagga City Council are moving ahead with Stage 3 of the Riverside Development at Wagga Beach and we are excited to finally have semi-permanent coffee shops and cafes on the horizon.

We also had a visiting member from Illawarra Canoe Club join us for a club paddle from Eunony Bridge back to Wagga Beach earlier in the year while visiting Wagga Wagga. It was great to host a paddle for a member of another club and we extend the same invitation to all Paddle NSW clubs and their members – come and join us for a paddle on the beautiful Murrumbidgee. Thanks for a great afternoon Judy!

We look forward to the next 12 months as we expand our paddling throughout the local region and continue to make the club as successful as it has been for the past 40 years.

Jason Redlich
President



Pic: New club boat on the Murrumbidgee River at Wagga Beach with the Pavilion Hotel on the background.

Western Paddlers NSW Club

About our club:

We are based in Dubbo, with members across the western NSW region, and we hold paddle trips across the western NSW region. We focus on 3-4 weekend trips away a year, plus whatever other paddles members want to organize.

Membership: 13 financial members. Facebook page with 64 people.

Main activities 2017-18:

- Moving Water training weekend: we hold moving water training every year, as we see these skills as imperative to the safety of paddlers on our rivers.
- Macquarie Marshes paddle: we got access to this no-public-access nature reserve - an internationally listed and high conservation value wetland in western NSW - an amazing paddle!
- Dunns Swamp weekend: members enjoyed paddles, bushwalks and camping in this beautiful area near Mudgee.
- Windamere Dam: Another beautiful spot where we camp, paddle, eat, sleep, repeat!
Lachlan River: 3-day expedition exploring this river near Forbes.
- Some members also took advantage of a release of water for the environment on the Peel River (near Tamworth) - this normally low-water, unpaddleable river was pumping! An exciting paddle putting our whitewater skills to the test.

Exciting news: We are super-lucky to have had 6 whitewater kayaks and a trailer donated to our club - a big thankyou to John and Cindy from Kayak and Canoe Inc - Lower Hawkesbury.

Paul Brandon, Bron Powell and Neal Harris - Western Paddlers NSW executive.



Windsor Canoe Club

This year, WCC celebrated twenty years as a major force in NSW paddling. At our anniversary dinner, members were recognized for their years of representing our club. Les Howard is the only foundation member still active, closely followed by Jil and Judy who have now clocked up twenty years. We can now wear our 10, 15 and 20 year badges with pride.

We now have our first world champion. Well done Laura. Your dedication and effort has resulted in this wonderful triumph. You could not have achieved this without the coaching of Lyle. We are fortunate to have you both showcasing our club on the world stage.

The dream of a purpose built club house is moving closer to reality. Although we were not successful in securing a financial grant last year we have worked on our application and with the support of Hawkesbury Sports Council hope to have a positive outcome this year.



WCC is one of only a handful of clubs who are close to fulfilling the requirements to host a marathon race next year. The bar is being continually raised but due to the continued selfless work by our members we are close ticking all the boxes.

Although I have had limited time on the water this year due to work commitments and injury I take pride in my fellow members taking part in competitions whether they be at club, state or national level. I will join in as soon as I am able.

This club can only achieve what we do and continue to function due to the volunteers who put in a huge amount of hours which are not seen by the majority of members. We are fortunate to have had the executive together for five years now. This might make us feel comfortable but the workload is increasing and I urge all members to join a committee and offer help so our club can be fit for the future.

I welcome you all to the 2018/19 year and continued success for WCC.

Neil Crabb
President



2018 PNSW Annual Awards

<i>Category</i>	<i>Winner</i>
1. <i>Female Paddler of the Year</i>	Jessica Fox
2. <i>Male Paddler of the Year</i>	Nathan Rosaguti
3. <i>Young Paddler of the Year</i>	Harry Armstrong
4. <i>Paddler with a Disability Award</i>	Dylan Littlehales
5. <i>Masters Paddler of the Year</i>	Julian Hall
6. <i>Team of the Year</i>	Open Men's NSW K4 500 Team <i>Riley Fitzsimmons, Robert McIntyre, Simon McTavish, Murray Stewart</i>
7. <i>Coach of the Year</i>	Margi Bohm
8. <i>Official of the Year</i>	Gary Rake
9. <i>Administrator/s of the Year</i>	Bob & Christine Berridge
10. <i>Volunteer of the Year</i>	Maya Gibson
11. <i>Event of the Year</i>	Snowy River Extreme Race
12. <i>Distinguished Long Service Award</i>	
Bob Collins	<i>Burley Griffin Canoe Club</i>
Bruce Graham	<i>Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club</i>
Kaye Laurendet	<i>Sutherland Shire Canoe Club</i>
Lyle Mead	<i>Windsor Canoe Club</i>
Elizabeth van Reece	<i>Just Paddlers</i>

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 June 2018**

Liability limited by a scheme approved under
Professional Standards Legislation

PADDLE NSW INC
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on the association for the financial year ended 30 June 2018.

Directors

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

Mr Anthony Hystek
Mr Ross Fraser
Ms Anjie Lees
Mrs Nicole Bartels (resigned 8 April 2018)
Mrs Karen Forbes (resigned 10 March 2018)
Ms Kiaran Lomas
Mr Zac Thompson (elected 11 November 2017)
Mrs Lynne Parker
Mr Christopher Thompson (resigned 11 November 2017)
Mr Bob Turner

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

Review of Operations

The surplus/(deficit) of the association for the financial year was \$7,352 (2017: (\$13,627))

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, Freestyle, Harbour Racing, Marathon, Slalom, Sprint, Whitewater and Wildwater events, Development Camps and Projects.

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

Events Subsequent to the End of the Reporting Period

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

Likely Developments and Expected Results of Operations

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

Environmental Regulation

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

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Indemnification of Officers

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

Proceedings on Behalf of the association

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

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

Auditors' Independence Declaration

The auditors' independence declaration for the year ended 30 June, 2018 has been received and can be found in the Independent Auditor's report.

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

Chairperson:

Mr Robert Turner

CEO:

Mr Peter Tate

Dated this day of the 27th August 2018

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue			
Education & Special Projects	3	10,437	18,116
Event Revenue	2	170,727	168,852
Government Grant		20,000	22,056
Membership		126,213	112,919
Other Revenue	3	9,123	7,788
Total Revenue		336,500	329,731
Expenses			
Australian Canoeing Affiliation Fees		49,336	48,607
Administration expenses	4	59,169	61,621
Education & Special Projects	4	7,662	19,666
Depreciation expenses		5,481	6,832
Event expenses	2	124,365	124,256
Employee benefits expenses		83,135	82,376
Total Expenses		329,148	343,358
Surplus/(Deficit) before Income tax		7,352	(13,627)
Income tax expense		0	0
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period		7,352	(13,627)
Other Comprehensive Income		0	0
Total Comprehensive Income		7,352	(13,627)

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Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Assets			
Current Asset			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	302,381	305,202
Trade and other receivables	6	9,825	1,353
Inventories	7	3,871	4,982
Total current assets		316,077	311,537
Non-current Asset			
Property, plant and equipment	9	8,293	11,913
Total non-current assets		8,293	11,913
Total assets		324,370	323,450
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	36,448	36,261
Unearned Income	10	45,153	52,304
Employee benefits provision	11	16,330	14,187
Total current liabilities		97,931	102,752
Non Current Liabilities			
Unearned Income	10	7,380	8,991
Employee benefits provision	11	0	0
Total non-current liabilities		7,380	8,991
Total liabilities		105,311	111,743
Net assets		219,059	211,707
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		211,707	210,227
Other movements		0	15,107
Current year (deficit)/surplus		7,352	(13,627)
Total equity		219,059	211,707

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Statement in Changes in Equity
For the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Balance at 1 July		211,707	210,227
Total Income and Expenditure for the period		7,352	(13,627)
Retained Profits acquired from Harbour Racing Inc.		0	15,107
Balance at 30 June		<u>219,059</u>	<u>211,707</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts from events		161,102	168,852
Cash receipts from members		117,450	112,919
Cash receipts from government grants		20,000	22,056
Interest received		3,785	3,553
Other receipts		15,775	22,351
Cash paid to employees		(83,135)	(82,376)
Cash paid to suppliers		(235,937)	(187,488)
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(960)</u>	<u>59,867</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		-	-
Net cash provided from financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payment for fixed assets		(1,861)	(6,208)
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(1,861)</u>	<u>(6,208)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(2,821)	53,659
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		<u>305,202</u>	<u>251,543</u>
Cash and cash equivalent at 30 June	5	<u>302,381</u>	<u>305,202</u>

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1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB 107 Statements of Cash Flows

AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 1031 Materiality

AASB 1048 Interpretation of Accounting Standards

AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures

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

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

Inventories

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

Property, Plant and Equipment

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

Plant and equipment

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

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

Depreciation

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

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

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

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

Financial Instruments

Initial Recognition and Measurement

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

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

Impairment of Assets

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

Trade and Other Receivables

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

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

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Provisions

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

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Revenue and Other Income

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

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

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

Trade and Other Payables

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

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

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

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

Comparative Figures

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

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Financial Instruments

Recognition, initial measurement and derecognition

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

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

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

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

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

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The Group's trade and most other receivables fall into this category of financial instruments. Individually significant receivables are considered for impairment when they are past due or when other objective evidence is received that a specific counterparty will default. Receivables that are not considered to be individually impaired are reviewed for impairment in groups, which are determined by reference to the industry and region of a counterparty and other shared credit risk characteristics. The impairment loss estimate is then based on recent historical counterparty default rates for each identified group.

Financial assets at FVTPL

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

HTM Investments

HTM investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity other than loans and receivables. Investments are classified as HTM if the Association has the intention and ability to hold them until maturity. The Association currently holds long term deposits designated into this category. HTM investments are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. If there is objective evidence that the investment is impaired, determined by reference to external credit ratings, the financial asset is measured at the present value of estimated future cash flows. Any changes to the carrying amount of the investment, including impairment losses, are recognised in profit or loss.

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AFS financial assets

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

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

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial liabilities

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

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

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

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	2018 \$	2017 \$
2 Event Revenue & Expenses		
Canoe Polo	19,495	3,512
Marathon	40,168	52,836
Myall Lake Classic	14,036	16,205
Whitewater	4,727	-
Slalom	2,210	28,005
Harbour Racing	32,714	28,270
Freestyle	290	-
Parramatta Paddlefest	363	-
Development Camps and Projects	14,605	4,725
PNSW Event Admin Fee	20,859	15,049
Sprint	21,260	20,250
Total event revenue	170,727	168,852
Canoe Polo	18,018	3,777
Marathon	35,854	50,304
Myall Lake Classic	5,495	7,421
Whitewater	5,694	160
Slalom	5,579	16,875
Harbour Racing	34,906	27,936
Freestyle	-	600
Parramatta Paddlefest	3,374	-
Sprint	15,445	17,183
Total event expenses	124,365	124,256
3 Other Revenue		
Education and Training	10,437	18,116
Advertising and Sponsorship	4,791	3,173
Interest Income	3,785	3,553
Merchandise	-	102
Miscellaneous Income	547	960
Total other revenue	19,560	25,904
4 Administration Expenses		
Education	7,662	19,666
Accountancy Fees	19,693	17,882
Board Meeting & Costs	3,606	869
Membership expenses	5,616	5,811
Office expenses	28,764	33,371
Promotional and Marketing	1,490	3,688
	66,831	81,287
5 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at Bank- ANZ	23,067	27,273
Cash in Investments	49,451	51,109
ING Direct Savings	229,863	226,820
	302,381	305,202

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	2018 \$	2017 \$
6 Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Trade Debtors	9,625	0
Other Debtors	200	1,353
	<u>9,825</u>	<u>1,353</u>
7 Inventories		
Current		
Inventories	<u>3,871</u>	<u>4,982</u>
8 Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Trade Creditors	21,050	31,170
Other Creditors	15,398	5,091
	<u>36,448</u>	<u>36,261</u>
9 Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment:		
At cost	62,501	60,640
Accumulated depreciation	(54,208)	(48,727)
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>8,293</u>	<u>11,913</u>

Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the

	Plant and Equipment \$	Total \$
Additions	1,861	6,208
Disposals	-	-
Depreciation	5,481	6,832
	<u>- 3,620</u>	<u>- 624</u>

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							2018 \$	2017 \$
10	Unearned Income							
	Current							
	Memberships in Advance						45,153	52,304
							45,153	52,304
	Non-Current							
	Memberships in Advance						7,380	8,991
11	Employee benefits provision							
	Current Liability for annual leave						16,330	14,187
12	Equity	Balance						Balance
		1 July 2017	Revenue	Expenses	Deprecia-			30 June 2018
	Canoe Polo	1,349	19,495	-	18,018	(1,591)		1,235
	Development	- 1,537	14,605	-	11,044	- 54		1,970
	Education	- 4,109	10,437	-	6,290	- 1,166	-	1,128
	Freestyle	429	290	-	-	-		719
	Harbour Racing	18,786	32,714	-	34,906	-		16,594
	Marathon	63,018	40,168	-	35,854	(1,994)		65,338
	Myall Lake	17,914	14,036	-	5,495	-		26,455
	Slalom	25,512	2,210	-	5,579	-		22,143
	Special Projects	14,553	-	-	1,372	-		13,181
	Sprint	11,000	21,260	-	15,445	(221)		16,594
	Whitewater	-	4,727	-	5,694	-	-	967
	General Funds	64,791	176,559	-	183,969	(455)		56,926
		211,706	336,501	-	323,666	- 5,481		219,060

13 Change in Accounting Policy

No changes in Accounting Policy during the year.

14 Association Details

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

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

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

The directors of the association declare that:

- 1 The accompanying statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the profit (or loss) of the association including fundraising appeals for the last financial year;
- 2 The statement of financial position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the association including fundraising appeals as at the end of the financial year;
- 3 The provisions of the act, the regulations under the act, and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied with by the organisation, and;
- 4 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 athlete, club and event management, including: Canoe Polo, Freestyle, Harbour Racing, Marathon, Slalom, Sprint, Whitewater, Wildwater, Development programs, Recreation programs and Education programs.

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

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

Chairperson:

Mr Robert Turner

CEO:

Mr Peter Tate

Dated this day of the 27th August 2018

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

Qualified Opinion

"I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Paddle NSW INC (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the responsible entities' declaration.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis of Qualified Opinion section of my report, the financial report of the Paddle NSW INC as at 30 June 2018 presents fairly in all material aspects the financial position of the 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 Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Act 2012 (Cth) and the Club's constitution including:

- a) giving a fair and true view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013

Basis of Qualified Opinion

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.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of my report. I am independent of the registered entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Association's financial reporting responsibilities under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Act 2012 (Cth) and the Club's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibility of the Board of Directors for the Financial Report

The Board of Directors of the Association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Act 2012 (Cth) and the needs of the members. The Board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intend to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 registered entity's internal control
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Name of Auditor:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter M Power", written over a horizontal line.

Peter M Power FCA
Registered Company Auditor
Registration number: 730

Address:

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Dated this day of 27th August 2018

