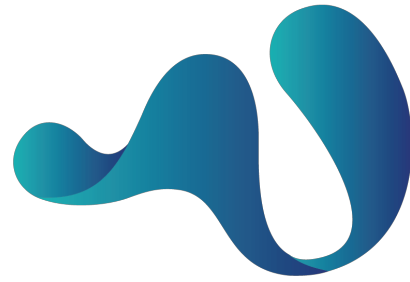


# ***Paddle NSW***



## ***10th Annual Report 2018/19***

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Dear Members,

On behalf of the PaddleNSW Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to present for your consideration and adoption the 70th Annual Report of PaddleNSW Inc that covers its activities during the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**Peter Tate** *Chief Executive Officer*



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## 2018/19 PaddleNSW Board of Directors

Chairperson:

**Bob TURNER**



Vice Chair:

**Anjie LEES**

Elected Directors:

**Suzi EDWARDS, Ross FRASER, Tony HYSTEK, Ros LAWRENCE, Kiaran LOMAS,**

**Lynn PARKER and Zachary THOMPSON**

**LIFE MEMBERS:**

This State Sporting Organisation and the former peak bodies of Canoeing in NSW and ACT have awarded 25 Life Memberships since NSW Canoe Association was formed on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1949.

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

**Frank WHITEBROOK\* OAM, Albert HOPKINS\***

**1967 Frank HENRY\***

**1977 Phil COLES OAM AM**

**1978 Graham JOHNSON**

**1979 Helen BROWNLEE AM**

**1980 Bruce MORISON\* OAM**

**1981 Joan MORISON\* OAM**

**1982 Bill SALE\***

**1984 John MARTIN**

**1986 George CLARKE\***

**1990 Jim FULLER\***

**1992 Ray ABRAHALL\***

**1994 Adele MEIER**

**1997 Beverley PALLISTER**

**2003 Graham HALFORD\***

**2005 Peter FLOWERS**

**2016 Jeff COTTRELL, Gaye HATFIELD, Lynn PARKER**

**2018 Tim HOOKINS, Tony HYSTEK**

*Legend – Year when awarded*

*\* indicates deceased Life Member*



## 2018/19 PaddleNSW Office Bearers & Committee Members

Co-Patrons:	<b>NSW Minister for Sport and Helen BROWNLEE AM</b>
Chief Executive Officer:	<b>Peter TATE</b>
Accounts Officer:	<b>Denise ROGERS</b>
Auditor:	<b>Tomas WEISZER</b>
Education & Training	<b>Lynn PARKER (Coordinator), Karen DALLAS, Ian ROYDS,</b>
Committee:	<b>Andy SINGH, Lee WRIGHT</b>
Coaching Coordinator:	<b>Kiaran LOMAS</b>
Waterways Committee:	<b>Lynn PARKER, Jeff COTTRELL</b>

### **PNSW PADDLESPORT COMMITTEES:**

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

Canoe Polo:	<b>Craig HUTCHINSON (Chair), Richard ANDREWS, Richard BARNES, Bob KENDERES, Cathy MILLER, Nathan ROSAGUTI, Louie WU</b>
Freestyle:	<b>Eileen CALLAGHAN (Chair), Josh SINGLETON, Kim KAAR</b>
Harbour Racing:	<b>Tony HYTEK (Chair), Robyn BINGLE, Craig DODD, Nicola FROWEN, Rozanne GREEN, Michael LIEBERMAN, Helen BORROW, Suzie RHYDDERCH, Robert WALKER</b>
Marathon:	<b>Gary RAKE (Chair), Colin CUSSEL, Peter HUGHES, Naomi JOHNSON, Don JOHNSTONE, Bob TURNER</b>
Parapaddle:	<b>Suzi EDWARDS, Anthony BUTT</b>
Sea Kayaking:	<b>Bob TURNER, Rob MERCER</b>
Slalom:	<b>Chris THOMPSON (Chair), Colin BORROWS</b>
Sprint:	<b>Laura WHITE (Chair), Jeff BEERE, Graham MATTS, Jake MICHAEL, Chris MORGAN, John NEWTON, Anne SCHOOLEY, Sally SIMONS, Selena WEBBER</b>
Stand Up:	<b>Kiaran LOMAS (Chair)</b>
Whitewater:	<b>Johannes HENDRIKS (Chair), Will STONE</b>
Wildwater:	<b>Peter McINTYRE (Chair), Garry LEE, Alex McINTYRE, Rob McINTYRE</b>

## 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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## 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.

Membership with PaddleNSW continues to grow, which is very pleasing. There were less participants purchasing single event membership, which added to the impressive 25% growth in full membership. I'm hopeful participants now see value in joining the state peak body for all the benefits we offer, not just one or two events per year. Having said that, we still have a long way to go in engaging with 80,000+ regular paddlers on the marvellous harbours and inland waterways of NSW and ACT.



Category	2016	2017	2018	2019
Full Junior (U18)	116	201	168	233
Full Adult	1172	1209	1280	1578
Single event memberships	298	468	840	668
<b>Total</b>	<b>1586</b>	<b>1878</b>	<b>2288</b>	<b>2479</b>

### Awards & Recognition

At the gala 2018 NSW Annual Sports Awards, World Slalom Champion **Jessica Fox** won the NSW Athlete of the Year Award (pictured here with our Patron, NSW Sports Minister Stuart Ayres) for the second successive year and 3<sup>rd</sup> time in her outstanding career. **Pauline Findlay** was a finalist in the Masters Athlete category.

During an absolutely phenomenal and world-beating year, it would be shorter to list the awards Jess didn't win.



Her success is thoroughly deserved, being such a magnificent athlete and a remarkable ambassador for our sport.

Another event conducted by Sport NSW was the 2019 NSW Community Sports Awards. At Parliament House in June, **Mike Mills-Thom** received a Distinguished Long Service Award, whilst **Christine Duff** was a finalist in the Community Coach of the Year category. Congratulations to all our volunteers for highlighting our sport so significantly on the sport industry's platform.

## Clubs

Our number of financial and affiliated clubs in 2018/19 grew by two, as follows:

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

We welcomed back Illawarra Canoe Club after a year absence, plus new clubs Jervis Bay OCC, Kayak Share Club and Scotts Head Paddlers in the past twelve months, however lost Just Paddlers and Sydney Ocean Paddlers.

My Club Roadshows continue to all corners of the state, and I offer my sincere thanks to each inviting club for the warm hospitality. The PNSW Club Forum was another success for the 46 members and supporters who attended the festivities at the home of River Canoe Club in Tempe. My repeated thanks to RCC 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. I'm always happy to provide 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.





## Financial Report

The PNSW Board reports a surplus for the financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 of \$6,736 (\$7,352 in 2017/18). The organisation remains in a sound and comfortable position to serve our members and paddling across NSW and ACT. The balance sheet as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 indicates total equity in the organisation of \$225,795.

After three consecutive years of deficit it is now pleasing to report a second successive year of minor surplus for our NFP organisation. Once again membership revenue increased, however there may be an imminent down-turn in that revenue stream as PaddleNSW reduces our fees to align with the national strategy.

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.

## PNSW Board of Directors

During 2018/19, the Board met on seven occasions with attendance as follows:

		23/07	27/08	22/10	13/12	11/02	18/03	20/05	Attendance
<b>Bob Turner</b>	<i>Chair</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	a	<b>5</b>
<b>Anjie Lees</b>	<i>Vice Chair</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>7</b>
<b>Suzi Edwards</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>			a	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>4/5</b>
<b>Ross Fraser</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓						<b>2/2</b>
<b>Tony Hystek</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	<b>6</b>
<b>Rosalyn Lawrence</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>5/5</b>
<b>Kiaran Lomas</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	a	a	✓	a	✓	<b>4</b>
<b>Lynn Parker</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓						<b>2/2</b>
<b>Zac Thompson</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	a	✓	✓	a	✓	a	✓	<b>4</b>

“a” indicates apology.

Lynn and Ross both stood down at the AGM, at which time Suzi and Ros were elected to the Board on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Special presentations were made to Lynn and Ross recognising their outstanding contribution to our sport and to PaddleNSW over an extended period of time.

I take this opportunity to thank each and every Director for contributing their time and effort on behalf of the Members. All have served the membership with the utmost of integrity and the greatest of passion.

## Towards the Future

The Board and sub-committees are constantly improving our paddling environment and opportunities. Some short and longer-term projects include:

- More opportunities for female coaches and instructors – we are reimbursing the training & accreditation expenses for 30+ women in 2020.
- With Paddle Australia and all states, ensuring the sustainability and vitality of the PaddleSafe App and Waterways Guide. Our enormous gratitude is extended to **Lynn Parker** and **Jeff Cottrell** who continue to

guide and drive our internationally-acclaimed recreational resources. We also thank Paddle WA for contributing maintenance funding each year and our interstate colleagues for supporting the resource with input of data.

- Introduction of rolling membership (in tandem with our affiliated clubs by their choice) so we capture interested paddlers as they hit the water.
- Working with PA towards a better and user-friendly digital strategy. GoMembership will ease the administrative burden for so many of our volunteer club office-bearers.
- Ensuring all our clubs are compliant with WWC checks and verification.
- Launching our new and improved PaddleNSW website after migration to the PA platform.
- PaddleNSW is linking with like-minded water-sport SSOs (eg Dragon Boats; Outriggers; SLS; Rowing; Sailing; Surfing) 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 and clubs have been requested to supply their wish-list to PaddleNSW for ranking with NSW Sport & Recreation.
- We will continue to negotiate reciprocal arrangements with some of those above-mentioned SSOs to enable their members to enter our events under their own insurance coverage without further event cost to the participant, and vice versa. Such agreement has recently been finalised with Surfing NSW for their SUP members.



## Appreciation & Acknowledgments

- We are blessed with tremendous depth of volunteerism throughout NSW-ACT. All the **Paddlesport Committees** have performed with a high level of passion, professionalism and dedication. Our gratitude is extended to each organising committee, host club and all the volunteers for conducting outstanding events in the past twelve months, including State and National Championships. It is with sadness we report the passing of former PNSW Harbour Racing Chairperson Tom Jones.
- Thanks 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, and **Kiaran Lomas** (State Coaching Coordinator) oversees our coaching activity.
- **Bob Turner** and all the **Board Directors** have been inspirational. Bob leads by example and is always willing to assist all our paddlesports. Your efforts are greatly appreciated Bob.
- Event Coordinator **Tony Hystek**, **Bob Turner** and all our magnificent volunteers continually produce an outstanding **Myall Classic** - our organisation's iconic showpiece
- My thanks to **Anjie Lees** and **Adrian Gilchrist** who have been looking after the e-newsletters distributed to 5,600+ paddling enthusiasts.





- Each year PaddleNSW features at the Sydney International Boat Show. Tremendous effort once again by **Lynn Parker** supervising our stand, and on duty all five days with the CEO. Other wonderful support from **Bob Turner, Anjie Lees, Tony Hystek, Simon Wilkes, Roddy Kerr, Lesley Duke Chen, Amit Hergass, Adrian Clayton, Lee Wright, Mark Fuller, Rozanne Green, Isla and Erin** who volunteered on behalf of our clubs and our lifestyle. We thank **Neil Patchett** and all the staff at the **Centre for Maritime Safety** for hosting our FOC stand within the Safety Precinct. Their generosity and support at the Boat

Show and Forums is greatly appreciated.

- PNSW Safety Committee (led by **Tony Hystek**) continues to liaise closely with NSW Maritime on all safety matters including lifejacket legislation.
- Our loyal sponsors and supporters have each contributed strongly to our sport. I specifically acknowledge local authorities **Clarence Valley Council, MidCoast Council, City of Parramatta Council** and **Penrith City Council**.
- We 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.
- Thanks to **Western Sydney University** and intern **Nadine Rabaa** who assisted with adaptive paddling programs and club surveys.
- 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. In 2019 we also received two grants from **NSW Office of Sport** - \$14,600 for statewide training of female coaches and instructors; and \$7,700 for major event infrastructure.
- 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 REPORT

It is wonderful to report that so many people participated in PaddleNSW Courses this year. Some registered in the advertised courses however most came from courses requested by scouts, schools or related organisations. The recent grant to increase women in leadership roles has seen an increase in women participating in courses.

In early spring 2018, twelve scouts and whitewater club paddlers completed Whitewater Rescue training on the Murrumbidgee River at the Cotter. 7 continued through to receive PA Rescue 2 Awards.

In May 2019, fourteen participants prepared for the WA Avon Descent, gaining whitewater skills and rescue experience on the Barrington river and then taking on the harder water at Penrith Whitewater Stadium. Four received PA Rescue 2 Awards.

Two paddlers completed Sea Guide Awards and two completed whitewater instructor Awards through the recognition of current competencies.

Over three weekends, twenty three “adventure” volunteers completed whitewater skills and safety awareness training on the Murrumbidgee for the Upper Murrumbidgee Demonstration Reach group. These volunteers carry out environmental weeding and bush regeneration using rafts and inflatable kayaks.



Eight flat water leadership training courses for more than thirty participants were carried out during the year. They were conducted at Lake Parramatta, Dunns Swamp, Coffs Harbour and Cowra. Most were for school teachers who run kayaking as a school activity, a few from Clubs and a few who wished to work as guides in the Industry. Some carried out extensions to work on moving water and overnight camps. Twelve followed through to complete assessments and receive Paddle Australia Awards.

The PaddleNSW whitewater skills weekends at Childowlah were coordinated by Steven Molino and the River Canoe Club. They have become so popular the last course attracted 70 participants. You can imagine the work that goes into sorting Instructors, trainee instructors and groups of beginners within effective and safe ratios for whitewater. Then see the disappointment when the weekend was cancelled due to lack of water - a common scenario for not only whitewater paddlers but for our farmers. At least the skills weekend before Xmas was a great success.

Thanks are extended to Ian Royds, Mark Hammer, Scott Williams and Karen Dallas who conducted the training and assessments throughout the year. All Assessors, Instructors and Guides must maintain their own currency and renew their awards every three years. This is a personal expense which PaddleNSW acknowledges and is grateful. Thanks also to Lee Wright and Bronwyn Powell for their work on the Education Committee

Thanks to Mark Thurgood, Coordinator of the Education Section of Paddle Australia for upgrading the Australian Qualifications System. It will be completely electronic by the end of the year, enabling Course registrations, delivery resources and management of results and Awards. The system is supported by mobile applications for paddlers to update logbooks, and instructors to record assessments in the field. We look forward to the next



phase where the registration system aligns to PA/PaddleNSW new membership registration system saving data entry time for both members and State administrators.

An experienced paddler should be aware of the danger on water and every new member to the organisation will sign a waiver form acknowledging that paddling can be a dangerous activity. Recent incidents have occurred, one paddler cleaned up by a speed boat (fortunately no injuries were sustained) and another suffered from a pre existing condition but which was triggered by cold water immersion. Incidents need to be reported up, and collated by PA for appropriate action.

PaddleNSW and Club organisers, Guides and instructors carry out risk assessments and emergency management plans for every activity conducted. Preparation and planning for a participants safety on the water is not always evident to the participant. We should do better in communicating the infrastructure behind every activity; from PA, PaddleNSW, Board members, Executive Officers, Club Administrators and leaders. We also need to remind each and every paddler to continuously seek information for assessing their own ability and that the final decision for safety if not theirs, they need to be respectful of others in authority. Even when I personally have experienced the greatest loss in a paddling accident, it has not diminished our love of the sport, friendships made and the value we place on education.

Facebook pages could be better used for reporting and learning from the near misses as well as the achievements and good times enjoyed. I urge you to 'like' the PaddleNSW Education Facebook page or the Paddlers Waterways Guide Facebook page and make it your page for sharing information in the future. Send a message if you can't get it to work!!

Paddle Australia is currently considering the position of the Waterways Guide and Paddle Safe App as a truly national resource for recreational paddlers. We look forward to the next phase.

***Lynn Parker***  
***Education and Training Coordinator***



## COACHING REPORT

Paddle Australia is implementing a new structure based on the National Athlete Pathway Framework for the development of athletes and subsequently the coaches required to support the athletes. At the starting level is the Paddle OZ for introducing youth to paddling, the Instructors Courses and then the Coaching Courses. The Four key levels and the target groups are:

1. Foundation – Focus on the development of an active lifestyle and introduction to the sport.
2. Talent – Targets the identification of up and coming talent verifying their ability and developing them to the next level of competition.
3. Elite – Encapsulates high level representation and success in the elite level of competition both Nationally and internationally.
4. Mastery – focus's on sustaining success at the elite level as part of National Teams.



The pathway starts at the foundation level and two foundation courses were run in the last 12 months resulting with a number of new coaches within the NSW. But we need more coaches. A successful initiative, led by Anjie Lee, through the Board sought funding to support the development of female coaches and instructors within NSW across a number of paddling disciplines. Coaching courses will be before Christmas to support this initiative but will be open to any paddlers interested in becoming coaches, although priority will be given to those who were successful in receiving the grant.

To further assist the development of foundation level coaches, Paddle Australia is developing an online course for the theory for the Foundation Level Coaching Course. Gaining this coaching qualification will become much more accessible, and most clubs should be able to have a number of members who are qualified as coaches. This includes clubs who have had difficulty in attending courses due to living remotely to the paddling centres. This program is supported by a number of applications through the Paddle Australia Website, such as the Paddle Log which will allow coaches to seamlessly record coaching hours for recertification when required. This program is likely to be available in the new year.

Finally, whilst talking about developing new coaches we must also acknowledge coaches who spent a lot of their time developing their craft over the years. For those who were not aware, Terry Prosser who has been coaching for over 40 years received mention in the Queens Birthday Honours list receiving a Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to canoeing. When Terry started coaching there was no courses being conducted in NSW so he had to go to Victoria to learn his skills. He has been successful as a coach, with some of his athletes competing at the pinnacle of the sport. He has also spent time developing other coaches and is a great asset to Kayaking in NSW. PaddleNSW extends their congratulations to Terry appreciate his efforts to develop this sport.

**Kiaran Lomas**  
**PNSW Coaching Coordinator**

## PADDLESPORT REPORTS

### FREESTYLE

Yet another eventful year for Freestyle with huge achievements which should be recognised

Our season began September 2018 with our usual training at PWS

November saw us with our first long awaited Judge's training weekend in November 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2018



This was crucial to our run up for our extremely successful participation Sydney International Whitewater festival in February which was also our Nationals and Australian Team Selection event.

In February 2019 for the first time Australia held a combined Oceania and Australian open Whitewater Festival.



Aptly named "Paddle Down Under" "It was the first for our Canoe Freestyle discipline, with the event drew a high-calibre international field to Australian shores.

It was also the first time that the best Olympic slalom athletes and a stellar line-up of World Champions and Guinness World Record holders competed alongside each other at the action packed, Sydney International Whitewater Festival, held at Penrith White Water Stadium, showcasing the exciting disciplines of Canoe Slalom, Wildwater and Freestyle, Freestyle adding an extra spectator thrill to the event.

The Freestyle event started on the first weekend of the festival with the Australian Open and the final was indeed exciting to watch with competitors from USA, Netherlands, Japan, New Zealand and of course Australia, former junior World Champion Sage Donnelly team USA taking home Gold, Martina Wegman NED taking Silver, Suematso Yoshiko Japans World Cup Champion on the podium for Bronze with Sue Robb AUS 4<sup>th</sup> and Em Scott from NZ in 5<sup>th</sup> place. The Men's division was a closely fought contest with an all Aussie Podium, Jack Newland VIC, Christian Hliounakis NSW, both juniors taking Gold and Silver, and Josh Singleton NSW K1 senior taking the Bronze. Closely followed by Tad Dennis USA and Matt Hansen NZ.



## Results 2019 Australian Open



Australian Open 2019

**Penrith**

Australia



<b>Finals</b> <b>Mens K1 Freestyle</b> <b>Results</b>									
Penrith Whitewater Stadium									
Start Order	Bib No.	Name	Country	Club	Ride 1	Ride 2	Ride 3	Total	Result
5	15	Jack Newland	AUS	EMR	270	665	215	665	1
2	14	Christian Hliounakis	AUS	PVC	385	405	370	405	2
4	19	Josh Singleton	AUS	PVC	40	175	385	385	3
3	6	Tad Dennis	USA	Intl	295	325	325	325	4
1	12	Matt Hansen	NZ	Intl	170	105	232.5	232.5	5



Jack Newland AUS Men's K1 Open Gold Medallist



Australian Open 2019

**Penrith**

Australia



<b>Finals</b> <b>Womens K1 Freestyle</b> <b>Results</b>									
Penrith Whitewater Stadium									
Start Order	Bib No.	Name	Country	Club	Ride 1	Ride 2	Ride 3	Total	Result
1	5	Em Scott	NZ	International	95	0	0	95	3rd
2	4	Sue Robb	AUS	PNSW	85	0	0	85	4th
3	3	Dita Pahl	AUS	CPRT	12.5	10	10	12.5	5th
4	2	Yoshiko Suematsu	JPN	International	165	220	212.5	220	2nd
5	1	Sage Donnelly	USA	International	415	345	365	415	1st



Sage Donnelly Open K1 Women Gold Medallist



As the Whitewater Festival Continued into the following weekend in the Oceania event, the excitement also continued with our International Athletes stepping it and taking Gold in both the Women's and Men's categories but it was a thrilling and exciting competition to watch with Christian Hliounakis taking home Silver again proving that our juniors are going to be a force to be reckoned with, Christian was also our Men's Oceania champion. Matt Hansen NZ took home Bronze. Sue Robb winning the Oceania Women's Championship for Australia. Many thanks to all our other competitors from, NSW, Victoria, and Western Australia who helped make this event such a huge success and not forgetting all our juniors who I am sure will make it to the podium next year.



### Women's Open K1

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Sage Donnelly (USA) – 390 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Martina Wegman (NED) – 165 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Yoshiko Suematsu (JPN) – 120 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Sue Robb (AUS) – 60 points (Oceania Champion)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Em Scott (NZL) – 10 points

### Men's Open K1

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Tad Dennis (USA) – 580 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christian Hliounakis (AUS) – 565 points (Oceania Champion)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Matt Hansen (NZ) – 280 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Luke Carter (AUS) – 165 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Richard Cass



Tad Dennis USA taking the Gold



Sage Donnelly USA makes it double Gold

The year continued with the Freestyle Team travelling to Sort Spain for the 2019 ICF Freestyle Kayak World Championships, the Whitewater Festival proved to be fantastic preview as our Juniors managed break the drought and bring home a Bronze Medal for Australia.



*Jack Newland Bronze for Australia 2019 ICF Freestyle Kayak World Championships Sort*



*Gary Finlay coach and team selector congratulates Jack on his Bronze Medal Placement*



*"We currently have one of the best junior men's field that Australia has ever produced. Penrith local **Christian Hliounakis** and Geelong's **Jack Newland**, both went on do well in the World Championships in Sort. Jack taking home a Bronze Medal for Australia and Christian only just missing out on a final place by 1 spot coming 11<sup>th</sup> in the World Australia's freestyle future is looking bright and it will be the up and coming talent who will be the ones to watch.. " (Jez Jezz Australian Captain and head coach 2019)*

A small sample of memories in pictures below but for those that would like to see more of Jack and our Aussies live in action feel free to copy and paste links below they truly are exciting to watch.

[https://www.facebook.com/FreestyleKayakAustralia/?epa=SEARCH\\_BOX](https://www.facebook.com/FreestyleKayakAustralia/?epa=SEARCH_BOX)

<https://paddle.org.au/2019/07/06/jack-newland-writes-australian-canoe-freestyle-history/>

For more action shots of Sydney Festival and Nationals copy and paste link below

<https://www.facebook.com/FreestyleKayakAustralia/photos/pb.140092269487422.-2207520000.1566126307./1121354341361205/?type=3&theater>





As we look forward to the start of another busy season in September 2019, the Freestyle Technical Committee's would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people and 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 2019 world championships
- **Nepean Aquatic Centre**, for allowing us the use of their heated pool for training Friday nights each Winter
- **Team Manager, Lorna Hliounakis** for managing what has arguably been one of our most successful tours in some years
- **Lawrence and Christopher Creed, John Ward**, for some spectacular team photos and video's on and off tour
- **Paddle NSW, Paddle Australia, volunteers and parents** – for their continued help and support

And finally, as I step down but not away, from my role as Chair of Freestyle ( *I will stay on as a committee member*). Freestyle PaddleNSW is now in the very capable hands our coach, and athlete Josh Singleton his mug shot is below.



Introducing our New PaddleNSW Chair Canoe Freestyle Josh Singleton

**Eileen Callaghan**  
**Freestyle Kayak Committee**

## HARBOUR RACING

The 2018 PNSW Harbour Racing series was conducted by a small but active committee chaired by Tom Jones, with committee members Rozanne Green (treasurer), Suzie Rhydderch (secretary) and Mike Lieberman (everything else!).

They co-ordinated a 6-race series with great success, and substantial entry numbers, especially for the final race of the series.

Tom's passing while paddling with his beloved Shark Island Paddlers was a shock for all, and his presence was sadly missed throughout the series.

The 2019 series was contested over 7 rounds, with a new committee comprising one representative from each host club, plus continuing independent members Suzie Rhydderch and Rozanne Green. There were several changes to management procedures including the new committee membership requirements, teleconference committee meetings, a more streamlined event reconciliation process, a special photographers award, great race reports by competitors and some changes to race procedures.

Suzie engaged several sponsors to support the series with lucky draw prizes at each round. The value of the prize pool over the series was in excess of \$10,000. We thank our naming rights sponsor Carbonology Sport for the donation of a new ski drawn at the Lion Island event, plus Series sponsors Allwave/GTG Living Water, Prokayaks, Vaikobi, Nordic Kayak, Azur Oceanwear. Each contributed prizes worth \$1000 over the season. And Banksia Arborcare created a special prize for most improved female series paddler presented at the Series Finale.

The 2019 Series was increased to 7x races, with MWKC hosting both the Pittwater Classic as the first event, and the Stroke the Lion event as the proposed finale.

The weather gods wreaked havoc though, and the BWP Brisbane Waters Open had to be rescheduled as the last event of the series when the wind forecast rose above acceptable levels. The decision to postpone was generally accepted well by all paddlers.

The series finally ran as:

Race 1: Pittwater Classic, hosted by MWKC

Race 2: Botany Bay Challenge hoisted by Dolls Point Paddlers

Race 3: Scotland Island Showdown hoisted by Pittwater Paddlers

Race 4: Hacking Classic hosted by CSKC

Race 5: Iron Cockatoo hosted by Pacific Dragons

Race 6: Stroke the Lion, hosted by MWKC

Race 7: Brisbane Waters Open and awards luncheon, hosted by BWP.





There was some outstanding competition throughout the series, especially in both singles categories in the long course.

Georgia Sinclair and Carla Papac were neck and neck when they raced, with only seconds separating them and Montannah Murray in most rounds. Georgia took the series trophy win ahead of Montannah in second and Carla, who needed to complete more races to fight for second spot in the series

Likewise, photo finishes were the order of the day in the men's singles. Jamie McCrudden and Luke Eltham fought for top spot with Cade Barnes occasionally upsetting the applecart with a win. Racing was close and hard fought every round.

Other special performances were from series sponsor Brett Greenwood and Committee member Rozanne Green, who both scored maximum points for the series, and young paddler Jacque Grimes delighted to take the most improved female paddler award with 5 rounds contested and improved performances throughout the series.

Out thanks go to the series host clubs, committee members and paddlers who supported the series. Also to Leisel Tesch, local member for Central Coast, who presented the series awards at the Davistown celebration lunch. The PaddleNSW Harbour Series is a great way to start open water racing in a safe environment and amongst friendly competition.

The 2020 racing calendar has been planned well in advance, with much better coordination of race dates between all PNSW racing series. New initiatives planned for the coming year include chip timing and more media exposure to take our sport to the mainstream media.

This snippet from Luke Eltham shows just such great media exposure.

[https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2019/08/09/eltham-in-form-for-spit-to-zoo/?fbclid=IwAR034O0qEOOxqA2Ku\\_E2RZtzOVSePmOXYKMHSC8ZWWh4rc41n7CU37BZ4eBg](https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2019/08/09/eltham-in-form-for-spit-to-zoo/?fbclid=IwAR034O0qEOOxqA2Ku_E2RZtzOVSePmOXYKMHSC8ZWWh4rc41n7CU37BZ4eBg)

Full race reports , photos and series pointscores can be found on the PaddleNSW Harbour Racing results page

<https://paddlensw.org.au/upcoming-event/2019-series-info/harbour-series-results>

**Tony Hystek**  
**Chair, PNSW harbour Racing Committee**



## MARATHON

2019 is my third and final year as Chair of the Paddle NSW Marathon Committee. Before reporting on the immediate past year, I would like to record a few reflections from the three-year period.

When I was asked to take on the role, or stepped on a trap carefully laid by Bob Turner, I thought long and hard about what I would like to contribute as Chair. I settled on an ambition to ensure we had a safe and inclusive series, one that kept existing paddlers happy, attracted new people to participate and gave all paddlers a chance to develop their marathon paddling in as many ways as they wished. I reduced this to four key objectives:

1. Retain existing paddlers
2. Attract new paddlers
3. Provide opportunities for paddler development
4. Support our clubs, our state body (Paddle NSW) and our national body (then Australian Canoeing, now Paddle Australia).

The basic plan for meeting these objectives is based on thinking about the series as a giant water funnel...with different layers or filters. Recreation paddlers at the top, then event participants, then down to marathon series paddlers, then state championships participants, then national championships participants, each lower level a subset of the larger group above, and finally the world championship participants dripping out the bottom of the funnel. If we fill the top of the funnel with as many paddlers as possible, we should be able make changes and introduce new measures to get more flowing into each level below.

This is not to say there is over-enthusiastic focus on national and world championships – but they certainly represent one of the observable outcomes of paddler development (objective number 3). Clearly, ‘filling the funnel’ will work best when we are achieving objectives 1 and 2 —attracting new paddlers and retaining existing paddlers. And then, finally, objective 4 is met by running successful events, with sustainable financial results and attracting members to clubs and Paddle NSW and helping retain them.

Some of the specific measures the marathon committee has introduced over the past three years include:

1. Increasing the number of divisions in the 10km distance to accommodate a wider range of speeds – promoting inclusion.
2. Altering the promotion/relegation rules to improve fair racing outcomes by reducing the likelihood of promotions/relegations being affected by the vagaries of individual courses and retaining a focus on tighter margins around the median of each division. While no system is perfect, the current median-based approach has markedly reduced complaints about people sandbagging or clock-watching to avoid promotion. This, alone, promotes a greater feeling of fairness in the racing.
3. Bringing forward the start time for Divisions 6 & 7 so paddlers in those division have more time on water with other paddlers around them – particularly towards the end of their race – which has also enabled a faster turn-around time for results at the end of the race, and an earlier getaway for paddlers and volunteers.



4. Reframing the 10km Divisions as a standalone racing distance (some will recall that 10km was previously only available to those who couldn't manage 20km) – following roughly the triathlon 'long course' 'short course' model which allows people to choose the focus of their racing.
5. Trialling several different methods of conducting State Championships with a view to increasing participation at these important events
6. Adjusting the interclub pointscore method so that the top two paddlers from each club in each division could see a reward from their efforts – not just the top four placegetters in each race – promoting competition and a stronger sense of club collective effort.
7. Introducing new rounds with bonus points for paddling doubles craft and for portaging – to encourage paddlers to test themselves with a new skill within the sport that they otherwise might not experience.
8. Encouraging interstate and interdisciplinary crossover by offering points to NSW paddlers who participate in a designated Victorian race and by conducting a Sprint+Marathon Club competition in 2017 (I hope this will make a comeback some time and possibly be joined by a Harbour+Marathon Club competition).
9. Asking paddlers for feedback after each event via a short survey. And yes, we read every comment on every survey. We don't always have an answer to the issues identified but the feedback is shared with host clubs and we've been able to make some improvements based on paddler feedback.
10. Introducing a new, more user-friendly registration system that is integrated with a new results system, and allows for faster, easier race entry, and reduced administration for the marathon committee, and a slicker process for collecting boat numbers on race day.
11. Opening the race briefing with an acknowledgment of country, which laid the groundwork for a more respectful and considerate race environment.



While event numbers have varied through each of the past three years, we have certainly seen increases in the number of juniors at particular rounds, increases in the number of people paddling ICF craft (especially the new generation of more stable K1s), more people participating in our Singles State Championships, a large increase in participation at the Doubles State Championships and a very large PNSW team attending National Championships in Perth.

Other State Marathon committees have asked about our success and we have shared all of our new measures with them. If there are ideas that

could help develop the sport in other places – we are happy to help. We have also sought their ideas and drawn on those to help our own series (for example, we have worked with the Victorian marathon committee on Webscorer development and they have recently undertaken testing on automated timing options that could further reduce the load on our volunteers in coming years).



Overall, there are enough positives in marathon paddling in NSW to leave me with a feeling that we are on roughly the right track. There is always room for improvement, but we're in good shape.

Now, onto the racing over 2018-19...

We closed out the 2018 Marathon Series with the race at Narrabeen in July, at Teralba and Windsor in August, then Davistown in September and finally Burrill Lake in October.

Our overall champion club, winning the Brian Norman Trophy, was Lane Cove River Kayakers. They also won the title of Champion Club at the 2018 State Marathon Championships. Manly Warringah Kayak Club won the ICF Trophy.



For 2019, we announced a Marathon Series of ten core races and two bonus rounds. We had received thirteen expressions of interest from clubs, although three of these were received after the due date. With limited volunteer resources, we decided to award races only to the ten clubs who submitted their expressions of interest on time.

The season opened with one of the bonus rounds – the Frank Harrison Memorial Races at Mitta Mitta Canoe Club in Albury. 20 doubles and 48 singles, a total of 88 paddlers, participated in these races on the Murray River. This event is building in popularity and is great opportunity to paddle on flowing water and alongside paddlers from Victoria.

The first race of our main series was at Burley Griffin Canoe Club and also served as our Paddle NSW Singles Championships. This year we adopted a new format – with championship classes for ICF Boats with Portage, ICF Boats without Portage and Recreation Boats (all other classes). This format aligned to the new format of national championships and proved popular with paddlers. 159 paddlers participated – in 133 singles and 13 doubles.

The series then moved to Sutherland Shire Canoe Club for a race on the Woronora River. Despite challenging conditions with motorised craft on the river, a safe and competitive event was enjoyed by 23 doubles and 114 singles – a total of 160 paddlers.



Central Coast Paddlers hosted round 3 at Tacoma – attracting 147 paddlers in 20 doubles and 107 singles. The deep water of the Wyong River always provides fast racing conditions.

Round 4 saw the second running of a dedicated doubles round at Lane Cove and this time incorporated the Paddle NSW State Doubles Championships. Continuing the popularity of doubles racing in our series, 84 doubles and 52 singles (a total of 220 paddlers) competed in the event.

The marathon series then hit a snag...with late notice



that we would have to cancel the proposed race at Mylestom scheduled for early May 2019.

To compensate, the Batemans Bay Paddle Challenge, initially listed as a bonus round, was brought into the main series as race 5. In a race that started with smooth conditions, then finished with significant wash in the final few kilometres, 158 paddlers in 16 doubles and 126 singles tackled a scenic out and back course on deep clean waters of the Clyde River.



Race 6 of the series was held at Burrill Lake, hosted by Makai Paddlers. The race was held under near perfect water conditions to the great enjoyment of 134 paddlers in 22 doubles and 90 singles.

The final race of the 2018-19 reporting year, race 7 on the Nepean River attracted a Penrith record of 179 paddlers in 28 doubles and 123 singles. The hospitality and beautiful single lap course arranged by Penrith Valley Canoeing made this one of the most popular races of recent years and serves as a great advertisement for our sport.

At the time of writing (September 2019), we have now completed the 2019 season with the final races being held at Davistown (113 paddlers – 20 doubles, 73 singles) in July followed by Windsor (159 paddlers – 20 doubles, 119 singles) and Teralba (117 paddlers – 16 doubles, 85 singles) in August.

We celebrated the end of season with a small function after the Teralba race, including presentation of trophies and announcement of the calendar for the 2020 season – 10 series races, 2 bonus rounds and a new junior series comprising 5 races with the best 4 to count.

The average event participation in 2019 was 155 paddlers – slightly up from an average of 153 in 2018.

The 2019 Brian Norman Trophy went to Burley Griffin Canoe Club and they also won the ICF Trophy by just 1 point from Manly Warringah Kayak Club. MWKC were not left empty handed, winning the State Championship Club Trophy for the best performance across the combination of singles and doubles championships.

As I close my final annual report as Marathon Chair, I must acknowledge that I have been extremely lucky to have dedicated, knowledgeable and hardworking volunteers sharing the load throughout my term.

Don Johnstone is an absolute guru when it comes to quality control, preparation of the race system and management of results, rankings and pointscores. Don undertakes hours of work preparing for each race and finalising the results and rankings after the event. I've seen a few people submit pleadings for an alternative ranking decision after receiving the 'congratulations, you've been promoted' email...but they rarely succeed because Don is so thorough and diligent in his work. The integrity of our series is much higher due to Don's efforts and he deserves all of our thanks and respect.

Bob Turner, despite handing over the reins three years ago, still helps with a multitude of tasks that I would otherwise forget...essentials...like booking the coffee van, paying the webscorer fees (so they don't cut our licence off) and ordering the end of season trophies. And this is on top of the work he does as Paddle NSW Chair, for other PNSW disciplines and for Paddle Australia.

Naomi Johnson joined the committee in 2018 and has made a very positive difference to the way we communicate with paddlers – improving the quantity and quality of information on the PNSW website and through social media. Naomi also lead the NSW team at the 2019 National Championships, helping our junior and masters paddlers before competing in her own race in the Open Women Singles and Doubles - where she was successful enough to be selected with Laura Lee, another NSW paddler, to represent Australia at the world championships in China in October 2019.

Peter Hughes, from Windsor Paddle Sports Club, put his hand up this year to take over as Chair for 2020 and has been active in helping us through the second half of this year. Peter oversaw the development of the 2020 race calendar and brings a range of new ideas such as the new junior pointscore series.

Without the efforts of all of these people, we simply would not have a marathon series. But with their skills and ideas, we have been able to keep updating and improving the series.

**Gary Rake**

**Chair—Marathon Committee**



## SPRINT

There has been much growth within the Sprint Committee this past year with new members from Sydney Northern Beaches and Salty paddlers joining the committee which now means our four key clubs are included in planning at a State level, to best represent our members' interest. Laura White (Chair), Graham Matts (MWKC), & Jeff Beere (Avoca / Lane Cove) have been joined by Sally Simons, Selena Weber & Anne Schooley (SNBKC) and John Newton & Chris Morgan (Salty Paddlers)

This is a great step forward for the State and the impact of additional hands has made a big difference already. Growing the committee was identified as part of the Strategic Planning that the committee undertook last year, alongside some key coaches & members and which is helping drive our focus for the activities that we can and will focus on.

As we head into the 2019/2020 season, our members from Avoca have stepped up to take on the responsibilities of organising the SprintSeries and so far are doing a great job, helping to relieve the pressure and responsibilities that were sitting with too few people.

Other changes made this year included a big decision to hold a separate Masters Championship, which will be held in the later part of the year. This may be a small event to begin with, but we hope it grows in to an event that our masters can be proud of. This came about as a result of the feedback we'd received directly from our Masters athletes who felt the event in January was too focused on the High Performance aspect, which in the middle of the national domestic season, it certainly does have that focus – it's a tough gig catering for all levels!

Our State Championships continue to be well supported by both NSW and interstate athletes and NSW can boast of having the largest State Champs across Australia, running over two days. The competition is always fierce, weather hot and results unexpected!

During a lunch time break we introduced the Duck Duck Flamingo race where Seniors & Juniors combined for a doubles event to race giant inflatables after a single athlete on the much smaller flamingo! Lots of fun, hilarity & varying styles of team work were on display!

In another really exciting development our Senior NSW athletes presented the medals over the weekend, much to the excitement of our younger athletes. This recognition and awareness between our generations is priceless!



In addition to our medal ceremonies, we introduced three new perpetual trophies this year. Each trophy has been named after members of our NSW community who have made a significant contribution to our sport over the years. We name these trophies in their honour to recognise and remember their impact to our sport.

### **The Morison Memorial Cup**

In honour of Bruce and Joan Morison who were founding members of PaddleNSW (then NSW Canoeing) and Sutherland Shire Canoe Club. For more than 60 years, they paddled the waterways of NSW across many disciplines and were stalwart supporters of sprinting, both achieving International Official status as well. Bruce and Joan passed away in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

*Bruce & Joan*



### The Trouville Memorial Cup

In honour of Brian Trouville who was a founding member of Southside Paddlers, one of NSW Canoeing's first office bearers, an athlete, coach and was instrumental in instigating the High Performance program that continues today. Brian passed away in 2016 after a long battle with cancer.



### The James Memorial Cup

In honour of David James who was a life member at Manly Warringah Kayak Club, a keen coach who taught many of our Juniors over the years and an official for many years. David passed away in 2017, sadly on the weekend of our State Championships.

Congratulations to our inaugural award winners

#### Sydney Northern Beaches Kayak Club

Morison Memorial Cup - State Sprint Club Champions

#### Nicci Vesely (SNBKC)

Trouville Memorial Cup - Overall Sprint Junior Champion - Female

#### Eli Newton (The Salty Paddlers)

James Memorial Cup - Overall Sprint Junior Champion - Male

NSW continues to be a dominate force at a national level with many of our athletes making National teams and

NSW is in fact represented on every single team which proves the depth of the talent we have here.

*David*

The 2019/2020 season will be hectic for teams selection as it's not just National Team son the line, but Olympic & Paralympic qualification on the line. The teams head to Szeged in August to commence the first round of Qualifications during the World Championships to qualify quote places for Australia and then they have to race off during our domestic season to be the athletes who get to take those places!





Tensions and nerves will be high and we wish our athletes and team every success as the Olympic / Paralympic Campaigns really get underway.

The NSW Coaches are engaging and operating really well together, pooling together with the assistance of the Committee, to procure some mini-boats which will be stored and maintained by NSWIS. These boats will be used predominately for come & try days and club programs to get people started ahead of buying boats and we expect to introduce this as a class at next year's State Championships to encourage younger participants to attend.

For me this will be my last season as Chair of the Sprint Committee as it is time for me to step down after 6 years. Over this time the committee members, clubs, coaches, officials & volunteers have achieved so much and I am so proud to have been able to lead this collective team/family during this time. There are many people to thank, but two in particular are Graham Matts who has served alongside me the entire time and Jeff Beere, almost just as long. Their unwavering support over this time has helped us lead the State to where it sits now.

I will leave the committee, believing I've left behind a solid legacy and foundations for the next committee & chair to take and run with! I wish them all the very best and I'm excited to be able to turn my attention to the development of Volunteers & Officials, which is my remit on the National Sprint Committee.

**Laura White**  
**PNSW Sprint Committee Chair**



## WHITEWATER

2018 was a busy year for the White water committee. As well as organising the annual race, time was spent gathering support for a proposal to be put to Snowy Hydro to try and achieve a guaranteed recreational release on the Mungah section of the snow river that would align with the race. This would be in a similar vein to many other recreational hydro releases around the world including a few in Tasmania.

In 2018, the third annual Snowy River Extreme Race was held on the October long weekend. With the second Australian white water grand prix taking place, and many kayakers travelling to Tasmania so as to compete in the whole series. The lead up to the 2018 Snowy River Extreme Race was a very anxious time for organisers this year. Unseasonably low snow melt and runoff into Guthega dam meant that there was limited water being released from Mungah power station. A lack of information from Snowy Hydro about their planned release schedule kept us on our toes.

After a late start (the water did not start releasing till 11am), the race went off without a hitch. In total the race had over 204 competitors, competing in team time trials with craft less than 9ft, split between three categories; Expert, Intermediate, and Inflatable. This year saw the addition of a women's division to the Intermediate and Expert races. 11 Women's teams took part in the intermediate and 3 in the Expert. 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 Open

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phillip Gibbons and Ben Hankinson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> David Lemmen and Alex McIntyre
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Robin Bell and Craig Chivers

### Expert Women's

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Herring and Kate Dyachuk
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jemma Rose and Larissa Napora
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Anna Jones and Bea Yates

### Intermediate Open

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sebastian Young and Clayton Young
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Leigh Redding and Tim Kenyon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cameron Bolding and Greg Matheson

### Intermediate Women's

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jen Rees and Amy Rella
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kirra Solterbeck and Sarah Cumming
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Charlotte Geer and Sara Tacconelli

### Inflatable

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Nichol and Mathew Renshaw
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sean Tank and Bruce Baxter
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Angus Corbet and Danilo Gonzales





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 we are hoping to come to an agreement with Snowy Hydro so that we can be better informed about the water release schedule and that they may consider the race in their plans. We are also hoping through cooperation with National Parks to have a permanent track put in to the top of the river section, this would be a great year-round addition for the local kayaking community.



## WILDWATER

While Wildwater Racing has relatively small participation numbers in NSW the sport as a whole seems to be growing in a number of other States.

While our NSW paddlers may be a small contingent they have performed extremely well over the last 12 months.

At the last senior World Championships in Switzerland our 2 senior paddlers Robert and Alex McIntyre had outstanding performances with Robert finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the open men's K1 sprint final being Australia's best ever result in the sprint format. In the Sprint Teams race Robert was joined by brother Alex and VIC paddler Kaylen Bassett who is now based at Penrith and they finished 4<sup>th</sup> which again was a best ever result for an Australian Sprint team.

At last year's National Championships Robert won his 8<sup>th</sup> national sprint title which was now 7 in a row again setting a new record of performance on the domestic front.

In May there was an ECA cup sprint race in Spain at the venue for this World Wildwater Championships to be held in September and Alex McIntyre attended and successfully made the final of 15 paddlers finishing 11<sup>th</sup>. In the World Cup Sprint race the next weekend in France Alex missed the final by one place but still finished an admirable 16<sup>th</sup> overall.

In the Junior ranks we had an up and coming paddler in Josh Lee from the far North Coast who paddled well at Nationals as a 16 year old and was successful in making the Australia Junior team in K1. Josh recently toured and competed at the Junior World Wildwater Championships in Bosnia and

Herzegovina. Josh shows a lot of promise and gained invaluable experience competing against other Junior paddlers who were up to 2 years older than him so we look forward to seeing Josh grow in the sport and hopefully compete at the next Junior World Championships in 2 years' time when he is at the top end of the age category and pushing for finals positions.

The next National Wildwater Championships will be organised and run by NSW in mid-December this year on the Mitta Mitta River which is just across the border in VIC near Albury Wodonga so we look forward to a good turnout of paddlers from all over the country.

**Peter McIntyre**  
**NSW Wildwater Chair**



## CLUB REPORTS

### Avoca Kayak Club

#### Overview

AKC has had a great year and continues to develop as a club with current members at 51, with new members joining routinely from around the Central Coast and Lake Macquarie area. We have been running regular beginner groups from 14 years and up and have had our first beginner group for younger paddlers in the new torpedo boats.

Our head coach, Scott Cunningham and other coaches Paul Hutchinson and Rob Armstrong have been working hard with a regular group of paddlers, with an intensive training programme, on and off the water. We have also, throughout the winter months, had a Pilates instructor run a group class once per week, which has also been well attended.

Our paddlers continue to achieve great results with some being successfully selected to teams – Asia Pacific, Under 23 World Championships, Senior World Championships, Paracanoe World Championships and World Wild Water Championships. However due to the conflict of events between Surf Lifesaving NSW and Paddle Australia last year some of our junior paddlers were not able to attend sprint events.

We continue to invest in our young people and other members through purchasing 2 K4s, 6 torpedoes and to support our competitors through paying for transport of kayaks to Adelaide and Perth over this last year.

#### Events

We had another great **AGM and presentation dinner** at the Avoca Beach Surf club with trophies presented by local member Adam Crouch and club sponsor Garth Hunter from Raine and Horne, Avoca Beach.

We held another successful **Sprint Series** at Avoca Beach lake in August 2018. It was great to have so many paddlers come up from Sydney to race and have fun together. Our cake stall and BBQ were well received and were additional fundraisers for our club. We had so many volunteers for this event which is fantastic.



Great Crowd, AGM



Stretching out—Sprint Series

#### Come and try session for people living with disabilities

AKC held it's first **come and try session** for people with disabilities on a very wild rainy day in March '19. We had three para-canoeists AJ, Dylan and Sam give some very inspirational talks to the group and then everyone got to try an ergo indoors. We then transferred to the lake in Avoca where everyone got to try a kayak, supported by our fantastic club members, Suzi Edwards and Nigel Gregory from Narabeen and Guy Power -Paracanoe coach.





This ongoing programme was made possible by Central Coast Council and Paddle Australia. We will collaborate in the future to develop more opportunities for people with disabilities in this region, so watch this space.

**Storage facility/ club house:**

Avoca Kayak Club and Avoca Rugby Club, in a collaborative venture, have been successful in obtaining a State government and Central Coast council grant to build a kayak storage facility with toilet and changing amenities in Heazlett Park, Avoca Beach. This is currently in construction and will hopefully be completed by the end of October 2019. We are very excited about this development as we have been without any storage facilities since the club's inception in 2014.



**Summary:**

AKC continues to develop as a family and all-inclusive club with some very dedicated members continuing to drive AKC forward into the future. We are very proud of all our members racing both domestically and internationally. AKC has been lucky to be supported by our local community and state and local government to fund paracanoeing paddling programmes and financing building of a storage facility and amenities block. We are proud of our members achievements to date and hope to continue to expand and develop AKC into the future.

***The Committee***



## Big River Canoe Club

2018/2019 was a great year for BRCC.



The most significant change was making use of the new whitewater venue at Hanging Rock on the Mann River. This venue has proven popular with local and visiting paddlers with reliable, warm water, nice rapids and great camping right beside the course. Although the northern whitewater paddlers still pine for the former Nymboida Canoe Centre course (following closure of the power station), Hanging Rock has given the local paddlers a consistent venue to build their skills. It also provides one of the best and most accessible wildwater racing courses in NNSW.

Other highlights included:

- Winning the point score trophy for a 'club with less than ten paddlers' at the Slalom Nationals in Eildon, Victoria.
- Assisting CHS in hosting the Regional and NSW State Schools Slalom and Wildwater Championships at Hanging Rock (whitewater) and on the Clarence River (flatwater). The state championships attracted sixty paddlers from around the state showing a steady increase in participation over the last few years. BRCC members Declan Ellis, Miranda Pulkkinen and Callie Ellis took out the overall points score for the men's and women's' events and Casino High took out the overall point score for the winning school.
- Hosting the first Northern Zone Slalom and Wildwater event in at least five years at Hanging Rock. The event proved popular for the kids (as usual) and encouraged some of the adult paddlers who had slacked off after the closure of Goolang Creek to dust off their gear and get amongst it too!
- Hosting two beginners and training weekends with about 50 paddlers participating in each one. It was great to see so many new paddles and families getting involved.
- Again hosting the Clarence 100. Nearly 50 boats took to the water for each of the three stages. The flowing water made for some interesting paddling on day 1 along with some very fast times that will be very hard to beat in the future.

The next twelve months are looking great too with a similar line up of events scheduled. Any other clubs interested in joining us should definitely get in touch.

**Brian Cork**  
**Secretary**





## Brisbane Water Paddlers

The Brisbane Water Paddlers club (BWP) which was established in July 2015 is now in its fourth year (2018/19) and has grown to 35 members.

2018/19 has been a year of consolidation with a committee that has continued to develop into a strong and supportive team. I would like to thank our Vice President, Steve Monger, Secretary Mark Porter, Treasurer, Mal Brear, Club Captain, Steve Morrow and committee members Geoff Dawes, Mal Crosland and Karen Schofield.

Over the 2018/19 season a variety of club race formats were held approximately every second Saturday including the Club Championships, the Handicap event and the Three Island Course. Handicap events were also held on each Wednesday evening over the period of daylight saving.

Many thanks to Steve Morrow who has done an outstanding job as Club Captain in running each club event, calculating handicap times and providing us with accurate and prompt results.

Thanks also to the club members who enhance our club races by helping out with the provision of tea/coffee, morning tea and brunch.

In addition to club events. BWP members have also competed in various interclub events, including the Paddle NSW Marathon series, the Myall Classic and the Hawkesbury classic.

On July 14th BWP hosted Round 8 of the 2019 Paddle NSW Marathon series. The event was an outstanding success despite less than favorable conditions. BWP club members worked well together, making sure that the day ran smoothly and that all competitors were able to paddle safely. Thank you Claire Monger, the starter, Lorraine Gaffney for timing, Malcolm Brear the safety officer and Mark Porter the portage and start aligner. Also a big thank you to the boat crews Michael Kerr, Steve Morrow, Paul Bimon, Jim Eldefield, Darren Bragg, and Lachlan Campbell.

In 2019 the Harbor Series Committee offered BWP the opportunity to host their first Harbour series race. Unfortunately, the race was postponed until later in the year due to extremely windy conditions and will now be held on the 27th July 2019. The annual local interclub race against CC paddlers and Hunter Valley will be held on the 31st of August at Davistown.



## Challenges for 2019/2020

Over the past twelve months the committee has been investigating the possibility of building a small storage area on the Davistown waterfront. Various proposals have been submitted to council and are presently being considered, it would be a great

asset to the club if we can acquire the facility, so this project will be ongoing in the 2019/2020 season.

Hopefully 2020 will see a growth in our membership numbers and an increase in the numbers of paddlers representing the club in all the major marathon events.

Thank you to all club members for their enthusiastic participation and support.

**Craig Dodd**  
**President**





## Burley Griffin Canoe Club

2018-2019 was a consolidation year for BGCC. After opening stage 1 & 2 of our new club shed, this year saw the completion of stage 3, with new showers, changerooms and toilets.

On the paddling front, canoe polo continues to be strong, while flatwater paddling has seen an increased interest in the marathon series, with excellent participation and organisation at the Canberra race this year, and strong participation across the season.

We have continued to encourage new paddlers and social paddling with several touring trips this year. We also did a special session for Soldier On, for military service people and their families.

***Russell Murphy***  
***President***





## Central Coast Paddlers

2018/19 has been a stable year for CCP. Membership is similar to previous years, and the PNSW State Series Race was very successful, despite the Caterer “pulling out” a couple of days before! An alternate supplier could not be found, so PaddleNSW was advised, to ensure Paddlers were not inconvenienced. The Coffee Van was very popular!

Our Club Series Races on Wyong River continue to be popular with our own Members, and other Clubs as well - Avoca Kayak Club, Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club especially.

Even the DST Wednesday evening “Time Trials” are continuing through Winter – albeit with an earlier start time.

We were ably represented in the State Marathon Series by Owen Walton, Anne Moore, Heidi Duncan, Mick Carroll, Marg and Rob Cook, and Max Lyons, with Rob McPherson, Paul Carter and myself also “chipping in.”

The Club and the PNSW Marathon Committees have been busy making preparations for the first of the PaddleNSW “Ultra Marathon Series,” to be called the “Wyong River Ultra.”

The Event, over 30km, will have a single lap alternative, with “Place medals” offered for both distances, in U18, Open, 50+ and 70+. A Dragon Boat category will also be offered. A caterer, and a Coffee Van, have been booked, as well as Safety Craft.

The Club Webpage is now maintained by Clive Adams – thanks for taking on the responsibility Clive – and I thank everyone for their assistance with the various tasks to keep the Club running smoothly during the past year, especially the Timekeepers, Diana, Margaret and Michelle.

**Nick Naughton,  
Secretary**



## Far North Coast Canoe Club

It seems like a long time since I sat down to write this report, this time last year, yet no time at all.

Our club seems to have a momentum that comes from nearly 50 years of daily training, weekly paddling, monthly meetings, yearly race events.

The first meeting of the Far North Coast Canoe Club was September 10, 1973. Items on the agenda, in those early years are so similar to the sort of things we deal with now- marathons, training, tours. Only now we have added websites, payment portals, internet banking, workplace issues, government grants.

But the bottom line is the same. Paddling, getting better at paddling, sharing our love of paddling, opportunities to excel at paddling.

### **Membership**

Our membership hovers at around the 50 members – a number that ebbs and flows with the seasons. With the warmer weather we'll get more interest, February sees greater enrolment. Age, injury and the flexibility of people's lives sees attrition.

### **Social**

Our regular paddle time is Saturday morning, when both social paddlers and training racers paddle in one of three directions. After work paddling is enjoyed as well.

This year there have been fewer social tours. The makeup of paddling modalities in the club cycle through racing, marathon, sea-kayaking, day touring. At present the number of rec paddlers is fewer than it has been in past years. However, a popular social paddle is our full moon paddle. Twice a year, usually in summer, when a full moon matches a weekend, we depart on sunset, paddling 3km downstream. At the boat ramp we have supper, then paddle back under the light of the full moon.

### **Junior Whitewater**

I'm writing this in August. The international success of our junior member, Josh Lee occurred in July, after the scope of this report. But I wanted to mention it now because prior because his trip to the world championships in Bulgaria, was preceded by regular training, events and competitions both in white water and sprints here. We are very proud of his success.

We are proud of all our junior members. It is wonderful to see them grow and take on responsibilities within the club.

Mentoring, be it in the form of deliberate coaching or simply being a training buddy is important for all levels of sport..

### **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.





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**

The monthly individual pursuit/time trial has continued to be popular, with a second monthly event being added to this, in conjunction with a few other paddling clubs, around Ballina Island.

Our club is now part of the Pacific Coast Paddle Series that sees our members competing against paddlers from Grafton to Brisbane. This series has evolved from the Northern Marathon Series, and includes a number of Qld clubs. We have between 4-8 paddlers competing regularly. Most are doing very well in their divisions. Our own race was very successful.

### **Infrastructure**

This year we applied for and were granted a government grant to replace the ramp which is our river access near our clubhouse. In a river that regularly floods, and is tidal even 100 river kilometres from the ocean, issues of design and materials have dogged this situation for many years. Our new ramp will add even more user value of our space, with our clubhouse one of our important physical assets, boasting a toilet block, boat and equipment storage for club and private boats and the all-important river access.

### **Conclusion**

Last year the impact of Cyclone Debbie was still being felt. Since then we've not had any sort of flood event. In a town that cut its teeth on annual flooding at least, this prolonged dry weather is a symptom of the drought that other areas are dealing with in a much more serious way.

Winter notwithstanding I feel that we are in a healthy position, with active paddlers, a full boatshed of club equipment and private boats, and an enthusiastic steering committee. The new ramp will make a difference and we've continued to tweak 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.

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**





## Lane Cove River Kayakers

LCRK is a marathon racing club of around 130 members whose core activity is to paddle a Wednesday evening time trial. Members use this to train for marathon racing, as well as keep in shape and enjoy the social aspects of the evening. We are a friendly and inclusive club who enjoy encouraging and supporting each other both on and off the water. In addition to the time trial, most days on the Lane Cove River there is someone to paddle with, both the old guard and the new.

We supply a healthy number of competitors to the PNSW Marathon and Harbour Series events, HCC and Myall Classic. Our members enjoy other disciplines including recreational and sea kayaking, whitewater, canoe polo, ocean racing, ultra-marathon, cycling and adventure racing.

Our members are generous with their time, volunteering at paddle events and supporting paddling events through social media and event photography.

Our female paddlers make up almost one quarter of our membership. We enjoy a core of active female paddlers at our time trials and marathons at all levels. Our club is keen for the Committee makeup to continue to reflect this membership.

### **LCRK Office Holders for 2018-2019**

- Executive Members: President: Alanna Ewin, Vice President: Tracey Hansford, Treasurer: Ian Wrenford, Secretary: Duncan Johnstone
- Extraordinary Members: Louise White, Wade Rowston, Phil Geddes, Oscar Cahill, Richard Yates, John Duffy

### **LCRK PNSW Office Holders for 2018-2019**

PNSW Board Members:

- Anjie Lees
- Tony Hystek: also on the Maritime Rowing Steering Committee Board and RVAG

Paddlesport Committees representation:

- Don Johnstone: Marathon Committee
- Naomi Johnson: Marathon Committee / NSW Team Manager for Marathon Nationals
- Suzie Rhydderch: Harbour Racing Committee
- Tony Hystek: Harbour Racing Chair

### **Wednesday Night Time Trial**

Our Wednesday night Time Trials are a great success, regularly attracting around one third of our members (average 40 boats and 47 paddlers) and guests. Paddlers enjoy practicing technique and gaining skills in race tactics and wash-riding, affording them to be competitive in marathon racing. At the same time they maintain personal fitness, as well as enjoying a social evening with friends after the paddle, at our boatshed Café.



## **Club Boat Fleet**

This year we have acquired an Epic V14 and Vajda Voyager, kindly donated by past club members. We continue to upgrade our small hire fleet to suit our memberships needs and give members experience in different styles of boats.

## **Coaching/ K1 tryout days/deep water re-entry**

Our club coach runs two well attended morning training sessions per week during which paddle technique, fitness and racing skills are honed. A good cross section of our club attends, and all skill levels are catered for. In addition, we have introduced K1 tryout days and deep water re-entry workshops to give paddlers experience in more challenging and rewarding boats, as well as being able to both self-rescue and rescue others who have capsized.

## **Marathon Series**

We had an excellent member turnout at all rounds this season which saw Lane Cove take home the Club Points Championship trophy once again. The LCRK marathon round was nominated as doubles bonus round, including State doubles titles within the usual divisional structure. We had our biggest turnout of participants ever, with 224 paddlers in 85 doubles and 54 singles. Our most successful race all round, to date.



## **Marathon Championships: States, Nationals and Worlds**

In both the singles and doubles States rounds, LCRK fielded a good contingent of competitors again. Several members were selected and competed in the National Championships in Perth, bringing home a few medals for NSW, and being selected to compete for the Australian Team in the World Championships in China.

## **Myall Classic**

Lane Cove volunteers once again played a key part of the Myall Classic success. The great support shown by the club was reflected by the number of paddlers entered of around 39, including regular LCRK guests. LCRK Paddlers took home a swathe of trophies and good placings, many enjoying the race in training for the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic.

## **Hawkesbury Canoe Classic – our signature dish**

As always, a day and night of camaraderie and excitement all round. We fielded 38 paddlers in 29 boats, making up 13% of the entire HCC fleet. This meant we once again took command of the Commonwealth Cup. Many members also volunteering, most notably Roger Deane, playing a pivotal role as always in the success of the race. Notably, the HCC Arrow Trophy was awarded to LCRK members Peter Fitzgerald and the SHockers for the highest fundraising achievement. The team raised \$16,000 adding to their overall tally now of \$230,000 raised.

## **Other paddling events.**

As always, our members complete in many events Australia and world wide, and this year notably the Yukon River Quest, Burley Griffin 24hr race, Murray Marathon, Riverland Paddling Marathon and Avon Descent.



### Future Directions

Next year we're looking at more of the same with the aim to keep our club a social, inclusive and enjoyable club for all members, along with encouraging participation in our time trials, and marathon competition at all levels.

Club boats will continue to be upgraded to meet the needs of members and provide a more modern fleet of boats. We hope that members will give them a good run and use them to get experience at different levels of paddling.

LCRK enjoys an excellent relationship with Willoughby Council, Little Athletics and Norths UTS Athletics with whom we share our boatshed facilities. The masterplan for the expansion of our facilities, developed in conjunction with these bodies, is now gaining traction and will be open for public comment by the end of 2019. It allows for a larger boat storage facility, upgraded amenities, and even the possibility of a shared gym. It's a long term plan so we won't hold our breath, but we are excited about the future for our club at this location, with the possibility of being able to encompass junior paddlers with the new amenities. We already enjoy members bringing their children along and being involved casually in both racing and social events, and hope to see continued increasing junior participation.

**Alanna Ewin**  
**President**





## Manly Warringah Kayak Club

Participation on the water was the key for Manly Warringah Kayak Club in 2018-19.

The club organized the following successful events:

Pittwater Challenge – Harbour series

Stroke The Lion – Harbour Series

PNSW Sprint Series – Narrabeen

MWKC 10,000 m State Challenge

The events attracted solid entries with room to grow in future years. Feedback was positive from competitors.

Members continued to participate in club, state, national and international events with good success bringing home multiple medals. Club Captain Brett Greenwood was awarded the 2018 Marathon Paddler of the Year award. 17 MWKC members ventured to Perth to compete in the National Marathon Championships bringing home all colours of medals. Nine were selected to compete in the Australian team at the World Championships in Shaoxing China later this year.

Participation by juniors grew exponentially under Coach David Hipsley's guidance. Up to 20 juniors regularly participate in the twice-weekly sessions. Two members Villiam Mako and Julie Hewlett gained their coaching certificates to bolster the coaching squad. The junior squad members competed at a number of PNSW marathon and the sprint event during the year.

The club grew its training fleet with strategic kayak purchases for the junior and beginner squads.

**Geoff Horsnell**  
**President**



## Newy Paddlers

We are now into our 4<sup>th</sup> year and the Orange Army continues to achieve so much for a small club. Our goals are still big, with a focus of always providing an encouraging environment and a culture of having fun.

We are based at Throsby Creek, Tully St Carrington which opens up into Newcastle Harbour. Our boats and equipment are housed in two forty foot containers. If you are ever in the area drop in for a paddle, everyone is welcome.



### **What we have achieved in the last 12 months:**

- **PNSW Marathon Series 2017/18– 5<sup>th</sup>**

Our second full season competing in the Marathon series has seen another creditable year with our 5<sup>th</sup> placing which is an amazing result.

Congratulations to Guy Fiddes who was winner of the Most Improved Paddler Award for the series.

- **Disability Training Workshop Sept '18**

The club has been working for the past 2 years on having members with a disability come along and enjoy the sport and after a lot of work and organising, Newy Paddlers have joined forces with a number of groups to ensure that paddling can be for everyone regardless of ability.



We were privileged to have 6 members from the Healthy Change Challenge group from Maitland come down to the shores of Throsby Creek for an introduction to kayaking.

- **Clarence 100, Myall Classic, Hawkesbury Classic, Murray Marathon, Riverland Marathon**

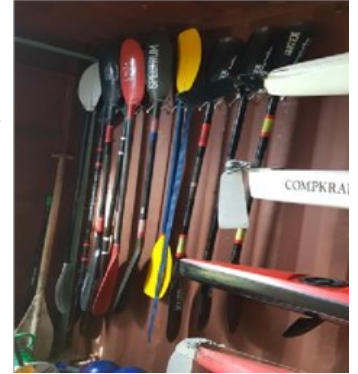
We had a strong representation in all these events and our members all did the club proud in competing, supporting as landcrew and enjoying themselves.

- **Painting of Container & New Paddle Racks - Nov 18**

A couple of days cleaning, preparing with rust kill, primer and then a paint of green. It looks new even though they are 17 years old - just a little bit younger than the volunteers.

As part of organising the equipment in one of our storage containers Guy Fiddes donated his time and materials to install paddle racks.

Thanks to Guy's efforts and generosity they are now off the floor and easily accessible for members to use.



- Barefoot Bowls & Club Presentation - Dec 18

Newy Paddlers celebrated the end of another successful year by getting their shoes off and having a go at barefoot bowls (all we needed was Darren Forbes, well known for his lack of footwear to show us how it is done - this man was sorely missed).

It was a great afternoon in warm and windy conditions, attended by 25 keen and competitive people. There was plenty of banter as we all attempted to gain an upper hand on each other in a game none of us knew anything about. As you know that has never stopped us from having fun so it was the perfect way for the Orange Army to unwind.

We had a small presentation before dinner to congratulate the standout members of our club in 2018:

**Club Person of the Year - Darren Forbes**

A passionate and selfless member who attempts to help everyone, his contribution to the club is truly amazing.

**Paddler of the Year - Ian Davey**

A keen promoter of the "Single Blade" in the Marathon Series and a true advocate of the club.

**Most Improved Paddler of the Year - Guy Fiddes**

Recognised by PNSW already this was a just reward at club level. **Stirrer of the Year - Trevor Jordan.**

Our wonderful non-paddling "Keeper of the Coin" who controls our finances with wit and guile.

- SLR2 Acquired

Our latest addition to the Newy Paddlers fleet has arrived - a sleek white SLR2 built with dual pedals to assist people with disabilities. Thanks to Greg Slade, Sladecraft located at Berkeley Vale on the Central Coast for sharing in our vision to make this a reality. Fun times ahead for the Orange Army and anyone that wants to enjoy being on the water.



- Paddle4Good – Charity Fundraiser, Carrington Feb 19

Another successful Paddle4Good day ran by Newy Paddlers as our annual community fund raising event. With over 40 craft on the water on a smaller course, the creek was alive to the sound of paddling. (Enter Julie Andrews).

There were certainly some good battles happening on the water as Trevor and Mark had the fleet split into 4 groups, well done to all.

As usual these days can't be without that dedicated group of people that put the big ones in to ensure a successful event and that all runs smoothly on the day. So, a huge thanks to:

1. Paddling Fraternity: Competitors, social paddlers, family and club members. Newy Paddlers salute you.



2. Lake Mac SUP Club: Known as our sister club, these paddlers are the bestest EVER. Thanks again for your help and support we love you guys. Newy Paddlers salute you.
3. Sponsors: Sydney Harbour Kayaks (Mirage) for gift vouchers, Family Hotel for Wine and gift voucher, Cheryl for organising the raffle and Vicki who could sell ice to the eskimos for selling tickets.
4. Newy Paddlers Members: Hard working and always there to help and offer assistance all the time. Without you we have nothing. Newy Paddlers salute you.
5. Local community: From our local State (Sonia Hornery) and Federal (Sharon Claydon) members, to maritime and the Carrington community, thank you for being there. Newy Paddlers salute you.
6. This Mob: Charly (Club Pres), Malcolm, Trevor, Guy, Ian, the incredible Bretag's Mark and Cheryl and to those that are always helping out. Newy Paddlers salute you.

How much was raised on the day? Well thanks to the above the club raised \$832 dollars for Trisha's House Women's Refuge. Great effort to all involved. Even the TV Crew turned up again.



- Handicap Series April 19

Our Summer series was run each week during daylight saving on a Wed evening over 4.3km. Average participation was 10-15 which was keenly contested and provided a regular income to the club. We celebrated our final race in April with a visit to Carrington Place afterwards to take advantage of the 2 for 1 pizza special, a nice way to finish wonderful summer on the water.



- Review of Club Assets

Due to the efforts of our hard-working committee and members the club has been able to build substantial assets over the last 3 years. An important part of governance is the control of those assets, that is where they are located and to ensure they are protected from possible damage and theft.

We now have a detailed register that supports our insurance cover which will be a valuable tool going forward. All the assets now have individual waterproof stickers for identification.



### **Proposed Plans 2019-20**

- Utilise the containers and hire of club boats more efficiently for members to provide income to the club.
- Finish updating the club website so that it becomes a valuable tool for members to use and enables the public to find the activities of the club easily.
- Promote equality for all members to enjoy paddling with emphasis on appointing women trainers/coaches and assisting people with disabilities.
- Encourage member participation in the PaddleNSW Marathon Series and local handicap races.
- Build a calendar of events that members have ownership in ie all types of paddling and want to attend.
- Support two of our members complete a paddle of the Hunter River in Oct 19 and raise monies for Bowel cancer.
- Work with Newcastle Council to enable a further container to be placed at Throsby Creek to meet the needs of Newcastle Outrigger Canoe Club.

The next year will be more of the same and endeavouring to meet the needs of our members in a positive and fun way. We would like to thank the paddling community and PaddleNSW for their support and look forward to enjoying some great times on the water.

**Mark Bretag**  
**Secretary**



## River Canoe Club

### **Report from Committee 2018/2019**

It's been a busy year, with the committee achieving a lot. In term of membership numbers, we finished the year with 173 members (2018 was 155).

### **What the 2018/2019 club committee has achieved...**

- Kitchen renovation completed
- Updated asbestos management documentation for kitchens and bathrooms
- Purchased double kayak
- Purchase 2 x sea kayaks (Neckys)
- Clean up Australia Day + earth hour
- Main Clean up paddle - with associated relationship benefits and community engagement, 2020 event planning underway
- Facilitated National Park Association cultural paddle with Jimmy.
- Continued building existing relationships and built new ones - Mudcrabs, CRVA, 2x councils, Ocean Crusaders, Sydney Water, Sydney Uni, Cooks River Alliance.
- Great success with lining up sponsors, securing grants
- Success beginner program, with many new members and skills
- Spring and Easter trip
- Canberra Balloon Trip
- Multiple editions of splash.
- Hosted PNSW AGM
- Hosted Cooks river assembly - vision for the area · Helped with 'precinct planning' - IWC Council vision for Tempe.
- Launched webscorer - for event planning
- New guidelines for activities and trips
- Continued family friendly focus, draft strategy developed
- Started building new club website
- Started partnership discussions with Paddy Pallin
- Detailed financial reporting, 5 year budget established
- Implemented new enquiries system
- Grant secured for purchase of defibrillator.
- Commenced new clubhouse licence arrangements with IWC
- Consistent Weekly fitness paddles - rain, hail or mud.
- Photo competition built and run.
- Established scope for leadership program.





- Redesigned large trailer.
- Successful busy bees
- Merchandise established (hoodies, shirts, 1st aid kits)
- Plumbing upgrade for clubhouse, with funding secured from IWC
- Built the foundations for recreation navigation (scrabbled) even at Myall Classic
- Set up a good calendar of events for coming year

**Katie Van Donk**  
**Secretary**



## Shark Island Paddlers

This year has been a big one for Shark Island Paddlers (SIP). Our committee did a lot of work towards creating a Constitution and opening up membership so all our paddlers can now join and be official members of SIP. At the time of writing this report we have 45 members.

The past 12 months have been a great step forward for us but it was a devastating blow for us to lose our fellow Committee member, paddler and great friend, Tom Jones, during our weekly time trial in April. Tom's contribution to the club and his friendship will be greatly missed. We wish to acknowledge Tom's contribution to paddling, in particular his role as recent Chair of the PNSW Open Water Committee.



The 2019 SIP Committee comprises:

**President** - Bruce Moller

**Secretary** - Sue Jackson

**Treasurer** - Tom Nolan

Dr Adrian Cohen, Dave Edelman, the late Tom Jones, James McLennan, Duncan Ross, Val Titov, Lee Wright.

### Time Trial

The heart and soul of SIP, the weekly Saturday morning time trial, continues at Rose Bay, 8am - rain, hail or shine and we regularly attract 20 to 30 paddlers. We have introduced a whiteboard check in / out, map and timing system. This innovation is working well and has been readily adopted by our time trial regulars. It has been instrumental in simplifying and improving the safe operation of our weekly race.

### Tingira Challenge, Rose Bay - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

This event and its trophy is named in honour of the HMAS Tingira, a tall masted naval training ship which was once 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" and our race day is based at Tingira Memorial Park, Rose Bay.



Much to our disappointment the race was not part of the PNSW Harbour Series as the SIP Committee did not agree with new conditions set by the Open Water Committee. Not to be deterred, we held it as a standalone event and attracted 124 entries.



Race day showed Sydney Harbour at its rainy best with the heavy showers clearing just in time for the briefing .

Long course winners were Luke Eltham taking the men's Tingira Trophy and the young upcomer, Nicci Vesely, taking the women's Helen Jacobsohn Cup. Short course winner, Greg Dolgoplov, was awarded our trophy named in honour of the late Howard Geoffrey Bersten and Joanna Dounias took out the female division.

*SIP treasurer Tom Nolan conducting the briefing*

As usual there was no shortage of SIP members to help on the day and despite the heavy showers everyone showed up and got stuck in. Our thanks to the Woollahra Council, Woollahra Sailing Club, Bronte Surf Life Saving Club and NSW Marine Rescue for their support in providing facilities, equipment and safety.

Special thanks to Jeremy Spear for his enormous amount of work assisting the committee and to Maya Gibson for the perfect timing results - the pre-race preparation paid off.

### **Awards Night**

In September 2018, we had our Oscar's styled SIP Awards Night at the glamorous Empire Lounge, Sydney Seaplanes Restaurant, Rose Bay. The evening was hosted by Tom Jones.

The evening's award winners included:

- Dave Edelman, honoured with our first ever life membership for services to SIP over the last 15 years.
- Graham Dadd, winning the coveted "Grish Award" for surviving a tricky situation.
- Top weekly time trial results: Stewart O'Regan for men and Nina Malmstrom for women.
- Most improved paddler, Brendan Levell.



*SIP members at the end of a great night*





*Committee members with Dave Edelman our 1st Life member*

### **Information Events**

SIP held several information and social events during the year. The first was a talk by four-time athletics Olympian, Lorraine Moller. Lorraine shared training tips for busy people who enjoy being weekend sports warriors. The other event was a presentation by Marine Rescue's Glenn Evans. Glenn gave us a good rundown on safety and communication on the water.

We hope to hold more of these fun informative events in the future.

### **Shark Island Paddlers Future**

The future is looking good. Within 12 months we have attracted 45 members and there's great spirit and camaraderie amongst us.

We open our arms up to anyone who wishes to share our love of paddling. Join us any Saturday at our 8 am time trial from Tingira Beach, Rose Bay (opposite the Rose Bay RSL). There's plenty of parking at Lyne Park.

Certainly we'd love to see you at Tingira 2020. Keep tuned on our website: [www.sharkislandpaddlers.com.au](http://www.sharkislandpaddlers.com.au) and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sharkislandpaddlers/>

Thanks to the committee for their hard work over the year.

***Regards, Bruce Moller  
President***



## Southside Paddlers

The 2018-19 season was based around training at our satellite club in Gunnamatta Bay Cronulla aimed as a development session, whilst our key athletes were fitting postgraduate (PG) study commitments around training, with a couple of PG graduations throughout the year. This aligns with our club principles of having a balanced life. Our future direction of sprint remains strong and consistent, being the only club in the Sutherland Shire with sprint only focus. We have started programs aimed at introducing and educating junior paddlers in the sprint discipline. Our membership remains stable and our club finances are in order and grew (YOY).

We would also like to thank Tradies for its ongoing support to the club.

**Patrick McGlynn**  
**President**



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## Sutherland Shire Canoe Club

Sutherland Shire Canoe Club (SSCC) enjoyed another 12 months of fantastic social and competitive paddling. Our membership has grown to 92 members and this includes our wonderful volunteers who willingly help out at events and in the general running of the club.

This year our club, in conjunction with Dolls Point Paddlers, hosted three events. These events were Round 2 of the PaddleNSW Marathon Series, The Dolls Point Classic Harbour Series race and the inaugural “20 Groynes” race. We were blessed with great weather and many willing hands to help out at each event.

The “20 Groynes” was a fun day where teams and individuals aimed to complete the maximum number of laps of a 4km course. Our own Robyn Bingle was crowned “Queen of the Groynes” after completing a staggering 10 laps in challenging conditions. We were very happy with the number of paddlers who turned up for the three events.



Our members have been very active in the PaddleNSW marathon series. We had a lot of fun getting a big group of members into doubles for Round 4 at Lane Cove (Doubles Round and State champs). A big group of SSCC paddlers made it to Batemans Bay for Round 5, “The Batemans Bay Paddle Challenge” with good results. In 2018 our club finished 4th in the marathon series and we are currently coming 4th in 2019.

The core get together for our members are Club Sundays held at our club house on the Woronora River. We have welcomed good numbers of new people coming to try paddling. We advertised and held a very successful “Come and Try” day last year. Our member Kerrie Davies has led some social paddles on the Woronora. The club also held some ski paddling days at Bonnie Vale in the Royal National Park, which were very enjoyable. Special thanks go to Ross and Robyn Bingle who transported all the club skis to and from Bonnie Vale for the ski days.



The club ran a Juniors Program this year. Our junior members have gained confidence to paddle in the marathon series and in our monthly time trial series, with great results.

Five of our keen paddlers made the trip to Perth for the National Champs with gold medals won in the doubles rounds.

Last year we had 11 long distance paddlers compete in the Hawkesbury Classic. Our beloved “Hobbits”, Peter and Gareth, completed 1000 kms of paddling in the “Big Year” challenge.





Our adventurous members, Kate and Steve Dawson, recently returned to Australia after competing in two long distance adventure races in the United States - the 418km Texas Water Safari followed by the 706km Yukon River Quest. By any standards, this was an incredible achievement. Kate and Steve put in months of preparation and training and we are very proud to be friends with these outstanding paddlers.



Our club is in good shape with stable membership and very keen participation. We welcome new people to come and try paddling any Sunday at our friendly club in Burnum Burnum sanctuary. Our website, [shirekayaking.info](http://shirekayaking.info) is kept up to date with club activities.

**Janet Small**  
**Vice President**



## Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club

Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club had a great year despite some arduous low-water conditions.

The paddling calendar was impressive with club members attending a variety of social and racing events throughout the year, aside for the usual Saturday/Thursday social paddles and the Tuesday/Sunday racing series. Events away from Wagga Wagga have included the Tumut River Race, the Ben Ward 40 Miler and Mitta Mitta Canoe Club's Frank Harrison Memorial.



The club is enjoying greater interest in part-day and multi-day paddling and conducted several touring paddles throughout the year. Notable highlights included a weekend away at Talbingo Dam (O'Hare's campground at Sue City), paddling the Tumut River and longer local paddles. The club called off a Murrumbidgee National Park (Narrandera) paddle due to low water and low numbers, though this one is still on the calendar for later in the year.

The club has increased steadily in size throughout 2018-19 with a high percentage of active paddlers and many of our regulars paddling over winter this year - check out the photos! There is still considerable interest in paddling from the local community and Wagga Bidgee is in exceptional shape as the Riverside redevelopment looms large on the horizon. Exciting times ahead!

Happy Paddling.

**Jason Redlich**  
**President**



## Western Paddlers

We are a relatively small club that venture far! Based in Dubbo, we have members across western NSW, and paddle on rivers and wetlands across Western NSW. (This year we even ventured east of the divide, to Swansea, where the saltwater wasn't due to bore water and the waves were big and relentless! – consequently some of us got sea sick )

We covered our familiar and favourite haunts and activities again this (financial) year, with paddles on the Lachlan River, a rescue practice day on the Macquarie River, and a weekend on the beautiful Macquarie Marshes. But with Burrendong Dam nearly empty and no forecast of significant rain, its looking like there'll be no water in the Marshes this year, so we've grabbed the opportunity to find other wetlands to paddle on – we've launched a 'Western Wetlands' series of paddles, so far paddling on a Bogan River wetland (near Nyngan), and Booberoi Creek (an anabranch of the Lachlan River).

For our Booberoi Creek paddle (June 2019) we teamed up with an environmental water manager (from NSW Office of Environment and Heritage) to experience the environmental water release in the creek, and saw for ourselves the benefits of environmental water for our wetlands. We had the privilege of performing some citizen science, recording the presence of aquatic vegetation. We even had the honour of being tweeted about by the Office of Environment and Heritage for our efforts! <https://twitter.com/OEHmedia/status/1151274422369705986?s=19>

With the Murray-Darling Basin drying up, we've chased other releases from dams for some good paddling – a Bulk Water Transfer from Windamere Dam (on the Cudgegong), the Northern Fish Flow release from Copeton Dam (on the Gwydir), and the Bogan wetland paddle had good water levels due to a town water supply release.

Its hard not to paddle without feeling the impact of drought, and even our local Macquarie River is becoming almost more portage than

paddle. With this in mind, we are planning more citizen science paddling ventures to support water for the environment (i.e. water that is released for the health of the river itself - not extracted for irrigation) in the Murray-Darling Basin, and of course experience some amazing places that most people don't get to see!

**Bron, Paul, Neal, Mel and Em**  
**Western Paddlers NSW**  
**committee**



*Club trip to Swansea*



## Windsor Paddlesports Club

After twenty years as Windsor Canoe Club we have become more inclusive by changing our name to Windsor Paddlesports Club. In doing this we hope to attract other disciplines such as sups and dragon boats to our club. This was not an easy process and many thanks to Peter Hughes especially with help from others. The friendly rivalry between Windsor and Penrith has been formalised. The 12 km races on the Sunday before each marathon is good preparation and with a point score system will result in the successful club taking home an impressive trophy. Nepean Hawkesbury Championship series is the name and paddlers from other clubs are welcome to join in.

Our twilight series is still keenly contested on Tuesday evenings during daylight saving. Due to the new bridge construction we raced over a new course this year , upstream of the beach. This change was well received by the paddlers. Thanks to Peter and his team for running these events and the time keepers especially Phil and Tony.

Our members continue to compete in marathons and sprints at State , National and International level. Well done to every paddler who show cases our club at these event. Keep up the great work.

Our fundraising and socializing have not been very active this year. Actions have been taken to address this with a camping trip already planned.

Our dream of a clubhouse in Macquarie Park suffered a setback with our grant application once more being unsuccessful. We will need to lobby more people for support before our next effort to convince our state government of the importance of this infrastructure to our club and town. Thanks to Garry Baldry for his time on this project.

As with all clubs we only continue due to the efforts of volunteers. Our executive has been together for six years now. Do not become complacent and think we can do it all. Please join a committee or come along to working bees or fundraising whenever possible. This is your club so with your help we can grow and share the load of responsibility.

**Neil Crabb  
President**



## 2019 PNSW Annual Award Winners

<i>Category</i>	<i>Winner</i>
1. Female Paddler of the Year	<b>Jessica Fox</b>
2. Male Paddler of the Year	<b>Rob McIntyre</b>
3. Young Paddler of the Year	<b>Ashby Allen</b>
4. Adaptive Paddler of the Year	<b>Dylan Littlehales</b>
5. Masters Paddler of the Year	<b>Daniela Torre</b>
6. Coach of the Year	<b>David Hipsley</b>
7. Official of the Year	<b>Naomi Johnson</b>
8. Administrator of the Year	<b>Simon Wilkes</b>
9. Volunteer of the Year	
<b>Nicola Beere</b>	<i>Avoca Kayak Club</i>
<b>Mark Bretag</b>	<i>Newy Paddlers</i>
<b>Craig Dodd</b>	<i>Brisbane Water Paddlers</i>
<b>Peter Hughes</b>	<i>Windsor Paddlesports Club</i>
<b>Steve Molino</b>	<i>River Canoe Club</i>
<b>Jeremy Spear</b>	<i>Shark Island Paddlers</i>
<b>Ian Wrenford</b>	<i>Lane Cove River Kayakers</i>
10. Event of the Year	<b>Disability Come n Try - Avoca</b> <b>PNSW Marathon Series - Penrith</b>
11. Image (action shot) Award	<b>Ian Wrenford</b>
12. Distinguished Long Service Award	<b>Len Turner</b>

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 June 2019**



**PADDLE NSW INC**

**ABN 46 043 881 042**

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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Your directors present their report on the association for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.

### **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 (resigned 8 September 2018)  
Ms Anjie Lees  
Ms Suzi Edwards (elected 8 September 2018)  
Ms Rosalyn Lawrence (elected 8 September 2018)  
Ms Kiaran Lomas  
Mr Zac Thompson  
Ms Lynn Parker (resigned 8 September 2018)  
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 \$6,736 (2018: \$7,352)

### **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 disciplines of Canoe Polo, Freestyle, Harbour Racing, Marathon, Paracanoe, Sea Kayaking, Slalom, Sprint, Whitewater, Wildwater and special 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.

**PADDLE NSW INC**  
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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, 2019 has been received and can be found in the Independent Auditor's report.

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

**Director:**

  
Mr Robert Turner

**CEO:**

  
Mr Peter Tate

**Dated this day of the 2nd September 2019**



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## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Education & Special Projects	3	23,275	10,437
Event Revenue	2	215,439	183,129
Government Grant		45,800	20,000
Membership		118,514	113,811
Other Revenue	3	5,444	9,123
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>408,472</b>	<b>336,500</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Paddle Australia Affiliation Fees		52,170	49,336
Administration expenses	4	62,776	59,169
Education & Special Projects	4	19,619	7,662
Depreciation expenses		6,490	5,481
Event expenses	2	161,362	124,365
Employee benefits expenses		99,319	83,135
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>401,736</b>	<b>329,148</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) before Income tax</b>		<b>6,736</b>	<b>7,352</b>
Income tax expense		0	0
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the period</b>		<b>6,736</b>	<b>7,352</b>
Other Comprehensive Income		0	0
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>		<b>6,736</b>	<b>7,352</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Asset</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	316,232	302,381
Trade and other receivables	6	14,315	9,825
Inventories	7	5,674	3,871
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>336,221</b>	<b>316,077</b>
<b>Non-current Asset</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	8	13,716	8,293
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>13,716</b>	<b>8,293</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>349,937</b>	<b>324,370</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	10	48,962	36,448
Unearned Income	11	45,344	45,153
Employee benefits provision	12	20,545	16,330
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>114,851</b>	<b>97,931</b>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>			
Unearned Income	11	3,545	7,380
Employee benefits provision	12	5,746	0
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>9,291</b>	<b>7,380</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>124,142</b>	<b>105,311</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>225,795</b>	<b>219,059</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Accumulated surplus		219,059	211,707
Other movements		0	0
Current year (deficit)/surplus		6,736	7,352
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>225,795</b>	<b>219,059</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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## Statement in Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Balance at 1 July		219,059	211,707
Total Income and Expenditure for the period		6,736	7,352
Balance at 30 June		<b>225,795</b>	<b>219,059</b>



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**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2019**

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash receipts from events		210,949	173,504
Cash receipts from members		114,870	105,048
Cash receipts from government grants		45,800	20,000
Interest received		4,181	3,785
Other receipts		24,538	15,775
Cash paid to employees		(99,319)	(83,135)
Cash paid to suppliers		(274,065)	(235,937)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>9</b>	<u>26,954</u>	<u>(960)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		0	0
<b>Net cash provided from financing activities</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from Sale of assets		-	0
Payment for fixed assets		(13,103)	(1,861)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>		<u>(13,103)</u>	<u>(1,861)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		13,851	(2,821)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		<u>302,381</u>	<u>305,202</u>
Cash and cash equivalent at 30 June	<b>5</b>	<u><b>316,232</b></u>	<u><b>302,381</b></u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 30 June 2019**

**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), the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Act 2012 (Cth) 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.

**Trade and Other Receivables**

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

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

**Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the 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

**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.

**Comparative Figures**

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



**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2019**

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**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.

**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.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
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Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

Except for those trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component and are measured at the transaction price, all financial assets are initially measured at fair value adjusted for transaction costs (where applicable).

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:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss (FVPL)
- equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)

All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs, finance income or other financial items, except for impairment of trade receivables which is presented within other expenses.

Classifications are determined by both:

- The entities business model for managing the financial asset
- The contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets

All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs, finance income or other financial items, except for impairment of trade receivables, which is presented within other expenses

Subsequent measurement financial assets

*Financial assets at amortised cost*

*Financial assets are measured at amortised cost if the assets meet the following conditions (and are not designated as FVPL):*

- *they are held within a business model whose objective is to hold the financial assets and collect its contractual cash flows*
- *the contractual terms of the financial assets give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding*

*After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The Association's cash and cash equivalents, trade and most other receivables fall into this category of financial instruments as well as long-term deposit that were previously classified as held-to-maturity under AASB 139.*

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL)

Financial assets that are held within a different business model other than 'hold to collect' or 'hold to collect and sell' are categorised at fair value through profit and loss. Further, irrespective of business model financial assets whose contractual cash flows are not solely payments of principal and interest are accounted for at FVPL. All derivative financial instruments fall into this category, except for those designated and effective as hedging instruments, for which the hedge accounting requirements apply (see below).

Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (Equity FVOCI)

Investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading are eligible for an irrevocable election at inception to be measured at FVOCI. Under Equity FVOCI, subsequent movements in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income and are never reclassified to profit or loss. Dividend from these investments continue to be recorded as other income within the profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents return of capital

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**Impairment of Financial assets**

AASB 9's impairment requirements use more forward looking information to recognize expected credit losses - the 'expected credit losses (ECL) model'. Instruments within the scope of the new requirements included loans and other debt-type financial assets measured at amortised cost and FVOCI, trade receivables and loan commitments and some financial guarantee contracts (for the issuer) that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Association considers a broader range of information when assessing credit risk and measuring expected credit losses, including past events, current conditions, reasonable and supportable forecasts that affect the expected collectability of the future cash flows of the instrument.

In applying this forward-looking approach, a distinction is made between:

- financial instruments that have not deteriorated significantly in credit quality since initial recognition or that have low credit risk ('Stage 1') and
- financial instruments that have deteriorated significantly in credit quality since initial recognition and whose credit risk is not low ('Stage 2').

'Stage 3' would cover financial assets that have objective evidence of impairment at the reporting date.

'12-month expected credit losses' are recognised for the first category while 'lifetime expected credit losses' are recognised for the second category.

Measurement of the expected credit losses is determined by a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses over the expected life of the financial instrument.

**Trade and other receivables**

The Association makes use of a simplified approach in accounting for trade and other receivables and records the loss allowance at the amount equal to the expected lifetime credit losses. In using this practical expedient, the Association uses its historical experience, external indicators and forward-looking information to calculate the expected credit losses using a provision matrix.

**Classification and measurement of financial liabilities**

As the accounting for financial liabilities remains largely unchanged from AASB 139, the Association's financial liabilities were not impacted by the adoption of AASB 9. However, for completeness, the accounting policy is disclosed below.

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

Financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value, and, where applicable, adjusted for transaction costs unless the Association designated a financial liability at fair value through profit or loss.

Subsequently, financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method except for derivatives and financial liabilities designated at FVPL, which are carried subsequently at fair value with gains or losses recognised in profit or loss (other than derivative financial instruments that are designated and effective as hedging instruments).

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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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2019**

	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>2 Event Revenue &amp; Expenses</b>		
Canoe Polo	30,857	19,495
Marathon	59,409	40,168
Myall Lake Classic	8,351	14,036
Whitewater	9,400	4,727
Slalom	3,014	2,210
Harbour Series	30,088	32,714
Freestyle	0	290
Parramatta Paddlefest	0	363
Development Camps and Projects	18,184	14,605
PNSW Event Admin Fee	23,523	20,859
Sprint	15,736	21,260
Non-member entry fee	16,877	12,402
<b>Total event revenue</b>	<b>215,439</b>	<b>183,129</b>
Canoe Polo	37,765	18,018
Marathon	69,247	35,854
Myall Lake Classic	6,033	5,495
Whitewater	5,086	5,694
Slalom	3,428	5,579
Harbour Series	25,893	34,906
Parramatta Paddlefest	(2,660)	3,374
Sprint	16,570	15,445
<b>Total event expenses</b>	<b>161,362</b>	<b>124,365</b>
<b>3 Other Revenue</b>		
Education and Training	23,275	10,437
Advertising and Sponsorship	318	4,791
Interest Income	4,181	3,785
Merchandise	0	0
Miscellaneous Income	945	547
<b>Total other revenue</b>	<b>28,719</b>	<b>19,560</b>
<b>4 Administration Expenses</b>		
Education	19,619	7,662
Accountancy Fees	18,477	19,693
Board Meeting & Costs	4,761	3,606
Membership expenses	(396)	5,616
Office expenses	37,366	28,764
Promotional and Marketing	2,568	1,490
	<b>82,395</b>	<b>66,831</b>
<b>5 Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash at Bank - ANZ	32,736	23,067
Cash at Bank - First Option Credit Union	50,189	49,451
ING Direct Savings	233,307	229,863
	<b>316,232</b>	<b>302,381</b>

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	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>6 Trade and Other Receivables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade Debtors	11,671	9,625
Other Debtors	0	200
Prepayments	2,644	0
	<u>14,315</u>	<u>9,825</u>
<b>7 Inventories</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Inventories	<u>5,674</u>	<u>3,871</u>
<b>8 Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
<b>Plant and Equipment:</b>		
At cost	74,414	62,501
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(60,698)</u>	<u>(54,208)</u>
<b>Total Plant and Equipment</b>	<u>13,716</u>	<u>8,293</u>

**Movements in Carrying Amounts**

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

	Plant and \$	Total \$
Additions	11,912	
Disposals	0	0
	6,490	
Depreciation	<u>5,422</u>	<u></u>

**9 Reconciliation of result for the year to cash flows from operating activities**

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

**Cash flow from operations**

Profit for the year	6,736	7,352
Depreciation	6,490	5,481
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(4,490)	(8,472)
- (increase)/decrease in inventories	(1,803)	1,111
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	8,870	(6,432)
- increase/(decrease) in provisions	9,961	0
- other	1,190	0
	<u>26,954</u>	<u>-960</u>

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				2019	2018	
				\$	\$	
10	Trade and Other Payables					
	Current					
	Trade Creditors			19,752	21,050	
	Other Creditors			29,210	15,398	
				48,962	36,448	
11	Unearned Income					
	Current					
	Memberships in Advance			45,344	45,153	
				45,344	45,153	
	Non-Current					
	Memberships in Advance			3,545	7,380	
12	Employee benefits provision					
	Current Liability for annual leave			20,545	16,330	
	Non-Current Liability for Long Service Leave			5,746	0	
13	Equity	Balance			Balance	
		1 July 2018	Revenue	Expenses	Deprecia-	30 June 2019
	Canoe Polo	1,235	30,857	(37,766)	(1,591)	(7,265)
	Special Projects	13,181	1,795	(2,694)	0	12,282
	Freestyle	719	0	0	0	719
	Marathon	65,338	59,409	(69,702)	(1,440)	53,605
	Harbour Racing	16,594	30,088	(25,893)	(483)	20,306
	Slalom	22,143	3,014	(3,429)	0	21,728
	Sprint	16,594	15,736	(16,353)	(502)	15,475
	Whitewater	(967)	9,400	(5,086)	0	3,347
	Development	1,970	18,184	(17,867)	(3,516)	(1,229)
	Education	(1,128)	21,480	(16,925)		3,427
	General Funds	83,380	219,313	(194,589)	1,042	109,146
		219,059	409,276	(390,304)	(6,490)	231,541
14	Change in Accounting Policy					
	No changes in Accounting Policy during the year.					
15	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 events and assist through Education and Coaching programs, the disciplines of Canoe Polo, Freestyle, Harbour Racing, Marathon, Paracanoe, Sea Kayaking, Slalom, Sprint, Whitewater, Wildwater and special projects.

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), the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Act 2012 (Cth) and the Association's constitution.

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

Director:

  
Mr Robert Turner

CEO:

  
Mr Peter Tate

**Dated this day of the 2nd September 2019**

**Peter M Power**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
PADDLE NSW INC  
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**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 2019, 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 2019 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 2019 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.



Auditor  
Peter M Power FCA

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Dated: 2 SEPTEMBER 2019



