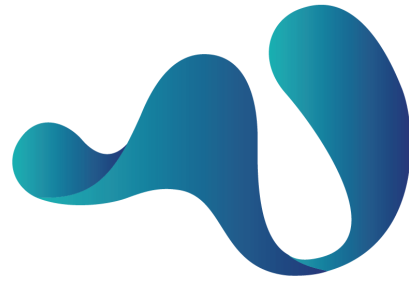


# ***Paddle NSW***



## 71st Annual Report 2019/20

# ***Paddle NSW***



Dear Members,

On behalf of the PaddleNSW Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to present for your consideration and adoption the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Report of PaddleNSW Inc that covers its activities during the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

**Peter Tate**     *Chief Executive Officer*



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## 2019/20 PaddleNSW Board of Directors

**Chairperson:**

**Bob TURNER**



**Vice Chair:**

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**Elected Directors:**

**Suzi EDWARDS, Tony HYSTEK, Ros LAWRENCE,**

**Anjie LEES, Kiaran LOMAS and Bron POWELL**

### **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*



## 2019/20 PaddleNSW Office Bearers & Committee Members

<b>Co-Patrons:</b>	<b>NSW Minister for Sport and Helen BROWNLEE AM</b>
<b>Chief Executive Officer:</b>	<b>Peter TATE</b>
<b>Accounts Officer:</b>	<b>Denise ROGERS</b>
<b>Auditor:</b>	<b>Tomas WEISZER</b>
<b>Education &amp; Training Committee:</b>	<b>Lynn PARKER (Coordinator), Bron POWELL, Ian ROYDS,</b>
	<b>Lee WRIGHT</b>
<b>Coaching Committee:</b>	<b>Kiaran LOMAS (Coordinator), Margi BOHM, Suzi EDWARDS,</b>
	<b>Tony HYSTEK, Bob TURNER</b>
<b>Environment Committee:</b>	<b>Bron POWELL (Chair), Robyn BINGLE, Martin BOER-CUEVA,</b>
	<b>Brodie CAMBOURNE, Bridget CLEAVER, Jeff COTTRELL,</b>
	<b>John STEFAS, Lisa WRILEY</b>

### **PNSW PADDLESPORT COMMITTEES:**

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

<b>Adaptive Paddling:</b>	<b>Suzi EDWARDS (Chair), Anthony BUTT</b>
<b>Canoe Polo:</b>	<b>Craig HUTCHINSON (Chair), Richard ANDREWS, Richard BARNES,</b>
	<b>Bob KENDERES, Cathy MILLER, Nathan ROSAGUTI, Louie WU</b>
<b>Freestyle:</b>	<b>Josh SINGLETON (Chair), Eileen CALLAGHAN, Kim KAAR</b>
<b>Harbour Racing:</b>	<b>Tony HYSTEK (Chair), Helen BORROW, Craig DODD, Nicola FROWEN,</b>
	<b>Rozanne GREEN, Michael LIEBERMAN,</b>
	<b>Kevin NETTLE, Suzie RHYDDERCH, Gareth STOKES</b>
<b>Marathon:</b>	<b>Bob TURNER (Chair), Colin CUSSEL, Peter HUGHES,</b>
	<b>Naomi JOHNSON, Don JOHNSTONE, Gary RAKE</b>
<b>Sea Kayaking:</b>	<b>Bob TURNER, Rob MERCER</b>
<b>Slalom:</b>	<b>Emir MUJCINOVIC, Kim LATTER, Alison BORROWS,</b>
	<b>Brian CORK, Phillip KOCH, Lauri PULLKINEN, Michael TAYLOR</b>
<b>Sprint:</b>	<b>Sally SIMONS (Chair), Jeff BEERE, Graham MATTS, Jake MICHAEL,</b>
	<b>Chris MORGAN, John NEWTON, Richard ROBINSON, Anne SCHOOLEY,</b>
	<b>Selena WEBBER, Laura WHITE</b>
<b>Stand Up:</b>	<b>Kiaran LOMAS (Chair)</b>
<b>Whitewater:</b>	<b>Johannes HENDRIKS (Chair), Henry FRIEND, Will STONE</b>
<b>Wildwater:</b>	<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

I've worked in the sports industry for almost a quarter-century, with the vast majority of that period leading state and national sporting organisations. To suggest events this year have been unprecedented is a complete understatement. We've suffered drought, floods, horrendous and debilitating bushfires then a world pandemic. You simply can't write a script for all this, not even in Hollywood.



I must say I couldn't be more proud of the way Paddle Australia, all the state paddle bodies, our affiliated clubs and indeed our members have responded. Some of our close friends and loved ones lost dwellings and property in the fires, and some lost their jobs in the economic downturn due to COVID-19. We all rallied. Some days were tough. Some days were scary. Many days we were left scratching our heads – when does the plague of locusts arrive? Wonderful leadership has been displayed not only by those mentioned above, but also by Sport NSW and NSW Office of Sport. Paddling as a sport and recreation wasn't as severely affected as other sports, and certainly not as badly as the hospitality and tourism industries. Even in the darkest COVID times we were still able to paddle, initially solo and with family members, then in groups of 10 which expanded to 20 and beyond. I extend my sincere gratitude to the club committee members who ensured the safety messages were not only disseminated to their club members, moreover they enacted all the necessary restrictions and safety plans at their local coalface. I repeat – I am proud of you all.

### Members

Membership with PaddleNSW continues to grow. Although the below table indicates fewer total members, we did increase annual membership. The PA database system changed from SportingDNA to GoMembership, so reporting variances are also apparent.

Category	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Full Junior (U18)	116	201	168	233	278
Full Adult	1172	1209	1280	1578	1536
Volunteers					80
Single event memberships	298	468	840	668	332
<b>Total</b>	<b>1586</b>	<b>1878</b>	<b>2288</b>	<b>2479</b>	<b>2226</b>

### Awards & Recognition

At the gala 2019 NSW Annual Sports Awards we had three finalists acknowledged at state level - **Jessica Fox** (Athlete), **Dylan Littlehales** (Young Para-athlete) and yours truly (Administrator). Paddling continues to fly the flag amongst sports with more popular profiles.

Please read the reports from our respective Chairs to marvel at what all our paddlers and officials have achieved in Australia and internationally - at open, junior and masters level. Despite lack of competition from March onwards, there were many wonderful achievements during the reporting period.



The highlight of 2019 was Paddle Australia awarding Life Membership to **Lynn Parker** for decades of outstanding service to the sport at club, state and national level. Together with Helen Brownlee and Danielle Woodward, Lynn is widely considered a matriarch of paddling in Australia and thoroughly deserves the highest honour in our sport. Lynn was previously bestowed Life Membership of PaddleNSW in 2016.

## Clubs

In 2019/20 we number of financial and affiliated clubs almost hit the 50 mark, 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 Paddle Sports 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>Koa Kai Outrigger Canoe Club</b>	<b>Kurnell Outrigger Canoe Club</b>
<b>Lane Cove River Kayakers</b>	<b>Macquarie River Paddle Club</b>
<b>Maia Outrigger Canoe Club</b>	<b>Makai Paddlers</b>
<b>Manly Warringah Kayak Club</b>	<b>Middle Harbour Yacht Club</b>
<b>Mosman Rowers</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>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>Veteran Paddlesports Australia</b>
<b>Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club</b>	<b>Waterfront Kayak Club</b>
<b>Western Paddlers NSW</b>	<b>Windsor Paddlesports Club</b>
<b>Yukon Marathon Canoe Racing Club Aust</b>	

Welcome to all the new or returning clubs listed above in blue. The PNSW Club Forum was again held at the home of River Canoe Club in Tempe with 37 members and supporters in attendance. My appreciation to Simon Wilkes and RCC for hosting, and to the many club executives and personnel who travelled from far and wide .

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. As always I'm happy to provide letters of support for such submissions. My roadshows last year continued north, visiting five clubs on the Mid and North Coast.

### Financial Report

The PNSW Board reports a surplus for the financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 of \$5,825 (\$6,736 in 2018/19). We have now recorded three successive years of minor surplus for our NFP organisation. PaddleNSW 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 2020 indicates total equity in the organisation of \$231,620.

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 2019/20, the Board met on six occasions with attendance as follows ("a" indicates apology).

		15/07	2/09	11/11	17/02	6/04	15/06	Attendance
<b>Bob Turner</b>	<i>Chair</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>6</b>
<b>Zac Thompson</b>	<i>Vice Chair</i>	a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>5</b>
<b>Suzi Edwards</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>5</b>
<b>Tony Hystek</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>6</b>
<b>Rosalyn Lawrence</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	<b>5</b>
<b>Anjie Lees</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	a						<b>0/2</b>
<b>Kiaran Lomas</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	a	✓	a	✓	✓	✓	<b>4</b>
<b>Bron Powell</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>4/4</b>

Anjie stood down at the AGM, at which time Bron was elected to the Board on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Special thanks was extended to Anjie recognising her contribution to the Board – much of which was as Vice Chairperson.

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.

### Initiatives – today & tomorrow

The Board and sub-committees are constantly improving our paddling environment and opportunities. Some projects commenced or on the drawing board include:

- More opportunities for female coaches and instructors by reimbursing the training & accreditation expenses for 30+ women.

- The sustainability of the PaddleSafe App and Waterways Guide is being considered. If national input can't be obtained then the resource may revert to local ownership at club level.
- PA has introduced a better user-friendly digital strategy. GoMembership eases the administrative burden for so many of our volunteer club office-bearers.
- PaddleNSW adopted the national strategic plan and we developed our own operational plan. A highlight of that strategic implementation was our formation of the first ever environment committee at state or national level in the sport's 71-year history. **Bron Powell** chairs an innovative and passionate PNSW Environment Committee.
- Our new and improved PaddleNSW website was migrated to the PA platform.
- PaddleNSW completed an infrastructure audit with clubs. Major projects were identified for ranking with NSW Sport & Recreation. Congratulations to **Windsor Paddlesports Club** for securing \$801,218 funding from the NSW Government for their multi-purpose facility at Macquarie Park.
- All states reduced their annual membership fees for 2020/21 by 25%.
- PA's Move it Aus program continues to be rolled out in regional areas. Greatest interest in NSW occurred in Byron Bay and Dubbo.



## Appreciation & Acknowledgments

- We are blessed with tremendous depth of volunteerism in 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. I specifically thank long-term Chairs **Eileen Callaghan, Laura White** and **Gary Rake** who each did a magnificent job over many years and after standing down have been replaced by **Joshua Singleton, Sally Simons, Peter Hughes** and **Bob Turner** respectively. Our PNSW State Series and State Championships as always were conducted professionally, and congratulations also to the Paddlesports that hosted National Championships in the past 12 months – Wildwater on the Mitta Mitta River, Slalom at Penrith Whitewater Stadium and the Ocean Racing Champs hosted by Makai Paddlers. Well done all.
- A PNSW Slalom State team was established under the leadership of **Emir Mujcinovic** and **Kim Latter**. Athletes and officials look good in their state gear with prominent PNSW logo.
- 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.
- **Lynn Parker**, with her hard-working team, continues doing a magnificent job coordinating all the education and training courses throughout NSW and ACT, and **Kieran Lomas** (State Coaching Coordinator) oversees our coaching activity.



- Event Coordinator **Bob Turner** with back-end assistance from **Tony Hystek** and many magnificent volunteers produced another outstanding **Myall Classic** with 200+ entries and including for the first time a fun 3-hr Paddle Scrabble for recreation enthusiasts.
- **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.



- Each year PaddleNSW features at the 5-day Sydney International Boat Show. Wonderful representation from **Lynn Parker, Lee Wright, John Stefas, Lis O'Farrell, Cindy Budai, Andrew McKay, Adrian Clayton** and **Neil Crabb** who volunteered at our stand on behalf of our clubs and our lifestyle.
- PNSW Safety Committee (led by **Tony Hystek**) continues to liaise closely with NSW Maritime on all safety matters.
- Every year our Annual Report is compiled by **Anthena Huynh**, for which I am extremely grateful.
- We are greatly appreciative of the annual \$20K Sports Development Grant from the **NSW Government**, and the excellent relationship we have with Office of Sport staff and the Minister's Office. All sports received COVID recovery funding from **Office of Sport** after three months of lock-down. For paddling it was \$41K shared \$1,000 each amongst eligible affiliated clubs, plus \$154K for the state peak body. In 2020 we also secured two grants from **Service NSW** for small business assistance. To replace the marathon trailer destroyed in the New Year's Eve fires we received \$24,489 and later we received \$3K for COVID recovery.
- 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

What a year: firstly plagued with drought, that turned off much of the whitewater for safety and skills training and the fires and then the real deal - the virus, that closed all organised activities including courses and group paddles.



Rescue course at the Barrington

Despite all of that many activities were conducted. And we supported the first recreational brainteasing event as part of the Myall Classic. This event organised by Rivers Canoe Club required interpreting clues, applying navigational skills and care for the environment we paddle in. Yes - a heap of rubbish, nearly swamping some of the kayakers was removed from the waterways. Thanks to Lazy Paddles who topped off the day with a great film event in the evening.

Thank you to PaddleNSW Education Committee particularly Bron Powell and Assessors Ian Royds and Mark Hammer for the great work and time you have invested in course delivery and Steve Molino and your team for running the white water camps and many more, assessors and trainers alike – thank you.



### Technology:

Paddle Australia are currently updating education resources for all paddlers, instructors and assessors - paddle APPS, the Paddle Log, Paddle Prep, Paddle Ed and Paddle OZ can be accessed in the field using mobile devices. No need to throw out your pencil and paper just yet - always acceptable and a good backup. Social media is also very important for updates and reports. Follow the Education Facebook page for more information.

The NSW Waterways Guide website and Paddle Safe App is currently undergoing a review: If you like using them then show your support and comment on the Paddlers Waterways Guide Facebook page.

### PaddleNSW Course delivery:

Three PA Award Leadership Courses were conducted before activities closed. Two courses at Lake Parramatta for participants from schools, Parks, industry and the Clubs. And one course for a private school in Nowra. Nearly 50% followed through with gaining awards. Individual assessments were also conducted in regional areas with paddlers gaining new guide awards.

Coaching Courses were also conducted with many following through with gaining awards.

Whilst PaddleNSW Clubs report on their activities and membership for the year, constantly either introducing new people to the sport or honing skills of their older members, the Organisation would also like to acknowledge the Kayak and Canoe Businesses which do much of the first line paddle skills training. Many win Business Awards but go unnoticed to the membership. Thank you for the work you do in introducing new paddlers to the sport we all love.



## ENVIRONMENT REPORT

We now have an environment committee! We established in June 2020, with the aim of empowering the NSW paddling community to care for and improve our environment.

Our focus so far has been on removing rubbish from our waterways and reducing the amount of single-use plastics at our events. Plastic rubbish is an issue that effects all paddlers. We are currently part of the SUPtember campaign by a range of environmental groups (lead by Boomerang Alliance) – SUP in this case standing for single-use-plastics (not stand up paddleboards – they are good SUPs!) – and it's a month (hopefully you guessed September!) of activities around reducing the production and waste of single-use plastics. Our contribution as the paddling community is to clean up rubbish - most of which is plastics – from our waterways. We have clean-ups happening at 6 sites in NSW.

We are also reducing SUPs at our marathon series and slalom events (ongoing – not just for SUPtember), including issuing coffee vendors with non-plastic coffee cups and not using plastic lids. Next year, PaddleNSW will start stricter measures against paddlers disposing of rubbish into the water during racing events.

Beyond our single-use plastics campaign, we are promoting citizen science programs such as Bushcare Kayaking. We are also in the process of establishing an environment page on the PaddleNSW website. Our committee members are from across NSW and include members of clubs, commercial tour operators, racers and recreational paddlers.

If you paddle, care about the environment and want to do something about it on a state-wide level, and agree with our values of being inclusive, supportive, collaborative and empowering, please email your interest in being on the committee to [bron@paddlensw.org.au](mailto:bron@paddlensw.org.au)

Happy paddling and caring for our rivers, lakes and oceans :)

**Bron Powell**  
**Chairperson**



*The Mullets (Cooks River) SUPtember cleanup*

## PADDLESport REPORTS

### CANOE POLO

Like the rest of the paddling world, Canoe Polo activities in the last year have been heavily stunted, primarily by bush fires and Covid-19.

After a very enthusiastic start to the season, attendance at our local competition at Auburn fell like ash during the bush fires. Many conversations were held regarding the suitability of conditions and the welfare of players, with many stalwarts wanting to play through rain, hail, shine, ash or other! The competition drew to an unfortunate early close due to Covid-19 restrictions placed on paddling activities. Recently, the committee has been brainstorming and planning future activities in light of easing of restrictions, with the aim to reduce costs, drive engagement and new players and keep things fun and exciting.

The Canoe Polo Summer Series was a bit of a mixed bag of results this year – the first competition held at the Molonglo River in Canberra was an uphill battle for the Sydney Lakers, not winning a single game for the entire competition and leaving empty handed (except for the frost bite and sunburn). Come the end of season competition at Mawson Lakes in Adelaide on Australia Day, the Lakers were able to turn things around and not drop a single game, coming away with the chocolates. Obvious signs of improvement!!

Keep an eye out for a new competition format – the Australian National Summer Series League, which hopes to strengthen club-based focus and club level development for future events. This has never been more important for us. Subject to confirmation (and prevailing lockdown conditions), we are hoping to run two events to be held in either January/February or February/March.

Some of our more hard core polo-ists, who continue to train hard at ungodly hours in the morning have had to deal with the news of a delayed Canoe Polo World Championships. The competition was due to be held in Rome



in August/September 2020, but has been pushed back to April 2021. NSW's Craig Hutchinson, nominated coach of the Australian side, hopes that the polo community can stick together through these difficult times, and encourages people to stay active, and help one another to get back up to speed for the postponed event. In the interim, NSW and ACT players have organised training days (when travel / restrictions allow) to keep engaged and motivated.



To further ease some of the frustrations due to uncertainty that Covid-19 has presented, some of our members have taken up different challenges to keep the mind ticking over – including switching to surf skis and C1s, joining paddling brethren at Lane Cove River Kayakers in their weekly time trials along the Lane Cove River. We have been made to feel very welcome, and appreciate the depth of skill and dedication to the sport coming out of their club.

Other upcoming events (hopefully) include:

- Australian Canoe Polo Championships: anticipated to be held in September 2021 (host state and dates remain subject to confirmation)
- World Canoe Polo Championships: rescheduled to be held 13-18 April 2021 in Rome, Italy
- Oceania Canoe Polo Championships: scheduled to be held in December 2021 in New Zealand.

As always, many thanks go out to our committee, and everyone that has participated and helped bring us another season of polo. Anyone wanting to improve their game with some additional training sessions, get involved in organising the competition, or looking to introduce a newcomer to the sport should get in touch with the committee or contact us via our Facebook page.

The English have an expression, “May you live in interesting times”. As we sit, working from home, sympathising with our Victorian neighbours, these are definitely ‘*interesting*’ times in which we are living.

Stay safe, paddle when you can, be sure to check in on your friends to make sure they’re doing ok.

#### ***PNSW Canoe Polo Committee***



## HARBOUR RACING

Along with the Marathon and Sprint Series, Covid19 has put the broom through the Harbour Series sweeping all but two events aside. There may have been 3 events had the weather not acted up for the first attempt of the Pittwater Challenge.

With the gracious offer by MWKC to re-run this race several months later when Covid restrictions were eased, it and the Brisbane Waters Open were the only two events to actually run this year.

The series was looking very promising, with events to be hosted by Dolls Point Paddlers, Pittwater Paddlers, CSKC, and Pacific Dragons filling out the series to 6x races.

The Brisbane Waters Open kicked off the series on 15<sup>th</sup> February, featuring a new course and start location. Lessons were learned from this event; best commence the series in Sydney next time. Many Sydney-based paddlers chose not to make the 75-minute journey north. Had they known what was in store with Covid19, things might have been very different!



Those who did make the start were treated to glassy conditions and a course that explored many of the inlets of Brisbane Waters. Navigation was tricky but generally logical, with Brett Greenwood (V50+) fastest over the long course, a good two minutes ahead of James Harrington (recovering from illness) and local Andrew Wilkinson. New recruit to the series Naomi Johnson (19+) narrowly took out the womens division from Eliza Johnson (U18), with Harbour Series Committee member Rozanne Green taking third.

By far the largest demographic was the 50+ mens category, with the 60+ also high in numbers. This does highlight the lack of junior participation, so new categories will be introduced in 2021 specifically for U18 Surf Club paddlers on spec skis.



The elder statesmen also took out the short course, with Ian Heath leading Craig Dodd to the finish line.



The new venue at Saratoga Sailing Club received the thumbs-up from all.

Results can be found on webscorer [here](#)

Round 2, the Pittwater Challenge, was beset by high winds just on start time with organisers and paddlers clinging to the hope that the front would pass by. Unfortunately, there was no let-up, and the race was abandoned. Host club Manly Warringah Kayak Club graciously agreed to re-run the race on the 'spare' date nominated for just such an eventuality, and with Covid19 restrictions being eased just in time, the race was duly run on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

The fastest on the day was Jackson Collins, with Olympic paddler Jo Brigden-Jones taking the womens category. The out and back course didn't quite get the tailwinds hoped for but was still enough to lure many fast paddlers, as the results [here](#) indicate.

It was unfortunate that with the Covid19 restrictions in place presentations and series awards were unable to be finalised, however this has allowed time for several new initiatives to be implemented over the off season.

PNSW now has two IRB trailers with one boat on each, plus an overhead locker system for all the equipment needed. This simplifies launching the boats and engine flushing afterwards, along with storage of buoys and anchors.

Additionally, PaddleNSW has just purchased 20 new inflatable turn buoys, weights and anchors. A standard course marking system will be used, with pink and yellow buoys indicating left and right hand turns respectively. No more confusion about the course. And 2x 2m tall checkered-flag finish buoys will clearly indicate the finish line.

The developments above show how funds generated from entry fees not only help the host clubs finance their races, but also how the Harbour Racing Committee is ploughing funds directly back into the sport. Everyone wins!

The paddlesport series 'waterscape' is evolving over time, with the 2021 season dates co-ordinated with both the Marathon and Sprint committees to avoid event clashes and make better use of shared resources. As usual, these events are only as good as the people organising them. We desperately need paddlers to step up to an administrative role in order for the series to grow, so don't be backward in stepping forward and having a chat with the committee. You can make a difference!

With a 6-race series proposed for 2021 and the unfortunate dissolution of Pittwater Paddlers Club, there is also great opportunity for new host clubs to apply for hosting rights for a 2021 Series event. PaddleNSW has simplified much of the hosting process, and paddlers appreciate the range of different courses on offer.

Let's hope Covid19 releases us from its grip and we can resume normal, competitive duties in 2021!

***Tony Hystek***

***Chair, PNSW Harbour Racing Committee***



## MARATHON

Firstly, I would like to thank Naomi Johnson and Don Johnstone for all the time, energy, and enthusiasm they have contributed to the PNSW marathons over the last year. Their unique skill sets have been very noticeable and have gone a long way to building marathon racing in NSW into what it is. And special mentions also need to go to Gary Rake and Bob Turner for continuing to provide a significant contribution, for what has now been many years.

The 2019 Marathon Series finished strongly with Davistown in July, then Windsor and Teralba in August. A massive thanks to the Hunter Valley PaddleSports Club for hosting the final race at Teralba along with the Presentation Ceremony.

The 2019 Marathon Series finished two months earlier than usual, in August as opposed to October, due to the introduction of the Ultra Series starting in September. The Ultra Series contains races that have been operating for some time, however in 2019 we grouped them together into a series and introduced a point scoring system.



*Div 2 racers at the Teralba Marathon, 2019 (Ian Wrenford)*

The 2019 Ultra Series started with the Wyong Ultra (30km) in September, followed by the Myall Classic (47km) also in September, the Clarence 100 (100km) in October, the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic (111km for the Classic or 65km for the Wiseman's Dash) also in October, and finishing with the Burley Griffin 24 Hour Challenge in December.

Awards were based on reaching set total distances, eg 200km, 250km, with the Ultra Marathon Paddler of the Year being awarded to the paddler completing the furthest distance. The inaugural winner was James Pralija so congratulations James on this achievement!

The Ultra Series was a huge success and many regular marathon paddlers tried the ultra-marathons for the first time.



*Ultra Series winner James Pralija at the BGCC 24hr Paddle Challenge, 2019 (Wade Rowston)*

NSW had 4 paddlers representing Australia at the 2019 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships in Shaoxing, China. Congratulations to Emily O'Rourke, Joseph Burton, Laura Lee & Naomi Johnson for some fabulous results:

Emily O'Rourke – 17<sup>th</sup> K1 Women Juniors

Joseph Burton – 25<sup>th</sup> K1 Men Juniors

Emily O'Rourke / Madeleine Lamb – 19<sup>th</sup> K2 Women Juniors

Joseph Burton / Chad Wiese – 16<sup>th</sup> K2 Men Juniors

Laura Lee / Naomi Johnson – 12<sup>th</sup> K2 Women



NSW was also strongly represented in the Australian team at the 2019 ICF Masters Canoe Marathon World Championships, with paddlers across a number of age classes in K1s and K2s. Results as follows:

Geoff Baggett – 3<sup>rd</sup> K1 Men 70-74  
 Geoffery Horsnell – 4<sup>th</sup> K1 Men 70-74  
 Lorraine Harper-Horak – 1<sup>st</sup> K1 Women 60-64  
 Annie Lloyd-Green – 1<sup>st</sup> K1 Women 70-74  
 Brett Greenwood – 1<sup>st</sup> K1 Men 55-59  
 Darren Lee – 4<sup>th</sup> K1 Men 55-59  
 Laura Lee – 1<sup>st</sup> K1 Women 40-44  
 Daniela Torre – 2<sup>nd</sup> K1 Women 50-54  
 Julia Ong – 4<sup>th</sup> K1 Women 50-54  
 Dmytro Medvedyev – 10<sup>th</sup> K1 Men 40-44



*Australian paddlers at the 2019 Masters World Championships in Shaoxing, China. (Natalie Heartcliffe)*

Brett Greenwood / Brett McDonald – 1<sup>st</sup> K2 Men 50-54  
 Geoffery Horsnell / Geoff Baggett – 1<sup>st</sup> K2 Men 70-74  
 Laura Lee / Daniela Torre – 1<sup>st</sup> K2 Women 40-44  
 Lorraine Harper-Horak / Dallas Newman – 1<sup>st</sup> K2 Women 60-64  
 Darren Lee / Nadya Mikhailova – 2<sup>nd</sup> K2 Mixed  
 Annie Lloyd-Green / Brian Greenham – 5<sup>th</sup> K2 Mixed  
 Julia Ong / Aliaksandr Yermakou – 7<sup>th</sup> K2 Mixed

December 2019 saw bushfires ravage the state, for what would last 2 months. Batemans Bay in particular suffered significant devastation, and several members of our paddling community lost property, including houses. The PaddleNSW marathon trailer was also lost in these fires on New Year's Eve. Our thoughts go to all those who are grappling with rebuilding their lives.

We were all looking forward to the 2020 marathon series, partly due to the introduction of a junior series and specific SUP divisions.

The inaugural PNSW Junior Marathon Series would consist of five races sitting within the regular Marathon Series. There would be 6 age groups ranging from U8 to U18, and ranging from 2km to 15km.

We would also be introducing three specific SUP distances, for 5km, 10km & 15km. SUPs are a growing paddlesport discipline and we are excited to be able to offer these specific divisions.

We also made several other amendments to the racing rules, with key changes being:

- Amending the Div 1 / Div 2 time threshold from 1:40 to 1:38
- Introducing a new 10km division (Div 9) for <56 mins
- Requiring two 'fast' times to be promoted to a faster division
- Introducing Minimum Progress Requirements





*Paddlers faced hot conditions at the 2020 Bateman's Bay Paddle Challenge (Ian Wrenford)*

The 2020 Marathon Series started with two Bonus Rounds. The first being the Batemans Bay Paddle Challenge (BBPC) in early February. With this region being devastated by the bushfires they did an amazing job of rallying together to host this marathon as planned. Thank you to the BBPC Committee!

The second Bonus Round in late February was the Frank Harrison Memorial Races hosted by the Mitta Mitta Canoe Club in Albury.

Round 1 of the Marathon Series was due to be held at Windsor in late March, which was to double as the State Singles Championships. Only days before the race we had to postpone it due to COVID-19. Taking guidance from state health and sporting authorities we postponed all marathons up to the end of May. With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing we subsequently extended the postponement indefinitely until conditions allowed us to host our races.

With restrictions easing from 1<sup>st</sup> July we quickly assessed our capability to re-host the Windsor marathon, and managed to successfully host this in early August. The race was very well received by paddlers, eager to squeeze in what may be their only marathon for 2020. And it was fabulous to see juniors spread across the new junior divisions, and SUPs lining up to take their start all together. I am sure these will be two growth areas for marathon racing in the years ahead. Thank you to the Windsor Paddlesports Club for obtaining the necessary approvals to host this marathon at such short notice, and within the COVID-19 safety guidelines.

As the Windsor marathon was the only race to be held from the original marathon calendar due to COVID-19, there were no individual or club prizes awarded for the 2020 Marathon Series.

We re-branded the Windsor marathon race as Round 1 of the 2020 Ultra Marathon Series, with Round 2 being the Wyong Ultra Marathon in late August, followed by the same events from 2019. Unfortunately the Wyong Ultra had to be cancelled and the Myall Classic postponed, due to advice from NSW Health to refrain from inter-regional travel for competition. To keep competition alive, we are excited to be hosting our first official virtual race to replace the cancelled Wyong Ultra. This is an exciting variation on marathon racing and one that may well be used again.



*SUP paddlers were out in force at the Windsor 'return to marathon' in August (Ian Wrenford)*

The 2020 National Marathon Championships were also cancelled due to COVID-19. These were due to be held in Geelong, VIC, in April 2020, and Paddle VIC were well on their way to producing a fantastic event. NSW was on track to field a team of 60 paddlers, which would have been our largest team in quite a while.

In August 2020 the winners of the 2019 Paddle Australia Canoe Marathon Paddler of the Year Awards were announced, with NSW performing strongly. Congratulations to the following winners:

- Junior Female: Emily O'Rourke (NSW/VIC)
- Junior Male: Joseph Burton
- Open Female: Naomi Johnson
- Masters Female: Laura Lee

There are still many uncertainties for marathon racing in the months ahead, however hurdles generate creativity and I'm sure that marathon racing will emerge stronger on the other side.

**Peter Hughes**  
**Chair – Marathon Committee**



*Clockwise from top left: Junior paddlers debrief after Windsor 2020; National representatives Laura Lee and Naomi Johnson at Brisbane Waters 2019; Safety volunteers at the Wyong 30kms 2019; Tight turns at the Wyong race. (Ian Wrenford)*



## SLALOM

The 2019/20 Slalom year began with State Championships held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, at Penrith Whitewater Stadium with 77 competitors.

The Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Age Championships were held on The Mersey River in Tasmania, from 3<sup>rd</sup> January. This event had a large PNSW Team representation with 30 Paddlers proudly wearing the PNSW blue logo and club spirit displayed from Penrith Valley Canoeing – Penrith Whitewater Pythons, Big River Canoe Club, Great Lakes Canoeing and Illawarra Canoe Club. The community enjoyed a fantastic, memorable short trip to Tasmania. The PNSW Team returned home with great results and ready for the race season ahead.



The Australian Canoe Slalom National Championships commenced 10<sup>th</sup> January at Penrith Whitewater Stadium, the events scheduling was altered by extreme weather conditions. 2020 Sydney International WHITEWATER FESTIVAL “Paddle Down Under” was held 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Spectators got to watch world class paddling with over three hundred athletes from twenty-three countries, this was a selection race for many countries. The event was successful due to the many volunteer hours from the Slalom community, their professional efforts, organisation, and management skills of such a large event must be commended. During this time also, the NSW Slalom Technical Committee was reinstated represented by Emir Mujcinovic (Chair), Kim Latter (Secretary), Alison Borrows, Brian Cork, Phillip Koch, Lauri Pullkinen, Michael Taylor and Julie Curtin. The committee has met six times with discussions around State Team events, venues, coronavirus pandemic challenges throughout the state and future opportunities.

Following a selection process including the Canoe Slalom Age Championships, the Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Senior Championships in Penrith and a two-day Selection Camp held at Penrith mid-January. Thirty-one athletes

from around Australia were invited to attend the Selection Camp. The 2020 NDS includes 17 athletes, with PNSW represented by Dominic Curtin- Penrith Valley Canoeing / Penrith Whitewater Pythons, Declan Ellis- Big River Canoe Club, Danielle Latter- Penrith Valley Canoeing / Penrith Whitewater Pythons, Miranda Pulkkinen- Penrith Valley Canoeing / Penrith Whitewater Pythons and Sophie Wilson- Penrith Valley Canoeing / Penrith Whitewater Pythons.

#### NDS Selected Athletes

Year	NSW No.		TAS		VIC		WA		Total
	% of NDS		No.	% of	No.	% of	No.	% of	
			NDS		NDS		NDS		
<b>2015</b>	5	19.23%	3	11.54%	7	26.92%	11	42.31%	<b>26</b>
<b>2016</b>	2	6.67%	1	3.33%	17	56.67%	10	33.33%	<b>30</b>
<b>2017</b>	1	4.35%	1	4.35%	11	47.83%	10	43.48%	<b>23</b>
<b>2018</b>	0	0.00%	3	15.00%	14	70.00%	3	15.00%	<b>20</b>
<b>2019</b>	2	9.52%	4	19.05%	12	57.14%	3	14.29%	<b>21</b>
<b>2020</b>	5	29.41%	2	11.76%	8		2		<b>17</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>11.53%</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>10.84%</b>	<b>11.50</b>	<b>50.94%</b>	<b>6.50</b>	<b>26.69%</b>	<b>22.83</b>

Australian Canoe Slalom 2020 Teams accounments had PNSW and Penrith Valley Canoeing well represented across all classes and age categories. Congratulations Lucien Delfour, Jessica Fox, Noemie Fox, Kaylen Bassett, Lachlan Bassett, Angus Thompson, Alex Broome and Sophie Wilson.

With the postponement of the 2020 Olympic Games by a full year back due to the coronavirus pandemic, Jessica Fox (NSW), Daniel Watkins (TAS) and Lucien Delfour (NSW) will have to wait another year to get to their Olympic goal.

20 years on from the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games canoe slalom competition, current and past Olympians came together at Penrith Whitewater Stadium 17<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate 20 years of Olympic legacy. Sydney Olympians Robin Bell and Kai Swoboda, Rio Olympians Lucien Delfour and Ian Borrows were joined by Sydney 2000 Canoe Slalom Head Coach and Olympian Richard Fox, Sydney 2000 Team Manager Noel Harrod, Australian Olympic Committee Vice-President Helen Brownlee, Australian Olympic Committee CEO Matt Carroll, as well as Federal Member for Lindsay, Melissa McIntosh MP, Penrith City Mayor Ross Fowler, SOCOG and state and local government representatives to commemorate the Sydney 2000 Games that kicked-off a 20-year success story of the world-class Penrith Whitewater Stadium.

#### **PNSW Slalom Committee**



## SPRINT

The 2019/20 Sprint season began with a new PNSW Sprint Committee, as Laura White gradually handed over the reins to the new committee, after many years of service, during the season. Laura has left PaddleNSW Sprint in great shape and has been constantly available to help the new committee in running our events. She is now concentrating her efforts on her role as a Canoe Sprint official and is training up a new group of officials in NSW. We are very proud that Laura has been selected to officiate at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, now in 2021. We would like to thank her for the time, energy and expertise she has put into our sport over many years and wish her every success at the Tokyo Paralympics and her future as a Canoe Sprint Official.

The 2019 Sprint Series started in August with a regatta hosted by Avoca Kayak Club, followed by two regattas at the Sydney International Regatta Centre at Penrith and the final regatta of the season hosted by Manly Warringah Kayak Club at Narrabeen Lake. These were the first regattas run by the new committee. They were well attended with a 50 - 60 paddlers at each regatta, mostly juniors, mostly paddling K1's and many new and first time paddlers. The Sprint Series are a great way to introduce new paddlers to the sport and to give valuable race practice to our more experienced athletes in a fun environment.

Sprint Series 2 at Penrith was also held in conjunction with the PaddleNSW Masters Sprint Championships, for the first time. The idea was to give the masters athletes their own regatta at SIRC rather than being run during PNSW State Championships. We had a very small but enthusiastic group of Masters paddlers who had a fabulous day competing for medals and fun. We are hoping to keep building on this model and increase participation in Masters Sprint Competition.

The NSW State championships was held in January, the last event to be organised by Laura White. It was a great success with 115 athletes competing, mostly from NSW and Queensland but also with some visiting teams and athletes from ACT, Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia, as well as a few international athletes. There was lots of very competitive racing with all of the best athletes from Australia in attendance. The point Score was won by Sydney Northern Beaches Kayak Club with 3161 points with Avoca Kayak Club 2nd on 1718 points and Salty Paddlers on 1305.5 points.

In March, PaddleNSW hosted the Paddle Australia National Championships at SIRC, doubling as the national selection trial for our 2020 Australian representative teams including the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Trials. Many of the officials and volunteers were PNSW members and parents, newly trained by Laura White and helped Paddle Australia run a fantastic regatta. The number of newly trained officials will allow PaddleNSW to be selected to host national regattas in the future.



The 5 day regatta was an amazing event as we saw the best Canoe Sprint athletes in Australia race on the best regatta course in Australia, for positions on the Olympic, Paralympic and Junior and Under 23's World Championship teams, as well as the Asia Pacific and Olympic Hopes Teams. PaddleNSW was very successful at Nationals. Congratulations to the following athletes on their selection to the Australian Olympic team.

Jo Brigden-Jones, Riley Fitzsimmons, Murray Stewart and Lachlan Tame, and to Dylan Littlehales on his selection to the Australian Paralympic Team.

PNSW had 11 athletes selected to the U23's and Junior team to compete at the World Championships in Germany. This was half of the team, so our future is in good hands. Congratulations to the Under 23's athletes, Fletcher Cunningham, Jakob Hammond, Ethan Neville, Ella Beere, Kailey Harlen, and the Junior athletes, Fletcher Armstrong, Jarrah Sheppard, Jasmine Locke, Sascha Taurins, and Alisa Van der Kwartel.

The Olympic Hopes team to compete in Hungary included 5 NSW athletes. Congratulations to Ashby Allen, Riley Clarke, Bailey Connolly, Natalia Drobot and Toby Schooley.

The Asia Pacific team to compete in Tokyo was also selected and contained many NSW paddlers. Congratulations to the following athletes,

U21's Ethan Neville, Jakob Hammond, Kailey Harlen, Georgia Sinclair, Jemma Smith.

U18's Bailey Connolly, Toby Schooley, Ashby Allen, Fletcher Armstrong, Jarrah Sheppard, Riley Clarke, Jasmine Locke, Alisa Van der Kwartel. Sascha Taurins,

U16's Callum Elliott and Natalia Drobot. for many of these athletes it was their first national team.

NSW also won the State of Origin K4 races in all 4 events, Open Mens and Womens and Junior Mens and Womens. The Overall Point score was taken out by Sydney Northern Beaches Kayak Club with Avoca Kayak Club in third place. Michael Dunbar from Sydney Northern Beaches Kayak club was recognised with the Raj Award, which is awarded to a junior paddler displaying sportsmanship, respect, courtesy and achievement. We truly have great depth in NSW Canoe Sprint ranks.

Overall, Nationals was a highly successful event for NSW with many team selections, many new paddlers and officials and some excellent results.

Sadly, while we were busy at Nationals, the world was changing, in the grip of the COVID19 Pandemic. In the weeks that followed, the Tokyo Olympics were postponed and all other international competitions were cancelled. Fortunately, the selected Olympic team was ratified and those athletes will still get to compete in Tokyo in 2021. All other athletes will be trialing again for places on the Australian teams, hopefully at Nationals in 2021, although nothing is certain at this stage. Paddle Australia and PaddleNSW were fortunate to be able to complete their 2019/20 season of competition, as many sports were not so lucky.

The PaddleNSW Sprint committee is hoping to build on the successes of 2019/20 to increase participation, depth, and success for all of our paddlers and keep Canoe Sprint a fantastic sport to be involved in.

**Sally Simons**  
**Chair—Sprint Committee**

## WHITEWATER

2019 saw the fourth annual Snowy River Extreme Race with close to 200 kayakers taking part. Discussions continued with parks and snowy hydro to improve kayaker access to this section of river and achieve guaranteed water for the race. Parks agreed to build a walkway down to the river at the top of the Munyang section of the snowy river, and while only a temporary walkway was in place for the race, a permanent walkway has since been completed. This walkway will preserve marsh like ground in the area while allowing easy access.

The Snowy River Extreme Race was again held on the October long weekend and culminated the third Australian white water grand prix event. Many kayakers travelled to and from Tasmania to compete in the whole series. As usual, the lead up to the event was an anxious time for race organisers, this time with extremely high water being the issue. Flows were between double and four times the normal water levels in the weeks leading up to the race. Back up plans were put in place and the race ended up taking place with the expert race moved to the intermediate race section as the usual section for the expert race was deemed too high for the race to safely take place.

2019 saw the addition of intermediate and canoe categories to the event. The winners of the categories were:

### Expert Open

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dan Hall and Geoff McQueen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Darlington and Kynan Maley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Scotty Hall and Alex McIntyre

### Expert Women's

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Herring and Kate Dyachuk
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jemma Rose and Amy Rella
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nors Corstorphan and Amy Hamilton

### Intermediate Open

- 1<sup>st</sup> Duanne White and Sander Van Tol
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Terrence Murphy and Aaron Ward
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Luke Barnett and Ben Taylor

### Intermediate Women's

- 1<sup>st</sup> Emily Waters and Sia Kanellopoulos
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sara Tacconelli and Charlotte Geer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> TJ Chang and Lingshu Liu

### Intermediate Juniors

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joe Hogbin-Gourne and Corey O'shea-Moses
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ky Huges and Brandon Dowell





**Inflatable**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Katrina Butler and Alison Parkinson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tamara Kemp and Ashleigh Smith
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Angus Corbet and Nelson McDonough

**Intermediate Canoe**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marsh Wilkinson and Henry Friend
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sebastian Young and Clayton Young
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bruce Baxtor and Sean Clement

Unfortunately, the 2020 Snowy River Extreme Race was called off and moved to an online socially distanced format due to covid safety concerns. However, this will hopefully give the team a chance to revise and improve on the event for 2021.

**Johannes Hendriks**  
**Chair—PNSW Whitewater Committee**





## Big River Canoe Club

2019/2020 will be remembered as a challenging year for BRSS with Mother Nature throwing us many curve-balls.



The whitewater season started with some of the lowest water levels ever recorded in the Nymboida River thanks to one of the worst droughts on record. That didn't stop the keen paddlers though, who managed a few club beginner and training events at Hanging Rock on the Mann River before the area was hit with terrible fires. The fires devastated the BRCC stomping ground of Nymboida including the former Nymboida Canoe Centre and cut off most of the river access points. Ironically, many of the events that were postponed due to fire were later cancelled due to floods before being finally stopped by the Covid-19 lockdown

measures.

There were still plenty of highlights though, including:

- Some of the best water levels in years, once the drought ended!
- BRCC sending very successful teams to the State Slalom Championships in Penrith and National Slalom Championships in Tasmania and Penrith and coaching events in Penrith and Glenbawn.
- Successfully securing grant funding for new competition bibs, whitewater and flatwater kayaks and paddling gear.
- Club coaching of the junior slalom paddlers by one of Australia's most renowned paddlers and coaches, Ros Lawrence.
- Declan Ellis making the National Slalom Development Squad which is a first for BRCC in many years.



Thanks to all of the club members and volunteers who endured the ups and downs of this season. With any luck, the 2020/2021 season will be more favourable and look forward to making up for all of the postponed events.



**Brian Cork**  
Secretary

## Bonville Creek Kayak Club

July 2019 saw the start of a new year for the BCKC; little did we envision the year ahead facing the whole planet. Our AGM was held on 31st August with no changes being made to our executive.

In September, the ICF Ocean Canoe World Championships were conducted at Saint-Pierre de Quiberon, France over the week 9-15th. Daniel Jenkin placed 13th in Masters 2 [1:56:00]. Once members of BCKC, Bonnie Hancock was 6th in Womens Senior, Mike MillsThom placed 8th Masters 5 [2:02:36] and Steve Steward placed 8th Masters 6 [1:58:37].

In October we were all saddened to lose Graham Gee to his fight with cancer. He was a long and enthusiastic member of our club and will be remembered particularly for his friendly and inclusive nature. I cannot think of one who introduced or welcomed more members into our club.

The Clarence 100 was on from 18-20th October. Both Ann Leonard and Liz Winn have completed the '100' with a cumulative 3 stage total time of approx. 12hours.

In the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic, sadly, BCKC did not have a representative in the field. The closest we came was ex member now Varsity Lakes paddler, Frank Kingma; he and Annette Boath were fastest C2 in 10:21:05 [also second on handicap 8:47:55].

On 21st March, our regular Saturday afternoon paddles ceased due the COVID19 pandemic and no race was held the following Saturday.

Due to our club members keenness, Faux Races were introduced. Paddlers had until Friday 6pm to paddle the course and submit an elapsed time to the clerk of the course. There was no limit on the number of times members might paddle and times submitted.

Times were collated and results published on the Saturday morning by email.

At the end of the club year on 30th June, it looked like we would restart Saturday racing soon.



**Mike Mackney**  
**President**



## Brisbane Water Paddlers

The Brisbane Water Paddlers club (BWP) which was established in July 2015 is now in its fifth year (2019/2020) and has 35 members.

During the first half of the season, in 2019, the club events ran smoothly, the Marathon races were fiercely competitive with some great results from our club members and the introduction of the PaddleNSW Ultra marathon series was a resounding success. We ran our first Harbour Series Race in exceptional conditions.

Then came 2020. Sydney's New Eve fireworks were in danger of being cancelled due to high levels of smoke from bush fires across the state. In February, our first Marathon Race in Batemans Bay was shortened and then almost abandoned by many paddlers due to smoke and extreme heat. Several Paddle NSW members lost property and were severely effected by the fires. Mid-February BWP successfully ran the only Harbour Series Race to go ahead this year. Two weeks later the Canberra race was cancelled due to the low water levels in the river and then ironically two weeks later the Teralba interclub race, on the 7th March, was cancelled due to heavy rain. By this time, March 21, the Covid Pandemic was becoming an issue and the State Championships at Windsor were cancelled due to Covid restrictions. All club activities ceased at this point.

Paddlers still managed to train, and by limiting any social activities and complying with the ever changing Covid Rules, club members maintained the opportunity to paddle. Limited club events were reinstated on the fourth of July at which point the committee made the decision that the season, point scores and presentation would be extended until the end of the calendar year. As Club President, I would like to thank all club members for their patience and good humour in an ever changing situation.

In 2019/20, the committee, working under difficult conditions, has continued to develop into a strong and supportive team. I would like to thank our Vice President, Steve Monger, Secretary Lorraine Gaffney, Treasurer, Mal Brear, Club Captain, Mark Brear and the committee members Karen Schofield, Geoff Dawes and Andrew Wilkinson.

Over the 2019/20 season a variety of club race formats were held approximately every second Saturday including the Club Championships, the Handicap events and the Three and Four Island Course. Handicap events were also held each Wednesday evening over the period of daylight saving.



Many thanks to Mark Brear who has done an outstanding job as Club Captain in running each event, calculating handicap times and providing us a very informative spread sheet with accurate and prompt results. Due to Covid, BWP held a virtual event each week. Mark did a great job working out the 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 and transporting the club marquee and flags.

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

Over the 2019/2020 season BWP ran the last Harbour Race Series for 2019, including the presentation, and the first Harbour Race for the 2020 season. Both events were held in warm sunny conditions and received very positive feedback from paddlers and officials.

The 2019 event was held on the 27th of July and was followed by the Annual Presentation lunch at Davistown RSL club. Thanks to Lorraine for securing Liesel Tesh, the local State member, as the guest speaker for the day. Thanks also go to Amy Cash for the photography at both the race and the presentation. As this was the first time we had run this event as a club it was great to note that so many people worked tirelessly, in the car parks, on the water and in official capacities, starting and timing.



On February 15th, 2020, BWP then hosted Round 1 of the 2020 PaddleNSW Harbour series. This race was held at the Saratoga Sailing club, thanks to Steve Brett for making this possible and liaising with the Sailing club for the use of their facilities and catering. Once again the BWP club members worked well together, making sure that the day ran smoothly and that all competitors were able to paddle safely. Thank you to Claire Monger, the starter, Lorraine Gaffney and Marg Dodd for timing and Malcolm Brear the safety officer. Also a big thanks to the boat crews: Michael Kerr, Steve Morrow, Paul Bimon, Jim Eldefield, Karen Crosland and

Steve Monger. Thanks also to Greg Cox for ensuring the parking area was well organised. Karen Schofield not only led all the club volunteers during the day but also managed to paddle in the event, coming an impressive 3rd place in her division. Well done to Lorraine for the work in preparing the successful application for the council grants to run the Marathon and Harbour events.



**Developments for 2019/2020**

Over the past four years, the committee has been investigating the possibility of building a small storage area on the Davistown waterfront. Various proposals have been submitted to council, but have so far been unsuccessful.

Davistown RSL club has generously supplied BWP with a container on the RSL grounds to store the club boats and gear. Thank you to Ben Bradly from Davistown RSL.

BWP has purchased an IRB, thanks to Michael Kerr, in advance, for lending us a motor until we get a grant to purchase one. We are in the process of building a cover next to the container for the IRB. The boat will be used for training groups, supporting new paddlers and Marathon and Harbour events.

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

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

**Craig Dodd**  
**Club President**



## Burley Griffin Canoe Club

The last 12 months has been one of ups and downs, which I'm sure is something shared by all clubs.

The 2019 race season saw BGCC paddlers on the road, travelling to the many Marathon races and placing well – well enough that we won the Brian Norman Perpetual Trophy and the ICF trophy. These were hard fought wins for which we thank Russell Lutton, he spent many an evening on the phone, cajoling, persuading, sweet talking (he stopped at bribing), club members to come along and paddle. Unfortunately for us, he and Carolyn moved to Queensland early this year. We also have to thank all those who did compete, many also took out the individual point scores in their divisions.

We had several paddlers taking part in the Ultra Marathon series, the Myall, Hawkesbury, 24 Hour and Murray Marathon.

BGCC hosted the Canoe Polo Invitational in October, putting on another good event, which was blessed with good weather. Our open team took out a 2<sup>nd</sup> place however our other teams didn't fair so well this year, all good practice for Nationals.

With the summer came the fires.

Our 25<sup>th</sup> 24 Hour Challenge held in December attracted a higher number of teams and individuals than the previous few years, now being part of the Ultra Marathon series. There was fierce competition between teams, both local and from Sydney, however all came to a shuddering halt during the night when a wind change brought the smoke and ash, keeping paddlers off the water from about 9pm till 6am. An unexpected sleep for all did make for faster times when paddling recommenced in the morning.



The new year brought more smoke, restricting paddling and many outdoor activities. Paddling with a mask, checking the AQI levels, discussions on PM2.5 standards and just staying indoors became the norm.

BGCC members did venture out for a few races in 2020. The Batemans Bay Challenge, certainly was! Heat, smoke, wind and chop made for a very difficult race, however we did have a decent turnout with many wanting to support the South Coast after their devastating fire season. Thanks to the organisers for all the work they put into this event



We had a small presence at the Waggabidgee's Oura to Wagga Beach race which used to be an annual event, hopefully, this was the first of many more.

The other popular race, one which generally only a few club members get too, was the Frank Harrison race on the Murray. This year we had 12 paddlers enter with many coming 1<sup>st</sup> in their class. This increase was mainly due to BGCC not holding our marathon race.

The BGCC Marathon Series race which was to be held in February. Due to unusually low water, high temps and almost constant smoke, the committee decided to postpone this event to July. July in Canberra? We thought to embrace the concept with many slogans like: July in Canberra – no sweat! and July in Canberra – where the COOL people paddle. (We were, however, quietly apprehensive). Then came Covid 19.

Despite Covid 19 and winter, our paddlers have been getting out and training, with group sizes depending on the current restrictions. We have seen some quite large numbers for monthly time trials and a training camp held by Margi at Moruya. Canoe Polo have been training at the river and lately back at the pool. All waiting for a return to competition.



Surprisingly, we are also seeing an increase in new paddlers over this winter season.



In June BGCC celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We held a socially distanced picnic by the river which was well attended. We awarded James Harmer Life Membership for his commitment to Canoe Polo over the last almost 30 years, both within the club and the broader canoe polo community.

Sadly we had 2 long time club members pass away, in September 2019, Terry 'Swampy' Marsh, an early club member and a long time paddler and just recently in June 2020, Ian Castell-Brown. Ian would have been known to many in the paddling community – he took part in everything, from the Divisional races to States, Nationals & Masters Games.

We look forward to the 2020 – 21 season and some regular competition.

**Russell Murphy**  
President





## Central Coast Paddlers

The highlight of 2019 was our 30km Wyong River Ultra, held on the 7th September. A single lap of 17km was also available. It was well attended – 48 craft - with the added interest of two Dragon Boats. We had eight locals in the 17km – Andrew Wilkinson (fastest over all), Warwick Nichols, Rob McPherson, Charly Wellard, Cam Mehmet, Marnie Kay, Heidi Duncan and Sandy Hauraki. Eight locals entered the 30km – Mick Carroll (fastest local), Alby Cobb, Geoff Dawes, Anne Moore, Max Lyons, Rob Cook, Marg Cook and Cam Tunbridge.



Thank you to all who made the Event successful – Club Volunteers, PNSW Members, Lakes SLSC, Tuggerah Lakes Marine Rescue, Cafe2U and A Class Hire.

The Club “Handicap Races” of 15km, 11.35km and 7.5km continues to be our “main Attraction”. The 2019 Pointscore Winner was Warwick Nichols, closely followed by Mick Carroll, then Clive Adams.

Elected at the AGM in November 2019 was:

President: Mick Carroll, V.President: Rob McPherson, Secretary: Nick Naughton, Treasurer: Margaret Naughton, Committee: Nathan Podlich, Anne Moore and Ray Weekes.



We were able to hold only four Club Races in early 2020 before Covid 19 arrived! But we continued our weekly Time Trials in “Virtual Mode!” Paddlers actually appreciate the flexibility of any venue and any day of the week! The highlight so far, has been Race 17, in late June, when there were five PBs posted! Andrew Wilkinson’s thirteen kilometres an hour has set a high benchmark! Mick Carroll’s PB was his eighth in the Series. Others were by Murray Dell, Cameron Mehmet and John Wood.

Regular Club Races of the 8 Winter Series were recommenced on July 5th 2020 - initially with travel restrictions imposed from “distant regions.” The Annual General Meeting has been postponed, due to Covid 19. Unfortunately, our State Series Race, and the 2020 Wyong River Ultra were also cancelled due to the Pandemic. The \$1000 Grant from the NSW Government was gratefully received, but the opportunity for competition was sorely missed.

**Nick Naughton,  
Secretary**





## Far North Coast Canoe Club

We are a small club in Lismore on the north coast of NSW. We paddle on the Wilsons River as well as other rivers in the region. Our paddlers are flat water rec paddlers and marathon racers. Some of our paddlers sea kayak, others white-water. We have a few junior paddlers one of whom, second generation paddler, is doing well at international level wild water competition. He was due to compete in the USA when the Covid struck.



In late 2019 the Australia-wide drought was such that our river height was down at least a metre from usual. This meant that the river edges were more weedy and more prone to bullrout incidences. It also meant that the riparian vegetation, was weakened. It won't be until our next flood that we'll see the impact of the weakening of those large trees that hold the river bank safe.

We had a small flood early in 2020, which is normal for us. We are on the river side of the town's levee bank, and a minor flood enters the clubhouse. Anything larger and we need to evacuate boats and wash out afterwards. A muddy, messy process.

The Covid has had an impact on our activities. Immediately several at-risk paddlers stopped coming. Our Saturday morning paddles seemed somehow less social when they couldn't include a cup of tea. Not being able to introduce raw beginners to our sport has impacted on the inflow of new members, though we have had some experienced paddlers join. The racers have missed the competition of paddling in a crowd.

### **Membership**

Our membership hovers at this time of the membership year at about 30 – 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**

With the Covid we have had to cancel all social tours. Lately we've re-instated the monthly full moon paddles and have had other short local tours. Social distancing adjusts what we can do.

### **Racing Marathon**

Our club is part of the Pacific Coast Paddle Series that sees our members competing against paddlers from Grafton to the Sunshine Coast, north of Brisbane. This Covid season the race became a six month long individual pursuit, with paddlers' times being sent to compete against other, virtually, via a PaddleQLD site. Since the border closures, NSW paddlers have not been able to compete at the races that have begun in QLD.

Our own race, the southernmost in the current series, in August 2019 was very successful. Because of the Covid, we won't be holding it in 2020.

## Infrastructure and Grants

Our new river access ramp has been built and installed. This was paid for by a government sports grant. It's made a huge difference. With regular flooding, mud-dumping at high tide, and variously-abled paddlers, it's been a long-term, seemingly impossible problem for at least the twenty years that I've been paddling here. I'd like to thank the volunteers who contributed to the ramp's success. Colin Cussel for applying for and writing the grant application. Stuart Thomson for liaising with council and Bruce Taylor for the design of the ramp, and problem solving and installing the second low water ramp.

Lismore City Council have re-formed the river-side walking path, washed away by Cyclone Debbie, into a concrete cycle-way. The construction made for interesting river access while the Very Heavy Machinery was in action. It has resulted immediately in more walking and cycling traffic around our boathouse. We will be extending the retaining wall that council had built, which will continue the beautification of the space in front of the shed.

We are very grateful for the \$1000 Covid grant secured for us by PaddleNSW. We've lost income from fewer new members, no Bunning's fundraising sausage-sizzle, and no race. We aren't destitute, but these extra income streams are important. Socially, too, we need to continually add to our pool of members. We are using part of the Covid grant for a large clubhouse sign on the river side of our building which will alert more people to our existence, and attract more people to both the sport and our club.



## Conclusion

In a club where the river height is usually the main area of concern, to have a worldwide, insidious, infectious disease imminent, is unsettling. It has impacted on the sort of activities we put on as a club, and created social unease.

The time of the year notwithstanding, and despite the year that it is, I feel that FNCCC is in a healthy position. We have active paddlers, a full boatshed of club equipment and private boats, and an enthusiastic

steering committee. The new ramp is making things easier. The Covid is making people wary. But the river is still there. And we love it.

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. I'd like to take this opportunity to invite any members of any club who may be travelling on the north coast to call and come for a paddle with us. After all these restrictions have been listed. Of course.

**Christine Porter**  
President





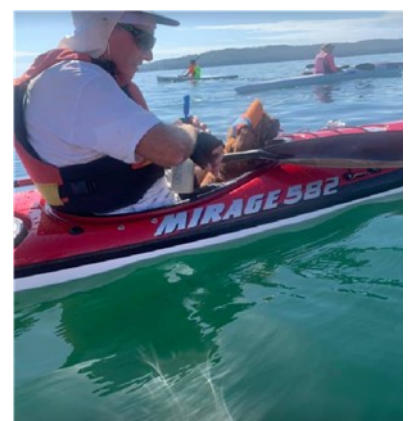
## Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club

The Hunter Valley Paddlesports club is an active paddling club that is comprised of 70 members across the Hunter Valley region. We are blessed with beautiful ample waterways across our region and have members participating in a range of paddling activities.

Throughout the year the club has conducted summer and winter series races which have been well attended. Unfortunately, they came to a standstill in March along with the rest of the world with the COVID pandemic. Our first Winter 2020 series race was run on Sunday 26th July. Paddlers were keen to resume paddling, and despite a wet and dreary day, we had 20 keen participants. On that race day, our club supported a member Russell Brown who raced in a double boat with his partner Ross Ferguson to raise awareness for organ donation on the first day of Organ Donation awareness week. His story was heard on the local NBN news that nights.



Unfortunately, the annual inaugural Hunter Cup which we were to host in March 2020 between the local clubs was cancelled due to wet weather and unsafe paddling conditions. The event has yet to be rerun.





The marathon series races provide a competitive environment for members of our club looking to travel and race with a broader community. Our club hosted a successful marathon series event in August 2019 which was the last race for the series. This was run on Cockle Creek, which although not the most scenic of our local rivers, provided a safe and straightforward course which was appreciated by most competitors.



A number of our members also paddled in the ultra-marathon series, including the Myall classic and Hawkesbury classic and we had participants in the ocean and harbour series state races.



Our club had regular arranged recreational paddles which were well attended. The paddles had been arranged to different areas of our region, including several overnight paddles. Stories and photos of these paddles are often shared on our Facebook page.





Our club has also run a successful Bunnings fundraiser, and a lot of club members were keen to assist on the day. Hopefully, we can hold another one before too long as they are also a great way to raise awareness of our club in the community.



On an individual level, there were several achievements of note. Co-member Annie Moore was awarded Outstanding Paddler of the Year 2019 which was a fantastic and well-deserved achievement for this inspirational lady. Greg Hillier and Sue Smith, who were regular participants in most of the local and state races, trained incredibly hard throughout the year and competed in the Yukon River Quest. They were placed 5th in the mixed tandem kayak class and 7th in the tandem kayak class (69th overall) in the arduous 715 USA race.

Our paddling community in the Hunter is strong and active, and we look forward to the next 12 months. We are lucky to be involved in an activity that we have been able to continue with despite a pandemic. For many of us, paddling has been an incredible saviour during these stressful times.

**Sally Verheul**  
Secretary



## Kayak Share Club

Kayak Share Club Inc (KSC) was established at Neutral Bay in 2019 as a community club with a new 'share boat' concept. It evolved as a measure to reduce the number of kayaks left lying idle on a small beach in North Sydney and to allow equitable access to paddling for the community. This initiative has been embraced by the local residents and the local council as a win-win. Members pay an annual fee to belong to the club (and Paddle NSW) and can then book a kayak at no charge. They simply provide their own lifejacket and paddle – and of course do not have to purchase a kayak.



**KSC Neutral Bay – paddling in the heart of the city**

### **COVID-19**

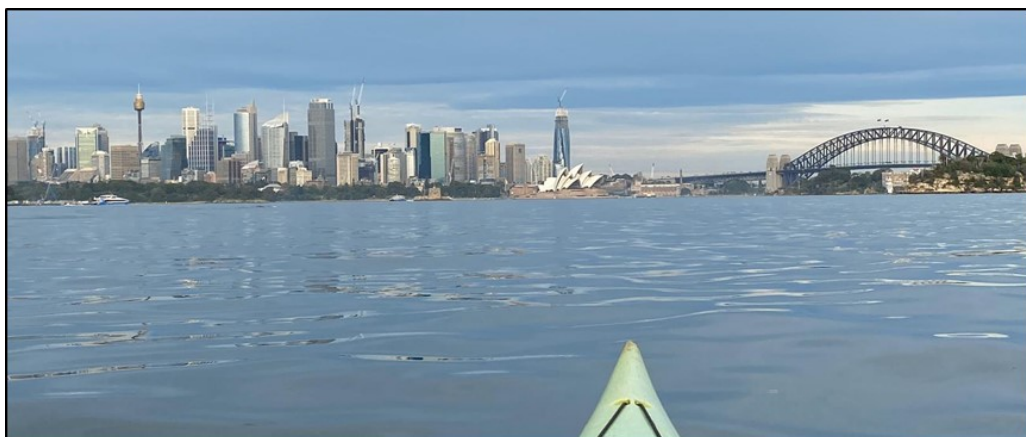
The club was affected by COVID-19 restrictions in a variety of ways. Interestingly member applications increased by more than 150% from locals who were keen to join as they sought exercise and were now working from home or at reduced hours. Unfortunately we could not run all of the necessary training sessions with the 1.5m social distancing restriction. When restrictions were relaxed, the club maximised the number of training sessions up to the end of June. Many, but not all applicants, were trained in this time.

### **Membership**

In the past 6 months the club has increased its membership from 51 to 82 members. Applicants were referred from the beach sign, locals, internet or other club members. Membership now includes families and the club accepted its first under 18 member. The largest cohort of members were the over 60s seniors, and this group also were the most frequent users of the kayaks.

### **Kayak Usage**

The total usage over the past 6 months was 447 bookings. This compares to 136 for the previous 6 months and 239 for the same period last year. This is an increase in usage of over 180%. Some comments were even received for the need to cap member numbers to ensure there are enough kayaks to go around.



**Highlights of the Harbour – just around the corner**



**Training and Maintenance**

In the past year, 12 paddle safety training sessions were conducted. Adrian Clayton, the club's certified instructor, provided training on paddling technique, waterways safety and assisted & self-rescue.

All kayaks are inspected and tested on a regular basis and maintained to ensure a seaworthy condition.



**Assisted rescue training**

**Paddling and Social Activities**

Monthly half-day events were commenced with trips to Shark Island & Chowder Bay, Greenwich and Elizabeth Bay. An overnight camping trip to Cockatoo Island has also been held.

The club conducted its regular monthly twilight drinks up until COVID restrictions and two gardening working bees were held to tidy the beach rack area.



**The KSC rack at Hayes Street Beach**

**The Future**

The KSC committee recognises the popularity of paddling and sees the value of having sister clubs in suitable, well located sites. With this in mind it applied to Mosman Council for a grant to construct a similar timber rack at a small beach in Pearl Bay, Mosman and we are actively researching other areas of the harbour.

The Club appreciates the ongoing support of North Sydney Council and Paddle Australia/NSW for endorsing this innovative and sustainable concept of kayak sharing.

**Ken Woolfe**  
**Vice President**

## Kurnell Outriggers Canoe Club

Kurnell OCC was established in 2020 for the local community.

Our aim is to hold an annual event for all water craft “The Kurnell Cup”.

The focus is on the Junior Development and members of the local community of Kurnell.

All of our committee members have been involved in paddling for many years and we have the knowledge to create future champions.

We are holding a “Come and Try” open day on the 20th of September from 10am to 1pm. Meet Silver Beach opposite the Cook Café at 10am. Prince Charles Parade, Kurnell.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/KOCCInc/>



**Tanya Sauer**





## Lane Cove River Kayakers

LCRK enjoys a cohesive and active membership of around 120, with its primary discipline being marathon racing. Many members also now race in the Harbour Series and Australia-wide Ultra Marathon Events. We are a social club keen on encouraging personal improvement in our paddlers through coaching and mentoring within its membership. LCRK Members are renowned for their good cheer and willingness to volunteer at events to support the greater paddling community.

### **LCRK Office Holders for 2019-2020**

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

### **LCRK PNSW Office Holders for 2019-2020**

PNSW Board Members:

- 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
- Tony Hystek: Harbour Racing Chair

Some of our club highlights for the year include:

- Our signature event, the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic made up part of the Ultramarathon series this year, and as usual many trophies and awards were won by our members, including the Commonwealth Cup once again. Peter Fitzgerald was again the highest fundraiser for the Arrow Foundation, and most notable this year was Naomi Johnson who proved the fastest solo female paddler ever in the Classic.





- Naomi has excelled in her paddling prowess over the past year with her dedication to training affording her selection for the World Marathon Championships representing Australia in the Open Female K2 with Laura Lee.
- In the Ultramarathon series we had a keen club contingent. Taking out the furthest and fastest male and female paddler awards were Ruby Ardren (414.9km) and James Prajlia (424.3km) doing us proud in keeping with our marathon tradition.
- This year has seen an enormous jump in participation at time trials, regularly having around 30 paddlers and up to seventy participants until actual time trials ceased due to Covid19. During Covid lockdown, interested members participated in a virtual timetrial set up in lieu of actual time trials, and emailed in their times for a weekly comparison. Many members were pleased to have the choice to paddle in a Covid modified format training time trial as soon as lawfully possible after a long shutdown.
- During Covid lockdown, we continued our weekly Time trial Report in a new format of 'Not The Time Trial Report', with members encouraged to contribute articles of interest and paddling tales. This was instrumental in keeping members active and engaged with each other when unable to join together on the water.
- This year saw an increase to three sessions of member squad coaching each week, accommodating all levels of paddler, and continue to attract good numbers of paddlers. Thanks to coaches Tony, Naomi and Kieran for being inclusive and encouraging of all levels of paddling ability in these squads.
- Clean Up Australia Day again saw many members cleaning up our Lane Cove River
- A grant was secured to illuminate both our pontoon stairs and the boat set up and washing area outside the shed
- After flooding damaged our Council owned pontoon, reconstruction would have been sorely delayed without member assistance to source grant funding and quotes to get it ready in time for our unfortunately Covid-cancelled marathon series event
- Discounted renewals to assist members in Covid times
- RMS in discussion with us assessing excessive channel markers for imminent removal from the river
- Maintaining a healthy and co-operative relationship with Athletics and Council, working together on the Draft Management Plan for Rotary Athletics Field from which we operate
- Application for a Covid19 Grant of \$1000 received thanks to the assistance of PNSW
- NSW Health compliant Covid safety measures firmly in place allowing our TT's to recommence promptly with an impressive level of compliance and support from members.
- Out with the old and in with the new – the upgrading of our club hire fleet to more modern boats that appeal to members and are enjoyable to paddle. Club boats continue to get a good workout, especially the doubles, with the popular Elio Cobra K2 our latest acquisition



Part of the reason for the success of our club membership is that our President can only serve for two years. I have enjoyed my second year of tenure so now stand down and welcome a new President to the position.

**Alanna Ewin**  
**President**





## Macquarie River Paddler Club

It goes without saying that the 2019 paddling season was tough on everyone! Along the Macquarie river it was heartbreaking to watch water levels and air quality follow dam levels in steady decline.

The record low flows over winter 2019 forced paddlers of MRPC to explore more of our feeder reservoirs.

Burrendong dam, Lake Lyle, the Cudgegong river and Lake Windermere. In doing so we discovered a few gems. The usually concealed rivers within Burrendong the Macquarie and the Cudgegong, afforded viewing of the historical ruins of old Burrendong township as well as the increased bird-life who had come in to wait out the drought. Low water levels also exposed the beautiful sawn rocks at Mookerawa. The deep cold water of Lake Lyle allows clear viewing of unique alpine water plants to a depth of about 5 meters, well worth the look. Lake Windermere has eco accommodation at Under Canvas Camping which is run by the Mudgee Scouts at very reasonable prices.



*Sawn Rocks at Mookerawa NSW Burrendong at 15% May 2020*

After completing our annual reccie paddles and much of the preparation for our signature event, the WOMDOMNOM had to be cancelled in 2019. A decision that was come to with a lot of trepidation and careful debate but no regrets amongst the dedicated organising committee. As always the quality of experience and care for the environment were foremost in our concerns. The early dust storms alternating with persistent smoke from fires near and far were merely the enforcers in that decision. Thankfully we were able to join some good friends from the Illawarra on their Tumut trip, which made all the difference to our paddling well being over summer.



Much of our paddling activity was curtailed with the drought and the air quality over summer. However we did take part in the first annual platypus count organised by Wambangalang Outdoor Education Centre. We are pleased to share that not only did we spot and count platypus on that day, we have encountered them consistently between Wellington and Narromine since.

Throughout the winter months, after the reopening of the waterways in May we have continued to explore Burrendong Dam, taking much delight in its gradual transformation from 1% to 46.5% in October.

*The view downstream from the small spillway Burrendong dam 2000ML  
September 2020*



We have also completed full reccie paddles for the 2020 WOMDOMNOM which we are in the final stages of finalising with Dubbo Regional Council.

If the 2019/2020 season has taught us anything is it that nature bounces back with its own resilience and that human nature needs to follow that lesson by being adaptable, kind and thoughtful in its use of resources by valuing everything and everyone; understanding that each challenge brings a new insight. We are pleased that in spite of the challenges of 2019/2020 we have increased the accreditation of members through the Women's Scholarship Program offered by Paddle New South Wales and look forward to paying that forward in our community.

Looking forward we have plenty to plan and planned as we embark on new partnerships with Sport and Rec and cement old relationships with Clontarf Foundation. We resume our Poets Paddles on Friday nights with daylight savings and look forward to improving our membership base in 2020/ 2021.

Happy Paddling from the Macquarie River Paddle Club, we hope to see you soon.



*Terramugamine NSW September 2020*

## Manly Warringah Kayak Club

Despite an “unprecedented” Covid crisis overpowering club activities since February 2020, resulting in the club going into caretaker mode, our club has achieved a great deal in the 2019-20 year and has many plans to grow participation, membership and competition in the coming year.

Comparing year on year, despite the cancellation of our marathon, postponement of the Pittwater Challenge and loss of other income streams, membership and revenue has grown. Each year after June 30 membership traditionally drops as some members move on to other locations and activities, and then slowly grows over the full year. In 2019 we had 167 members from July 31. This year we have 206 members with this set to grow, as renewals are locked into the new GoM membership system. This growth is a combination of solid renewals, a growth in new member inquiries to join us on the water, the excellent success David Hipsley’s group has achieved in the junior program and the influx of juniors and parents from the Bryce Munro, Mona Vale Surf Club partnership.

Manly Warringah Kayak Club is a competitive kayak club, since 1983 the club has been established to work closely with the Surf Life Saving movement and other northern beaches paddlers to promote flatwater racing and grow paddling skills for both flatwater and surf.

### **The Junior Program**

Up to 22 juniors participate regularly in the Saturday and Wednesday junior squads. In May this year another 18 juniors from the Mona Vale SLSC along with coach Bryce Munro and a bunch of parents joined our club in a new initiative to work more closely with the Surf Life Saving movement.

The intake of juniors into MWKC from Mona Vale SLSC, we finally managed to co-ordinate the entry of 18 talented new juniors ranging from 13yrs to 18yrs into the Club. The then MVSLSC President, Bryce Munro, has been instrumental in achieving this and the passion he has demonstrated for integrating his squad with MWKC has been noteworthy. They are now true MWKC Members and we welcome them all warmly, it’s great to have them as part of the Team.

### **Coaching**

This year coaching coordinator David has developed a coaching program based on the fact that the MWKC has more experience and knowledge already within our club than any other club in NSW,

they just needed to get qualified and be managed. This year the Club has qualified 9 coaches, which has involved first aid, theory and practical on-water sessions and tests. These coaches now allow us to cater for beginner adults, typically on Saturday mornings (pre-covid) and junior development, with particular focus on Wednesday afternoons. These sessions have seen a complete rejuvenation of junior development at MWKC, with up to 30 participants being tutored by our own highly qualified Brett Worth and Andras Eles. This squad, combined with



David Hipsley's regular Saturday morning junior squad, means we can take juniors from complete beginner all the way through to U18 competition. Brett Worth, Pieter Boer, Andras Eles and Peter Grimes joined committed parents like Viliam Mako, Toby Heaton Armstrong, Turio Mako and others to update their coaching qualifications and coach our juniors and new adult members. More exciting is the future of these juniors and new adult members as they participate in the club, state and national sprint and marathon events.

## Club Craft

The board continues to update our club fleet. These have been strategic or opportunistic. With newbies and juniors its important that craft are stable, fast, robust and easy to quickly adjust on training day. Many of our older craft are showing the wear and tear of good use but also are very difficult to set up quickly adjusting seat and footbar. The new craft solve this problem.

## Tuesday-Thursday squads

The clubs Tuesday/Thursday afternoon training squad continued to thrive from the July 1 restart despite the suspension during Covid March to June 2020. Paddlers come ready to paddle, grab their boats from the boat shed and join 15 to 25 fellow members under the guidance of Peter Grimes, Andras Eles and other squad member leaders. All are welcome, members and visitors, 4.30pm sharp on the water. This squad was started by Len Turner

way back at the start of our club, it's a core activity of our club and has survived and progressed successfully under various squad leaders for more than 30 years.



## Sunday Races

The clubs Sunday races also were suspended in March due to Covid but restarted July 1. It's not unusual to see 35+ paddlers on the water on any Sunday. Members come ready to paddle, stay 1.5m apart, no gatherings in the club, grab your boat, race and go home. All Covid safe.

## Working with Paddle Australia and PNSW

Visits to MWKC by Phil Jones CEO of Paddle Australia and Peter Tate CEO of PaddleNSW underline a stronger working relationship with both these umbrella organisations. While our club may sometimes have differences of opinion on some issues the way to grow our club in the wider paddling community is to engage positively with these organisations.

The introduction of the GoM system is an example of working with PA and leaning on their resources for the best outcome for our club. It still is a work in progress but Joy Robinson, our registrar, working with Sam from PA has wrestled it into shape for our club.

While visiting CEO Phil Jones was "trapped" in the club craft with David Hipsley while supervising a junior training squad and participated in a "rescue" followed by a friendly "ear bashing" by a bunch of our paddlers over breakfast and a coffee, encouraging him to join our club.



**Website : [www.mwkc.org.au](http://www.mwkc.org.au)**

The clubs website has always been a work in progress. A totally new website under the WIKI protocol has been built thanks to Richard Robinson and Nigel Colless (assisted by Tom Holloway). This site is more user friendly as a club site and allows multiple contributors to keep the information relevant. Check it out at [www.mwkc.org.au](http://www.mwkc.org.au). Gaye Hatfield and Joy Robinson are working on a club history project, scanning photos and documents of interest.

## 2019 World Marathon Championships MWKC results

in Shaoxing, China, Oct 2019.

8 MWKC paddlers were selected for the Australian Team following the Australian National Championships in Perth 2019. Results from China:.

Geoff Baggett M70-74, K2 Gold, K1 Bronze

Daniela Torre W40-44 K2 Gold, W50-54 K1 Silver

Brett Greenwood M55-59 K1 Gold, M50-54 K2 Gold

Julia Ong W50-54 K1 4th, K2 Mixed 7th.

Anne Lloyd Green W70-74 K1 Gold, K2 Mixed 5th.

Geoff Horsnell M70-74, K2 Gold, K1 4th

Peter Clyne M60-64 K2 Silver, K1 4th.

A total of 9 World Championship Marathon Medals.

**Geoff Horsnell**  
**President**



## Newy Paddlers

Another big year has passed – the year of the COVID19 virus, where competitive paddling was non-existent but our club achieved so much in different ways.

We are in a very fortunate position that after only 4 years of operation and a lot of hard work we have been able to acquire all the necessary assets to support our members and promote the club. Our vision continues to be about building skills, competing to the best of our ability, having fun and attracting people with like-minded attitudes towards community.

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:

#### **Community Fundraising \$60,000+**

We are proud to say that through the efforts of our club members we raised \$60,000 in the following events which is additional to the fund raising that occurs for the Hawkesbury Classic and Murray Marathon. This is truly a remarkable effort and reflects the community spirit within our club.

#### **Great Cycle Challenge – Tennant Creek, NT 1 – 31 Oct 19**

Darren Forbes, one of Newy Paddlers founding members got on his bike and took to the road for the whole of October to raise monies for Kid's Cancer.

His aim was to support the Children's Medical Research Institute to continue their work into the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and finding a cure for childhood cancer.



He rode over 800kms and raised \$4,000. What a great effort and thank you to everyone who supported him.

#### **Taylor Maiden Voyage – Hunter River 470kms Sat 19 Oct – Sat 2 Nov 19**

Lauren and Ben Taylor (members of Newy Paddlers) raised just over \$50,000 for Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, the amazing cancer hospital that looked after their mum. The Orange Army salutes you both. So glad we were able



to contribute in a small way with gear and training to enable this incredible goal to be achieved.

Paddle4Good Presentation, Throsby Creek - Wed 11 Mar 20

Our annual fundraiser was cancelled 9 February '20 due to bad weather, but this didn't stop our wonderful club from raising \$6,000 for 'Nova for Women and Children'. This came about from our members raising \$1,000 and a very generous donation of \$5,000 from the McCloy Group. The monies go to Trisha's House, a local refuge for women experiencing domestic violence.

We had a small presentation at Throsby Creek with representatives from the various organisations – well done to everyone for making a difference.



## Clarence 100, Myall Classic, Hawkesbury Classic, Murray Marathon, Riverland Marathon



We had a strong representation in all these marathon events and our members all did the club proud in competing, supporting as land crew and enjoying themselves. The stand-out performers were Charly Wellard who teamed up with Annie Moore (CCP) to be fastest females in the Clarence 100, Jack Ward creating a record with Bernie Craggs (HVPC) in the HCC 60+REC2 and Bernie Edstein coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Murray relay with his mate Drew Stewart.

## Participation Recognition

Active club representation was acknowledged in 2019 with two paddlers in Mark and Cheryl Bretag both achieving entrance to the 50Club by completing 50 events in 3.5 years. An engraved key ring was presented as an acknowledgement of their efforts.

Both paddlers are now on the journey to the 100Club which might take a little while to achieve, given the lack of opportunities presented recently thanks to Covid-19 restriction.



## Presentation/Christmas Party - Carrington Bowling Club Sun 1 Dec 19

We celebrated another wonderful year with a game of barefoot bowls at our local Carrington Bowling Club. A special acknowledgment to the members who travelled from Nabitac, Forster, Gloucester and Chittaway Bay to be part of the action. Over 30 adults and a dozen children came along for a great afternoon of fun, part of which was to recognise the achievers of 2019.

## Excellence in Administration – Mark Bretag

Mark ensures that the club administration is maintained to a high standard – this solid foundation keeps the club running smoothly. This has been acknowledged in 2019 at a community level by Newcastle Federal Member, Sharon Claydon and Paddle NSW, Peter Tate where he received "Volunteer Service" Awards.



## Stirrer of the Year – Jack Ward.

A member for 3 years who competes hard, enjoys our culture and doesn't mind dishing it out on Facebook.

## HCC Recognition Jack Ward – 15 Completed Events

Jack completed his 15 races between 2002 and 2019. During this period, he has achieved 3 records, 2 of which still stand today– the last one being his race this year with Bernie Craggs, creating a 60+ REC2 record. Well done Jack.

## Elizabeth Van Reece – 20 Completed Events

Liz completed her 20 races between 1998 and 2019. During this period, she has achieved 9 records, 6 of which still stand today. 17 of these races were done in a single kayak and at this stage is the highest tally by any lady in the history of the HCC. With all of the above she still feels that her greatest achievement is having raised over \$61,000 for the Arrow Bone Marrow Foundation. Well done Liz.

## Most Improved Paddler of the Year – Brad Roberts

Joined our club in February 19 and continues to improve with every stroke he takes. A great advocate of our club, encouraging other new members to join and will be a real force on the water in 2020.

## Paddler of the Year – Cheryl Bretag

The first woman to achieve the “50 Club”, first points in a marathon series race, continues to achieve PB's in our handicap races and most importantly treats everyone with respect and a supportive positive attitude.

## Club Person of the Year – Charly Wellard

Our President for 18 months who has been instrumental in building a relationship with NOCC and preparing a DA Application to secure an area for future occupation of our club.

Once the awards were over we ordered our meals with a few drinks and sat at the tables at the end of the greens. A beautiful light breeze and sunset together with great company was a good way to reflect on the year just gone.

A huge thank you to Carrington Bowling Club for their support over the last year. It is a wonderful venue and we are proud to be part of this community.



## Inaugural Mud Crab Cup – Throsby Creek, Carrington Oct 19 – Mar 20

What a great series this turned out to be. The plan was to run 22 handicap races commencing 9 Oct '19 and finishing 25 Mar '20, with the best 11 races deciding the winners. During that period, we cancelled one race because of smoke from the bush fires and couldn't run the last race because of the virus threat.

Thanks to some strategic handicapping from our Treasurer, Trevor Jordan it was hotly contested over 5km at Throsby Creek with 10-15 paddlers regularly turning up.

Cheryl Bretag was rewarded with her regular attendance and many PBs to be the inaugural winner, followed closely by Ben Petersen and Justin Borthwick. Congratulations to everyone who participated, the many new members and wonderful comradery on the water. Bring on the next series – it should be a beauty!



## Social Media – Member Profiles

To keep the members engaged during the virus period and over Winter a list of fun questions were completed by members.

The responses together with photos were posted on Facebook each week, circulated by email and followed up with a fun reminder text. As a club we learnt a lot about our paddling buddies and the reasons they love paddling.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you most enjoy about paddling? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a nickname, past or present you would like to share? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, where did it come from? \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us something about yourself that others may not know? \_\_\_\_\_

What is something you have always wanted to do but haven't? \_\_\_\_\_

If you could invite 3 people (dead or alive throughout history) to dinner, who would it be and why? \_\_\_\_\_

List your 3 favourite movies or books. \_\_\_\_\_

What is your worst habit? \_\_\_\_\_

## Grants

The energy of our committee continues to be rewarded. These specific assets will get a lot of use with our involvement in the local community and attendance at the many PNSW events.

## Safety Boat

A valuable asset to run our events and keep members safe

## 2 big ORANGE Gazebos

You will definitely see these from outer space. Stronger than the pyramids and brighter than the sun – everyone will know where we come from – as if they don't know already.

## PA System

A great way to communicate with people on the water, a valuable safety aid and dangerous if put in the wrong hands – our club has a few characters that will enjoy using this.



## **Proposed Plans 2020-21**

1. Reboot club activities post Covid-19 with changed protocols to ensure paddlers safety. This will remain a changing dynamic as recommendations are made through our Governing bodies. The Newy Paddlers is currently preparing a plan to re-engage its members in scheduled training events as a prelude to the return of summer racing in November 2020.
2. Present a revised Mud Crab Cup race series with the aim of keeping members engaged in grass roots racing across the entire year. Previous race series have only operated across the summer months and the club is looking to capture the interests of several of its members who are asking for more club activities during periods where traditionally paddlers would have been encouraged solely to attend PNSW Marathons as away races.
3. Continue to drive interest across all disciplines and Divisions in the PNSW Marathon Series.
4. Work towards forming partnership with PNSW and Maritime Services in hosting a PNSW Marathon event in the near future at Throsby Creek.
5. Engage in Stage two of Clubhouse establishment by gaining "Licensed, permission to occupy" from the Newcastle Council and Crown Land on Pat Jordan Oval in Carrington NSW.
6. As part of the clubs Stage two plans for a Clubhouse, the Newy Paddlers will open its storage containers to Club members for rentable space for boats and equipment, providing both more convenient access to the water while generating income to the club.
7. Identify suitable club owned double kayaks for refurbishment with the intention of encouraging some doubles teams for Marathon races. Kayaks also suitable for junior use are of particular interest as are kayaks suitable for beginner women. The roll out of refurbishments are budget driven due to the clubs limited ability to earn an income, however it is hoped that the successful introduction of club container rental spaces will act to facilitate the refurbishments on an ongoing basis.
8. The Club will seek to build on its vision of forming partnerships with potential school groups to attract juniors into paddling sports and potentially sprint and marathon racing.
9. The club will seek to identify an extra person or two, who is interested in obtaining a suitable coaching accreditation. Currently the club has one accredited coach in Darren Forbes. Availability to these resources remains a challenge and with more qualified coaches it is felt that the club will be in a stronger position to attract other talented athletes to the club. To add to this point, the club will seek partnership with an elite level paddler to provide a coaching clinic aimed at getting the basics of good paddling technique established with its members.
10. The club will take steps towards providing a come and try day at Throsby Creek at a suitable time in the year where water temperatures are best for swimming.
11. Poor weather prevented the club from hosting its annual charity event in 2020, the "Paddle 4 Good" (P4G), however it did not dampen the efforts of the club in generating some great interest in the event and subsequently some very generous donation for our chosen charity "Trisha's House", which is a refuge centre for women and children experiencing difficult times due to domestic violence. In 2021, the club will look to increase the events reach and hopefully encourage more participation from a more diverse audience.
12. The club will continue to engage locally in its approach to community and participation in paddlesports in Newcastle NSW and looks forward to a safe and healthy year to come.

**Guy Fiddes**



**President**





## River Canoe Club

Finishing the year with 150 members and many fun adventures, the key highlights for the Club were:

- **Regular paddles** - Thursday morning 6am fitness paddles – celebrating 3 year straight, along with the twilight midweek social paddle series throughout the daylight savings period
- **Training opportunities - beginner program and leadership programs** - welcoming new members and providing upskilling opportunities for existing members.
- **Trips across NSW and beyond** – Part 1 of the 10-year 'Mighty Murray Descent'. Canoe Trip down the Whanganui River in NZ. The annual Spring Safari Whitewater Adventure down the Mitta Mitta and Mitchell Rivers in Victoria.
- **Expanding the boat fleet** - acquisition of new touring kayaks and a new canoe fleet, creating new opportunities for overnight adventures, family friendly paddling and environmental efforts.



- **Engagement with the community** – partnering with Councils, local community groups and local businesses to build the club's role in the local community. The paddling-themed installation of the 'River Flow' mural on the external walls of the clubhouse was achieved in partnership with two talented artists – helping to really 'put the club on the map'.

- **River clean ups** – continued cleanup efforts of the Cooks River, with a major event in February involving 429 people and 13.8 tonnes removed. Supported by both Federal and Local Government funding programs. This has been also complemented by the launch of the 'Mullets', a monthly paddle clean-up initiative.
- **Planning for the future** - New website, strategic planning for continued club upgrades and kicked off the design and approvals process for improved river access. Clubhouse lease renewal negotiations with Council also now underway.



Like all other clubs (and the broader community), the year with COVID-19 offered some challenges. The efforts and leadership of PA/PNSW were acknowledged, helping guide us through the journey and helping keep paddling on the agenda, as an important part of our individual and collective well-being.

**Simon Wilkes**  
President



## Shoalhaven Canoe and Kayak Club

With approximately 12 members drawn from around the Nowra area of the NSW South Coast, the Shoalhaven Canoe and Kayak Club continues as very small but active club. The main organised club activity continues to be playing Canoe Polo with club members also participating in the inter-state Summer Series .

Regrettably, the club's annual Mudcake Challenge Canoe Polo Tournament became a victim of the Covid restrictions in March, as did our regular pool sessions. On a positive note paddling activity has continued over the Winter months and restrictions, with an increased participation in local recreational white water and kayak surfing activities .

**Andy Halliday**



## Sutherland Shire Canoe Club

2019 / 2020 has been an “Interesting year” for Sutherland Shire Canoe Club and, like all clubs, we have had to adapt and change the way we do things to keep our club running.



Things were going well in the second half of 2019 with our members participating in some great events such as the Hawkesbury Classic and Burley 24 hour race. Quite a few people succeeded in the Ultramarathon Challenge - well done!

SSCC won 4th place in the club point score for the 2019 PaddleNSW Marathon Series, thanks to the competitive spirit of our racing paddlers. This was a fantastic result.

2019 also saw record participation at Dolls Point Paddlers - our affiliated club. Club Sundays on the Woronora River, ski paddling days and social paddling trips had very good attendance and our membership climbed to 80 members.

Everything changed this year. 2020 began with devastating bushfires down the east coast and thick smoke posing a health hazard for our paddlers. The extreme weather was very challenging and impacted all scheduled events. The 20 Groynes race had to be cancelled on the day, due to high winds; the Batemans Bay Paddle Challenge course was shortened due to excessive heat and then the Makai Cup coincided with a huge surf resulting in a shortened race. SSCC had good numbers in all events including a record for the Makai Cup.



One sweetener was the generosity of paddlers who had paid an entry fee for the 20 Groynes race. All were happy for us to donate their entry fees to a bushfire charity. The funds made their way to a fire affected SES group on the South Coast for a new generator. Thank you to all the paddlers for your kindness.

COVID-19 resulted in our club suspending all activities from 25 March to 5 July. We are now enjoying a return to limited club activities although our lovely club house remains out of bounds for the time being.

Our members are looking forward to the events scheduled for the rest of 2020 and are all hoping there will not be any further lockdowns.



At our recent AGM, we gave special thanks to Robyn Bingle, who stepped down from her committee position as Vice President after many years of working hard for the club and its members. The club would not have been able to function or run many events without Robyn's abilities as an organiser. Robyn also carried out numerous other tasks around the club. Many thanks Robyn! We hope the committee can keep up the high standards that you have set for the club and hope you keep enjoying your paddling at SSCC.

Let's all hope that will soon enjoy a return to all club activities and a full calendar of competition.

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



## Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club

Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club had a good year despite some arduous conditions. This paddle year, the club has contended with low-water, extreme bushfires and the resultant lockdown from the coronavirus pandemic. Despite all of this, Wagga Bidgee remains in a healthy position with solid member numbers and good on-water participation.

During a somewhat limited paddling year, the club has represented at the Ben Ward 40 Miler, Mitta Mitta Paddling Festival and up until the recent COVID restrictions, had good numbers at the social paddles and local racing series. Our standout achievement was the Oura to Wagga Bidgee Bash held earlier this year and Wagga Bidgee thanks everyone that made the effort to attend. After the success of this race, we intend running some form of Oura to Wagga Beach format for next year's marathon event - stay tuned!

The club has also worked well on increasing club related activities, including more regular BBQs (pre-COVID) and improvements to the club rooms and equipment and skilling activities, such as a kayak repair workshop held in November. COVID-19 has presented us with some unique challenges, though we're feeling rather lucky compared to other areas. We are happy to report that things are returning to normal for the club and everyone seems to be coping with the new COVID initiatives, including changes to club processes and sanitising of club equipment and facilities etc.

Lastly, Wagga Wagga's riverside development project is in full swing with the removal of the caravan park already completed and a host of demolition activities occurring very soon. We're hoping the redevelopment will be completed in time for the marathon series event next year. We can't wait!

**Jason Redlich**  
**President**



## Western Paddlers

We are a recreational club based in Dubbo/Wellington/Mudgee in Western NSW. Our year can pretty much be summarised as a good mix of fun trips away, kids' programs and an increasing array of environmental paddles – river clean ups, citizen science projects, and platypus surveys. Here is some of what we have done in the last paddle year:

**Two river clean-up events:** We partnered up with Dubbo Rivercare to organise a clean-up for World Rivers Day in September, and the River Repair Bus also joined in. 18 people attended. Due to the drought and low river levels there was a lot of rubbish exposed and caught up in the reeds and weeds. We collected 180 kgs of rubbish in only a few hours, and some young enthusiastic paddlers fished 7 slimey shopping trolleys out of the river! (See photo). In March we co-hosted a Clean Up Australia Day event with Wellington Progress and Action Group, with numerous other local organisations involved (Landcare, Clontarf Academy (for Aboriginal boys) at Wellington High School, and Dubbo Regional Council). 25 people attended, and amongst other loads of rubbish, we pulled bits of a bed out of the river all morning – even winching the bedframe up the river bank! We have decided to run this successful and positive community event annually as a commitment to help maintain and restore the health of the rivers and reserves.



*Young paddlers at our World River Day*

**Kids programs:** We held our first and very successful 'Kids Kayak Skills' session in November with 6 enthusiastic young participants. The kids learnt some basic safety, paddle strokes and techniques and then put their new skills into practice with obstacle courses, relays and games such as Paddle Scrabble. The young participants were a confident, playful, and clever group - with not 1 capsize! Although they did love hopping of their kayaks and swimming as much as paddling! This will be the first of a series of similar sessions for our club, increasing kayaking river safety, developing further knowledge and skills and promoting safe kayaking.

We are also running two **Paddle Oz programs** through funding from Paddle Australia. This is with Dubbo Skillset Senior College. They are a school for students that haven't fitted in to other schools and they each have their challenges and kayaking is proving to be a way that they can challenge themselves and learn and have fun in a safe and friendly environment. The other school is a group of home-school kids (ahead of the times with learning from home!) and what stands out about them is that they look out for one another and help each other out. One boy tows his friend who doesn't have much movement in one side of his body so that he can still be included.

**Christmas Lights night paddle:** organised by our club, and a hoot on our annual calendar. We had a twilight riverside picnic with pizza and drinks and decorated our kayaks with colourful Christmas lights and gum leaves and



had a night kayak adventure paddle up the Macquarie River. We camped overnight and attended the 'Platypus Survey' at a very unsocial hour the next morning (insert yawn - a dedicated yawn.)

**North coast trip:** In January we hit the coast! We had hoped to do the Mann River but for the first time in living memory, it was barely above cease-to-flow. We still spent a night there and were happy that there was enough water for a quick dip. Heading to the coast, we paddled on Sportsman Creek, enjoying the pristine waters and plenty of birdlife – some broilgas danced us a welcome! We also paddled on Wooloweyah Lagoon at Yamba – and wow! We explored the channels and islands, startling sting rays and fish as we went (all very novel to us inland people). With the tide turning we made it out of the shallowing mangrove channels with just enough time to spare being stranded. We got our hit of seafood with lunch at the seafood co-op. The next 2 nights we were camping at Illaroo Camping Area Minnie Waters, what a beautiful place. Our last paddle was a sublime sneak up the pristine Wooli River. Closer to the sea the water was turquoise, with oyster beds and crabs everywhere.

**Platypus surveys:** these are organised by Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre and our club rallies to the cause and monitors for platypus in Wellington. We space ourselves at various locations along the Macquarie River for a peaceful very early morning river watch. At the first survey, held in December, most members were rewarded by several exciting and close proximity platypus sightings which thrilled us all as well as plenty of beautiful early morning birdlife along the river. At the March survey, 12 of us from the club attended but unfortunately there were no confirmed Platypus sightings this time which was a big decline from this event last year. This may be due to the recent drought conditions, flash floods and poor water quality affecting the Platypus colonies and their food sources. Western Paddlers NSW are committed to continuing to support these important events to monitor the Platypus locations and welfare. The platypus is a very unique and sadly threatened species that used to be common in the Wellington area so any information about them is important.

**Threatened fish monitoring:** We organised a citizen science project to monitor for a threatened species of fish – the western Olive Perchlets – during the drought. This involved working with NSW Dept of Primary Industries Fisheries and getting a permit to set traps overnight and record the number and location of fish caught, to see how they were going in the drought. (The first site we got to was completely dry...). And paddle on some beautiful, remote sections of river.

**Don't damn the Macquarie River:** Our local river in Dubbo/Wellington is the Wambuul-Macquarie, and it is under threat by plans for a new dam/super weir on it!! This will mean less water flowing to the Macquarie Marshes, and less flows for fish, wildlife, downstream communities and of course paddling. There are other dams proposed around the northern and central Murray Darling Basin – the nature of our western rivers is being permanently altered. We're also losing wetlands three times faster than forests. We're fast running out of wild natural rivers... So we are campaigning to stop these dams and let our rivers flow. (One of our committee members, Mel Gray, also received a Dubbo Day award for her work in protecting rivers).

**Rain!:** We are still in drought but this year has seen some welcome rain, meaning some local rivers that have been dry for years were paddleable, so off we went, jamming as many paddles in whilst we could, exploring sections of rivers and creeks we haven't paddled before!

## Windsor Paddlesports Club

This has been a monumental year for our club. After many years of planning and applying for grants we have been successful in our quest for funding to allow us to construct a purpose built clubhouse. Some of our members have worked tirelessly on the paperwork associated with this project, especially Garry and Troy. Our fundraising efforts over many years allowed us to make a sizeable contribution which was matched by Hawkesbury Sports council. I believe this demonstrated how serious we are and helped with our positive grant outcome. We asked for and received letters of support from many sources which helped our cause. There is a lot to do yet before our dream is realized but I would like to thank everyone involved so far, and certainly the NSW Office of Sport.



2020 was to be our first chance to host the NSW marathon championships in March at our very popular venue. Everything was planned and finalised but the race was cancelled just days out due to Covid. I am sure we will have another opportunity in the near future when we can also show off our new club. We did host a marathon race in August which once again showed the paddling fraternity what a wonderful spot we have at Windsor. It is a big job to organise such an event and many thankyou's are due.

In February the Hawkesbury River flooded. While no action was needed due to the water not reaching our containers we realised an evacuation plan is needed and is being worked on. This will be vital when our clubhouse is completed.

There has also been a lot of action on the water. Our twilight season was once again keenly contested. Thanks to Peter and his team for their efforts in producing a varied schedule to test us each Tuesday. A special mention must be made of Tony and Chook for their timekeeping of our club races. Members continued to represent our club in marathons and sprint races. Some managed one hundred per cent participation and others were placed in their divisions. Laura was once again successful at the World Championships by reclaiming her crown. She is also showing her versatility by excelling in sprint racing. Well done to Laura and her coach, Lyle.

While we have not been competing in many ultra marathon races, our club continue to support our fellow paddlers by providing a BBQ before the Hawkesbury Classic and running check point A during the race. Thanks to all involved.

Paddling is not all about racing, training and competing. We have a growing number of people who like to take their exercise a bit easier and enjoy time with friends on the river. A social weekend was organised by Jil and Judy at Huskisson after a break of several years so hopefully we can do this more often. Thanks ladies and to everyone who made the trip.

After several starts I have now completed my Foundation coaches course and look forward to sharing our sport with any newcomers to our club. I continue to serve on the committee of the Sports Council and the River Users group so that we stay informed of what is happening on the river and in the district.

Peter Hughes was recognised for his services to paddling with a volunteer award by Paddle NSW. When I read how much Peter had contributed to our club, I addressed the members and suggested we could all do a bit more and share the load. Great effort Peter.

I would also like to thank Peter Tate for his advice and guidance with various issues over the past year. It was all good and everything worked out well.

We continue to attract new members, some competent paddlers and others who would like to be. They are all welcomed into our club and hopefully will enjoy our sport for a long time.

The low point of the year was the untimely passing of Sean Walsh. This saddened all members but I was heartened by the number of our members who travelled to attend Sean's service. He will be remembered as a friend and a fine athlete who was just starting to show his abilities as a paddler. We will miss him.

Everything that happens in our club is done by volunteers. There is not a day goes by without seeing emails and messages about what is going on. Our executive have been together for many years and are supported by helpers whenever needed. Due to all these people Windsor Paddlesports Club has a bright future and I thank every one of you.

**Neil Crabb**  
**President**





**2020 PNSW Annual Award Winners**

<i>Category</i>	<i>Winner</i>
<i>1. Female Paddler of the Year</i>	<b>Naomi Johnson</b>
<i>2. Male Paddler of the Year</i>	<b>Dylan Littlehailes</b>
<i>3. Young (U18) Paddler of the Year</i>	<b>Alisa van der Kwartel</b>
<i>4. Masters Paddler of the Year</i>	<b>Allan Newhouse</b>
<i>5. Coach of the Year</i>	<b>Tony Hystek</b> <b>Bob Turner</b>
<i>6. Instructor/ Guide of the Year</i>	<b>Laura Stone</b>
<i>7. Volunteer of the Year</i>	<b>Eileen Callaghan</b>
<i>8. Event of the Year</i>	<b>Makai Cup</b>
<i>9. Image (action shot) Award</i>	<b>Mark Sundin</b>
<i>10. Distinguished Long Service Award</i>	<b>Sharon Hughes</b>

# Financial Report

PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED  
ABN 46 043 881 042 For the  
year ended 30 June 2020

Prepared by BeWeiszer Accounting & Tax

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# Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

## PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	2020	2019
<b>Revenue</b>		
Revenue	272,420	403,704
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>272,420</b>	<b>403,704</b>
<b>Gross Surplus</b>	<b>272,420</b>	<b>403,704</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Cashflow Boost ATO Grant	10,000	-
Interest Received	1,902	4,182
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>11,902</b>	<b>4,182</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Depreciation & Amortisation Expense	8,581	6,490
Affiliation Fees	53,721	53,832
Employment Expenses	96,956	98,827
Expenses	119,239	242,001
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>278,497</b>	<b>401,150</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments</b>	<b>5,825</b>	<b>6,736</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax</b>	<b>5,825</b>	<b>6,736</b>
<b>Net Current Year Surplus After Income Tax</b>	<b>5,825</b>	<b>6,736</b>
<b>Current Year Other Comprehensive Income, Net Of Income Tax</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Current Year Total Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>5,825</b>	<b>6,736</b>

## Statement of Financial Position

### PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

As at 30 June 2020

NOTES 30JUN2020 30JUN2019

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	1	517,574	316,232
Trade and Other Receivables	2	1,550	11,671
Inventories		-	5,674
Other Current Assets		-	2,644
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>519,124</b>	<b>336,221</b>

##### Non-Current Assets

Plant and Equipment, Vehicles	3	19,510	13,715
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>19,510</b>	<b>13,715</b>

##### Total Assets

**538,634 349,936**

#### Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities

Trade and Other Payables	2	37,408	48,961
Deferred Income	5	237,908	48,889
Provisions	6	21,928	20,545
Employee Entitlements		769	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>298,012</b>	<b>118,394</b>

##### Non-Current Liabilities

Provisions	6	9,002	5,746
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>9,002</b>	<b>5,746</b>

##### Total Liabilities

**307,014 124,140**

#### Net Assets

**231,620 225,795**

#### Member's Funds

Accumulated Surplus		231,620	225,795
<b>Total Member's Funds</b>		<b>231,620</b>	<b>225,795</b>

## Statement of Changes in Equity

**PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED**

**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

	2020	2019
<b>Equity</b>		
Opening Balance	225,795	219,060
<b>Increases</b>		
Surplus for the Period	5,825	6,736
<b>Total Increases</b>	<b>5,825</b>	<b>6,736</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>		



## Statement of Cash Flows

### PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	2020	2019
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts From Government Grants	275,664	45,800
Receipts From Events	105,894	199,788
Receipts From Members	112,130	114,993
Payments to Suppliers	(225,809)	(293,301)
Payments to Employees	(90,220)	(84,438)
Interest Received	1,902	4,182
Cash Receipts From Other Operating Activities	30,658	42,149
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>210,218</b>	<b>29,172</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Payment for Property, Plant and Equipment	(8,876)	(15,321)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	<b>(8,876)</b>	<b>(15,321)</b>
<b>Net Cash Flows</b>	<b>201,342</b>	<b>13,851</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	316,232	302,381
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	517,574	316,232
<b>Net change in cash for period</b>	<b>201,342</b>	<b>13,851</b>

## Notes of the Financial Statements

### PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

#### For the year ended 30 June 2020

##### Summary 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), and the Association's constitution. The committee has 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.

##### Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Association is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

##### Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

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.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

##### 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.

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.

## **Employee Provisions**

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

## **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 are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

## **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. Bank overdrafts are presented within current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

## **Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors**

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. 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.

## **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.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

## **Financial Instruments**

### *Recognition, initial measurement and derecognition*

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Association becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument, and are measured initially at fair value adjusted by transactions costs, except for those carried at fair value through profit or loss, which are measured initially at fair value. Subsequent measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities are described below.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and all substantial risks and rewards are transferred. A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or expires.

### *Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets*

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.

#### *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.

## **Leases**

### Prior Treatment

Finance Leases were capitalised, recording an asset and a liability.

Leased assets were depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Finance leases were allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remained with the lessor, were charged as expenses in the periods in which they were incurred.

### New Accounting Standards Introduced

AASB 16: Leases (applicable to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019) replaces the previous accounting requirements. AASB 16 introduces a single lessee accounting model that eliminates the requirement for lease to be classified as operating or finance leases.

The main changes introduced by the new Standard are as follows:

- recognition of a right-of-use asset and liability for all leases (excluding short-term leases with less than 12 months of tenure and leases relating to low-value assets);
- depreciation of right-of-use assets in line with AASB 116: Property Plant & Equipment in profit or loss and unwinding of the liability in principal and interest components;
- inclusion of variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate in the initial measurement of the lease liability using the index or rate at the commencement date;
- application of a practical expedient to permit a lessee to elect not to separate non-lease components and instead account for all components as a lease; and
- inclusion of additional exposure requirements.

AASB 2018-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Right-of-Use Assets of Not-for-Profit Entities allows that where the lessee is a not-for-profit entity, the lessee may elect to measure right-of-use assets on a class-by-class basis at initial recognition at fair value in accordance with AASB 13 Fair Value Measurement for leases that have significant below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. AASB 1058 Income for Not-for-Profit Entities addresses the recognition of related amounts.

In addition, where a lessee is a not-for-profit entity and elects to measure a class or classes of right-of-use assets at initial recognition at cost for leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the entity to further its objectives, the lessee shall disclose additional qualitative and quantitative information about those leases which shall include, but is not limited to, information that helps users of financial statements to assess:

- (a) the entity's dependence on leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the entity to further its objectives; and
- (b) the nature and terms of the leases, including:
  - (i) the lease payments
  - (j) the lease term

(k) the description of underlying assets: and

(l) restrictions on the use of the underlying assets specific to the entity.

The disclosures so provided by a not-for-profit entity shall be provided individually for each material lease that has significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the entity to further its objectives or in aggregate for leases involving right-of-use assets of a similar nature.

## 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 Taxation 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 assets and liabilities statement.

## Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. No value is ascribed to goods for resale that have been donated to the Association where fair value cannot be reliably determined. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less any applicable selling expenses.

## Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

	2020	2019
<b>1. Cash on Hand</b>		
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
ANZ Business Extra Account	32,558	32,736
First Option Bank	-	50,189
ING Investment Account	485,016	233,306
<b>Total Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>517,574</b>	<b>316,232</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>	<b>517,574</b>	<b>316,232</b>

	2020	2019
<b>2. Trade and Other Receivables</b>		
Trade Receivables	1,550	11,671
<b>Total Trade and Other Receivables</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>11,671</b>

	2020	2019
<b>3. Plant &amp; Equipment, Vehicles</b>		
<b>Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		
Plant and equipment at cost	88,789	74,413
Accumulated depreciation of plant and equipment	(69,279)	(60,698)
<b>Total Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>19,510</b>	<b>13,715</b>
<b>Total Plant &amp; Equipment, Vehicles</b>	<b>19,510</b>	<b>13,715</b>



	2020	2019
<b>4. Trade &amp; Other Payables</b>		
<b>Trade Payables</b>		
Trade Creditors	364	19,752
<b>Total Trade Payables</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>19,752</b>
<b>Total Trade &amp; Other Payables</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>19,752</b>

	2020	2019
<b>5. Deferred Income</b>		
Current	42,908	48,889
<b>Total Deferred Income</b>	<b>42,908</b>	<b>48,889</b>

	2020	2019
<b>6. Provisions</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave	21,928	20,545
<b>Total Current</b>	<b>21,928</b>	<b>20,545</b>
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Provision for LSL	9,002	5,746
<b>Total Non-Current</b>	<b>9,002</b>	<b>5,746</b>
<b>Total Provisions</b>	<b>30,929</b>	<b>26,291</b>

	2020	2019
<b>7. Employee Entitlements</b>		
Employee entitlements (wages, annual leave, etc)	769	-
<b>Total Employee Entitlements</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>-</b>

## 8. Reconciliation of result for the year to cash flows from operating activities

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

	2020	2019
<b>Cash flows from operations</b>		
Profit for the year	5,825	6,736
Depreciation	8,581	6,490
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	10,121	(4,490)
- (increase)/decrease in inventories	5,674	(1,803)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	1,544	8,870
- increase/decrease in provisions	4,640	9,961
- other	173,833	3,408
<b>Total Cash flows from operations</b>	<b>210,218</b>	<b>29,172</b>

## 9. Comparative balances

During the 2019/2020 financial year Paddle Australia has supported all its member State Paddle Organisations in moving to a streamlined Chart of Accounts, aligning the Financial Reports for all the Paddle State and National Organisations in Australia, allowing for a seamless basis for comparison between all Paddle Organisations.

In doing so, significant changes were made during the course of the financial year. The comparative values for current year show the data using the new Chart of Accounts, while the prior year comparatives are not restated, therefore use the previous Chart of Accounts.

## Declaration By Members of the Committee

### PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

#### For the year ended 30 June 2020

The committee has determined that the association 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.

In the opinion of the committee:

1. The financial report which comprises of the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020 , and the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and

a) complies with Australian Accounting Standards as set out in Note 1; and

b) gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Paddle NSW Inc as at 30 June 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date

2. The accompanying statement of comprehensive income is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the profit (or loss) of the association for the last financial year;

3. 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 as at the end of the financial year;

4. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due;

5. The accounts and associated records have been properly kept during the year;

6. The principal activities of the association during the financial year were the provision of lifesaving services and no significant change to these activities has occurred.

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) and the Association's constitution.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

**President:**

Director

**Treasurer:**

Treasurer

**Dated:**

## Compilation Report

### PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

### For the year ended 30 June 2020

Compilation report to PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

#### The Responsibility of the Committee Members

The committee of PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet its needs and for the purpose that financial statements were prepared.

#### Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the Committee we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and APES 315 *Compilation of Financial Information*.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

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Tomas Weiszer

*Chartered Accountant*

BeWeiszer Accounting & Tax

Suite 5, 11 Waratah Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103

Dated:



## Independent Auditor's Report

### PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

#### For the year ended 30 June 2020

##### Report in the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of **PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED** (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at **30 June 2020**, 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, the financial report of the PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED as at 30 June 2020 presents fairly in all material aspects the financial position of the PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED 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 Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and the Association's constitution including:

- a) giving a fair and true view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2020 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 for Opinion

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 Committee for the Financial Report

The Committee 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) and the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee 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 Committee 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 Committee 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 materials 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 Committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee'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 Committee 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's signature:

Peter M Power FCA

Auditor's address: Suite 5, 11 Waratah Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103

Dated:

## Income and Expenditure Statement

### PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	2020	2019
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Cashflow Boost ATO Grant	10,000	-
Club Affiliation Income	-	8,168
Development Camps and Projects [45210]	-	18,184
Education - Training Courses [41109]	-	21,480
Education & Course Income	-	1,795
Event Income	102,206	59,409
Event Income - Canoe Polo	-	30,857
Event Income - Harbour Series	-	30,088
Event Income - Slalom Events	-	3,014
Event Income - Sprint Events	-	15,736
Event Income - Whitewater	-	9,400
Fundraising & Donations	45	86
Interest Received	1,902	4,182
Membership Income	102,439	114,993
Myall Lake Classic	-	8,351
Other Income	21,217	(2,761)
PNSW Event Admin Fee	-	22,691
Sponsorship Income	-	318
State Grant Income	46,513	45,800
Surplus event entry fee	-	16,095
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>284,322</b>	<b>407,886</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>284,322</b>	<b>407,886</b>
<b>Gross Surplus</b>	<b>284,322</b>	<b>407,886</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Accounting Support	20,640	18,477
AGM & Annual Forum	-	679
Annual Leave	4,639	9,961
Bank & Govt Charges	6,676	(2,659)
Bank & Govt Charges 2	-	(67)
Board Meeting	-	1,316
Board Member Costs	-	282
Branding and Trademark	6,409	2,748
Consultants	1,200	-
Consumables	707	-
Corporate Admin Fees	6,168	-
Cost of Goods Available for Sale	4,027	-
Depreciation	8,581	6,490
Development Camps and Projects [63510]	-	17,867



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	2020	2019
Education - Training Courses [65510]	-	16,925
Education & Courses	4,101	-
Equipment Hire & Purchase	36	-
Event Costs - Canoe Polo	-	37,766
Event Costs - Harbour Series	-	25,893
Event Costs - Marathon	-	69,247
Event Costs - Myall Lake Class	-	6,033
Event Costs - Slalom	-	3,428
Event Costs - Sprint	-	16,570
Event Costs - Whitewater	-	5,086
Event expenses	17,706	-
Fees & Subscriptions	53,721	1,662
Honorariums	-	2,900
IT Project	1,626	2,694
Less: Closing Stock	3,948	-
Maintenance & Repairs	1,713	5,972
Merchandise - Promotional	-	787
Office Supplies & Postage	775	597
Other Expenses	7,452	2,424
Other Support	498	1,572
Other Travel Costs	2,333	1,415
Paddle Australia Affil Fees	-	52,170
Parramatta Paddlefest [65150]	-	(2,660)
Printing and Photocopy	-	377
Purchases	8,332	-
Salaries & Wages	84,308	79,692
Stationery & Office Supplies	-	-
Statutory Fees	-	263
Stock Adjustments	-	(586)
Superannuation	8,009	9,174
Telephone & Internet	1,858	2,053
Transaction Fees - Online Income	-	2,330
Venue Hire	22,330	-
Web Expenses	-	1,781
Workers Comp Insurance	703	492
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>278,497</b>	<b>401,150</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments</b>	<b>5,825</b>	<b>6,736</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax</b>	<b>5,825</b>	<b>6,736</b>
<b>Net Current Year Surplus After Income Tax</b>	<b>5,825</b>	<b>6,736</b>



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