

Merry Christmas from PaddleNSW!!!



A note from Peter Tate

As 2020 draws to a close, we look back, roll our eyes, and are grateful for the opportunities we were afforded when many paddlers interstate and overseas were hindered to a far greater extent. The year started with devastating bushfires, then floods, then an unprecedented and unfinished global pandemic – and now more floods. Our heartfelt compassion is extended to family and friends who have suffered loss of property, down-turn in employment and general hardship in a year we would prefer to forget... [read more here.](#)



Sprint, Marathon, Harbour Racing and Ultra Series

Paddle NSW is delighted to announce the 2021 calendar of Sprint, Marathon, Harbour Racing and Ultra Series. Each of these series provides paddlers with the opportunity to challenge themselves and develop their skills within a fun and supportive environment. No matter whether you're new to the paddlesport or an experienced racer, be part of a unique Paddle NSW community and explore the state's fabulous waterways... [read more here.](#)



Inaugural Morison 50

What do you get when you cross Myall Classic with the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic? No, it's not stiff shoulders, blisters and a sore backside. The correct answer is the only Ultra marathon of COVID 2020, the Morison 50... [read more here.](#)



Burleigh Griffin 24 Hour Paddle Challenge

The first few hours of racing indeed proved hot, with glaring sun and a breeze to keep some of the tippier boats on their toes. The afternoon brought an isolated storm, with an hour of wind gusts over 60kph and waves that locals usually see on Lake Burley Griffin rather than Molonglo Reach! Half a lap later, and the storm had passed, leaving the sun to set into a calm river with the promise of a full moon... [read more here.](#)



We Paddle With Pride - What is a Pride Paddle and how did it go?

It's a paddle for the LGBTIQ+ community and supporters. We made it a short, easy paddle, suitable for beginners and kids, so that anyone could come along, and boats were provided for participants. We had 35 people attend, which was fantastic, but moreover it was just a really good vibe and everyone loved it. It's a relaxing way to catch up...[read more here.](#)



Sprint Series

Despite the interruption that COVID-19 posed to many clubs this year, the Paddle NSW Sprint Series brought many paddlers normality and reignited their love for the sport... [read more here.](#)



Big River Canoe Club Update

The 2020 summer season has well and truly kicked off in NSW with BRCC hosting several events so far. Weekly flatwater paddling sessions have been staged from our new boat storage area on the banks of the picturesque Clarence River in Grafton. Whitewater activities have generally been focussed on the Mann River which as proven to be the perfect place for teaching beginners and for slalom and Wildwater training... [read more here.](#)



Cockle Creek Cleanup

Our club Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club arranged a clean up of our local waterway, Cockle Creek last month. We arranged this with the assistance of our council, Lake Macquarie, who offer an Eco Angel clean up program... [read more here.](#)



Sutherland Shire Canoe Club - Woronora River Cleanup

Sunday, 13th December, Sutherland Shire Canoe Club participated in a clean-up paddle on the Woronora River. 17 members attended, with 5 of these members being from our Junior Development Squad. The clean-up took place where you can only access by kayak... [read more here.](#)



Central Coast Paddlers Secretary's Report

"2020 has been a year like no other" – it is a common refrain!... [read more here.](#)

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