

A full-page background image of a kayaker celebrating a victory. The kayaker is wearing a white helmet with 'AUS' on it, a yellow long-sleeved shirt, and a white racing bib with the number '1' and the Tokyo 2020 Olympic rings. They are holding a black paddle high in their right hand and have their left arm raised in a 'V' shape. The kayaker is in a blue and white checkered kayak on a river with white water rapids. The background is a bright blue sky.

# ***Paddle NSW***



2021 / 22 Annual  
Report

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Dear Members,

On behalf of the PaddleNSW Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to present for your consideration and adoption the 2021/22 PaddleNSW Annual Report, covering its activities during the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Peter Tate**     *Chief Executive Officer*



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## 2021/22 PaddleNSW Board of Directors

**Chairperson:**

**Bob TURNER**



**Vice Chair:**

**Naomi JOHNSON**

**Elected Directors:**

**Suzi EDWARDS, Karen FORBES, Rosalyn LAWRENCE, Kiaran LOMAS & 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 HYTEK**

*Legend – Year when awarded*

*\* indicates deceased Life Member*



## 2021/22 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>Event Coordinator:</b>	<b>Diane LANZ</b>
<b>Auditor:</b>	<b>Tomas WEISZER</b>
<b>Leaders &amp; Coaching</b>	<b>Lynn PARKER (Education Coordinator), Margi BOHM (Coaching Coordinator),</b>
<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Adrian CLAYTON, Ian ROYDS, Lee WRIGHT</b>
<b>Diversity &amp; Inclusion</b>	<b>Karen TIPPING (Chair), Chris DICKMAN, Darren FORBES, Bron POWELL,</b>
<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Daniela TORRE</b>
<b>Environment Committee:</b>	<b>Bron POWELL (Chair), Robyn BINGLE, Bridget CLEAVER, Jeff COTTRELL,</b> <b>Carmen FU, Alison MRKONJA, Stephanie SCALIA, John STEFAS, Sally VERHEUL,</b> <b>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>Eileen CALLAGHAN (Chair), Richard CASS, Kim KAAR, Cindy MANN</b>
<b>Harbour Racing:</b>	<b>Annette MATHEWS (Chair), Mark BRETAG, Murray DELL, Darren FORBES,</b> <b>Nicola FROWEN, Bruce SINCLAIR, James STUART, Craig TAYLOR</b>
<b>Marathon:</b>	<b>Bob TURNER (Chair), Larissa CLEVERLY, Laura LEE, Matilda STEVENSON,</b> <b>Jason WARE</b>
<b>Sea Kayaking:</b>	<b>Bob TURNER, Rob MERCER</b>
<b>Slalom:</b>	<b>Brian CORK (Chair), Julie CURTIN, Mike DRUCE, Rosalyn LAWRENCE,</b> <b>Georgia RANKIN, Kevin SONGBERG, Chris THOMPSON</b>
<b>Sprint:</b>	<b>Sally SIMONS (Chair), Jeff BEERE, Scott CUNNINGHAM, Simone ELLIOTT,</b> <b>Turia MAKO, Graham MATTS, Wendy TAURINS</b>
<b>Stand Up:</b>	<b>Kiaran LOMAS (Chair)</b>
<b>Whitewater:</b>	<b>Johannes HENDRIKS (Chair), Will STONE</b>
<b>Wildwater:</b>	<b>Peter McINTYRE (Chair), Scott LAWSON, Carole LUNTUNGAN,</b> <b>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.

Supported by the



**WESTERN SYDNEY  
ACADEMY OF SPORT**

## CEO'S REPORT—PETER TATE

The world pandemic and variants thereof curtailed competitive events for the first quarter of the reporting year. Once we were able, normal activity resumed, although with reduced participation rates. I extend my sincere gratitude to all the clubs and paddlesports for keeping members informed, involved and active during yet another challenging 12 months. Our world has changed, but our resilience has grown stronger.



Natural disasters continue in this vast continent, from bushfires to floods and more floods. Worst hit was Lismore, where the FNCCC clubhouse went under on more than one occasion. Being a close-knit community, we always reach out to those in need, regardless whether our friends are too proud to ask for assistance. PaddleNSW waived the club and individual membership fees for all FNCCC members in 2022/23. Paddle Australia did likewise.

### Members & Clubs

Annual membership with PaddleNSW continues to grow, as evidenced in the below table.

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Full Members</b>	1288	1410	1448	1811	1894	2190	2268
<b>% Growth</b>		9.5	2.7	25.1	4.6	15.6	3.6

It is clear that local events/ activities and fraternity are greatly valued within our clubs and pods. In 2021/22 we had 41 affiliated clubs, 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>Conjola Stingrays Outrigger Canoe Club</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>Jervis Bay Outrigger Canoe Club</b>
<b>Kayak Share 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>Mosman Rowers</b>
<b>Newy Paddlers</b>	<b>Northern Beaches Outrigger Canoe Club</b>
<b>Pacific Dragons Dragon Boat &amp; OCC</b>	<b>Pacifica Ocean Paddling Club</b>
<b>Penrith Valley Canoe Club</b>	<b>River Canoe Club of NSW</b>
<b>River Racing Australia</b>	<b>Shark Island Paddlers</b>
<b>Shoalhaven Canoe &amp; Kayak Club</b>	<b>Southside Paddlers</b>
<b>Sutherland Shire Canoe Club</b>	<b>Sydney Northern Beaches Kayak Club</b>
<b>The Armidale School Kayaking Club</b>	<b>Veteran Paddlesports Australia</b>
<b>Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club</b>	<b>Waterfront Kayak Club</b>
<b>Western Paddlers NSW</b>	<b>Western Sydney Whitewater Club</b>
<b>Windsor Paddlesports Club</b>	

Conjola Stingrays joined us for the first time. 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. Letters of support were also provided to NSW Scouts and other industry stakeholders interested in furthering on-water opportunities. The advocacy of PaddleNSW is widespread. I attended many Club AGMs and annual functions this year, and always happy to do roadshows upon invitation.

## Awards & Recognition

Our paddlers and volunteers continue to shine on the sports industry platform. It was another superb year for the GOAT (greatest of all time) paddler, with the greatly-anticipated and much-adored Gold medal performance at Tokyo by Jess. By winning the Sport NSW 2021 Athlete of the Year for the 4<sup>th</sup> time, **Jessica Fox** became the most successful athlete in modern NSW history, surpassing Layne Beachley and Ian Thorpe. Jess also received Australia Day Honours – congratulations **Jessica Fox OAM**.



At the 2022 NSW Community Sports Awards **Andy Halliday** was recognised for Distinguished Long Service whilst **Naomi Johnson** was a finalist in the Volunteer Director category.

For more honours and recognition, 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.

## Financial Report

The PNSW Board reports a surplus for the financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 of **\$132,313** (\$103,419 in 2020/21). Both of those surplus results were bolstered by generous COVID recover grants from NSW Treasury. We, and all sports, thank NSW Office of Sport for facilitating those grants. It enabled PaddleNSW to contract an Events Coordinator for the first time. This is the organisation's 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of surplus following three previous years of deficit. PaddleNSW remains in a comfortable position to serve our members and the paddling community across NSW and ACT. The balance sheet as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 indicates total equity in the organisation of \$466,394.

As always, 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

In 2021/22 the Board met on 6 occasions with attendance as follows:

		9/08	27/09	29/11	31/01	21/03	23/05	Attendance
<b>Bob Turner</b>	<i>Chair</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>6</b>
<b>Naomi Johnson</b>	<i>Vice Chair</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>6</b>
<b>Suzi Edwards</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	a	✓	✓	<b>5</b>
<b>Karen Forbes</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	a	✓	✓	✓	a	✓	<b>4</b>
<b>Rosalyn Lawrence</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓					<b>2/5</b>
<b>Kiaran Lomas</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>6</b>
<b>Bron Powell</b>	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<b>6</b>

- “a” indicates apology.
- Naomi and Karen was elected to the casual Elected Director vacancies on 8th July 2021.
- Rosalyn resigned from the Board on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Although Ros resigned from the Board after a three-year stint to move interstate, we are grateful that she continues in the organisation as PNSW Newsletter Editor. Thank you to all Directors for contributing your time and effort on behalf of the Members.

## Achievements in 2021/22

The Board and sub-committees are constantly improving our paddling environment and opportunities. Here's a snippet of our many accomplishments over the past twelve months.

- Successful Women's Leadership Workshop and ongoing mentoring opportunities. The workshop was organised by **Naomi Johnson** thanks to \$7K funding from Sport Australia, and facilitated by **Carol Fox**.
- Establishment, contract and training of our inaugural part-time Events Coordinator. **Diane Lanz** commenced on 17<sup>th</sup> January and has been doing amazing work ever since. We acknowledge Bob Turner's outstanding efforts with Diane's training.
- Resumption after COVID of safe, fair and high-quality PNSW Series (Harbour, Marathon, Sprint).
- Formation of the PNSW Diversity and Inclusion Committee (first within the nation).
- \$1,000 recovery grants to 39 affiliated clubs. Thanks to NSW Office of Sport.
- Fairer club affiliation fee structure based on size of club and annual growth.
- First major review of the organisation's constitution in a decade.
- Outstanding social media exposure during International Women's Week & Volunteer Month.
- **Raquel Pearson** and **Karly Ognenovski** from Macquarie University assisted us with two projects: (i) understanding our club capacity and interest to cater for adaptive paddlers; (ii) improving our leadership and coaching network with questionnaire distributed to 380+ key stakeholders.
- Re-emergence of Education sector through regular webinars and the first PNSW Conference in 11 years attracting 52 enthusiasts.
- Creation of a new Harbour Tri-Series thanks to MWKC, Shark Island Paddlers and Sydney Harbour Surf Club. Hundreds of new paddlers were exposed to safe competitive activity.

- Formation of the PNSW Club Exec working group comprising **Simon Wilkes, Annette Mathews, Mark Bretag** and **Darren Forbes**. The group drives our quarterly Club Forums which generally attract 20-30 club participants.
- We continue monitoring potential infrastructure projects with clubs and paddlesports, including identification and ranking with NSW Office of Sport for funding opportunities. **Simon Wilkes** has been influential with RCC successful applications through NSW Dept of Planning & Environment.
- I initiated a Recreation Paddler Recognition Program which will (hopefully) attract stories from far and wide (from members and non-members) for sharing across social media. The program is being piloted by PaddleNSW for expansion nation-wide in 2023. Stories of interest include new waterway trails, clean-up campaigns, leader expeditions, Tasman crossings, etc.
- PNSW CEO and Chair continued engaging with NSW Maritime on various issues including lifejacket reform.

## Challenges and opportunities ahead

- Our office at Sports House has been transitioning since June 2022. We, and the other SSOs, hope to be stabilised in new premises by November.
- Canoe polo has been struggling for regular Sydney venues for a few years.
- As mentioned earlier, statewide membership continues to grow, however participation at events is dropping. Reasons include Covid-legacy and the spiraling cost of petrol. Solutions may include virtual competitions to re-invigorate activity.
- Paddle Australia is reviewing the clubs we engage with, and the cost-benefit of services provided to traditional clubs versus other industry groups. Sadly, we have lost some outrigger canoe clubs during this review process.
- Over the past couple of years anti-social behaviour has reared its ugly head on some waterways, specifically Narrabeen Lake. With assistance from PA and the National Integrity Framework now available and adopted at all levels of membership (club/ state/ national), we intend to curb then eliminate such behaviour from within a small subset of our local cultures.
- There has been a growing tendency for some individuals to malign the outstanding work of some of our volunteers. I hope this behaviour discontinues too.
- On a positive note, we all look forward to the newest event on our calendar in Newcastle Harbour.

## Appreciation & Acknowledgments

- As always our **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.
- Three years ago, our **PNSW Environment Committee** was established, and continues leading the nation and other states. In the past 12 months we have also formed the inaugural (anywhere in Australia) **PNSW Diversity & Inclusion Committee**. Just like our Environment Leaders, our D&I Committee is already the envy of PA and many other SSOs. Our thanks to PNSW Indigenous Advisor **Darren Forbes** who continues establishing our Reconciliation Plan.
- **Lynn Parker** continues doing a magnificent job coordinating all the education and training courses throughout NSW and ACT, and **Margi Bohm** enthusiastically oversees our coaching administration.
- My thanks to **Bob Turner** and all the **Board Directors**. Bob leads by example and is always willing to assist our paddlesports and sub-committees.

- We value our close relationship with **NSW Maritime** regarding industry safety issues.
- Sincere appreciation to our webmaster **Naomi Johnson** and e-newsletter editor **Ros Lawrence**.
- Every year our Annual Report is compiled by **Anthena Huynh**, for which I am extremely grateful.
- We greatly appreciate 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.
- **Sport NSW** is the voice for all SSOs and we acknowledge their great advocacy work.
- 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.
- Our relationship with **Paddle Australia** remains strong. The cooperation, shared vision and energetic rapport with their staff and Board, and indeed all our fellow inter-state paddle colleagues, reaps tremendous benefits for our members and the wider paddling community.
- All our 41 **affiliated clubs**, their office-bearers and volunteers, are simply magnificent. We are enormously grateful for all you do at the local and grassroots level. Keep up the great work.
- Last but not least is acknowledgement of **all PaddleNSW members**. I stated last year and I'll repeat now, PaddleNSW is collectively every one of our 2,200 members. Through tough times and through bright times, our lifestyle is cherished and we thank you all for contributing to that outstanding fellowship.

Enjoy your paddling and stay safe.

**Peter Tate – PNSW CEO**





## EDUCATION REPORT

Margi Böhm (Coach Coordinator)

Lynn Parker (PAQs Coordinator)

It's a pleasure to report, education has never been so productive.

On the website, Education can now be found under the header **Leaders and Coaching** TAB. This will provide greater clarity of coverage and with assistance from Naomi Johnson, our PaddleNSW webmaster, educators will find the content more accessible. And more it is!!

Special thanks to the events coordinator Diane Lanz for her assistance in promoting the Leaders Conference and webinars.

And thank you to our leaders and coaches who continue to offer training to our members and the public, both formal and informal to be safe and make the most of our sport.



“Happy Leaders and Coaches at the Conference held in July 2022”

### **The CONFERENCE:**

The results of the 2021 PNSW Survey of Paddle Educators in NSW suggested that it was time for a face-to-face Conference where PAQs and Coaches could get together, learn new things and share experiences. After covid restrictions were lifted, Margi and Lynn organised a 1.5 day event in mid-July at Castlereagh Conference Centre in Penrith. Planning went well until 10 days before the scheduled date when yet another flood inundated the region. After a few days of anxiety, the Conference Centre people let us know all was good and the conference could go ahead as planned – the only snafu was that SIRC was now no longer available to us for the on-water sessions.



There were 52 participants, almost evenly split between Coaches and PAQs Educators. The majority of the group identified themselves as flatwater and ocean paddlers with whitewater and canoe polo also represented.

The program included face-to-face and online presentations which provided some challenges but the conference organising team sorted this out with excellent AV support allowing for roaming microphones and visuals. The outcome was that during the online sessions, the audience could easily ask questions and the presenter could see close ups of those asking the questions. This gave the conference a professional touch. A special thank-you to all involved. "Clearly a lot of work went into the conference. It was top class". The conference tried to address topics of interest to both groups and for the most part succeeded with comments like "Went with an open mind and was not disappointed"; "I came away from the conference invigorated"; "You have inspired me". While feedback on the content suggested that some PAQs Leaders did not learn much from the Coaching sessions, the following comment sums up the general experience ... "if it's a once yearly or every 2 years, I think it would be good to keep trying to get all educators together. I think we can learn from each other" and "Regular education conferences are invaluable. Thanks for this one!"

A highlight was the catering ... "Maria was brilliant. Everyone helped with washing up, serving etc. It was excellent". The venue was also a hit being close to inland NSW participants and those from Sydney. Not having access to SIRC was a major disruption for the on-water sessions, but hopefully that will not be a problem next time. Finally, a big thank-you to the presenters. We look forward to working with the paddle education community towards a bigger and better conference in 2023.

### **A NEW QUALIFICATION?**

The age old debate identifying the difference between coaching and instructing continued. It brought about a major recommendation for Paddle Australia to develop a new qualification to combine PAQS and Coaching as the entry level qualification to be used by Clubs when delivering Come and Try/beginner events. It should include not only recreational boats but any stable beginner craft including TK1 and surf skis.

### **THE SURVEY:**

An Assessment of Paddle Education in NSW

Karly Ognenovski , Margi Böhm, and Lynn Parker

November 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. (The Full report can be found on the PaddleNSW website)

Relevance of Survey Results: The survey had an excellent uptake by the coaches (47.8 %) suggesting that coaches want to be heard, but the sample is slightly skewed towards those with Foundation/L1 awards and coaches over the age of 50. The uptake by PAQS educators was around a third of the total number of registered members but the sample is representative of qualification although slightly skewed to those over the age of 50. Paddle educators under the age of 30 are poorly represented in the survey. The survey captured the gender distribution quite well with a slight female bias in the coaching cohort and a slight male bias in the PAQS educator cohort.

Major Outcomes:

1. Those surveyed are committed to paddle education with 90 % planning on renewing when their PA registration expires. However, several barriers to renewing qualifications were identified (1) Insufficient assessors making sign off

difficult when travel is restricted due to covid; (2) Renewal process on the PA website is too laborious with low value of effort for gain; (3) PaddleLog is a major issue with PNSW educators; (4) Uncertainty in the paddle industry following lockdowns is one of the main barriers to PAQS educators being uncertain about renewing their registration; (5) Timely reminders for renewal to allow for delays in getting first aid and Working with Children clearances up dated; (6) Lack of confidence in abilities leading to failure to re-register.

2. The high engagement by coaches suggests that they want to be heard. There appears to be a general disillusionment with PA through the way that the new coaching structure has been designed and implemented. For example, L1 coaches underwent more rigorous training than the new replacement course (Foundation Coach) but L1s have been relegated to a Foundation Coach award. Furthermore, there are currently no courses available through PA to upgrade L1/Foundation coaches to L2 nor can L2s upgrade to L3. There has been little, if any, communication by PA regarding this.

3. Demographics are skewed in favour of male educators. Having paddle educators of different genders working together greatly increases the effectiveness of the education program.

4. Demographics are heavily skewed in favour of 40+ years in age with around 75 % of the educator cohort over 40 years of age. As with gender, having paddle educators of different ages working together greatly increases the effectiveness of the education “What’s going on?” program and also provides a natural succession path.



5. PAQS and Coaches are interested in more learning resources, primarily delivered through real-time methods like face-to-face or webinars. There is a great deal of interest in PNSW co-ordinated education networks.

#### WEBINARS:

Margi, in response to the need for promoting sound and current advice for our leaders has developed open webinars which are run monthly. They are advertised on the PNSW website and social media platforms and copies of past webinars are now available on the website. A big thanks must go to Margi whose boundless energy and care to detail is outstanding and displayed in these very professional resources.



“Margi demonstrating the optimum paddle technique!”

Please take the opportunity to catch up on past webinars and look out for our future webinars especially Expedition Planning on the Sea.

#### **PADDLE AUSTRALIA QUALIFICATION SYSTEM**

Thank you to PaddleNSW Education Committee particularly Ian Royds who continued to provide his experience to critique event risk and management plans and recommend enhancements to the new PA platform. The online processes and assignments have been challenging, often getting in the way of participants completing their assessments for the qualification. Thank you to Ian, Tracy Gibson, Adrian Clayton, Grey Stride, Mark Hammer and Phil Benfield for delivering leader courses across the State.

216 registrations in PAQS courses were taken during the year. Conducted at Wilcannia, Dubbo, Condobolin, Nymboida, Pt Hastings, Lismore, South Coast, the Snowy, Canberra and Sydney. The qualifications ranged from Paddle Supervisor, Guide and instructors for sea waters, Guide and instructors for flat water, moving water and whitewater safety in a range of craft; SOT, kayaks and canoes. The participants came from schools, Parks, industry, the general public and the Clubs.

#### **COACHING:**

Registrations increased in Coaching Courses; Introduction to Coaching (online) to 43 and Foundation Coach 18 in Flat water and 10 in Slalom.

PA have recently reported that only 40% of all assessments across Australia have ended in the issue of awards. Clearly a worrying result in the PA education system.

**The PaddleNSW Waterways Guide website and Paddle Safe App** remain active and under the auspices of PaddleNSW. If you like using them the team is searching for new blood to assist with a new user design and strategies to produce self-funding applications.

***Lynn and Margi***



## ENVIRONMENT REPORT

The Environment Committee has continued to organize clean up competitions for Clean Up Australia Day and SUPtember (Single Use Plastics campaign in September), as well as promoting Bushcare Kayaking and other environmental activities.

### SUPtember 2021:

- 5 clubs, 23 people participated (participating clubs were Bendigo Canoe Club, Kayak Share Club, River Canoe Club, Sutherland Shire Canoe Club and Western Paddlers NSW)
- 22 clean up paddles undertaken
- 43 volunteer hours
- 30 x 12L bags of rubbish collected, weighing 75 kgs

The winning club for participation was Western Paddlers NSW, and the most creative activity went to Bridget from The Mullets (clean up group within River Canoe Club) for spelling out the word “pollution” in golf balls collected from the Cooks River!

As part of the SUPtember campaign, we added to the PaddleNSW website a list of cool documentaries, apps, and websites relating to plastic pollution and other environmental issues.



5 clubs regularly do clean up paddles through the year – thanks Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club, Kayak Share Club, River Canoe Club, Sutherland Shire Canoe Club and Western Paddlers NSW.

### Clean Up Australia Day:

3 clubs participated this year – Kayak Share Club, Sutherland Shire Canoe Club and Western Paddlers. Kayak Share Club was also on Channel 7 news in the lead up! This came about from Clean Up Australia Day approaching PaddleNSW, wanting to film some kayakers cleaning up - they see paddling as a draw card for their event.

Diane Lanz (PaddleNSW Event Coordinator) helped contact clubs in the lead up to CUAD which was fantastic.

Paddle Australia also promoted the event Australia-wide this year, due to past PaddleNSW success.

### Making clean up paddles easier:

We have created a 10-step ‘how to organize a clean up paddle’ guide and a clean-up paddle risk assessment – these are on the PaddleNSW website,





under 'Environment – Resources'. We continue to provide clubs (upon request) with baggage scales to weigh clean-up rubbish.

#### **Merchandise:**

We did another run of upcycled t-shirts and jackets, with our “pick up while you paddle” design and “paddle against plastic” (thanks to Ocean Crusaders for the latter design).

We also have re-usable coffee cups available, made from bamboo, with a “pick up while you paddle” design and a rainbow-coloured cup with “paddle with pride” on it.

#### **Environmental guidelines:**

We have continued to work on these, ready for final member feedback and launch. Clubs and paddlesports are strongly encouraged to adopt these guidelines which relate to sustainable products in club houses and at events, having recycling bins in club houses and events, etc. There are different opt-in levels (gold, silver and bronze), depending on how environmentally friendly your club chooses to be. Clubs can display their level of commitment with a gold/silver/bronze medal on their website.

#### **Annual environment forum:**

In 2021 we had 20 attendees (online), and discussed our clean up paddle plans, plastic pollution, the draft Environmental Guidelines, forming partnerships with Bushcare and NPWS, heard case studies from 3 clubs of how they run clean-ups or litter prevention work, plus heard from Paddle Australia on their environmental work.

#### **Raising awareness:**

In addition to all the above, we have had several articles about the environmental work of our clubs in PaddleNSW and Paddle Australia newsletters, plus regular Facebook posts to the PaddleNSW page. We have also joined Boomerang Alliance to stay connected with other environmental organisations and keep in touch with the latest in the environmental space.

**Bron Powell,  
Coordinator**

#### **Environment Committee members 2021-2022:**

Alison Mrkonja  
Bridget Cleaver  
Bron Powell  
Carmen Fu  
Jeff Cottrell  
John Stefas  
Lisa Wriley  
Robyn Bingle  
Sally Verhuel  
Stephanie Scalia



## PADDLESport REPORTS

### HARBOUR RACING

Harbour Series offers paddlers new to open water the opportunity to improve their skills in a safe, lower risk racing environment before tackling the more technical offshore waters. Paddlers compete in ocean racing skis, Surf Lifesaving Skis, Outriggers, SUPs and Sea Kayaks. The 2022 series involves 4 Divisions: Division 1 – Open long course, Division 2 – Intermediate long course, Division 3 – Open short course and Division 4 – SUP short course.

In September 2021 the HR Committee Chair, Tony Hystek, stepped down. Annette Mathews (a member of the Committee since July 2021 and VP of Sutherland Canoe Club) took over unopposed as the new Chair.

2022 Committee members:

- Annette Mathews, Chair / PNSW representative
- Bruce Sinclair, Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club
- Craig Taylor, Manly Warringah Kayak Club
- James Stuart, Dolls Point Paddlers / Sutherland Shire Canoe Club
- Mark Bretag and Darren Forbes, Newy Paddlers
- Murray Dell, Brisbane Waters Paddlers
- Nicola Frowen, Pacific Dragons Dragon Boat and Outrigger Canoe Club

#### 2021 Series Recap



*The Pittwater Challenge Finale, December 2021 - photos taken by MWKC members*

Only 4 races were scheduled for 2021

- Race 1, The Pittwater Challenge and Race 3, The Dolls Point Challenge were run
- Race 2, The Brisbane Waters Open was cancelled due to bad weather, the rescheduled race was subsequently cancelled due to COVID
- Race 4, The Hacking Classic (July) was cancelled due to COVID

The Manly Warringah Kayak Club was able to run an additional race, Race 5, The Pittwater Challenge Finale on Saturday 4 December. Despite COVID restrictions being recently eased, attendance at this event was good.



As the 2021 Series had been so disrupted, the Committee made the decision not to award Series Prizes. Instead, all participants at the final race, The Pittwater Challenge Finale, were given a series cap. Caps were also given to the host clubs to give to their volunteers.



## 2022 Series Update

- The Series was increased by 2 races to 6 with the inclusions of a new host club, Newy Paddlers, and the return of racing on Sydney Harbour with The Iron Cup, hosted by Pacific Dragons
- For consistency, all races in the 2022 series will be run on the first weekend of the month, May to October
- As at July, 2 of the 6 races in the series have been completed
  1. The Pittwater Challenge, hosted by Manly Warringah Kayak Club
  2. The Iron Cup, hosted by Pacific Dragons
  3. The inaugural Brisbane Harbour Classic, hosted by Newy Paddlers, was postponed from July to September due bad weather. All entries from the postponed race have been transferred to the new date for this race
- 2022 entry numbers have not returned to pre-pandemic levels. The Committee believes that COVID continues to be a factor as well as bad weather / consistent rain, and the high cost of petrol and other costs incurred travelling to and competing in races.

Paddle NSW 2022 Harbour Series	
1st May	Race 1 - Pittwater Challenge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5th Jun	Race 2 - The Iron Cup <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7th Aug	Race 4 - Dolls Point Classic
3rd Sep	Race 5 - Brisbane Waters Open
25th Sept	Race 3, Take 2 - Newy Harbour Classic
1st Oct	Race 6 - Hacking Classic




Paddle NSW 2022 Harbour Series  
Paddle NSW Harbour Racing




The Pittwater Challenge, May 2022 - photos taken by MWKC members

- Newy Paddlers are to be commended for the high quality of their promotional material and [video race guide](#).
- Management of the IRB and trailer continues to be an issue. Some clubs want to use one or both IRBs while others only want to use the HR race gear stored in the trailers. In July 2022, Sutherland Shire Canoe Club performed general maintenance on the HR IRB, trailer and gear and got the outboard motor serviced.




**HARBOUR SERIES 2022 RACE 3**  
**NEWY HARBOUR CLASSIC**



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**Other Achievements**

- The unofficial HR ‘green waves’ logo was replaced with new HR branding which is compliant with the PA branding guidelines
- The HR Series Rules were completely rewritten for the 2022 Series
- Race Number stickers were redesigned to make them easier for Race Officials to see
- There has been a significant increase in FB posts promoting HR races
- There has been a concerted effort to improve the diversity of images of paddlers and craft in HR FB posts and other promotional material, particularly photos featuring women
- Additional HR turning buoys have been acquired for the new clubs as well as spares for the 2023 series



*The Iron Cup – photos taken by PD club members*

**Annette Mathews**  
**Harbour Racing Committee Chair**



## MARATHON

Firstly, thank you to the marathon committee consisting of Bob Turner, Jason Ware, Matilda Stevenson, Laura Lee and Larissa Cleverly for all their time and assistance to the PNSW marathons over the past year. Secondly, a massive thank you to Luke Veivers for travelling and running all the time keeping and registrations at the majority of the events over the past year and to Diane Lanz for all her assistance to PNSW Marathon in terms of social media and race organisation. We are very thankful to both of you for your enthusiasm and willingness to help. After getting off to a good start earlier in the year, the 2021 PNSW Marathon series was severely affected by COVID resulting in a number of race cancellations. Once restrictions eased and we were given the green light to hold another PNSW event the final race in the series was organised by the Manly Warringah Kayak Club at Narrabeen lake on the 21st November 2021. This was race 8 of the series and race 2 of the junior series. Unfortunately, this was not return to racing that we or the host club were hoping for with strong winds and rain making the course tough going for most competitors.



With the COVID affected series coming to an end the series awards were handed out. Due to reduced number of races, the final awards were calculated from the best 5 races across the year. Huge congratulations to all the paddlers that received awards in their respective divisions.

### Division 1

1st – Brett Greenwood

2nd (equal) – Casey Haynes = James Pralija

### Division 2

1st – Michael McKeogh

2nd – Trevor Nichols

3rd – Craig Elliott

### Division 3

1st (equal) – David Young = Scott Tyers

3rd – Stephen Shelley

### Division 4

1st – David Lowe

2nd – Mark Moro

3rd – Emily O'Rourke

### Division 5

1st – Bernie Craggs

2nd – John Preston

3rd – Danielle Winslow & Bob Collins

### Division 6

1st – David Dibdin

2nd – Karen Hadjinicola

3rd – Greg Thompson

### Division 7

1st – Robyn Bingle

### Division 8

1st (equal) – Lachlan Stokes = Albert Cobb & Geoffrey Dawes

3rd Greg Hillier & Sue Smith

## Division 9

1st – Warwick Nichols

## Division 10

1st – Mike Schanzer

2nd – Judy Greenidge &amp; Jill Parker

3rd – Len Hedges

## Division 11

1st – Gerry Foster

2nd – Dianne &amp; Warren Mason

3rd – Geoffery Horsnell

## Division 12

1st – Sue Huehn

2nd – Margaret Dodd

3rd – Allan Newhouse

## Division 13

1st – Jai Crossett

2nd – Bailey Campton

3rd – John Greathead

## SUP 15km

1st – Simon Kent-Jones

The 2022 PNSW Marathon series lined up 10 races held at clubs throughout NSW and ACT with 2 bonus races, for the paddlers to enjoy after the challenges of COVID.

The first bonus round was the Frank Harrison Interstate Cup weekend (22-23 January 2022) hosted by the Mitta Mitta Canoe Club in Albury. This is always a well organised event with both days finishing in the beautiful town of Albury. This down river race is very popular and well supported by NSW paddlers. It is a great two days of racing and a lovely weekend away to start the racing season. This year was no different with perfect weather and high river levels making for really enjoyable racing over the two days. Saturday night there was also an outdoor pizza event organised by the club which was a great success.

This was followed by first official race of the PNSW Marathon series held at Wagga Wagga and hosted by the Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club on the 5th February 2022. This is a down river race between Oura and Wagga beach with 3 different race distance options. This year saw 68 paddlers, across divisions 1-7, take on the 26km Oura Beach to Wagga leg, with a further 29 paddlers from divisions 8-12 completing the 17km section, from Braehour Reserve. This year the good rainfall made conditions perfect along the beautiful and unique Murrumbidgee River. The effort that this club puts into this race each year and the amazing pub dinner (including sought after WBCC cheese board awards) are also definitely highlights and ensure that the event is well supported every year.



Next on the calendar we had race 2 of the PNSW Marathon series and State Championships that were held on the Molonglo River and hosted by the Burley Griffin Canoe Club on the weekend of the 5th-6th March 2022. This year the event returned to a two-day format with the single state championships held on the Saturday attracting 102 paddlers, and doubles races held on the Sunday (29 doubles combinations). This format was well supported with many paddlers from a variety of clubs staying for the weekend and enjoying the social event on the Saturday night. Despite wet conditions through most of NSW leading into the race, Canberra put on excellent racing conditions on the day leading to some fantastic state championship battles.

### Results – 2022 PNSW State Championship – Singles champions

35-49 MK1 22.2 km – Craig Elliott  
 50-54 MK1 22.2km – Jason Ware  
 50-59 WK1 18.5km – Daniela Torre  
 55-59 MK1 22.2km – Darren Lee  
 60-60 MK1 18.5km – David Young  
 70-79 MC1 7.4km – Allan Newhouse  
 70-79 MK1 11.1km – Jeff Hosnell  
 70-79 WK1 7.4km – Anne Lloyd Green  
 Open MK1 29.6km – Casey Haynes  
 Open WK1 25.9km – Matilda Stevenson  
 U18 MK1 22.2km – Lachlan Stokes  
 U23 MK1 25.9km – Matthew Gates  
 U23 WK1 22.2km – Emily O'Rourke



### Results – 2022 PNSW State Championship – Doubles champions

35-59 XK2 18.5km – Alanna Ewin/ Tony Hystek  
 50-59 WK2 18.5km – Fiona Rae/ Pauline Findlay  
 60-60 MK2 18.5km – Jeff Hosnell/ Lee Wright  
 60-89 XK2 11.1km – Anne Lloyd Green/ Geoffrey Horsnell  
 Open MK2 29.6km – Casey Haynes/ James Pralija

Lane Cove River Kayakers hosted the third race of the series on the 27th March 2022. This round is a designated Doubles round which always encourages everyone from their club to find a partner and challenge themselves against others in the divisional format. This tries to ensure that those of similar speed compete. This event, as always, was well organised by a huge team of volunteers. The cake selection and catering is also something to look forward to each year.

Unfortunately, the second bonus round of the series to be held at Batemans Bay had to be cancelled due to ongoing bridge works. This very popular race which had been attracting increased numbers each year is no longer going to take place. We thank the committee and all the volunteers for all that they did to put the Bateman's Bay race on the map. We all appreciate all that went into making the race the success that it was and will definitely miss it on the calendar.

This is however a reminder to everyone of the work that goes into all these events and the number of volunteers that make it happen. Please support these events and take the time to thank the clubs and volunteers that make it all possible.

The Brisbane Waters club held the 4th race of the series at Saratoga, on the Central Coast on the 7th May 2022. Once again, the weather did not want to help with strong winds creating very challenging paddling conditions. The course was modified prior to racing to try to minimise the impact of the side chop but unfortunately many paddlers had to pull out of the race due to the difficult conditions.



The 5th race in the series moved to Windsor, NSW on the 29th May 2022. This race themed the “Orange race” in support of the SES turned out to be well timed between very large flood events on the Hawkesbury River. The support for the SES was on display by paddlers wearing orange to the event and donating to the SES to thank them for their support not only in the Hawkesbury but around the state following the bush fires and more recent floods. The generous support of the competitors on the day raised close to \$500 for the SES. The weather was kind and the paddlers enjoyed the day out in the Hawkesbury.

Next up, we travelled down the road to Penrith to race on the beautiful Nepean River through the picturesque gorge on the 19th June 2022. The Penrith Valley Canoeing Club put on a beautiful show with the new start at the Nepean Rowing Club. The race conditions and river were enjoyed by all. This race was also the first race in the junior series which attracted junior paddlers from clubs all over NSW including Avoca, Sydney Northern Beaches, MWKC to name a few.

The PNSW Marathon series then moves to Woronora, Swallow Rock, Narrabeen and then Makai to finish up the series.

The Australian Canoe Marathon Championships were held at Coomera Lakes on the Gold Coast in Queensland on the 22nd - 24th April 2002. The three-day event saw the debut of the short course (3.4km) on the Friday. The event was very well organised with a good course and portage making the trip very worthwhile. The windy conditions over the weekend were an additional challenge for the paddlers but the NSW team under the NSW state Team Manager, Kieran Babbich, did not let this stop them from taking out the Frank Whitebrook Trophy for the state that amasses the most points across every race in the competition.

Short course results: gold medals to Matthew Gates (U/23 Men’s), Laura Lee (Masters Women’s) and Brett Greenwood (Masters Men’s). Silver medals to Casey Haynes (Open Men’s) and Daniela Angela Torre (Masters Women’s) with Lachlan Stokes (U/18 Men’s) taking a bronze.

In the Women Masters singles, Laura Lee (40-45), Daniela Angela Torre (50-55), Fiona Rae (55-60), Pauline Findlay (60-65) and Ann Lloyd-Green (70-75) took out gold in their respective K1 selection classes, with Karen Tipping winning the Women’s 50-55 Ski race. In the Masters Men’s classes Stephen Wade (75-80 K1), Geoffrey Horsnell (70-75 K1 selection) and Jeff Hosnell (70-75 non-selection) won gold.





The Open Men's selection class Competition saw seven paddlers from NSW on the start line, with Casey Haynes coming home with a silver medal and Bruno Colos the bronze. In the men's U18 K1 Lachlan Stokes added a silver medal to his collection.

On the Sunday there were more strong performances from NSW in the K2 Masters classes. Men's 65-70 K2 – gold to Gary Mears/Steven Brinkley, silver to Bernie Craggs/Warwick Nichols and bronze to Jeff Hosnell (NSW)/ Hal Curwen-Walker (VIC). Masters Women K2 55-60 was won by Pauline Findlay/Fiona Rae. Mixed 35-59 K2 was won by Darren Lee/Daniela Angela, Mixed 35-59 double ski won by Allison Bilbow/David Young and Karen Tipping/ Peter Conway won Mixed 35-59 K2 non-selection class. Brett Greenwood/ Jason Ware won the Men's 50-55 K2. Michael McKeogh/Gareth Stokes took gold in the men's 45-50 double ski.

In the Open Men's K2 Casey Haynes/James Pralija won bronze while Lachlan Stokes teamed up with Queenslander Joshua Parkinson to win bronze in the U/18 Men's K2.

Based on the performances at the nationals there were a number of NSW paddlers selected onto the Australian team to participate at the Canoe Marathon World Championships in Ponte de Lima, Portugal with the Masters competing on the 26-27th September 2022 including: Pauline Findlay, Fiona Rae, Laura Lee, Daniella Torre, Anne Lloyd Green, Liz Pratt, Jason Ware, Darren Lee, Brett Greenwood, Jeff Hosnell, Jeff Horsnell and Ian Cooper. While the Open, junior and U23 championships will be held from the 29th September – 2nd October 2022. Casey Haynes was selected to compete in the Open Mens K1 short course, K1 singles and K2 together with James Pralija.

Good luck to all the paddlers competing. We look forward to the results.

**Bob Turner**  
**PaddleNSW Marathon Committee**



## SLALOM

It was another great year for NSW Slalom. Some highlights included:

- A focus on Grass Roots slalom with many programs run across the state see encouraging numbers of new paddlers, especially girls. These events were supported by PNSW with the purchase of some beginner slalom kayaks.
- Supporting the Paddle Australia All States Program with coaching events at Penrith Whitewater Stadium that saw up to 60 paddlers.
- Running a very successful State Champs at Penrith Whitewater Stadium including inclusion of extreme slalom and freestyle for the first time.
- Taking strong teams and seeing great results at the Age Nationals on the Goulburn River near Eildon, Victoria as well as the Open Nationals in Tasmania and Australian Open at Penrith.
- Supporting the State Schools Championships on the Mann River in August after they were postponed from May due to flooding.
- Having many members gain selection in the Junior, U23 and Open world teams.
- Jess Fox being awarded the Office of Sport Female Athlete of the Year.
- The NSW Institute of Sport Slalom program taking out the Sydney Olympic Park Authority Program of the Year.



*The NSW girls training squad on the Forbes River*

**Brian Cork  
Chair**



*The NSW State Team who has a very successful campaign at the Australian Age Nationals in Victoria in January.*



## SPRINT

Once again 2021/22 has been a disrupted but ultimately successful season for Sprint kayaking. Our athletes have shown the ability to train and race through adversity brought on by Covid lockdowns and floods.

2021 saw the delayed Tokyo Olympics finally happen with 4 NSW athletes competing in the Sprint program. Jo Brigden-Jones, Murray Stewart, Riley Fitzsimmons and Lachlan Tame. All made finals appearances in a very successful campaign for Australia. After many years representing Australia, Jo, Murray and Lochie have all now retired from kayaking. We thank them for their contributions.



A few weeks later and the Tokyo Paralympics were a huge success for our NSW athlete, Dylan Littlehailes and his coach, Jake Michael, head coach of NSWIS who was also selected to be part of the paracanoe coaching team. Dylan was agonisingly close to a medal, coming in 4th by 0.012 sec in the KL3 200m event, a photo finish, with less than a second between 1st and 4th. Such a huge achievement for Dylan and we know he will be back in Paris in 2024 for another shot at a medal. Also making her Paralympic debut was Laura White, our NSW chief official, a just reward for someone who has been an international level official for many years and has worked so hard to improve the officiating skills of NSW and National volunteers. I know it was an incredible experience for Laura and she did an amazing job.

Unfortunately, once again, the planned Sprint Series 1,2 3 events had to be cancelled due to another COVID lockdown.

When we were finally allowed to come together, Manly Warringah Kayak Club hosted a fantastic Sprint Series 4 and we held a Gp1 replacement regatta at SIRC after Adelaide GP1 cancelled. Both events were very well attended and gave paddlers on opportunity to race before the upcoming State Championships in January.



State Championships were a great success with State Teams and new Development Squads selected. Plenty of entries despite no interstate or international athletes and lots of new young paddlers entering State Championships for the first time.

Our State Teams and Development Squads continued to train in preparation for National Championships. The Coaching Team under the guidance of NSWIS Head Coach, Jake Michael, continue to work together for the benefit of all clubs and paddlers and the results are showing with great success of NSW athletes at a National level and in team selections .

Grand Prix 2 at Penrith in February was the selection trials for senior teams with several NSW athletes selected. Congratulations to Ella Beere, Georgia Sinclair, Fletcher Armstrong, Jackson Collins and Noah Harvard were all selected on the Canoe Sprint team and Dylan Littlehales and John McLean on the Paracanoe team which has represented Australia in the World Cup season in Europe and will shortly compete at the Canoe Sprint World Championships in Canada.

Once again in 2022, Nationals was moved from Penrith in April to Adelaide in May due to flood damage at SIRC. With the Senior Australian team away competing in Europe it was a chance for others to shine. The U 23 and Junior World Championships teams were selected as were the U 21, 18 and 16 Asia Pacific teams. More than half the athletes selected on these teams were from NSW which I think speaks volumes for the work we are doing in NSW around the development of athletes. It is a credit to the coaching environment and collaborative approach we are taking, and to the talented athletes themselves. NSW athletes dominated the Open women's, 16 and 18 boys age groups, with individual success in other age groups, and there are a large number of U14 paddlers coming through.

All in all, 2021/22 season has been very successful for NSW Sprint, despite the challenges of COVID and flooding. It will be wonderful to see our athletes finally compete on the world stage again, after a few seasons away. We are looking forward to a successful 2022/23 season beginning soon, and to continue to develop our young athletes.

**Sally Simons  
Chair**





## WHITEWATER

This year has seen a lot of work preparing for the first Snowy River Extreme Race since the outbreak of Covid-19. Sadly, the race had to be cancelled yet again last year due to closing of borders between Victoria and NSW and the race organisers deeming the event too high risk.

The running of the race this year will also mark the resumption of the Australian whitewater Grand prix series which includes white-water races in Tasmania. The participant with the lowest times across all races will be the winner of the Grand prix series. The team is also continuing to push for diversity and hoping to have enough Junior

female entrants to make this a separate division.



### *Johannes Hendriks Chair*



## Bonville Creek Kayak Club

**R.I.P.** It was, with extreme sadness, that we learnt of the passing of Mark Adoms and lone and Richard Mackie.

Mark lost his struggle against cancer in August. Mark first paddled with us on 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 and will be fondly remembered as a jovial social member (with a particularly loud trademark “guffaw”) and a fierce competitor.

lone and Richard were never members of our club, but they supported many of our members who tackled the Hawkesbury Classic. Living in Glossodia, they were very close to the start at Windsor, and were very hospitable hosts, providing accommodation and sustenance before, after and during the event to many of our club members from 1986 to 2004.

**Members and Membership.** We welcomed only 8 new paddlers to our club this year, totalling 43 financial members as at June 30, 2022; 980 people having come along to try paddling with us since we started in 1986. New members for the year, Peter Hutchinson and Stephen Murray have settled in long enough to become part of the furniture; Stephen making the trip from Port Macquarie at the end of each month in order to participate in our longer races. Steve Wade also made enough paddles during the year to establish a handicap with us.

**Club events.** COVID-19 rules prevented our club from returning to a full contingent for our normal weekly flatwater racing. A disappointing number of members have not returned to racing, even though they have paid their club dues. I am hoping that this means that they intend to resume once they are confident about avoiding the virus. For this reason, we have continued “semi-faux” races so those who feel restrained by COVID-19 can still submit “faux” times (41 of 52 races this year were such). We averaged 18 paddlers a week, 2 of those being Social Paddlers (thus, not racing); almost the same as last year.



**Inter-Club events.** Once again Liz represented BCKC, taking herself off to events and flying our colours, In November 2021, to Port Macquarie’s Rowing Club 3 rivers mini marathon. In June, July, August 2022, she participated in the NSW Marathon series in conjunction with Newey Paddlers as it was by invitation and using their boat.



On 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021, the **Christmas Cup**, the **AGM**, a **GM**, and the **Awards Night** were all held. This accretion of occasions, brought out the comment from our secretary that there would be “Definitely more chance of a quorum!!”

At the AGM, The club committee was re-elected unchanged. At the GM, Peter Grant’s campaign finally succeeded in convincing the club membership that Saturday club events should start at 3pm all year round (from the start of 2022). A motion for the continuance of Faux races was also passed. For the Awards Night, the Boambee Bay Reserve proved to be a popular choice, especially as the lights worked perfectly this year. Thanks to Rose for the organisation. Next year, Margie is taking over the challenge of “Herding Cats” that is the Annual Awards Night.

**SunSafe shirts.**! More thanks! This time to Rose and Brian for the organisation of this great looking and effective club uniform; so effective that members are not wearing them on the water, but keeping them “for good”; not what Rose had intended. Rose took on the responsibility of the design and purchase of the shirts and Brian for the financial organisation as the Club subsidised the purchase to the tune of \$45 each, meaning each member only had to pay \$20 per.

**Committee!** Still more thanks; this time to all those that make this club hum! We have always been a club that thrived on the principle of “Committees of one”! If someone sees a problem and voices a solution, then they usually end up with a job. Sometimes they just step up and do it, like Ken Buckley, our resident Photographer and Scribe since “who knows when”; no-one asked him to do it, but we are very glad it happens. (for more details re Ken, see addendum 1)



**Mike Mackney,  
President**





## Big River Canoe Club

After a slow start to the season resulting from event cancellations due to Covid lockdowns, things really ramped up to make for a great season. Highlights included

- Several whitewater events on the Mann River including one with over 80 paddlers.
- The BRCC team finishing third overall at the Slalom Age National Champs
- Woolgoolga High finishing second in the school points at the Slalom Age National Champs
- Gaining new plastic and fibreglass slalom kayaks through generous grants from Paddle Australia and Paddle NSW
- Expanding our regional profile to run several events in the Port Macquarie area, thanks to the work of some enthusiastic club members in that area
- 'Discovering' a great new venue for slalom and river trips on the Forbes River near Port Macquarie
- Having a great crew of juniors attend an All States Camp at Penrith Whitewater Stadium
- Weekly flatwater paddling sessions on the Clarence River and weekly flatwater slalom training events in Woolgoolga and Port Macquarie.



*The BRCC girls slalom crew enjoying the new club venue on the Forbes River*

A lowlight was having to cancel/postpone the State and Regional Schools events that are supported by BRCC, due to flooding. Fortunately river levels are looking great for the state schools event which has been rescheduled for late August.

A motivated crew of volunteers are busy making plans for the upcoming season. We'll see you then!

**Brian Cork,  
Secretary**



*Junior paddlers receiving coaching on the Mann River*



## Brisbane Water Paddlers

The Brisbane Water Paddlers club (BWP) was established in July 2015 and is now in its seventh year (2021/22). The club has now grown to 44 members.

During the second half of 2021 the club continued to run smoothly despite the interruptions caused by Covid 19. The club was well represented in the somewhat disrupted 2021 Marathon and Harbour events, with some sound results from individual members.

BWP held Round 4 of the PaddleNSW Marathon series on the 7th May 2022. The event had to be moved from Davistown waterfront to the Saratoga Sailing Club due to the two months of rain which left the waterfront area at Davistown unusable. The more open waterway and strong windy conditions caused the event to be very challenging for most competitors. The event was well supported by BWP members, who despite the trying conditions worked tirelessly to ensure the safety of all paddlers. A special thanks to the boat crews: Darren Bragg; Jim Elderfield; Brian Currie; Allan Keith and Len Hedges. The officials for the day, Claire Monger, Lorraine Gaffney, Margaret Keith and Julie Sun, were quick to step up and overcome the many obstacles that the conditions presented.



Murray Dell has been working over 2021/22 season to coordinate the next Harbour event, which is to be held on the 3rd September 2022, starting from Patonga Beach and heading out around Lion Island.



In order to maintain the momentum during the 2021 lockdown, a variety of BWP club events were held. The most notable being the virtual weekly time trial which became quite competitive over the year.

In the 2021/22 season our normal race calendar was reintroduced with club events alternating between two formats each fortnight, a Club Championship (scratch start in two divisions), and a Handicap event. Additionally, during the

summer months, a midweek time trial was held over a 7.5km course each Wednesday afternoon. Training sessions were held over summer on Monday afternoons moving across to Wednesdays over winter.

In 2021/2022 communication continued to improve within the club. Andrew Wilkinson further developed and maintained the Clubs Facebook page and the informal Whats App group has remained a popular way of allowing paddlers to post paddles/boats for sale/photos and any upcoming events. The results and starting times were communicated by Club Captain Mark Brear via email to all club members.



In 2021/22 the committee worked well under difficult conditions, constantly adapting to the current Covid restrictions. I would like to thank: Vice President, Murray Dell; Secretary, Lorraine Gaffney; Treasurer, Mal Brear; and committee members Steve Monger, Geoff Dawes, Andrew Wilkinson, Lee Kirk and the Club Captain Mark Brear.

Many thanks to Mark Brear, who in his role as Club Captain, has done an outstanding job running each event, calculating handicap times and providing us with very informative, accurate and prompt results. Thanks also to the club members who enhance our club events by helping with the provision of tea/coffee, morning tea and brunch and transporting the club marquee and flags. We are always grateful for our volunteers, Jim Elderfield and Paul Bimson, who man the safety boats, and are always willing to offer their time to help.



In December 2021 BWP held the Annual Club presentation at Saratoga Sailing club. After a year of interruptions due to covid, it was a welcome celebration. Congratulations to all place getters.

Thanks to Lorraine Gaffney, Karen Scofield and Steve Monger for working tirelessly on the catering for the presentation. This is work that is very time consuming but very much appreciate by all club members.

Thank you to Andrew Wilkinson for running the coaching session on the waterfront at Davistown in November, 2021. Andrew and Mark Brear supplied their Ergo trainers for members to use to have their stroke analyzed, as well as an on-water video and coaching from Steve Monger.



Davistown Local Committee held a back to Davistown day on the 19th June 2022 to celebrate 100 years of the community of Davistown. The club participated by holding a short demonstration race and club members were on hand to promote the club, handing out information brochures designed and printed by Lorraine Gaffney. Thanks again to all the club members who gave up their time to promote the club.

### **Developments for 2021/22**

The RSL Club has continued to generously supply BWP with the storage container at the RSL Club. This has allowed the club to purchase a few club kayaks and skis, allowed for the safe storage space for the club safety boat and other equipment. BWP also have storage space available at Saratoga sailing club for club boats and equipment.

2021/2022 has been a challenging year for all clubs. BWP would like to thank Paddle NSW and its committee members for their continued support during this time and acknowledge our appreciation for the events that have been able to take place this year.



## Burley Griffin Canoe Club

As with most sporting clubs, Covid19 continued to play havoc with PaddleNSW racing activities and closer to home, parts of our general paddling activities, but more specifically our 'in-shed' activities.

Our BGCC Safety Officer continued to be kept busy adhering to ACT Government restrictions and signage for gatherings within our shed; however, our on-water activities were largely uninterrupted until August when the closure of our shed and all paddling activities out of the shed ceased due to ACT Government Covid19 restrictions.

Planning continued however on a replacement for our dilapidated main pontoon. We settled on a replacement from Marine Dock Systems in NSW and were subsequently successful in obtaining a \$ for \$ grant from the ACT Government to help cover the cost.

Once Covid19 restrictions eased, we conducted our Annual General Meeting which saw a number of new members taking up Committee positions – our Core Committee now consists of 4 males and 4 females.

Over the warmer months the club held 2 Rescue sessions for our ski and recreational paddlers, some slalom skills sessions, as well as holding several recreational paddles around the Lake, stopping for lunch, these were all well attended.



Heavy rains through October/November resulted in all of our course marker buoys being washed into Lake Burley Griffin. Once retrieved and installed, we still found paddling on our fast flowing river to be quite challenging, so much so, that for the first time, we needed to shorten the course during the night for our 24Hr Paddle Challenge due to the hazardous conditions overnight.

The start of the 2022 Calendar year saw things returning to some semblance of 'normal' around the Club and planning was soon underway to prepare for our hosting of the NSW State Championships on 5/6 March 2022. In a return to an old format, both singles & doubles were conducted over the 2 days; the event went well with the weather gods being extremely kind for that weekend.



Despite Covid19, we experienced a larger than normal influx of new members and by the end of the 2020/21 financial Year had 270 members. Renewals for the 2021/22 Financial Year showed the numbers remained around this figure.

## Canoe Polo

By far the best news around BGCC for the past year has been the emergence of our Canoe Polo discipline into a truly formidable contestant in each of the competitions they have attended around Australia.



Our Canoe Polo Convener, Laura Kleinrahm and her partner Adam Hofmeyer have overseen an incredible resurgence of this discipline within our Club with many new and returning members. At the Australian Championships in Adelaide, our senior Men's team won gold for the first time in BGCC history. In June, they received well-deserved recognition from PaddleNSW for their work with BGCC canoe polo, in particular with recruitment and training sessions directly encouraging women.

## **Bob Collins** **President**





## Central Coast Paddlers

As the Pandemic continues – in fact increases – the general population has become more complacent and accepting! Simple hygiene measures are being discontinued, with the unfortunate, deceased, victims unable to protest!



Since July 2021, eight of our local races have been abandoned, due to C19, with one in March this year, due to flooding.

Membership has fallen to sixteen Paddlers this year.

Support for the Virtual Races has waned, possibly due to the recurring floods, and lately, the cold temperatures, as “real” racing returns, with the added incentive of competition.

As our Sport is “outdoors,” we remain optimistic for the future - for when the weather warms up!

Thank you Members, Committee Members, our Timekeepers Diana and Margaret, all other Helpers, Webmaster” Clive, and Visitors, for your continued support during a difficult year.

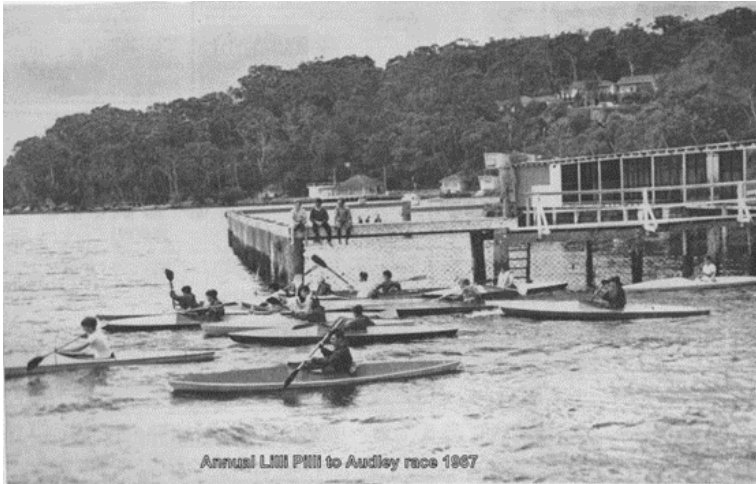
Also, Peter Tate of PNSW, Bob Turner and Marathon Committee, Paddle Australia and Kate Cohen for continuing guidance and support

**Nick Naughton,  
Secretary**





## Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club



*Club Race 1967*



*Club race 2022*

CSKC (formerly Lilli Pilli Kayak Club) lodged its first annual report to the then NSWCA in 1967. The attached photos illustrate the changes in canoeing in the intervening 55 years. This year 2022 also represents 50 years that the Club has been holding Saturday afternoon races at Grays Point. These races over 5km and 10 km are the mainstay of the club with some 50 paddlers competing, including paddlers from SSCC and the Bate Bay surf clubs. The standard of racing at the present time is very high due particularly to some of the surf club competitors who are outstanding paddlers.

After some less than successful years running Summer twilight races on Friday nights the Club switched to Wednesday nights at 6pm two years ago and found enthusiastic acceptance, with an average of 30 paddlers now competing over the 5km and 10km courses during the summer months.

Apart from the club races CSKC has supported the State Marathon Series, Harbour Series and State and Australian Marathons since their inception and has provided numerous representative paddlers over the years, with Georgia Sinclair currently in the Australian sprint team after previously representing in the Ocean Racing team.

COVID has, of course impacted on Club activities but did not lead to cessation for any long period although some members were barred from travel to take part. It did result in the Club being unable to run its allocated State Marathon and Harbour races for the past two years but these are now on line for this year.

The Club is in a sound financial position as it had previously built up reserves in the hope of establishing a club-house. This has proved to be unattainable although the provision of a container at Grays Point has enabled the storage of all club equipment on site.

In terms of the current club strength, membership is down marginally from its high of some years ago but is still healthy at 63 Seniors, 4 Juniors, 6 Volunteers, 10 Life Members and 2 Honorary Members.

**Kevin Nettle**  
**Secretary**



## Far North Coast Canoe Club

Life in Lismore, this last twelve months, is divided firmly into “life before the flood” and “life after the flood”. Life before the flood was nicer.

Before the flood the Far North Coast Canoe Club was doing well. We have an active albeit small membership that enjoy various paddling modalities – flatwater social paddling, flatwater racing, sea kayaking, white and wild-water. We paddle a range of craft which includes plastic, fibreglass and kevlar single and double person kayaks, sea kayaks and skis. Covid had taken the breath out of our sails somewhat: we hadn’t held any outside paddles for quite a while, nor were we as able to invite as many beginners, though that was changing. Summer on the north coast is great for water-sports, even in a wet summer.



After the flood, months since the normally benign, but habitually floody, Wilsons River reared up and smashed our town, our town is still broken. Every member of our club was impacted; some more than others of course. Those who live/d in flood prone South and North Lismore live in constant preparation for flooding, as do those of us who do business within reach of the river. However, that extra 2.4 metres that rose so quickly took out houses, and invaded homes with a ferocity that turned it from “flood” to “catastrophe”. You saw it on the news. It was as bad as it looked. As I write, maybe only half the shops have returned, small business and big; of the 3000 made homeless only a small proportion are back in their homes. It’s been a long five months.

Our club is on the river side of the levee bank. The Thursday before the flood we did a complete evacuation of all club equipment, as is our wont. All the boats went upstairs into the ballroom. A major flood would lap that floor. It went beyond and onto the next floor, with our whole fleet floating to the ceiling between, luckily without much damage when they floated, muddily, back down to the flood, three days later. In the second flood we evacuated in plenty of time again. Again, we simply (simply!) hosed out the clubhouse, the lawn and concrete apron, the wharf when it emerged, and moved the boats back in. Our thanks here to the firies who were on hand to help with the clean-ups.



The river, after the flood, was very unpleasant. Silt, trees, dead animals, oil, diesel, all sorts of pollution. For a few months raw sewerage was being pumped into the river after the council sewerage treatment works were too damaged. After a few months things began to settle down. The pollution has been collected, though rags and plastic wrap are flags at the top of the tallest trees telling of the height of the deluge. Weird rubbish is still floating past. The riverbanks are a different shape, riparian vegetation is more precarious or gone, and the water is siltier than is usual mid-winter. We have only a few paddlers braving our relatively cold weather, our beginners are non-existent, and with no power to the shed, our hot showers are literally a pipe-dream.

However, there is hope. Each Saturday morning a few more people appear for a paddle. Morning teas are out of a thermos, but there's always cake. The solar lights are working, and soon we'll get some sort of off-grid set up for showers. Soon people will step away from rebuilding their lives, and their friends' lives, and remember what they liked about the river.

We are very grateful for the support from our paddling peers in other clubs who sent messages of support, and to Paddle NSW and PaddleAustralia for widening the terms of the PaddleOn Foundation to include natural disasters. This has meant that the membership of our club has been maintained at its pre-flood level, and for those members who have been impacted, one less thing to prioritise.

Soon the general public will be attracted to the river as a place to enjoy, rather than be wary of. I believe that the Far North Coast Canoe Club will weather this particular storm but it will be a long and slow process. This year wasn't, by any stretch of the imagination, a storm in a teacup.

**Christine Porter**  
**President**





## Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club

Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club (HVPC) members enjoyed another year of successful paddling in 2021/22, despite some challenges.

COVID continued to impact our ability to schedule some events during mid-2021, however we managed to paddle together while apart in HVPC's first ever virtual racing series.

Unfortunately, our fee restructures to accommodate Paddle NSW/Paddle Australia membership for all HVPC members, including recreational paddlers, resulted in a slight drop in membership numbers.

Widespread flooding further challenged Club members with regular paddling spots rendered inaccessible and unsafe on repeated occasions.

Ever resilient, HVPC members continued to seize every opportunity to get out on the water. Our recreational paddles continue to be well attended and the New to Touring Kayaking day attracted some new members. Competition in HVPC's Summer, Winter & Twilight Series handicap events has been high spirited, and several members transitioned to compete in their first PNSW Marathon Series events in 2022.

### **Summer, Winter, and Twilight Series**

With the drop-off of Covid restrictions HVPC have again been able to run our Summer, Twilight, and Winter Series races as scheduled.

The summer races started at 8.00am to get us out of the heat and winter races at 9.00 am for much needed warmth from the sun.

Like many parts of NSW, Newcastle & the Hunter area have experienced a lot of rain and flooding this year. This has been noticed with much debris and silt in Cockle Creek.



Attendance numbers have been good for both the 5km and 10km races and the donation box has been well used.

Competing craft styles vary from K1, K2, C1, Ocean C1, Ocean C2, Ocean Ski Single, Ocean Ski Double and Ocean Kayak.

All races are handicapped by time hoping for a same time finish. Points are awarded to places and tallied at the end of the series.

As usual, coffee, cake and a chat has been the post-race reward for competitors!

HVPC extends our thanks to Paddle Zone, Belmont for the generous donation of prizes for competing members.



Thanks also to Larry Adams, chief handicapper and time keeper.

### Recreational Paddles

The club has continued regular recreational paddles throughout the year with two paddles per month during the warmer months and one a month during the cooler part of the year. There has been a mixture of Saturdays and Sundays to allow members with other commitments the opportunity to attend. The numbers have varied with challenges due to COVID, poor weather and concerns over the cost of membership.



Members have travelled to a range of locations from Myall Lakes to Brisbane Waters. Most paddles range between 12 and 20kms usually with a morning tea break in the middle.

Many thanks to Grahame Clarke for his outstanding coordination and leadership of HVPC's program of social paddles.



### New to Touring Kayaking day

In November a short, introductory, recreational paddle was held at Cockle Creek to allow interested members of the public to try kayak touring. New paddlers were encouraged to join the Club and participate in future recreational paddles.

The event was well attended by around 16 paddlers on all types, shapes and sizes of craft.

Thanks to Grahame Clarke for his excellent presentation for beginners on paddle safety, equipment and technique.

Thanks also to Paddle Zone Belmont Manager, and Club member, Ross Ferguson for introducing new paddlers to HVPC and being available at the event to answer questions about equipment.

### Morpeth River Rats

The Morpeth River Rats partake in a social paddle from Morpeth on Wednesday afternoons. On the last Wednesday of the month this is followed by a meal at the local pub. The last year has seen a number of flooding events which resulted in paddling ceasing for extended periods and as a result, a drop off in participation.

Numbers are expected to rebound once water conditions improve and the days start to lengthen again.



### Marathon Series

There has been a small but definite increase of HVPC members competing in the Paddle NSW Marathon Series this year. A total of eight members have raced under the HVPC banner, including three members, Nicholas Chung, Ross Ferguson and Marnie Fitzpatrick, competing for the first time.

The race day camaraderie amongst HVPC members and the other Newcastle based club, Newy Paddlers is excellent. Several HVPC members are also members of Newy Paddlers and the two clubs socialise together on race days.

Special mention to Sue Smith & Greg Hillier who, after 5 races are leading the Div 8 point score and to Ross Ferguson who is currently leading Div 13.



HVPC missed out on hosting a Marathon Series race at Teralba this year but hope to see Cockle Creek alive with interclub competitors again next year.

### **Cockle Creek Clean Up day**

Over the last few years HVPC have been holding regular Clean up paddles on our local waterway Cockle Creek.

Over the last 3 clean ups we have collected a total of 1 tonne of waste from the water and banks of the river. We have noticed a considerable reduction in waste from the river over the course of our clean up days. However, there continues to be constant dumping of general household goods and waste on the river edge which is always astounding.



Our local council LMCC assist with our clean up days with their Eco Angel program. They provide clean up kits and collect the rubbish straight away from the site.



Our last Clean Up Day was held on World Environment Day on the 5th of June. It was a cold, breezy, winter day on the creek but we had some enthusiastic participants on and off the water.

Our Clean Up days are a fun way to bring paddlers together and also a great way to give back to our natural waterway that we all love. Thanks to all our club members who have participated in the Clean Ups over the last year. I think they are a lot of fun and no doubt there will be plenty more over the next 12 months. Our club supports the environmental objectives of Paddle NSW and we look forward to following their upcoming initiatives.

**Marnie Fitzpatrick**  
Secretary





## Lane Cove River Kayakers

LCRK continues to be a strong club, not just measured in member numbers and financials, but also in the sense of belonging and the pride members have in the club. These intangible indicators centred around camaraderie are difficult to measure but they are on display so often, and not just during competition. Members have no hesitation in volunteering and helping out, paddling and socialising with other members outside of competition, providing advice and offering a hand, and not taking their paddling results too seriously. These features are of course not unique to LCRK but they are certainly on show.

The fact we have been able to maintain members' interest in LCRK over the last 2 years of stop/start paddling has to be our best achievement. The people to recognise for that outcome are our members. I also thank Ian Wrenford who contributes so much time towards weekly club communications, website updates and other forums – this communication is one of the reasons members feel so connected to LCRK.

Member numbers at the end of June 2022 were similar to last year (138) and the financial report will show the club has no concerns in that area.



Wednesday night timetrial numbers have been solid although we perhaps are starting to see the “new normal” of slightly reduced numbers particularly over winter with the weather and associated cancellations, together with members' health priorities, disrupting momentum. A statistical comparison shows an average of 39 boats per timetrial in the year to June 2022 compared to 46 boats for the preceding year.

Our marathon in March this year once again showed the strength of the club's work ethic. See the photo of those members who volunteered and/or paddled. LCRK has continued to contribute significantly to the marathon series with members typically accounting for a sizeable percentage of entries although similarly that marathon competition is seeing a slight reduction in numbers out of the disruptions. The club's strong marathon representation and individual performances saw us retain the club and ICF trophies.



The club's goals over the next 3 months will be to manage a successful Myall Classic event at Tea Gardens in September and to do our bit to ensure the first Hawkesbury Classic in 3 years is a success. Neither of these two events will flourish if LCRK members aren't enthusiastically embracing them.

Long term plans include the upgrade of Rotary Park facilities, including our shed and changeroom facilities. These plans are indeed long term (they are unlikely to materialise in the next 3 years) although LCRK is being very proactive with the two athletic tenants and Willoughby Council to move the initiative along.

The committee has worked hard to continue steering the club and deserve recognition for that. They do a lot behind the scenes to help the club function, with much of this work either oblivious to most members or taken for granted. The new committee has a number of new faces and that will put LCRK in good stead for the future. LCRK also sincerely thanks PNSW for their support in many areas over the last 12 months.

**John Duffy**  
**Outgoing President**





## Newy Paddlers

The Orange Army continues to grow in its membership and has had another successful year of fun and community involvement.

The highlights were supporting the Hunter Melanoma Foundation for the first time and raising \$8,000, gaining sponsorship from one of our members, James Staciwa, 'Transitions Chiropractic', holding our inaugural coaching clinic run by Stew O'Regan and seeing our members pursuing their paddling passions – the standouts were the crossing of Bass Strait by Morven Flett and Steve Brinkley and Gary Mears winning the K2 65+ National Championships.

### Sponsorship – Transition Chiropractic

'Helping you transition towards a healthier, happier life'

<https://www.transitionschiropractic.com/>

A big thank you to our major sponsor for Newy Paddlers, NSW Harbour Series and Mud Crab Cup



### Defibrillator Training, Sat 23 October '21

Due to COVID restrictions we patiently waited for the training which finally occurred last Sat 23 Oct through Surf Life Saving NSW (SLSNSW).

A big thank you to the dedicated members who attended - Moira, Malcolm, Mitchell, Ian, Mark and the informative instruction by Stephen Joseph who made it a fun session. We now have a number of our members accredited through Surf Life Saving Clubs and their employers so our members and visitors to Throsby Creek can feel comfortable that they are in safe hands. The defibrillator will be at all our events and will be a useful asset to the club and community.



### Refurbishment of Trailer, Wed 17 Nov '21

5 years ago, we did a rush trip to SA and purchased a trailer and boats from West Lakes Canoe Club. The aim was to provide some foundation assets to help with the growth of the club. Through the efforts of many of our members, in particular Guy Fiddes the trailer was transformed from a rusty blue into a black beast in 2017.

Exposure to the weather led to a decision this year to give it some identity and further TLC.

The outcome is this very funky, cool set of wheels that reflects the club's culture of having fun and being different.





A huge thank you to Scott Gibson who arranged his mate Mick at Varley to give it the facelift - they certainly did an amazing job. The members can look forward to many more hours of enjoyment knowing that it has the capability to hold 12 boats for any event we participate in.

### **Doubles Race, Presentation & BBQ Wed 15 Dec '21**

We had our Doubles race, trophy presentation and BBQ Wednesday night and it turned out the perfect way to finish what has been another difficult year of cancelled events.

The conditions were ideal with an incoming tide and plenty of sunshine - 8 doubles and 5 singles raced on handicap starts over 7.5km and 5km respectively. There was a bit of shenanigans going on at the start with a paddle getting greased and a double jumping the start to get an advantage all of which led to a swim at the Lewis St bridge. There were no points involved, it was all about getting bragging rights which Scotty and Steve achieved being first across the line with our only women's team, Vicki and Marnie getting a very credible 4th.

The fastest team on the night was Nathan and Cameron in 35:31. Well done to everyone.



The fun continued over at the containers devouring some sausage sandwiches and celebrating the achievers in our club with trophy presentations.

The winners of the Mud Crab Cup 20/21 which finished on the 6 June were:

- 1st Davy Freeman
- 2nd Robert Fenwick
- 3rd Darren Forbes

Congratulations to the winners, it was a good series enjoyed by all.

Even though there were limited events in 2021 a couple of Stand-Up Paddlers stood out for their consistent effort - both competed to the best of their ability and are genuine people that put other people ahead of themselves.



Paddler of the Year: Davy Freeman (selected in NSW State Team Over 40 & winner of MCC 20/21) Most Improved Paddler of the Year: Nicki Day (involved in anything virtual, highlight being Clarence 100)

Finally, 'Club Person of the Year' Trevor Jordan (alias Grumpy).

His contribution over 5 years as Treasurer, always helping at working bees, running the race series and preparing race results has been invaluable in making the club what it is today - a recognition well deserved.



### **Acquisition of K1 Ergo & Double Ski**

Thanks to the generosity of Murray and Liz, the club acquired a K1 Ergo for training and an Apex Double Ski suitable for our intermediate paddlers to enjoy. These should both be put to good use over the coming years.



### Coaching Clinic Stew O'Regan – Sat 22 Jan 22

29 eager members participated in a free coaching session paid by Newy Paddlers.

Stew O'Regan, a division 1 paddler and Director of Think Kayak Australia and Quantum Kayaks Australia was invited up from Sydney to hold a few sessions over a 5-hour period to meet the needs of our beginners, intermediate and advanced paddlers. The sessions involved an outline of the fundamentals of the forward stroke which were demonstrated on the club's new K1 Ergo, a practical session on the water, followed by a Q & A back on the beach. There were plenty of questions and Stew was able to meet the wide range of skill sets in the club in a professional and friendly manner.



### Bass Strait Paddle – Morven Flett 16 Feb '22

The Bass Strait crossing was a group of three – Morven, her sister Sorcha, and the original instigator of the plan, Anna. They allowed one month to complete the expedition and all up it was 372kms and 3 weeks of adventure. 9 paddle days, the rest was spent exploring the islands and chilling at camp in a beautiful part of the world!

Morven's full log of this amazing trip was sent to all the members.

Congratulations Morven for the effort made to train and pursue your passion of the ocean. There was never any doubt that this inspirational woman wasn't going to succeed and have a lot of fun at the same time.



### Women's 'Come & Try Day' – Sun 13 March '22

Newy Paddlers held a come and try day for women on the shores of Throsby Creek. We had over 14 turn up and also a few juniors who were rewarded with a well ran session by our President Liz and her band of trusty paddlers Cheryl, Gay, Vicki, and Robyn.

The club is trying very hard to increase our female membership within the club.

Recently we have had a number of women join and they actually drove the day and put it out to their friends to come along.





### Mud Crab Cup – Wed 20 Oct 21 - 16 Mar '22

What a great way to finish the Mud Crab Cup Series on Wed 16 March, with 29 on the water and 9 PBs. Throw in lots of fun and a bit of banter and we had the perfect recipe for our last race.

Our two juniors, Georgia and Hugh took line honours in the SLR2, followed by Amanda and John, then a very congested field all having their own individual battles - separated only by a couple of minutes at the finish line.

The big winner on the night was Adam who managed to do a PB and finish in front of Rob giving him valuable points.

As a result, we can now announce that the winner of the series was Adam on 54 points followed by Rob on 51 points with Mitchell securing 3rd spot on 48 points. It was hotly contested by everyone that participated, so well done.



### Drone Video – Harbour Series Course 14km – Mon 18 April 22

20 passionate members, all keen to become movie stars turned up Easter Monday to produce a drone video of our inaugural harbour series course. The club thought it would be a great way to promote Newcastle and encourage paddlers to participate. The weather was ideal, and the result was a credit to Andrew Wise, Bowline Media.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/yWV-X1eIE24>





**PA Canoe Marathon National Championships Thurs 21 – Sat 23 April '22**

Congratulations to Steven Brinkley and Gary Mears winning Gold in the 'Masters 65 K2' at the Australian Championship in Qld representing Newy Paddlers. Well done gentleman, a fantastic result and well deserved after an extensive training schedule. The Orange 🍊 Army salutes you.

**Proposed Plans 2022-23**

- Continue the Mud Crab Cup race series with the aim of keeping members engaged over the Summer months Oct – April.
- Hold a 'Women on Water' event Oct '22 to encourage women into our sport, utilizing a grant from Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group.
- Host a PNSW Harbour Series event at Throsby Creek and Newcastle Harbour.
- 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, harbour and marathon racing.
- 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.

***Elizabeth Van Reece***  
***President***

***Mark Bretag***  
***Secretary***

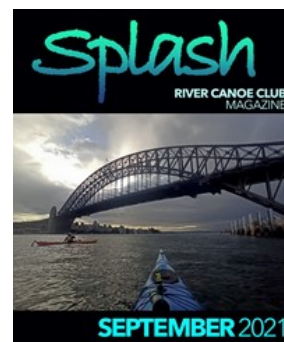
## River Canoe Club

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.

Finishing the year with approx. 200 members and many fun adventures, the key highlights for the Club were:

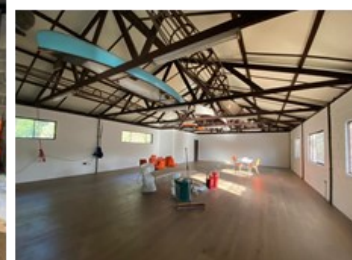
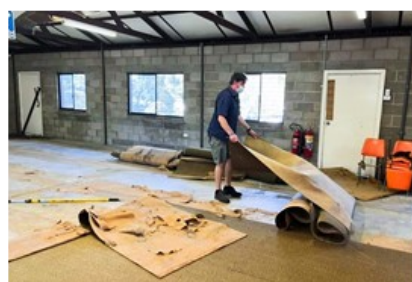
### **Splash - River Canoe Club Magazine**

The club has started a fabulous Monthly Club Newsletter called "Splash" publishing club information/ news, trip stories and lots of photos. It is available on the club's website as well as via the clubs Facebook group.



### **We have made great improvements to our beautiful clubhouse :**

- new lease negotiated with the council
- whitewater fleet has been rebuilt
- second defibs
- new paddle racks, paddle holders, bilge pumps, paddles
- new floor
- new roof
- rain water tank
- new balcony balustrade



### **RCC Beginners Program 2022**

The River Canoe Club has wrapped up its highly successful annual RCC Beginners Program—a three-day skills building course that includes plenty of time on water (and in water) as participants are taken through a thorough set of theoretical and practical lessons.



The program takes place over three days, comprising two half-day sessions and one full-day session. The increasing popularity of the course means we now run two courses in parallel, with a Group A and a Group B running on mornings and afternoons respectively.

Once again the Club owes a massive debt to Rob Walker, our tireless Safety and Training Officer, for his leadership and energy in making this event a success year after year. Also, many thanks to all the volunteers who took time out of their weekends to make all three sessions a success.



### **The club organised regular paddles and trips - covid restrictions permitted**

- Wednesday evening sunset paddle series
- Friday morning fitness paddles
- weekend paddles



**Engagement with the community** – partnering with Councils, local community groups and local businesses to build the club's role in the local community.

- Secured grant for balcony replacement
- lodged grants for further clubhouse upgrades.
- Finalised negotiations with Inner West Council for new club house lease.
- Prepared and lodged pre-DA package for new river access.

#### Regular River clean ups via the Mullet Mullet



#### Cooks River Litter Strategy

The Club continues to do its bit and lead efforts with the preparation of the Cooks River Litter Strategy, in partnership with the Cooks River Alliance. The goal is to achieve a 50% reduction in litter within the catchment by 2025.

#### Cooks River Cleanup

Later in the month is our very own Cooks River Cleanup, on Sunday, 20 March 2022. This annual event is now in its fourth year and is always a highlight of the River Canoe Club annual calendar. In previous years we've pulled out many, many tons of rubbish, with hundreds of volunteers scouring the mangroves and riverbanks for plastics, and the Ocean Crusaders barge helping pull out heavier items from the river bed. Make sure to come along—it's wonderful for the environment, and you really will feel great afterwards.



#### Cooks River Trail Paddling Map

the club is looking to put the Cooks River—including Botany Bay—on a new Cooks River Trail Paddling Map. Quite literally, with a new digital map production identifying great places to launch, places to check out, recommended routes and more. It's being crowd-sourced.

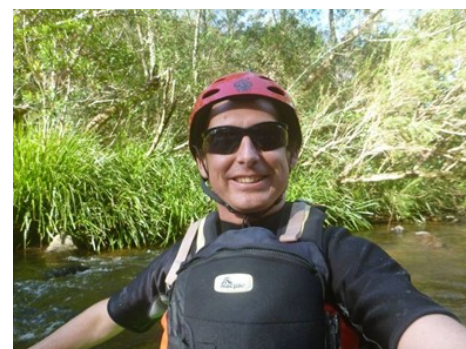


#### A zoom evening with Sandy Robson during Lockdown



#### Volunteer of the Year Award 2021

We're excited to announce that our very own Simon Wilkes has won the PaddleNSW Volunteer of the Year Award 2021 for his services with the River Canoe Club!





### Club Triple Celebration

On Sunday 14 November, the club organised a triple celebration—launching the Cooks River Litter Prevention Strategy, the Cooks River Paddle Trail and the Clubhouse Artwork.



### Paddle Yoga at the Clubhouse

Roll out the mats! Enjoy the upgraded Clubhouse and limber up for some great paddling fitness. The Club is excited to announce the launch of yoga for Club members and their friends.



### Womdomnom 2021 November 2021

WOMDOMNOM is a classic multi-day touring event now firmly entrenched on the annual kayaking calendar—bringing together paddlers from all over New South Wales from a variety of clubs (as well as independent paddlers) on a four-day, 155km tour of the Central West on the Macquarie River, from Wellington to Narromine via Dubbo.



### Minnamurra paddle

### Shoalhaven River Jan 22

The Club took its first whitewater and camping trip of the year with a weekend at Coolendel on the Shoalhaven River in January, with 24 paddlers enjoying a great weekend camping and exploring.



### Massive Murray

Gary did the 404km, five-day Massive Murray Paddle down the mighty Murray River.

### On the water with RuffTrack March 2022

RuffTrack is an organisation that takes teenagers from disadvantaged backgrounds and gives them an alternative path, through teaching them farming skills—including training kelpie dogs to show dog level. Four members from the Club took eight youths and their leader from the RuffTrack Organisation out for a canoe trip on our local rivers.



### Whitewater Grades 1-2 Skills Weekend: Murrumbidgee River (Casuarina Sands to Uriarra Crossing) March 2022

After droughts, COVID-19 breakouts, and then floods, the club was finally able to hold a whitewater skills weekend aimed at helping people in their early introduction to whitewater. A big effort was put in by Kevin Songberg, Georgia Rankin, Steve Molino and Aaron Ward



### Canberra Balloon Festival March 2022



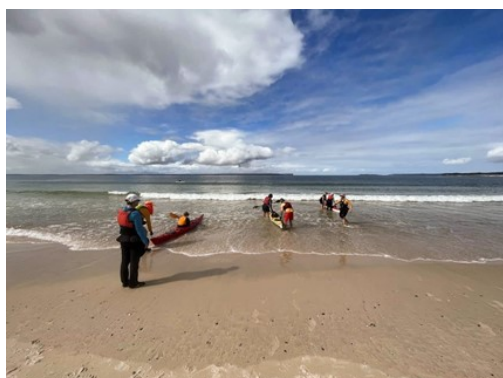


to instruct— and give lots of assistance to—paddlers either learning the skills for the first time or trying to improve what skills they had.

## South West Tasmania: Port Davey and Bathurst Harbour

Four keen paddlers (Kevin Songberg, Simon Wilkes, Mel Kruger and Paul

Black) headed to the far South West Wilderness area in Tasmania—self-guided and in for a great adventure. It was one of those trips that was just ‘good for the soul’.



## Jervis Bay Paddle Skills Weekend April 2022

Over the Anzac Day long weekend, twenty-two brightly coloured and good-humoured paddlers headed for the beautiful waters of Jervis Bay. The long weekend was organised as part of the preparation for the Whitsunday Islands Adventure, with other Club members also along too, enjoying the good times.

## Georges River National Park to Chipping Norton Lake Return June 2022

We have such an abundance of great kayaking destinations in Sydney—from Sydney Harbour and Botany Bay, to the Nepean-Hawkesbury, to Port Hacking—that it’s easy to overlook the fact that just 25 minutes from the Clubhouse is the beautiful and tranquil Georges River National Park. A day trip exploring the Georges River was a long overdue Club outing, and we took advantage of some perfect winter weather to get out and about.



**Stephanie Forsmann**  
Secretary



*Whitsunday Islands Adventure, June 2022*



## Shoalhaven Canoe and Kayak Club

The easing of Covid restrictions in Oct 2021 so a welcome return to the club's group activities with quite a number of new and ex-paddlers joining our regular Tues night pool canoe polo sessions. The growth in numbers saw strong contingents of club member playing in canoe polo competitions in Canberra, Nagambie, Brisbane and Nambucca Heads with 3 players also representing NSW at Nationals held in Adelaide.

This last year also saw the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club running its 'Mudcake Challenge' a popular one-day Canoe Polo tournament in which the teams compete for a large chocolate mudcake which is then shared with all other participants at the closing BBQ and drinks. It was good to see a return to a strong competition with 8 teams entered.

Although Canoe Polo remains the club's main organised activity, club members were also involved in other aspects of paddle sports including white water, recreational, sea touring and surf kayaking.

### **Andy Halliday**



25<sup>th</sup> Mudcake Challenge B grade winners (Photo ACT Canoe Polo)



Team Mullet at Nagambie (Photo J Debose)



Club WW trip on the Shoalhaven river (Photo C Phelps)





## Southside Paddler

With COVID restriction easing, 2021 saw training on both the Woronora river and the Port Hacking resume. This continued until extraordinary weather events impacted the Woronora river, causing multiple flooding events and the ceasing of training on the river. The club sustained some flooding, which we are still evaluating. Our thoughts are with the people and businesses who have been adversely affected by these floods. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the local fire brigade for keeping an eye on our facilities and their service to our community.

SSP would also like to thank PNSW for its ongoing support of the kayak community and its stable stewardship.

**Patrick McGlynn**  
**President**



## Sutherland Shire Canoe Club - Celebrating 50 Years on the Woronora River

After the lock downs and cancellations of 2020 and 2021, our club members were keen to get back to the paddling activities we enjoy during the 50th birthday year of SSCC.

In December, our members were very pleased to make our much loved member Kaye Laurendet a life member. Kaye has been a very active volunteer at SSCC since she and husband Bert (also a life member) joined the club in the 1970s. Kaye has been our head timekeeper for as long as anyone can remember.

The club members were very excited to be running the first Wonnie Marathon since 2019. Sadly, the wettest months on record were about to hit Sydney, flooding the Woronora River on three occasions. Just two weeks before the Woronora Marathon in July, flood waters reached the concrete slab below our clubhouse and caused devastating damage to properties along the river. The grassy areas of Burnum Burnum Sanctuary turned to a sorry mess of flood debris and mud. Our wonderful members pitched in to help the community clean up the river, boat ramp area and reserve. The clean-up continued during the race with 2 IRBs patrolling the course, attempting to remove sticks and logs from the path of the racing paddlers.

Although numbers were down on pre-pandemic years, the Marathon was a success with nearly 100 competitors from clubs around Sydney and beyond. The event also attracted juniors from sprint clubs including MWKC, AKC and NBKC.



In January, the 20 Groyne Community Paddle was held on Botany Bay. The paddlers seemed to have a great time and there was hot competition for the crowns of "King of the Groynes" and "Queen of the Groynes". Racing will return to Botany Bay when SSCC and Dolls Point Paddlers host the PNSW Harbour Series "Dolls Point Classic" in early August. We're hopeful of good numbers and great conditions for harbour paddling.

Club racing also resumed on the Woronora with our popular 5km Time Trial series. This is a friendly series of handicap races held every month. The small entry fee includes a barbecue lunch prepared by our fabulous volunteers and catering whizz, Jenny.



*The 2022 King and Queen of the Groynes,  
Michael McKeogh and Naomi Johnson*

Many of our members love racing and have the chance to improve their abilities at weekly coaching sessions. One session is held for the very keen at 5.45am all year! Our coaches are greatly appreciated by paddlers seeking to improve their skills and speed on the water. Robyn and James have all but completed their coaching certifications with PNSW.



Dolls Point Paddlers had a successful season with more paddlers taking on the rougher conditions on Thursday evenings. The weekly sunrise paddles on Botany Bay also attract a regular following. DPP's regular paddles at Cronulla are very popular, especially when it's whale season.

SSCC membership at 30 June was 96 including 9 juniors. Participation rates have dwindled at club and state events since the COVID lockdowns ended. This general trend has also seen lower numbers at Club Sundays and organised activities. Poor weather and flood events have seen the clubhouse closed on a number of Sundays plus the cancellation of numerous Botany Bay paddles and two ocean ski skills days. Regardless, we have a great club with a core of active members who love paddling with their mates. Our wonderful members are also willing to pitch in to help with anything that needs doing. We expect participation rates to improve as the weather warms up.



We could not ignore the 50th birthday of SSCC or the 90th birthday of our founding member, Bert Laurendet. We held a party at the club at the clubhouse after the May time trial to celebrate. The weather was lovely for a change and attendance was fantastic with members new and old coming along to celebrate. The formalities started with the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the Club's 50 years on the Woronora. The honours were done by Sutherland Shire Councillor, Peter Scaysbrook, and the 'man of the hour', past President and Life Member, Bert Laurendet.

We planted five trees at the clubhouse as a symbol of our past, present and future connection to the Burnum Burnum Sanctuary, the river and the local community. One tree for each a decade the club has paddled on the Wonnie. Councillor Scaysbrook and current club president, Gareth Stokes, planted the first of the five trees. The remaining trees were planted by the club's life members, Bert and Kaye Laurendet, past presidents who are still active members, and the fifth was planted by some of the club's junior members, to symbolise the club's future.



50 years is a significant achievement and we look forward to great things for SSCC and Dolls Point Paddlers in the coming year, hopefully a year uninterrupted by COVID or extreme weather events.

**Annette Mathews**  
Vice President



*Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers*

## Western Paddlers

Our club is based in Dubbo and Wellington, on the Wambuul Macquarie River.

We have been continuing our mix of environmental paddles, training opportunities and some cool trips away:

**SUPtember:** members did clean up paddles over the month of September and we won the PaddleNSW prize for the most participants! We are pretty chuffed for our small club to win the prize.

**Macquarie Marshes trip:** one of the favourite activities of our club is visiting this wetland of international significance on our doorstep. With lots of water around, there were plenty of birds breeding, and we discovered and reported a new bird colony to Dept of Planning and Environment!



**Clean Up Australia Day:** we had 15 participants over 3 sites all up!

**Flatwater Guide course:** we organised a flatwater guide course in March for participants in Dubbo and surrounds, using a NSW Local Sport Grant. We had 8 participants – a great result. We also ran some skills sessions in the lead up to the course.

**Moving water training:** we ran a moving water skills day, with Ian Royds from PaddleNSW instructing.

**Friday Nights at the Fishway:** we held a couple of events with OzFish at the fishway which were total fun! These involved planting trees, flossing the fishway (debris removal so fish passage is not obstructed), clean-up paddles and dinner.

The good flows across the region have also seen some members exploring rivers across the northern Murray Darling Basin, plus paddling the entire Wambuul Macquarie River from Burrendong Dam to its end where it flows into the Barwon River (660 kms).



We also reported a fallen tree across the river at Wellington to Dubbo Regional Council and various other agencies until Maritime came and cleared it up. At least 3 different groups of kayakers had got sucked under the tree.

Along with Paddle Australia, we are gearing up to run a Come and Try Paddle for the LGBTIQ+ community, as one of five events happening under the Pride in Sport grant that Paddle Australia has received. This is a great follow on from the Pride Paddle we organised in Nov 2020. We hope the river levels are suitable though – the river has flooded 3 times in the last 9 months!



## Windsor Paddlesports Club

Another year has passed, almost as fast as the water flowing under the Windsor Bridge. At the time of writing this, the Hawkesbury River has been subject to three major floods this year. The results include damage to the river banks and changed paddling conditions. We have not been able to paddle for extended periods to Covid, sewerage spills and floods but improvise and get on the water somewhere. We now have our evacuation plan in good order and have had minimal losses. We have been fortunate to gain a grant for new racking, a BBQ and a crane to reposition the containers. The clean-ups have been well attended and it is a credit to our members that they keep the park safe for all users.



Our club can only achieve the outcomes we do by having a competent leadership team. The executive have been together for nine years now and were recognized by Paddle NSW with an Administrator of the year award. Great effort by Garry Baldry, Tony Last and Clay Norman. The amount of paper work needed to run a club now is enormous and growing but Clay always delivers in a very professional manner. Garry is leading the Building program which is proving to be quite a difficult task. Tony once again keeps our finances in good order.

Peter Hughes as club race director continues to keep us excited about the twilight series with changes to the distances and courses along with handicap races and sprints. The new Christmas spectacular event is not to be missed.

Laura Lee continues as race director for non club events. Laura leads by example by representing WPSC at State , National and International races. This has lead to other members regaining their enthusiasm for racing in our club colours. Laura also does a wonderful job as our uniform director.

Ian Cooper has had a busy year as Boat House Captain, with three evacuations and two clean-ups on top of his usual tasks. Another clean-up will be happening soon and I know he will have plenty of support.

Our club gained two more awards from Paddle NSW this year One was for our Return from Covid Marathon race which was Event of the Year. This was a recognition of the effort put in to run a race in such circumstances and to do it so well. The second award was to Jil Parker and Judy Greenidge for their Distinguished Long Service to Paddling. These ladies are an inspiration to our club and the paddling community and are very deserving of this award.



Our fundraising has taken a different approach this year as some of our traditional sources have dried up. We did quite well selling tickets in the Rotary Christmas raffle but have been more successful in applying for grants. The Bendigo Bank was most generous in paying for two new beginner model kayaks. They are in club colour and a wonderful addition to our club fleet. We also applied for a grant to purchase two new ergometers to put in the new clubhouse so we can still train when the weather or short daylight hours make time on the water difficult. I have read in an article from our local State Member that we have been successful with that application. Ian Cooper and I assisted a film crew making a documentary TV show and they made a donation to the club, something a bit different.

WPSC have not had any representatives in the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic for some time. This year a relay of K2's is planned so I hope I can write about it next year. Great idea Liz Pratt.

We have had a small number of dedicated and talented members who have competed in the marathon World Championships with some considerable success. This year we will have Laura Lee, Liz Pratt and Ian Cooper doing their best and we wish them good luck and calm water.

Our social paddlers are still enjoying their Saturday mornings and have even added birdwatching as they paddle to their interests. Supporting our social events and working bees is also much appreciated.

We finally made a physical start on the clubhouse project. While surveyors were pegging out the site we had a ceremonial sod turning by Robyn Preston our local State member. This secured our development application and we can proceed now getting everything ready for construction.

WPSC will celebrate their twenty five year anniversary in November this year. It is hoped that we can organise an event to recognize this achievement. It will be an opportunity to meet and reunite with past members who have made this club what it is today.

I would like to thank everyone named in this report and all those who were not named but have contributed to our club during the past year.

**Neil Crabb**  
**President**





## 2022 PNSW Annual Award Winners

<i>Category</i>	<i>Winner</i>
<i>1. Female Paddler of the Year</i>	<b>Jessica Fox OAM</b>
<i>2. Male Paddler of the Year</i>	<b>Dylan Littlehailes</b>
<i>3. Young (U18) Paddler of the Year</i>	<b>Christian Ireland</b>
<i>4. Senior (50+) Paddler of the Year</i>	<b>Jeff Hosnell</b>
<i>5. Coach of the Year</i>	<b>Jake Michael</b>
<i>6. Instructor/ Guide of the Year</i>	<b>Adrian Clayton</b>
<i>7. Official of the Year</i>	<b>Laura White</b>
<i>8. Administrators of the Year</i>	<b>Simon Wilkes</b>
<i>9. Volunteer of the Year</i>	<b>Adam Hofmeyer Laura Kleinrahm</b>
<i>10. Environment Award</i>	<b>Bridget Cleaver</b>
<i>11. Image (action shot) Award</i>	<b>John Harrison</b>
<i>12. Distinguished Long Service Award</i>	<b>Mike Mackney</b>

# Financial Report

PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

ABN 46 043 881 042

For the year ended 30 June 2022

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 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Revenue</b>		
Revenue	343,117	318,377
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>343,117</b>	<b>318,377</b>
<b>Gross Surplus</b>	<b>343,117</b>	<b>318,377</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Cashflow Boost ATO Grant	-	10,112
Interest Received	422	674
JobKeeper Subsidy	21,054	18,300
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>21,476</b>	<b>29,086</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Depreciation & Amortisation Expense	13,307	10,435
Affiliation Fees	2,757	32,551
Employment Expenses	94,453	92,995
Expenses	121,764	108,064
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>232,280</b>	<b>244,045</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments</b>	<b>132,313</b>	<b>103,419</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax</b>	<b>132,313</b>	<b>103,419</b>
<b>Net Current Year Surplus After Income Tax</b>	<b>132,313</b>	<b>103,419</b>
<b>Current Year Other Comprehensive Income, Net Of Income Tax</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Current Year Total Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>132,313</b>	<b>103,419</b>



## Statement of Financial Position

### PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

As at 30 June 2022

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#### Assets

<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1	506,687	448,342
Trade and Other Receivables	2	5,950	2,650
Other Current Assets		1,560	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>514,197</b>	<b>450,992</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Plant and Equipment, Vehicles	3	22,721	24,502
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>22,721</b>	<b>24,502</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>536,918</b>	<b>475,494</b>

#### Liabilities

<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	2	25,578	11,857
Deferred Income	5	10,449	93,221
Provisions	6	21,360	25,539
Employee Entitlements		627	11
Other Current Liabilities		-	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>58,013</b>	<b>130,628</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Provisions	6	12,510	10,786
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>12,510</b>	<b>10,786</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>70,524</b>	<b>141,413</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>466,394</b>	<b>334,081</b>

#### Member's Funds

Accumulated Surplus		466,394	334,081
<b>Total Member's Funds</b>		<b>466,394</b>	<b>334,081</b>

## Statement of Changes in Equity

**PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED**

**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

	2022	2021
<b>Equity</b>		
Opening Balance	334,081	230,662
<b>Increases</b>		
Surplus for the Period	132,313	103,419
<b>Total Increases</b>	<b>132,313</b>	<b>103,419</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>466,394</b>	<b>334,081</b>

## Statement of Cash Flows

### PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts From Government Grants	107,900	(2,928)
Receipts From Events	59,185	47,481
Receipts From Members	77,929	130,580
Payments to Suppliers	(141,918)	(184,702)
Payments to Employees	(96,291)	(89,242)
Interest Received	422	674
Cash Receipts From Other Operating Activities	62,643	44,332
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>69,870</b>	<b>(53,805)</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Payment for Property, Plant and Equipment	(11,525)	(15,427)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	<b>(11,525)</b>	<b>(15,427)</b>
<b>Net Cash Flows</b>	<b>58,345</b>	<b>(69,232)</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	448,342	517,574
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	506,687	448,342
<b>Net change in cash for period</b>	<b>58,345</b>	<b>(69,232)</b>



## Notes of the Financial Statements

### PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

#### For the year ended 30 June 2022

##### 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.

## **Grants**

A number of the Association's programs are supported by grants received from local government and non-government institutions.

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

Where a grant is received on the condition that specified services are delivered, to the grantor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction. Revenue is recognised as services are performed and at year-end until the service is delivered. Revenue from a non-reciprocal grant that is not subject to conditions is recognised when the Association obtains control of the funds, economic benefits are probable and the amount can be measured reliably. Where a grant may be required to be repaid if certain conditions are not satisfied, a liability is recognised at year end to the extent that conditions remain unsatisfied.

Where the Association receives a non-reciprocal contribution of an asset from a government or other party for no or nominal consideration, the asset is recognised at fair value and a corresponding amount of revenue is recognised.

## 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**

For any new contracts entered into on or after 1 January 2019, the Association considers whether a contract is, or contains a lease. A lease is defined as 'a contract, or part of a contract, that conveys the right to use an asset (the underlying asset) for a period of time in exchange for consideration'.

To apply this definition the Association assesses whether the contract meets three key evaluations which are whether:

- the contract contains an identified asset, which is either explicitly identified in the contract or implicitly specified by being identified at the time the asset is made available to the Association
- the Association has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the identified asset throughout the period of use, considering its rights within the defined scope of the contract
- the Association has the right to direct the use of the identified asset throughout the period of use. The Association assess whether it has the right to direct 'how and for what purpose' the asset is used throughout the period of use.

#### *Measurement and recognition of leases as a lessee*

At lease commencement date, the Association recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which is made up of the initial measurement of the lease liability, any initial direct costs incurred by the Group, an estimate of any costs to dismantle and remove the asset at the end of the lease, and any lease payments made in advance of the lease commencement date (net of any incentives received).

The Association depreciates the right-of-use assets on a straight-line basis from the lease commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The Association also assesses the right-of-use asset for impairment when such indicators exist.

At the commencement date, the Association measures the lease liability at the present value of the lease payments unpaid at that date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease if that rate is readily available or the Association's incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are made up of fixed payments (including in substance fixed), variable payments based on an index or rate, amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee and payments arising from options reasonably certain to be exercised.

Subsequent to initial measurement, the liability will be reduced for payments made and increased for interest. It is remeasured to reflect any reassessment or modification, or if there are changes in in-substance fixed payments.

When the lease liability is remeasured, the corresponding adjustment is reflected in the right-of-use asset, or profit and loss if the right-of-use asset is already reduced to zero.

The Association has elected to account for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets using the practical expedients. Instead of recognising a right-of-use asset and lease liability, the payments in relation to these are recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

On the statement of financial position, right-of-use assets have been included in property, plant and equipment and lease liabilities have been included in finance liabilities.

## **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.

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2021 2020

## 1. Cash on Hand

<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
ANZ Business Extra Account	68,574	37,652
ING Investment Account	438,113	410,690
<b>Total Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>506,687</b>	<b>448,342</b>
<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>	<b>506,687</b>	<b>448,342</b>

2022 2021

## 2. Trade and Other Receivables

Trade Receivables	5,950	2,650
<b>Total Trade and Other Receivables</b>	<b>5,950</b>	<b>2,650</b>

2022 2021

## 3. Plant & Equipment, Vehicles

<b>Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		
Plant and equipment at cost	112,731	104,216
Accumulated depreciation of plant and equipment	(90,010)	(79,714)
<b>Total Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>22,721</b>	<b>24,502</b>
<b>Total Plant &amp; Equipment, Vehicles</b>	<b>22,721</b>	<b>24,502</b>

2022 2021

## 4. Trade & Other Payables

<b>Trade Payables</b>		
Trade Creditors	15,180	4,067
<b>Total Trade Payables</b>	<b>15,180</b>	<b>4,067</b>

### Other Payables

Accrued Expenses	1,132	1,368
GST Payables	4,508	1,654
Paddle On Foundation	(114)	(105)
Withholding Tax Payables	4,872	4,872
<b>Total Other Payables</b>	<b>10,398</b>	<b>7,789</b>
<b>Total Trade &amp; Other Payables</b>	<b>25,578</b>	<b>11,857</b>

2022 2021

## 5. Deferred Income

Current	10,449	93,221
<b>Total Deferred Income</b>	<b>10,449</b>	<b>93,221</b>

2022 2021

## 6. Provisions

<b>Current</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave	21,360	25,539
<b>Total Current</b>	<b>21,360</b>	<b>25,539</b>



<b>Non-Current</b>		
Provision for LSL	12,510	10,786
<b>Total Non-Current</b>	<b>12,510</b>	<b>10,786</b>
<b>Total Provision</b>	<b>33,871</b>	<b>36,325</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>

## 7. Employee Entitlements

Employee entitlements (wages, annual leave, etc)	627	11
<b>Total Employee Entitlements</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>11</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:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Cash flows from operations</b>		
Profit for the year	103,419	5,825
Depreciation	10,435	8,581
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(1,100)	10,121
- (increase)/decrease in inventories	-	5,674
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(27,267)	1,544
- increase/decrease in provisions	5,396	4,640
- other	(144,688)	173,833
<b>Total Cash flows from operations</b>	<b>(53,805)</b>	<b>210,218</b>

## 9. Comparative balances

The World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the COVID-19 virus a global health emergency on 30 January 2020. Global trade and markets have been significantly disrupted, and many businesses have had to, or will have to, limit or suspend their operations. All global share markets have suffered significant falls since 30 January 2020. The Committee has assessed the impact on the pandemic on the Financial Statement of the Association. There is no effect of the pandemic on the asset values as at 30 June 2021.

## Declaration By Members of the Committee

### PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

#### For the year ended 30 June 2022

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 2021 , 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 2021 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:**

Bob Turner



**Treasurer:**

Peter Tate

  
7/9/22

**Dated:**

## Compilation Report

### PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

### For the year ended 30 June 2022

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 2022, 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*.



Tomas Weiszer

*Chartered Accountant*

#### BeWeiszer Accounting & Tax

Suite 5, 11 Waratah Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103

Dated: 7 September 2022



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PADDLE NSW INC  
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## Independent Auditor's Report

### For the year ended 30 June 2022

#### Qualified Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being the special purpose financial report of Paddle NSW Inc (the Association), which comprises the Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022 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 committee's declaration.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis of Qualified Opinion section of my report, the financial report of the Association as at 30 June 2022 presents fairly in all material aspects the financial position of the Association 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 Australia Charities and Not-for-Profits Act 2012 (Cth), the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), and the club's constitution including:

- a) giving a fair and true view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2013.

#### Basis of Qualified Opinion

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

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of my report. I am independent of the Association 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 IV 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 Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Act 2012 (Cth), the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW), the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) 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's 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 has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth), the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW), Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the needs of members. The responsible entities' responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities 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.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report. As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism 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 omission, misrepresentation 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 Association'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 the 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: 7 September 2022

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## Auditor's Independent Declaration

**Paddle NSW Inc. ABN 46 043 881 042**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2022**

**To the Members of the Committee of Paddle NSW Inc. ABN 46 043 881 042**

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-forProfits Commission Act 2012 (cth)*, as auditor for the audit of Paddle NSW Inc. ABN 46 043 881 042 for the year ended 30 June 2022, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (i) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Peter M Power FCA

*Registered Company Auditor No. 730*

Suite 3, 11 Waratah Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103

Dated: 7 September 2022



## Income and Expenditure Statement

### PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Donations</b>		
Cashflow Boost ATO Grant	-	10,112
Education & Course Income	25,435	9,525
Event Income	59,169	66,987
Interest Received	422	674
JobKeeper/ JobSaver Subsidy	21,054	18,300
Membership income	71,069	121,917
Other Grant Income	8,091	-
Other Income	7,354	17,677
State Grant Income	172,000	102,273
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>364,593</b>	<b>347,464</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>364,593</b>	<b>347,464</b>
<b>Gross Surplus</b>	<b>364,593</b>	<b>347,464</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Accommodation	180	-
Accounting Support	14,416	18,007
Annual Leave	(2,454)	3,611
Audit Fees	1,800	1,800
Bank & Govt Charges	5,261	816
Branding and Trademarks	300	-
Catering	192	
Consultants	250	-
Consumables	5,373	-
Contractors	9,288	-
Depreciation	13,307	10,435
Education & Courses	19,083	5,782
Entertainment	165	-
Equipment Hire & Purchase	172	-
Event - Contractors	-	3,264
Event - First Aid & Water Safety	-	4,505
Event - Host Club/ Venue Hire	-	39,477
Event - Online Transactions Fees	-	5,115
Event - Trophies & Prizes	-	105
Event Expenses	3,411	12,298
Fees & Subscriptions	2,757	32,551
Ground Transport	-	17
IT Project	4,631	1,994
Legal Expenses	-	183
Long Service Leave	-	1,784

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2022

2021

Maintenance & Repairs	-	(184)
Medical/ Physio/ Massage	4,084	-
Office Supplies & Postage	523	699
Other Expenses	3,697	1,652
Other Support (Program Support)	4,005	2,900
Other Travel Costs	2,638	1,277
Professional Development	-	1,191
Recruitment Fees	275	-
Salaries & Wages	88,097	80,000
Special Projects	1,722	-
Superannuation	8,810	7,600
Team Uniforms	8,753	-
Telephone & Internet	3,343	2,359
Vehicle & Boat Expenses	1,222	2,381
Venue Hire	26,691	1,807
Workers Comp Insurance	291	618
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>232,28</b>	<b>244,045</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments</b>	<b>132,313</b>	<b>103,419</b>
<b>Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax</b>	<b>132,313</b>	<b>103,419</b>
<b>Net Current Year Surplus After Income Tax</b>	<b>132,313</b>	<b>103,419</b>

## Equity Balances - All Disciplines

	Canoe Polo	Education	Special Projects	Freestyle	Marathon	Harbour Racing	Slalom	Sprint	White Water	Wildwater	General Funds	Total
<b>Opening Balance 1/7/2021</b>	- 3,091.84	7,942.41	9,762.57	719.40	61,337.13	10,824.38	26,815.36	14,052.64	7,561.66	149.00	208,673.49	334,451.47
Income	-	16,020.00	-	-	26,122.73	6,690.91	-	12,107.97	-	-	303,281.39	364,223.00
Expenditure	-	9,542.87	3,584.00	-	10,857.88	9,153.23	704.55	21,251.17	-	-	163,879.30	218,973.00
Fixed Asset Depreciation					- 2,329.00	4,394.18	1,721.59	1,051.01			3,811.22	13,307.00
<b>Total Equity 30/06/2022</b>	- 3,091.84	14,419.54	6,178.57	719.40	74,272.98	3,967.88	24,389.22	3,858.43	7,561.66	149.00	344,264.36	466,394.47



