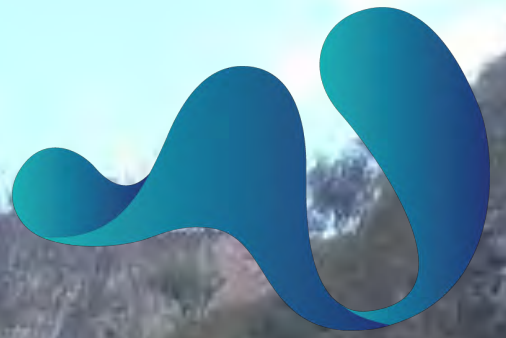


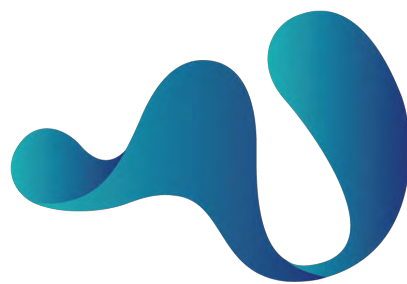
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Dear Members,

On behalf of the PaddleNSW Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to present for your consideration and adoption the 2020/21 PaddleNSW Annual Report, covering its activities during the financial year 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021.

Peter Tate *Chief Executive Officer*



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PATRON'S PREAMBLE- HELEN BROWNLEE

The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games delivered an inspiring end to our year. Our spirits were lifted as day after day our athletes were the best that they could be, breaking records, winning a place on the podium, and meeting challenges head-on. But above all they showed each one of us that dedication, teamwork, perseverance and good “old Aussie grit” can achieve goals if you dare to dream.

We each have a special moment (or moments) of immense pleasure from these Games, and mine centered around the canoeing – no surprise there. My heartrate went off the scale on several occasions - obviously aided and abetted by the fantastic TV coverage by the 7 Network which brought those magic moments to our screens.

I was so inspired by our NSW athletes who came through for us - showing what could be achieved by reaching the finals in their respective events, and demonstrating mateship, integrity and pride for those who ultimately won the prize. Those qualities speak louder than any medal and I was so proud of them all. Their potential cannot be denied and the future beckons.

As the world faces an unknown future and NSW continues in lockdown we can hopefully continue to paddle on waters near our homes. Despite the obstacles which Covid throws our way we can look to our athletes for inspiration and continuity of purpose. Tokyo 2020 showed the world that a team effort and individual commitment can make a difference, not only in sport but society in general.

Keep safe and keep paddling!

Helen Brownlee AM





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2020/21 PaddleNSW Board of Directors

Chairperson:

Bob TURNER



Vice Chair:

Zachary THOMPSON

Elected Directors:

**Suzi EDWARDS, Tony HYSTEK, Naomi JOHNSON,
Rosalyn LAWRENCE, Kieran LOMAS and Bron POWELL**

LIFE MEMBERS:

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

1962 Max HILL*, Os BROWNLEE*, Harry SAVAGE*,
Frank WHITEBROOK* OAM, Albert HOPKINS*

1967 Frank HENRY* **1977** Phil COLES OAM AM

1978 Graham JOHNSON **1979** Helen BROWNLEE AM

1980 Bruce MORISON* OAM **1981** Joan MORISON* OAM

1982 Bill SALE* **1984** John MARTIN

1986 George CLARKE* **1990** Jim FULLER*

1992 Ray ABRAHALL* **1994** Adele MEIER

1997 Beverley PALLISTER **2003** Graham HALFORD*

2005 Peter FLOWERS

2016 Jeff COTTRELL, Gaye HATFIELD, Lynn PARKER

2018 Tim HOOKINS, Tony HYSTEK

Legend – Year when awarded

** indicates deceased Life Member*

2020/21 PaddleNSW Office Bearers & Committee Members

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

PNSW PADDLESPORT COMMITTEES:

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

Adaptive Paddling:	Suzi EDWARDS (Chair), Anthony BUTT
Canoe Polo:	Craig HUTCHINSON (Chair), Richard ANDREWS, Richard BARNES,
	Bob KENDERES, Cathy MILLER, Nathan ROSAGUTI, Louie WU
Freestyle:	Josh SINGLETON (Chair), Eileen CALLAGHAN, Kim KAAR
Harbour Racing:	Tony HYSTEK (Chair), Craig DODD, Nicola FROWEN,
	Michael LIEBERMAN, Annette MATHEWS,
	Kevin NETTLE, Richard ROBINSON, Gareth STOKES
Marathon:	Bob TURNER (Chair), Larissa CLEVERLY, Colin CUSSEL,
	Don JOHNSTONE, Laura LEE, Gary RAKE
Sea Kayaking:	Bob TURNER, Rob MERCER
Slalom:	Brian CORK (Chair), Kim LATTER, Alison BORROWS, Julie CURTIN,
	Mike BRUCE, Phillip KOCH, Rosalyn LAWRENCE, Lauri PULLKINEN,
	Georgia RANKIN, Kevin SONGBERG, Michael TAYLOR, Chris THOMPSON
Sprint:	Sally SIMONS (Chair), Jeff BEERE, Graham MATTS, Jake MICHAEL,
	Chris MORGAN, John NEWTON, Anne SCHOOLEY, Selena WEBBER
Stand Up:	Kiaran LOMAS (Chair)
Whitewater:	Johannes HENDRIKS (Chair), Henry FRIEND, Will STONE
Wildwater:	Peter MCINTYRE (Chair), Garry LEE, Alex MCINTYRE, Rob MCINTYRE

Acknowledgment of Partners

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

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CEO'S REPORT—PETER TATE

The world pandemic has certainly dominated our lives, our business and our activity over the past 16 months. Paddle Australia, all the SSOs, our affiliated clubs and indeed our members continue to respond to Health Orders and local restrictions in a responsible and vigilant manner. For that we are obviously grateful. The paddling fraternity is close-knit. We care for and look after each other. I extend my sincere gratitude to Sport NSW and NSW Office of Sport for their outstanding leadership, and just as importantly to the club office-bearers who enable our members to participate when they can, and stay connected for well-being purposes when we are unable to congregate. We are stronger together.



Members & Clubs

Annual membership with PaddleNSW continues to grow, in fact in the past year by 15% to 2,190 members. Direct membership to PaddleNSW declined, which is fantastic for our club system because a large proportion of those former direct members were influential in elevating club membership growth by an amazing 20%. Given restricted group paddling activity for a significant amount of time, it is quite evident that clubs offer more than just races and events. Bonding and fraternity are greatly valued, and cannot be under-estimated in today's society.

In 2020/21 we had 44 affiliated clubs, as follows:

Avoca Kayak Club	Big River Canoe Club
Bonville Creek Kayak Club	Brisbane Water Paddlers
Burley Griffin Canoe Club	Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club
Central Coast Paddlers	Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club
Far North Coast Canoe Club	Great Lakes Canoeing
Hunter Valley Paddle Sports Club	Illawarra Canoe Club
Jervis Bay Outrigger Canoe Club	Kaimana Outrigger Canoe Club
Kayak Share Club	Koa Kai Outrigger Canoe Club
Kurnell Outrigger Canoe Club	Lane Cove River Kayakers
Macquarie River Paddle Club	Maia Outrigger Canoe Club
Makai Paddlers	Manly Warringah Kayak Club
Mosman Rowers	Newy Paddlers
Northern Beaches Outrigger Canoe Club	Pacific Dragons Dragon Boat & Outrigger CC
Pacifica Ocean Paddling Club	Penrith Valley Canoe Club
River Canoe Club of NSW	River Racing Australia
Salty Paddlers	Shark Island Paddlers
Shoalhaven Canoe & Kayak Club	Southside Paddlers
Sutherland Shire Canoe Club	Sydney Northern Beaches Kayak Club
The Armidale School Kayaking Club	Veteran Paddlesports Australia
Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club	Waterfront Kayak Club
Western Paddlers NSW	Western Sydney Whitewater Club
Windsor Paddlesports Club	Yukon Marathon Canoe Racing Club Aust

We welcome newly-formed Western Sydney Whitewater Club, based at Penrith. The PNSW AGM and Club Forum was for the first time conducted online, with 31 members in attendance.

We are extremely grateful to all club office bearers and volunteers who contribute so much at the grass roots level of paddling. Many clubs are proactive and seek funding from government and corporate sources to improve their facilities and opportunities for their members. As always, I'm happy to provide letters of support for such submissions. My roadshows last year were amongst metro Sydney clubs and in the Hunter Region.

Awards & Recognition

Our paddlers and volunteers continue to shine on the sports industry platform. At the 2020 NSW Community Sports Awards **Craig Dodd** was recognised for Distinguished Long Service whilst **Bob Turner** was a finalist in the Volunteer Director category. For the same 2021 Awards we had three finalists – **Brian Cork** (Volunteer Coach), **Bailey Connolly** (Young Coach) and **Bron Powell** (Volunteer Director). **Bruce and Joan Clark** from Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club were honoured for their Distinguished Long Service.



Pictured left to right Peter Tate, Bailey Connolly, Bron Powell, Joan Clark, Bruce Clark

At the Paddle Australia Awards 2020 we had three winners – **Eileen Callaghan** was the inaugural Volunteer of the Year; **Laura White** was recognised with the Service to Paddling Award; and our **Snowy River Extreme Race** team shared the President's Award. Congratulations to all.

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 30th June 2021 of **\$103,419** (\$5,238 in 2019/20). With lack of competition for part of that reporting period, our revenue was bolstered by a recover grant from NSW Treasury. We, and all sports, thank NSW Office of Sport for facilitating this grant. PaddleNSW remains in a comfortable position to serve our members and the paddling community across NSW and ACT. The balance sheet as of 30th June 2021 indicates total equity in the organisation of \$334,451.

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 2020/21 the Board met on 6 occasions with attendance as follows:

		24/08	19/10	7/12	8/02	19/04	7/06	Attendance
Bob Turner	<i>Chair</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	a	5
Zac Thompson	<i>Vice Chair</i>	a	✓	✓	a	✓	✓	4
Suzi Edwards	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6
Tony Hystek	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6
Naomi Johnson	<i>Elected Director</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5/5
Rosalyn Lawrence	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6
Kieran Lomas	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	a	a	✓	✓	4
Bron Powell	<i>Elected Director</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6

- “a” indicates apology.
- Naomi was appointed to the Board on 25th September 2020.
- Zac and Tony resigned from the Board on 7th June 2021.

Special thanks are extended to Zac and Tony for their contributions to the Board. Zac served for four years, including two years as Vice Chairperson. Life Member Tony has been a Board Director of PaddleNSW and previously NSW Canoe Association for well over a decade, including two separate stints as State Chair. His knowledge and experience is enormous, and the Board appointed Tony to assist with operational projects for a further twelve months.

I take this opportunity to thank all Directors for contributing their time and effort on behalf of the Members. All have served the membership with integrity, drive and passion.

Initiatives – today & tomorrow

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

- Our promotion of female leadership opportunities (FOC coach and instructor courses in 2020) continues with Leadership Workshops being facilitated by Ian Resavac.
- Financial incentives for affiliated clubs to grow their membership base.
- The sustainability of the PaddleSafe App and Waterways Guide sits precariously with PaddleNSW after PA abandoned it as a national resource. We shall seek other funding opportunities for maintenance purposes, and to develop the Android version.
- Working closely with NSWIS to develop a first-class facility at Narrabeen for adaptive paddling.
- Whilst continually monitoring progress against the PNSW strategic plan, the Board is living and breathing our operations plan. Numerous projects have been initiated, such as contracting an Events Coordinator.
- Diversity and Inclusion is forefront of all planning, both at state and club level. We are delighted that **Darren Forbes** accepted our invitation as PNSW Indigenous Advisor. Darren is driving the development of our Reconciliation Plan, to be shared with PA and other SSOs upon completion.
- PaddleNSW continues to monitor potential infrastructure projects with clubs and paddlesports, including identification and ranking with NSW Office of Sport for funding opportunities.
- Our advocacy work continues, including partnerships with Outdoors NSW / ACT and Sports Environment Alliance.
- Students from Macquarie University are assisting us with two projects. The first project is understanding our club capacity and interest to cater for adaptive paddlers, and then to empower that capability. The second is improving our education network, leading hopefully to mentoring opportunities.

Appreciation & Acknowledgments

- Despite COVID lockdown for a significant amount of time, all the **Paddlesport Committees** have performed with a high level of passion, professionalism and dedication. Our gratitude is extended to each organising committee, host club and all the volunteers for conducting outstanding events in the past twelve months. Our PNSW State Series and State Championships were conducted safely, fairly and professionally as always.
- The PNSW Environment Committee, under **Bron Powell**'s keen leadership, goes from strength to strength. SUPtember was a major success, as was the Clean Up Australia campaign in March. Our Committee is the envy of PA and many other SSOs.
- **Lynn Parker**, with her hard-working team, 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. Ongoing development of Board Director skills is also important. We paid \$1,200 for one of our directors to attend a governance course.
- 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 the great advocacy work performed by them on our behalf.
- 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** is genuine and strong. In decades past that wasn't the case. I'm pleased to report the cooperation, shared vision and energetic rapport with their staff and Board, and indeed all our fellow inter-state paddle colleagues is friendly and productive. All members, and indeed the wider paddling community, benefit from the united vision and the successful resultant outcomes.
- To all our 44 **affiliated clubs**, their Executive Committees, office-bearers and volunteers – with hand on heart we are enormously grateful and especially in these unprecedented times of lockdown and activity restriction. At the coal-face you provide connectivity and relevance. It might be with regular newsletters. It might be with a random phone call just to check well-being. Keep up the great work.
- Last but not least is acknowledgement of **all PaddleNSW members**. PaddleNSW is not an office with four walls situated at Sydney Olympic Park. 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

Despite the continuation of Covid, the interest in Coach and PAQs courses hardly wavered and many courses were conducted across the State.

Thank you to PaddleNSW Education Committee particularly Ian Royds who continued to provide his experience to critique the new PA changes made to the Education platform. Nearly all processes can now be recorded online and with the Paddle Ed APP used for assessments in the field. Thank you to Ian, Tracy Gibson, Adrian Clayton and Mark Hammer for the great work and time invested in course delivery and assessment.



Paddle Australia has worked hard and the website education link reflects the update to all processes and information clearly presented. Each State Website Education page will link back to PA. It is now the one stop shop for information for States providing greater consistency for paddlers searching for information.

A summary of the changes made:

- PaddleNSW is now the only Provider that can issue leadership awards in NSW.
- PaddleNSW will administer leadership courses and assessments for External Assessors - who previously worked in those other eleven Providers.
- Qualified Instructors can issue Skills Awards using the Paddle Ed APP, independent of PaddleNSW. They can also deliver training for their level of expertise.
- Any qualified instructor with 3 years experience can undergo training to become a PA assessor.



Sixty registrations in courses were taken during the year. Only one course planned for Port Macquarie, the weekend of the floods, was postponed to Spring. The remainder were conducted at Walgett, Armidale, South Coast, Dunns Swamp and Sydney. The qualifications ranged from Paddle Supervisor, Sea Guide, Closed Water Guide, Flatwater Guide and Instructors, Moving Water and Overnight Endorsement in a range of craft; SOT, kayaks and canoes. The participants came from schools, Parks, industry and the Clubs.

Twenty-nine registrations were taken in Coaching Courses; Introduction and Foundation awards in Flat water and Slalom.

The NSW Waterways Guide website and Paddle Safe App will remain 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.

ENVIRONMENT REPORT

We have been going for 15 months – here's what we are doing:

Clean up paddles:

- We encourage clubs to participate in two clean up paddle events per year (Clean Up Australia Day in March, and SUPtember).
- We support clubs to do clean-up paddles:
 - ◆ step-by-step 'how to organise a clean-up paddle' guide (on PNSW website)
 - ◆ risk assessment (on PNSW website)
 - ◆ baggage scales – sent on request to clubs, member associations and paddlesports so you can weigh rubbish collected
 - ◆ help promote club clean-up events before and after – let us know and we can include it in the PNSW newsletter, website, Facebook page etc.
 - ◆ we can connect you to other clubs and members for ideas and tips

Making PaddleNSW an environmentally responsible organisation: We are designing an Environmental Code for clubs and PaddleNSW events, so that we have minimal environmental standards across our organisation. The code includes reducing single-use plastics in clubhouses and at events, using recycled paper materials, having recycling bins in clubhouses (including soft-plastics recycling), and following minimal impact guidelines. Plus there are more actions that clubs can adopt to get a 'gold medal' status.

Environmental education: We are running webinars around environmental topics of interest to paddlers (our first one in August was on platypus and rakali), plus updating our website with links to good documentaries, apps etc. Eco paddle tours will start when the covid situation has settled down a bit.

Environmental programs: We promote environmental programs that paddlers can get involved with eg. Bushcare Kayaking, citizen science projects – check our website and newsletter regularly for these.

Annual Environment Forum: Held in August/September each year, this is an opportunity for all members to contribute to our plans, share ideas and experiences, and connect with others.

Snazzy merchandise: We are screen-printing t-shirts, bags, signs to stick on lifejackets, plus getting some keep cups printed.

Bron Powell
PNSW Environment Committee Chairperson



Kayak Central Coast Social Group's Clean-Up Australia Day event

PADDLESPORT REPORTS

CANOE POLO

Sydney canoe polo now at Northbridge Baths

Sydney canoe polo relocated our 2020 Spring season and 2021 Summer season to the Northbridge Baths. The move was prompted by keeping fees low and more accessible for players. On the whole we attracted more players than at the Lidcombe Aquatic Centre where events were previously held. The competition remained on the Tuesday nights which have always been popular for players. This venue suits the spring/summer hours due to residential restrictions on using the night flood lights.



We had some interruptions to play due to COVID, otherwise we had an enthusiastic turnout most weeks.

Sea Scouts and Rovers

Another plus for this venue was that we attracted interest from sea scouts. We had two separate canoe polo night sessions with local sea scout groups, which were a huge success. Participants were very enthusiastic, keen to do it again, and other groups asking to have a go.

This was very encouraging to the Sydney Canoe Polo Club, as this could be the start of expanding the member base. The proximity to these groups and the low cost are more major benefits of playing at Northbridge Baths. A big thank you to all the club members who came to help on the nights, the first night we had nine assisting, helping paddlers empty their capsized boats, explaining rules, giving eskimo roll lessons, etc. We are looking forward to hosting more sea scouts next season!

We've also had Rovers from 2nd Gordon rovers came to try canoe polo at Northbridge one night. They had a great time, really enjoyed the sport and said they wanted to come again.



Canoe polo national competitions

The Canberra Invitational in 2021 was one of the few competitions that ran this year.

COVID 19 played havoc with State-wide competitions and international competitions. Due to safety reasons and transport restrictions, the 2021 Oceania Championships and Sydney Winter Invitational both scheduled for 2021 in Sydney were cancelled.

Shoalhaven Canoe and Kayak Club

Canoe Polo activity continues down the NSW South Coast with the Shoalhaven Canoe and Kayak Club having about 10 regular players at our Tues night pool sessions. Regrettably we have had few new players being attracted but a few ex-paddlers making comebacks! Club members attended the successful Canberra and Nambucca Heads competitions and the Annual 'Mudcake Challenge' competition was again held in April with good support from ACT based players.

**Nambucca Heads polo comp**

The Nambucca Heads polo comp on the June long weekend was a great success. There were two divisions with lots of junior teams coming from Brisbane, Canberra, Sydney, Armidale and the Shoalhaven. With two fields set up right next to the caravan park we all got lots of games in the sunny weather.

Canoe polo Facebook page

Information about upcoming competitions and events can be found on our Canoe Polo NSW/Sydney Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SydneyCanoePolo>

PNSW Canoe Polo Committee

FREESTYLE

Freestyle has had an interesting year of Highs and Covid Lows, unfortunately in NSW Freestyle has been impacted along with other disciplines and recreational paddlers with Covid 19 and other events outside of their control.

Freestyle Nationals and even World Championships were cancelled and postponed.

Freestyle Kayak in NSW which has to date relied heavily on access to Penrith White-water to train and hold events, however in the 2020 -2021 season many events had to be cancelled and training was sporadic relying on PWS water access when available, flat water, pool sessions but for many the beach or flat water was the only option.

Freestyle paddler numbers have dropped as a result, for several reasons including those listed below

- In previous seasons PWS offered junior training programs and reduced entry fees for juniors and/or junior season pass
- As freestyle has as a rule fewer participants than other disciplines the withdrawal of the PWS season pass has negatively impacted Freestyle as Season Pass was vital in making training affordable allowing for short multiple sessions per week
- This has impacted the junior base for not only Freestyle but other disciplines also
- Competitive, social and junior paddlers who need to travel several hours within NSW or interstate are not accessing the facility, as water at a level suitable for freestyle is often only available for 45 mins during a recreational session
- PWS due to covid restrictions have had to increase the number of Rafts during a typical session while reducing self guided inexperienced Rafters to 2 -4 per Raft
- Thus sessions start on 3 pumps for around 15 mins then gradually increasing to 4 or 5 pumps with up to 18 Rafts in some sessions unfortunately this has been to the detriment of freestyle, recreational, and other paddlers
- Storage for our junior fleet has also been withdrawn which is unfortunate as these boats are no longer readily available for new juniors or come and try days.
- The 2021 NSW floods and covid restrictions also closed the stadium for many weeks. Repair of infrastructure is ongoing

However, there have been some positive initiatives this season and a core group of freestyle paddlers persisted

- Our Open Raft Free sessions were very popular for Freestyle, and recreational paddlers



- The extreme slalom paddle training sessions also gave us the use of the Ramp for the first time ever and this was popular for all paddlers
- We are looking into offering more of these when Covid restrictions ease.
- Shared training sessions with Slalom are also a possible option if water levels are suitable
- Our Winter Pool training/Rolling sessions continue and remain popular
- The new Western Sydney White water Club looks promising as a local home for Freestyle in Western Sydney
- Combined Come and Try Days have been proposed Covid pending

In conclusion 2020/2021 for Freestyle and many others has been challenging. Looking ahead we are optimistic that Australia will come out of this Pandemic.

In the meantime, paddlers can be out there supporting each other no matter what discipline. Go to the beach or find a river to surf some waves.

Most of all be safe, don't paddle alone. Join a club, make new friends, Spring and Summer is around the corner.

Freestyle will be ready to help Paddlers new and old back on water again.

On a personal note I would like to say thank you to Eileen Callaghan (who has almost single handedly held Freestyle together over the last 12 months) and Kim Kaar for their continued contribution to the PNSW Freestyle committee. However, after 5 years on the committee and 2 years as Chair I will be stepping down having recently relocated back to Western Australia.

Looking forward I would like to announce a new Committee member Cindy Mann who has been a long standing member of our paddling community and I look forward to her continued contribution in a more formal setting. The new Chair for Freestyle PNSW is yet to be confirmed and will be announced in due course.

One final indulgence, I would like to share my paddling highlight of the year. After our traditional Christmas social paddle was cancelled (Covid related), instead it was delayed till January and repurposed as a Thank You paddle for me. I will always remember this day as it saw paddlers of new and old all come back to the water where we have shared countless memories, training sessions, smiles, laughter and tears together. I am moving away but only in distance. Thank you Paddle NSW and the Freestyle community for the journey of a lifetime.

Joshua Singleton
Chair



HARBOUR RACING



Final leg of the Dolls Point Classic Photo Mark Sundin

Harbour Racing provides paddlers the opportunity to race open watercraft, such as ocean racing skis, Surf Lifesaving Skis, Outriggers, SUPs and Sea Kayaks in a transition series of races in exposed inshore waters. The series is hosted by several PNSW clubs under the PNSW umbrella.

Host clubs for the 2021 Series were:

- Manly Warringah Kayak Club (represented on the committee by Richard Robinson)
- Dolls Point Paddlers (SSCC) (represented by Annette Mathews and Gareth Stokes)
- Brisbane Waters Paddlers (represented by Murray Dell) and
- Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club (represented by Bruce Sinclair)

Though a 4-race series was planned for 2021, once again Covid 19 intervened and restricted us to just two races; the Pittwater Challenge, hosted by MWKC and the Dolls Point Classic hosted by Dolls Point Paddlers (SSCC). Unfortunately, the Brisbane Waters Open was postponed due to dangerous conditions, then cancelled when Covid prevented a re-run.

The Hacking Classic didn't get a look in, falling a month into lockdown and no available options for a re-run.



*Chris and Tom Maker finish the Pittwater Challenge
Photo Geoff Horsnell*

There were great conditions for the first two rounds, very fast for the experienced, and just testing enough for those newer to the sport. Some great performances at the Pittwater Challenge included the Long Course battle between Spencer Richards and Cade Barnes (with Spencer prevailing by just one second). Performance of the day was Ziko Vesely, who at U18 came in just 30 secs behind the lead duo. Also great to see the increasing number of VJ craft (Vet/Junior combo) with Chris and Tom Maker winning the Short Course in style.

The Dolls Point Classic was won by very keen starter Ben Constable, with Montannah Murray winning the women's race, as she did at Pittwater.

New for 2021 was the SLSA class, specifically introducing the series to Junior (U17 & U19) SLSA paddlers over their off-season. Due to the effects of the second year of Covid, numbers were down but extra effort will be made to encourage these paddlers in 2022.

Each host club was given large (2m high) pink and yellow buoys to mark their turns, which made for great consistency and ease of navigation throughout the series. The rescue boats received their own trailers with integrated storage boxes. These proved much more efficient for clubs to manage, and are transported and stored by the next host club in the series.

PNSW expresses great thanks to the Committee members mentioned above for their commitment and flexibility in endeavouring to complete the series amidst all the Covid uncertainty. The committee held on-line meetings prior to each event using the Paddle Australia supplied meeting platform available to PNSW, and phones in the last couple of days prior to race day when race postponements were necessary due to forecast high winds.

There are several new initiatives in the pipeline for 2022, with new host clubs keen to be involved, and an part-time events coordinator to be engaged to....coordinate all PNSW events!

Lets hope 2022 provides us with a full, uninterrupted year of racing!

Tony Hystek
Chair, PNSW Harbour Racing Committee



Trevor Nichols and Pauline Findlay round the turn at Dolls Point. Photo Mark Sundin

MARATHON

Competitive Marathon paddling, like most other paddlesports, has been disrupted by COVID in both 2020 and 2021. However many of the paddling community have continued to paddle throughout, and those races that have been able to be held have been very well received. It has been a great tribute to all those involved in organising events that they have adapted the format of races and often rescheduled the dates, and there hasn't been any spreading of coronavirus from PaddleNSW Marathons.



The 2020 Marathon series was abandoned after 2 bonus races thanks to COVID, and the 2020 Ultramarathon series was also abandoned, with only a single race being hosted by Windsor in August, as described in last year's annual report.

However there were 2 Ultramarathon races held for the first time – a virtual Ultramarathon, and the Morison 50. Following the cancellation of the Wyong Ultra, the virtual Ultramarathon was offered over both 15km and 30km distances, and times were self-recorded on Webscorer. 54 boats recorded times, including Michael Lieberman who entered as both a single and a double in both 15km and 30km.

The Morison 50 was organised at short notice for 31 October 2020 when both the Myall Classic and the Hawkesbury Classic were cancelled. Named in honour of Joan and Bruce Morison who both passed away within 6 months of each other in 2014/15 after a life-long commitment to paddling, we were graced with the presence of their son Luke and his wife at the launch of the inaugural Morison 50. Structured a bit like The Myall, paddlers chose from 12km, 24km, and 50km distances, with Early & Late Start Times for the 24km & 50km. A bit like the Hawkesbury, racing started at Windsor, in the late afternoon, and headed downstream towards Sackville. Unlike the Hawkesbury, paddlers turned before Sackville and returned to Windsor. Or at least that was the theory. In practice, as well as the complications of COVID, there were other complications to deal with that caused some 50km course paddlers to paddle distances more or less than the true distance. The unexpected breakdown of a safety boat meant that the bottom turn buoy could not be deployed before paddlers arrived at the 25km turn

point. The electrical storm at the same time unfortunately nullified the communications. Nonetheless, 94 boats completed their chosen course, with some record times set on the downstream leg thanks to a very favourable current, with most boats paddling a rather slower return leg.

The Burley Griffin 24 hour Paddle Challenge was held in November, with a new option for 2020 ... the 24 minus 8 hour introduced after 2019's successfully interrupted race. In total there were 46 paddlers, including 10 paddling Solo for up to 24 hours, the furthest being achieved by James Miller with 145.7 km. There were also 9 teams of 3 or more paddlers, with the furthest by a narrow margin being Naomi Johnson, Wade Rowston, Duncan Johnstone and Tony Hystek's 220.9 km. Although the Ultramarathon series had been abandoned, this was a much appreciated letting off of steam for many frustrated long distance paddlers.



The 2021 Marathon season got off to a promising start, with the first 7 races and 2 bonus races proceeding as planned, although using modified arrangements for briefing (with race briefing being emailed out the day before the race), registration (including numerous COVID-related questions in advance, and the scanning of a bar code at the registration desk) and race day procedures (presentation ceremonies were abandoned, paddlers were encouraged not to gather before or after the race, and modified on-site catering). The Mitta Mitta Canoe Club hosted the first Bonus Round

in late February with the Frank Harrison Memorial Races in Albury. Then Wagga Bidgee hosted a one-way, down river course along the scenic Murrumbidgee River, with longer distances but similar times to the usual distances thanks to the favourable current. Windsor hosted Round 2 which was also the State Championships for Singles.

Burley Griffin, Brisbane Water and Hunter Valley hosted Rounds 3 to 5 before the bonus race at Batemans Bay. Lane Cove then hosted Round 6 which was also the State Championships for Doubles, followed by Penrith hosting Round 7. At the time of writing, no further marathon races have firm dates, with much activity behind the scenes to be ready to restart the Marathon series if COVID allows.

The Penrith race was also the first in the inaugural Junior marathon series (after the 2020 series had to be cancelled). 6 age



groups were offered ranging from U8 to U18, with distances from 2km to 15km. At Penrith, following some late cancellations, thanks again, at least in part, to COVID, there were 9 Juniors competing from U12 to U16.



The 2021 Marathon series also saw the introduction of four specific SUP distances, for 5km, 10km, 15km & 20km, with 11 SUP paddlers competing up to Round 7. SUPs are a growing paddlesport discipline and we are excited to be able to offer these specific divisions.

The 2021 National Marathon Championships were again cancelled due to COVID-19. These were due to be held in Geelong, VIC, in March 2021. The World Championships for Marathon paddling for 2020 were due to be held in Bærum, Norway but were cancelled due to COVID. The 2021 World Championships are scheduled for September/October in Pitesti, Romania, but at this stage it looks highly unlikely that any Australians will be competing due to travel restrictions.

In September 2020 the winners of the 2020 Paddle NSW Paddler of the Year Awards were announced. Congratulations to the following Marathon paddlers:

- Allan Newhouse, Masters Paddler of the Year
- Naomi Johnson, Female Paddler of the Year
- Bob Turner, Coach of the Year
- Tony Hystek, Coach of the Year

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow Marathon Committee members, Laura Lee and Larissa Cleverly for their continued support and their contributions to the PNSW Marathons over the last year.

Don Johnstone
PaddleNSW Marathon Committee

Note: All images in this Report are courtesy of Ian Wrenford

SLALOM

The 2020/2021 slalom season got off to a strong start with the State Championships being held at Penrith Whitewater Stadium in November. After a winter season of Covid restrictions, it was great for the paddlers to dust off the cob webs and enjoy a competition in the sunshine. Overall winners of the event were Alexandra Broome (Womens K1 and C1), Lucien Delfour (Mens K1) and Kaylen Bassett (Mens C1).



Unfortunately Covid caused the cancellation of the national races and Aus Open events that are usually held in the summer and flooding caused damage to the Penrith Whitewater Stadium and led to the cancellation of several club-level slalom events in Sydney and NNSW. Luckily the slalom crew are a resilient bunch and the paddlers found ways to train on the Nepean River and Mann River whilst also making the most of the high water levels by enjoying some recreational paddling sessions on rivers that rarely see such steady flows.

One event that did go ahead was the NSW CHS and All Schools slalom championships on the Mann River, west of Grafton, in May. After the preceding years of drought, the juniors loved the higher water levels and river-side camping that provide a natural paddling experience somewhat different from paddling at the stadium.

Most international slalom events were also cancelled but two world cup events were run (in Prague and Markkleeberg) with outstanding results achieved by NSW representatives Jess Fox (two gold and one bronze medals), Noemi Fox and Lucien Delfour.



Although there have, and continue to be many challenges to slalom during these uncertain times, the committee has a busy year of training and events planned and is keen to work with Paddle Australia on a 'Canoe Slalom Recovery Plan' to ensure a strong future for the sport in NSW.

By the time this newsletter goes to press we will also know the results for Jess and Lucien, who are representing Australia at the Tokyo Olympics.

PNSW Slalom Committee



SPRINT

The 2020/21 Sprint Season has been a season like no other. As I write this, we are now a couple of weeks away from the delayed 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics and it will be a relief when we finally get to cheer on our NSW and Australian representatives in Tokyo, after a year and a half of uncertainty, and a difficult and highly unusual preparation. Tokyo 2020(1) will provide some hope and inspiration during a very difficult time around the world.

We wish all of our athletes great success and safe travels.

Our PNSW Sprint representative athletes, coaches and officials are:

Olympics

Jo Brigden-Jones

Murray Stewart

Riley Fitzsimmons

Lachlan Tame

Paralympics

Dylan Littlehales

Jake Michael (Coach)

Laura White (Official)



Despite the difficulties that COVID 19 brought us, PNSW Sprint adapted very quickly to the new regulations and it was great to see we could still keep training, and racing, with new procedures in place to protect our community.

The Sprint Series opened with the Avoca KC regatta. About 90 athletes, many new to kayaking, arrived at Avoca for a very windy regatta. This was the largest attendance at a Sprint Series regatta for many years and everyone was just pleased to be able to get back on the water and to get the Sprint community back together again. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, Sprint Series 2 had to be cancelled, but Manly Warringah KC quickly organised a regatta for local paddlers. Sprint Series 3 saw us return to Penrith, with even more paddlers all desperate for some racing, and the series wound up with a fabulous regatta hosted by Manly Warringah KC with some great team boat racing.

As the December Grand Prix 1 in Adelaide was cancelled, NSWIS Coach Jake Michael and State Coach Christine Duff, organised a State GP regatta, to give our athletes some much needed race practice. Once again, with trailers loaded and over 100 athletes ready to go, we had to make the call to cancel the night before, due to the Christmas COVID outbreak.

This new outbreak put State Championship plans into doubt. For 3 weeks, leading up to the January event, we did not know whether or not it would go ahead but we planned and hoped for the best. Fortunately a few days out from the event, restrictions were lifted and 120 athletes were at Penrith for our State Championships. This number was amazing as it was an increase from recent years, but with no interstate or international paddlers.



We welcomed Illawarra CC back to sprint events for the first time in a long while, with a new group of paddlers. The recipient of the Brian Trouville Memorial Cup for the overall Junior Female Sprint Champion was Riley Clarke from the Salty Paddlers, and the David James Memorial Cup for the overall Junior Male Sprint Champion was jointly won by Toby Schooley from Sydney Northern Beaches KC and Ashby Allen from Avoca KC.

For the first time in many years, State 18 Yrs and 16 Yrs teams were selected at State Championships, aimed at motivating and supporting our younger athletes at a time when they would not be selected and travelling to international regattas in the foreseeable future. The State teams participated in training days and proudly raced as a team at Nationals in their NSW uniforms.

NSW State Team

U18 Male

Callum Elliott (Makai), Lucas Raikuna (SNBKC) Harrison Taurins (SNBKC) Ashby Allen (AKC) Bailey Connolly (AKC) Toby Schooley (SNBKC)

U16 Male

Kynan Burke (ICC) Michael Dunbar (SNBKC) Charlie Heaton-Armstrong (Salty Paddlers), Alexander Raikuna (SNBKC), Guy Robinson (SNBKC), Sean Ryce (SNBKC), Daniel Sharkey (SNBKC), Ziko Vesely (SNBKC), Jacob Wilson (SNBKC).

U18 Female

Lily Fitzgerald (SP) Clea Jordi (SNBKC), Evelyn Ritchie (SNBKC), Riley Clarke (SP), Hanako Greuter (SNBKC), India Newton (SP)

U16 Female

Bridie Brennan (SNBKC), Rosie Brennan (SNBKC), Natalia Drobot (AKC), Tylah Richards (ICC), Zoe Shirdon (SNBKC), Amelia Thornthwaite (SNBKC), Nina Fitzgerald (SNBKC), Olivia Hall (Illawarra CC)

As February's Grand Prix 2 was cancelled we tried again for a replacement regatta held at Penrith, which saw 120 athletes racing and preparing for Nationals. Another great day of racing where athletes were able to trial team boats and test themselves against their peers. At each regatta throughout the season, more athletes have turned up raring to go, and thankful for the opportunity to keep competing in their sport.

More disaster struck in March, when flooding on the East Coast caused serious damage and water contamination to Penrith Lakes, causing the closure of SIRC and the delay of Nationals. After some time, Nationals were relocated to Adelaide in May. By all accounts, it was a fantastic 5 days, and NSW performed exceptionally well. Many NSW athletes were selected to the National World Championship and Development Squads (squads rather than teams, as no teams are travelling to International competitions this year.) Of the 10 athletes selected to the

Juniors Squad, 5 are from NSW and on the NDS, of the 23 athletes selected, 9 are from NSW and athletes are representing four separate clubs from across our state! Congratulations to you all.

2021 Senior Worlds Squad

Jo Brigden-Jones (NSWIS/NCE/SNBKC)
Riley Fitzsimmons (NSWIS/NCE/SNBKC)
Murray Stewart (NSWIS/NCE/SNBKC)
Lachlan Tame (NSWIS/NCE/SNBKC)
Ella Beere (NSWIS/Avoca)
Jakob Hammond (NSWIS/SNBKC)
Kailey Harlen (NSWIS/SNBKC)
Jasmine Locke (NSWIS/Illawarra)
Jemma Smith (NSWIS/Avoca)

2021 U23 Worlds Squad

Fletcher Armstrong (NSWIS/Avoca)
Ella Beere (NSWIS/Avoca)
Jakob Hammond (NSWIS/SNBKC)
Kailey Harlen (NSWIS/SNBKC)
Jasmine Locke (NSWIS/Illawarra)
Georgia Sinclair (NSWIS/Avoca)
Jemma Smith (NSWIS/Avoca)

2021 Junior Worlds Squad

Riley Clarke (Salty Paddlers)
Natalia Drobot (Avoca)
Callum Elliot (Illawarra)
Toby Schooley (SNBKC)
Ziko Vesely (SNBKC)

2021 National Development Squad

U17's

Callum Elliot (Illawarra)*

U16's

Natalia Drobot (Avoca)*
Guy Robinson (SNBKC)
Sean Ryce (SNBKC)
Ziko Vesely (SNBKC)*

U15's

Michael Dunbar (SNBKC)
Charles Heaton-Armstrong (Salty Paddlers)



PNSW State Team did exceptionally well in Adelaide. Of the 26 events on offer for 18 and 16 year olds, NSW boats won 13, and placed in all but two. The standout event for NSW was the MK2 1000m 16's where NSW had a clean sweep, with Ziko Vesely/Guy Robinson in 1st Place, Sean Ryce and Jacob Wilson in 2nd, Michael Dunbar and Alexander Raikuna in 3rd, Charlie Heaton-Armstrong and Daniel Sharkey in 5th Place.

The 2020/21 Sprint season has been challenging, but we have had plenty of successes. We have been able to keep paddling through the pandemic, we have had a few regattas cancelled but more that went ahead. Our number of participating athletes at regattas has increased even without interstate and international competitors, and our small community of 4 main clubs has increased to 5 with Illawarra CC coming back to Sprint regattas with a young group of paddlers. Our State team was such a successful initiative that we plan to extend it to U21's this coming season, and our athletes had great success at Nationals with many selected in the National squads.

With a short turn around from nationals to the beginning of our new season, the uncertainty is still with us. But for now, we can sit back and cheer on our NSW athletes representing us at the highest level, at the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics. Best of luck to you all.

Sally Simons
Chair—Sprint Committee

WHITEWATER

The last year was an uneventful one for whitewater. The team put in a great effort preparing for the Snowy River Extreme Race (SRER), but unfortunately the call had to be made to cancel the event due to covid-19 concerns. I would like to thank the team, members of paddleNSW, sponsors, and the wider community for their support and am very hopeful that this year SRER will go ahead.

Johannes Hendriks
Chair—PNSW Whitewater Committee



Big River Canoe Club

It was another great year for BRCC! Highlights included:

- Choosing a new (colour) logo after 47 years!
- Running a series of whitewater events on the Mann River including one weekend that attracted 75 paddlers.
- Finally seeing the break in the drought. After running a club competition at the lowest water levels seen in many years in November, La Nina arrived and delivered some of the best and most consistent water levels seen in a decade, for the rest of the season.
- Seeing a growing group of paddlers attending the Saturday morning sessions on the Clarence River.
- Hosting the MAD (Men Against Depression) Paddlers project to provide men with a series of paddling trips and the opportunities to connect socially with other men, whilst also being physically active and enjoying the outdoors together..
- Hosting an outdoor canoe polo competition in the lagoon at Nambucca Heads that was attended by 80 paddlers from Canberra to Brisbane.



The 2021/2022 season is also shaping up to be a good one, with many fun and challenging events planned. Come and join us!

**Brian Cork,
Secretary**



Brisbane Water Paddlers

The Brisbane Water Paddlers club (BWP) was established in July 2015 and is now in its sixth year (2020/21). The club has now grown to 41 members.



During the second half of 2020 the club continued to run smoothly despite the interruptions of Covid 19. The club was well represented at the 2021 Marathon and Harbour events, with some great results from individual members. BWP held Round 4 of the PaddleNSW Marathon series, on the 10th April 2021 in what proved to be quite challenging conditions. The race was coordinated by Geoff Dawes who did a great job in organizing the event. BWP was also due to run Round Three of the Harbour series on May 30, however, due to bad weather the event had to be cancelled. Many thanks to Murray Dell, who did a great deal of

lead up work in the organisation for the event. With help from Mark Brear, Murray initiated the setting up a virtual map of the course around Gosford Broadwater.

Various BWP club events were held over the 2020/21 season. Alternating between two formats each fortnight, a Club Championship (scratch start in two divisions), and a Handicap event. 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.

2020/2021 saw a focus on improved communication within the club. Andrew Wilkinson further developed the Clubs Facebook page and an informal Whats App group was started so that all paddlers could post paddles/boats for sale/photos and any upcoming events. This proved to be a very helpful addition to the clubs communication. Our results and starting times were still communicated via email to all club members.

In 2020/21 the committee worked well under difficult conditions, constantly adapting to the current Covid restrictions. I would like to thank: Vice President, Steve Monger; Secretary, Lorraine Gaffney; Treasurer, Mal Brear; and committee members Karen Scofield, Geoff Dawes and Murray Dell; and 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 2020 BWP held the Annual Club presentation at Saratoga sailing club. After a year of shutdowns due to covid, it was a welcome celebration.

In April 2021 BWP was finally able to celebrate their Five Year Anniversary. The event was held at Saratoga Sailing club and was organized and beautifully catered for by Lorraine Gaffney, Karen Schofield and Steve Monger who put on a fantastic luncheon.

Developments for 2020/21

In 2020 BWP acquired the use of a storage container at Davistown RSL Club. The RSL has continued with generously supplying BWP with the container. This has allowed the club to purchase a few club kayaks and skis and allowed for the storage space for a club safety boat and other equipment. In addition we have also acquired some storage space at Saratoga sailing club for club boats and equipment. BWP was now able to purchase and store a new outboard for the IRB.

Covid has had an impact on the clubs financial situation so we have been working hard to apply for grants to help cover our major purchases, e.g. the outboard and a new Epic Ski.

2020/2021 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.

Craig Dodd
President



Burley Griffin Canoe Club

While this last 12 months has had its ups and downs and has still been ruled by Covid-19, it has generally been a good year for BGCC. Despite Covid-19, or perhaps because of it, we had more paddlers on the water over winter 2020 than ever before, including many new members. Over the year we have had 93 new members.....a few canoe polo players, a few juniors, a few keen K1 paddlers but the majority have been social paddlers just looking to get out of the house.

As well as our regular training groups, for the first time in several years we had a junior program. We were able to run a flatwater Slalom training session for K1 paddlers to learn more about boat control. While the first session was on the Molonglo River on flatwater, there were 3 more sessions on running and white water at the Cotter and Tumut. We ran 2 very popular Rescue sessions with about 30 members attending each session. This was also directed to our K1 paddlers to practice unassisted re-entries, but was also attended by our social paddlers.



The club also ran a Saturday Summer Training Paddle Series, with a variety of races every fortnight, this included a Dash for Cash with the final one as a Mini Bash (as the Burley Griffin Bash wasn't run, we tried the Mini Bash), this had a trophy donated 2 years ago for anyone who could paddle the 13km in under 60mins. This was hotly contested but won by a very narrow margin by Michael Hanemaayer in 59:59!



As well as virtual racing, there was the 24 Hour Relay, with 50 paddlers taking part; in the New Year we had the Wagga 'Bidgee race with 34 BGCC paddlers taking part and Windsor, which hosted the State Championships. BGCC members

performed well, with several Champions in a range of age groups. BGCC hosted Race 3 which was well attended by locals and interstate paddlers. The Batemans Bay Challenge was another race where BGCC paddlers performed well and turned out in good numbers. Brisbane Waters and Cockle Creek were not our best efforts with only a few members attending.

Canoe Polo has had a busy 12 months. There has been an increase in numbers and a continuation of enthusiasm. Pool sessions through winter were very popular. Our members travelled to Adelaide in late January coming 2nd in the Open division and 4th in Div 2. BGCC hosted a local comp in March with players from Shoalhaven and another 2 day camp in April.



This competition saw players from Queensland, Victoria, NSW and the ACT. While the weather was challenging,

the competition was fierce, with 2 fields in play for the 12 teams. Day 3rd was a Junior training camp with 20 participants and 8 coaches; skills learnt here will set them up for the next season. The Canoe Polo members have also been working to support regional teams, with a comp in the Shoalhaven then recently going further afield and organising a well attended competition up in Nambucca Heads.



With our shed completed approx. 2 years ago, we now have a steady income from boat storage and have been able to start a replacement program for club boats. We now have a range of masters K1's to high end K1's and several new plastic kayaks for beginners. We were able to sell off a few boats but gave several away – Bernie Cragg's school program benefitted from several TK2's & a surf ski.



In December the club presented Margi Bohm with Life Membership, for her continued coaching and committee work over the last 27 years.

Late last year our river flooded with all the buoys being pulled out into the lake, the collection, repainting, re roping, new bricks etc. was quite a production, but the replacement of the buoys was named the Great Buoy Deployment and was a sight to behold – thanks to all the volunteers they were back in place in time for the 24 Hour

Challenge. Unfortunately, just after our Divisional race in March the river flooded once more and all our newly placed buoys were displaced once more!

Patricia Ashton
Vice President



Central Coast Paddlers

Last year, we could not know what lay ahead – probably a good thing!

With the benefit of hindsight though, “we” may have been able to take different actions.

So far, we have only cancelled three Club Races, this year, but attendances are down.

Not all Members have rejoined at this time, but thankfully, many remain optimistic!

The “Virtual Series” Races have maintained a connection for Members and non-Members alike, and will continue.

Club Races will restart when this becomes possible, and any State Races will also be considered as appropriate.

I want to especially note the good humour and co-operation of Members and Visitors in observing the restrictions at our races at Lions Park.

Thank you Committee Members, our Timekeepers Diana and Margaret, Helpers, and Webmaster Clive, for your continued support.

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

***Nick Naughton,
Secretary***



Kayak Share Club

Kayak Share Club Inc (KSC) was established at Neutral Bay in 2019 as a community club which functions entirely on a share principle. It evolved as a measure to reduce the number of kayaks left lying idle on Hayes Street Beach in Neutral Bay and to allow equitable access to paddling for the community. This initiative has been embraced by the local residents and the local council as a win-win.

Some members provide their kayaks for all other members to share. All members pay an annual fee to belong to the club (and Paddle NSW) and can then book a kayak at no charge. They simply provide their own lifejacket and paddle – and of course do not have to purchase, store or transport their own kayak.



KSC Neutral Bay – paddling in the heart of the city

Membership

Applications and membership have grown significantly over the past 12 months and KSC is one of the fastest growing clubs in NSW. In the past 12 months, applications for membership have jumped to 169 compared to 74 in the previous 12 months – a staggering increase of 128%. Dealing with this number has required implementing a new process for handling membership applications and managing the waiting list.

At the end of June, the club now has 134 members - up from 82 at the same time last year, an increase of 63%. The gender split is quite even (66 females and 68 males) and the group most frequently represented are males in their 30's – a shift from previous years where it was the over 60's, who were the founders of the club. The age of members now ranges from 14 up to 77 years old.

Kayak Usage

In the past 12 months, kayak usage has passed the amazing milestone of exceeding 1000 bookings, coming in at 1083 bookings! This is up from 583 bookings in the previous 12 months – an increase of 86%. Some kayaks were used up to 3 times in one day and the maximum number of bookings in one day was 17. That was on 26th June – the first day of COVID lockdown in Sydney!

Training

All new members attend a Paddle Safety Training course run by the club's instructor – Adrian Clayton. This session covers paddling technique, weather assessment, safety on the harbour and assisted & self rescues. To the end of June, 19 courses were held, training 101 new members. This is a significant increase from the 12 courses held in the same period last year. An additional two sessions were run on self-rescue techniques with sea kayaks.

Paddling and Social Activities

Ten Half-Day Paddles were run to various destinations around the harbour. These trips are designed to upskill members by providing experience in harbour crossings, visiting destinations beyond their normal area and learning skills for planning similar trips themselves. One of our members, Ken Woolfe, has gained Paddle Australia accreditation as an Enclosed Sea Guide, allowing him to lead these trips for the club.

Many members joined in Clean Up Australia day, coordinated by member Joanne Meader. Teams in kayaks cleaned the harbour foreshore, teams with rakes cleaned the beach and teams equipped with snorkels cleaned the underwater zone. Joanne also organised a special clean up event to collect rubbish from the normally prohibited waters of the Parramatta River west of the Silverwater Bridge. This involved obtaining permission from Transport for NSW and coordination with Maritime Environmental Services for rubbish collection. This event was held in conjunction with the River Canoe Club.

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



Cleaning up the



Parramatta River

Impact of COVID-19

Like most organisations, KSC has been impacted by COVID-19 in the past 12 months. The most significant impact has been the substantial increase in applications, membership and usage. Members have responded to the treasured joy of being able to paddle during restrictions and lockdown when other activities are limited. Members were advised of the NSW COVID regulations and reminded of the club's COVID guidelines. The KSC committee is conscious of ensuring that the number of current members is kept to a level where there are sufficient kayaks to meet demand. More recent restrictions have meant that we have not been able to offer the Half Day Paddles nor hold our monthly twilight drinks socials.

The Future

The KSC committee recognises the increased popularity of paddling and sees the value of having sister clubs around the Harbour – or further afield. We are also looking at options to expand the kayak storage near our current location to enable more of the community to have the opportunity to paddle. The Club appreciates the ongoing support of North Sydney Council and Paddle Australia (NSW) for endorsing this innovative and sustainable concept of kayak sharing.

Ken Woolfe
Vice President

Macquarie River Paddle Club



Hands down 2020 threw up some significant challenges for the paddling community. After years of drought, we got rain and how marvellous that was. The rain coincided with the arrival of COVID 19 and so whilst the river banks recovered through April and May, all we could do was watch the banks turn green.

Thankfully by June when it was too cold to get into the water the restrictions eased for the western region and winter paddling could resume. And paddle we did. In 2020 we have made better use of Burrendong dam enjoying the facilities at Mookerawa and taking the opportunity to further our

knowledge of terrain up and down the dam from Dixon's Long Point to the Cudgegong.

2020 saw requests for club charters. We introduced a group from Curra Creek to day one of the WONDOMNOM and a picnic and aim to continue this service.

We continue to encourage paddling at home and in the far west by undertaking youth cantered partnerships with Dubbo Opportunity Hub, The Windows on the Wetland Centre in Warren and a significant partnership with the Office of Sport, Central Darling Council in Wilcannia and Willcannia Central School. The project called Central Darling Youth Leadership Project includes building youth capacity on country with skills in recreational kayak touring, overnight camping, orienteering and map skills and provisioning. The goal of the project is to equip young people in the Central West with the skills to start ecotourism projects in their community celebrating their heritage and knowledge of the environment.



We have continued to extend our knowledge of the Macquarie River exploring paddles above Burrendong dam. Dixon's Long Point to Mookerawa is to be recommended on a 2700-4000ML flow by experience paddlers with moving-water experience. Access is 4WD only and once you start it is a 62 km paddle with no road access until Mookerawa. It is a 42km to the dam with regular grade 1-2 rapids, then a further 20km to Mookerawa on flat water, so take plenty and food and water, do it in summer after rain when the upper Macquarie is flushed with water.



We count ourselves as fortunate that in 2020, we were able to run our signature event the WOMDOMNOM, our 4 day, 152km supported paddle from Wellington through Dubbo to Narromine. 2020 also provided the opportunity to add to the local platypus and Rakali count adding 6 additional sightings, confirmed by more than one paddler between Wellington and DickyGundi. The WOMDOMNOM continues to evolve, gaining council approval with a solid COVID safety strategy which included reduced numbers, off-site food preparation and dishwashing and additional hygiene in line with NSW Health advice.

Our regular Friday night Poets Paddles from Dubbo to Terramungamine continued to be strong over summer and were instrumental in attracting a few new members. As always we hope to see you on the WOMDOMNOM in 2021 or 22. Committee of the Macquarie River Paddle Club.

Andrew McKay
President



Newy Paddlers

Another year of the COVID19 virus has passed with the club focusing on local events, helping the local community and improving the facilities for its members.

The highlights were running our annual charity event Paddle4Good which also celebrated our 5th birthday, seeing the containers painted as a reflection of the local Awabakal and Worimi communities and producing a drone video of the local area. The face of Throsby Creek took a positive step forward with a new wharf and retaining wall being built by Roads and Maritime Services.

Throsby Creek, Tully St Carrington is an ideal location for our club and a great opportunity to paddle into Newcastle Harbour and the surrounding waterways of the Hunter River. If you are ever in the area, drop in for a paddle and experience the hospitality of the Orange Army.

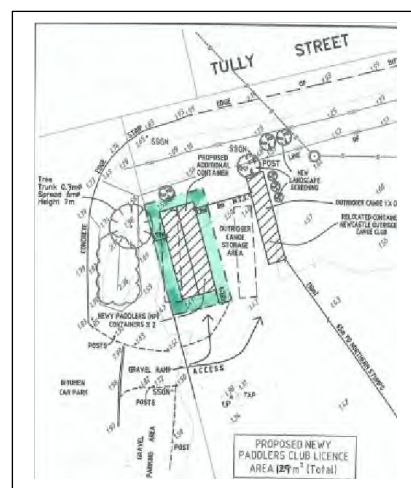


What we have achieved in the last 12 months:

Newcastle City Council, Licence Approved - Friday 28 Aug 20

Our club was incorporated 29 Mar 16 and after a successful grant application placed 2 containers at Pat Jordan Oval 3 Oct 17. As the Newcastle Outriggers Canoe Club (NOCC) had lost their home at the helipad (Cowper St Bridge) NP agreed to help them by providing space in one of the containers rent free. On the 30 September '19 a DA application was submitted to NCC on behalf of both clubs for 3 containers and after considerable effort this was rejected.

A solution was offered by NCC for each club to seek their own individual renewable 12 month licence to occupy a specific area. We now have our own area of 129 sqm to call home. NOCC have paid NP for the container they occupy and a new container has been purchased to be adjacent to the current one.



Containers, Sept 20 – May 21

The new container arrived on the 11 Sept 20 and a number of working bees were undertaken to install new racks and paint the exterior. Thanks to a small group of dedicated members, in particular Scott Gibson, further



improvements were made to both containers which included solar lights, whirlybirds, carpet and paddle and storage hooks. This has made a huge difference to the paddling experience of our members.



Purchase Boats & Seats, Sept – Dec 20

The club acquired another K2, two further recreation boats and new seats from Grafton Paddlesports Club to use in the K2 fleet. The K2's were then put to the test in a double's race at Christmas which was a great night on the water. We now have a wide variety of boats to suit new paddlers and meet the growing skills of the club members.



'Come and Try' Day – Sat 28 Nov '20

12 brave women turned up and gave our boats a great workout, and at the end of the session gave the egg and bacon rolls an even bigger workout!!!

With varying skills, ages and fitness levels everyone was able to paddle a craft suitable for their level over the morning. With many confirming a return (for more kayaking, not egg and bacon rolls).

Thank you to Newcastle City Council for the "Boost Your Place" grant, also Cheryl, Gay and Vicki for their expertise in assisting the try out paddlers and the amazing Newy Crew for moving, assisting, cleaning the boats, Trevor for the pics and Super Kaz for the best egg and bacon rolls this side of the great divide.



Mud Crab Cup commenced Wed 4 Nov '20

We started with 19 enthusiastic paddlers doing their ranking race on the character-building low tide of Throsby Creek. This series will be run each fortnight for a whole year with some variations to ensure the tides are good for racing. It will be run on a Wed evening till the end of daylight saving and on a Sunday afternoon through Winter to keep everyone engaged.

Christmas/Presentation – Sun 29 Nov '20

Our annual catch up at the Carrington Bowling Club was different this year. Much to the disappointment of our members we had a COVID limit of 30 people being able to attend. The aim was to get on the green again and show our supposed skills, but the weather had other ideas. Gusty winds and 41degree temperatures kept us inside in the air conditioning. We had a wonderful 3.5hrs socialising – much needed after the extended separation of 2020. After a small presentation to our inaugural Mud Crab Cup winners, Cheryl Bretag, Justin Borthwick and Ben Petersen (Genelle Pacey was away on holidays) a nice meal and a few drinks in good company was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to CBC for their ongoing support and going out of their way to make us feel welcome.



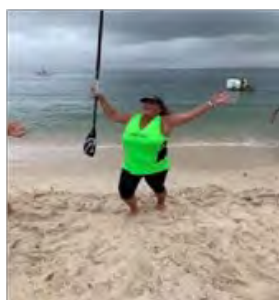
A Weekend of Fun – Sat 13 – Sun 14 Mar '21

What a weekend of fun for Newy Paddlers - we were everywhere.

Nicki, Dave and Charlie were competing in the Port Stephens SUP challenge at Buribi doing a range of events that included technical racing and 3 & 9klm distance races. Steve and his mate Gary (HVPC) were representing Nobby's Surf Club at the NSW SLS Championships at Swansea Belmont coming up with a silver medal for the Masters Double Ski 60-64. Justin, Nathan & Brad had a great race in the PNSW Pittwater challenge over 14kms finishing 8th, 13th and 15th for the single competitors respectively. Malcolm, Julie, Mark, Cheryl,



Murray, Liz, Darren and James did a beautiful 10-14km paddle from Morpeth towards Lorn with an incoming tide and then back against the tide to earn a big breakfast and coffee at Savannah's Cafe:), which is what it is all about. While we were doing this Scott was using his skills to finalise much needed items for the 2nd container which our members are going to appreciate a lot. Even he said he had fun even though he wasn't on the water. Go the Orange Army.



It is so great to see the club enjoying themselves in a wide range of paddling activities.



Community Fundraising \$8,520

Paddle4Good, Throsby Creek - Sun 28 Mar 21 & Presentation Wed 19 May 21



Thank you to an amazing group of people who have supported us for a number of years now and we are extremely grateful for.

Back on the 28th March, local club, [Newy Paddlers](#) held their annual 'Paddle4Good' Fundraiser which for the 4th year in a row now has specifically raised money for our Trisha House Refuge.

40 people from various clubs in Newcastle took part in the race day, along with numerous organisers and supporters.

The fundraising proceeds on the day, along with some very generous donations from the [McCloy Group](#), [Tilligerry RSL](#) and [Transitions Chiropractic](#), have raised and donated \$8,520 to assist the women & children we support. Thank you so much to everyone involved and those that contributed in any way, this is an extremely generous donation that will be enable us to provide support for the women and families that we just could not have done alone.

Big thank you to Cheryl from Newy Paddlers along with Lahnee (pictured) and Rachel from McCloys for taking time out of your evening to present the grand cheque to us at our Newcastle Drop-in Centre last night. 🙏



State Doubles Championships, Lane Cove Sun 23 May 21

In a year where the club has done very little competition paddling due to COVID it was great to see Malcolm Lewis (NP) team up with Russell Brown (HVPC) and compete in Division 11 over 10km. The outcome was an overall 3rd in 1 hr 3min and a 1st in the 70+category to be State Champions. Like a good wine they keep getting better with age. Well done guys.



Murray Paddle, Sun 23 May 21

Congratulations to Michael Keegan (IRNMR 407) & Elizabeth Van Reece (IRNMR 408)! When Michael and Elizabeth paddled into Goolwa on Sunday, May 23, 2021, they had completed a 7- stage voyage down the Murray from Lake Hume, began on November 3, 2015. Not having the luxury of time in their busy lives, they had to plan the trip in 7 sections. Fitting the 7 sections together with no gaps in travel is detailed in a meticulously kept and beautifully presented log which impressed the Registrar panel greatly on May 29, 2012.



Retaining Wall, RMS – Mon 8 Feb – Fri 11 June 21

This wall was installed to address an environmental issue and is another important step towards improving the foreshore within Newcastle waterways. It will be a great asset for future events as it is a perfect lay down area for boats based on the sandstone blocks preventing car traffic driving on the grass area.

Drone Video, Throsby Creek – Sat 26 June 21

On a cold and windy day 28 of our members turned up with enthusiasm to share their thoughts on the club and paddle the course on Throsby Creek. The aim of the video was to promote our club, the benefits of paddling and showcase the sights of our local community. A big thank you to Andrew Wise from Bowline Media for his professional approach and ‘nothing is too hard’ attitude in making this video which will be a great way of remembering our 5th birthday. The video has been placed on our website newypaddlers.org.au and Facebook page to enjoy.



Grants

“Boost Your Place” Grant, Newcastle City Council \$4,000 – Wed 23 Sept 20

This successful grant application is another great outcome for the club and the community.

The club produced a 2-minute video and submitted an application for the project “Coming Together for the Mud Crab”. This is all about connecting with the Awabakal and Worimi people and creating an interest in kayaking.



The funds were used to organise a “Women’s Come and Try Day”, produce a drone video of Throsby Creek, create permanent murals for our containers and paint the doors. It was an exciting project and is a further step towards the promotion of Throsby Creek and the Mud Crab Cup race series.



Defibrillator Grant, Office of Sport \$1,067 – Mon 31 May 21

This is an essential piece of equipment to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our members and the local community. The club successfully applied for a 50% contribution by the Office of Sport which enabled the purchase of a unit for \$2,134 from Surf Lifesaving NSW.



Proposed Plans 2021-22

1. Reboot club activities post Covid-19 with changed protocols to ensure paddlers safety. This will remain a changing dynamic as recommendations are made through our Governing bodies.
2. Continue the Mud Crab Cup race series with the aim of keeping members engaged over the Summer months Oct – April.
3. Host a PNSW Harbour Series event at Throsby Creek and Newcastle Harbour.
4. 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.
5. Promote our annual “Paddle4Good” event which is held in March each year.
6. 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.



River Canoe Club

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



Regular paddles

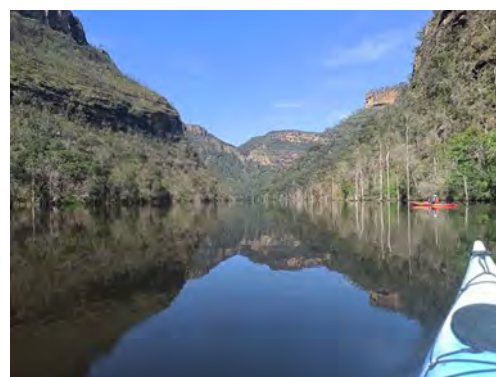
- Wednesday evening sunset paddle series
- Friday morning fitness paddles
- and lots more - sometimes 10 paddles in a week!

Training opportunities - beginner program and leadership programs - welcoming new members and providing upskilling opportunities for existing members. We completed a successful beginner program.



Trips across NSW and beyond

- Canoe training program and expedition on the Murrumbidgee
- Kangaroo Valley Weekend
- Foster Weekend
- Xmas Paddle to the Bridge
- ...and many more



Expanding the boat fleet - acquisition of new boats, creating new opportunities for overnight adventures, family friendly paddling and environmental efforts. A number of intensive busy bees - including new painting, shelves, canoe racks. Restoration of club whitewater gear.

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

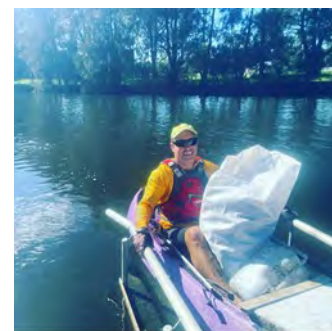
Secured grant for balcony replacement lodged grants for further clubhouse upgrades.

Finalised negotiations with Inner West Council for new 5year lease.

Prepared and lodged pre-DA package for new river access.



River clean ups – continued clean-up efforts of the Cooks River, with a major event in February involving 429 people and 13.8 tonnes removed. Supported by both Federal and Local Government funding programs. Continuous support for the 'Mullets', a monthly paddle clean-up initiative. Lead for Cooks River Litter Prevention Strategy



Planning for the future - Strategic planning for continued club upgrades and kicked off the design and approvals process for improved river access. Clubhouse lease renewal negotiations finalised. Continued Website & Newsletter revamps.

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.

Stephanie Forsmann
Secretary

Shark Island Paddlers

We are all very aware of the COVID-19 challenges that are with us all right now. As a club our weekly Saturday morning Time Trial has been suspended since mid-June with no foreseeable prospect of this cherished event returning this side of Christmas. This also means our Tingira Challenge 2021 scheduled for November 6th is going to be a challenge to run however we have not given up all hope just yet! Please keep an eye on our website <https://www.sharkislandpaddlers.com.au/> or our FB page where we will confirm this years event in the coming months.

We are a small and supportive group of paddlers and friends. We have adjusted to paddling in pairs to conform to NSW Healths rules. We manage the process via a Paddlers WhatsApp Chat group. This works well however the new 5Klm radius has created further challenges for our club members not living within a 5Klm radius of Rose Bay. We are a creative mob with a number of paddlers moving their surf skis from Rose Bay prior to Mondays 5Klm restrictions. I'm sure the broader paddling community are supporting each other as I feel we are all doing our best to do and will continue for as long as it takes.

To change tack, I'd like to reflect on our very successful Tingira Challenge that took place 14th November 2020. At the time we thought we were restricted, turns out we were all but free!

I woke early and decided to paddle the short course prior to sun rise and was rewarded with a phosphorescence show I've never witnessed in Rose Bay! "A good omen" or so I thought dreaming away only to run aground at Steele Point...



The day dawned with clear blue skies and a gentle 10-12Kn SW wind. PERFECT! I meet Dan Smith from WSC at the club at 5:30 knowing from Ado (Dr Adrian Cohen) that the buoys and all WSC equipment was ready to go. Jezza Spears hopped on board with Dan and they set off early to lay the course.

A number of the usual SIP suspects arrived around the same time and we carried equipment to Tingira Reserve. There we set about erecting the tent and ramming in star pickets to form the aisle for our COVID safe paddler check in. Luke Veivers (the timer) arrived prior to 06:00 and set up to begin check in which opened at 06:20.

Check in worked seamlessly with Michelle Stern, Val Titov and Jutta Wailinger assisting Luke. Due to our COVID plan, the donated prizes were drawn as a lucky dip after registration, a process designed and administrated by Graham Dadd. This worked very well with prize winners taking away their prizes.

All up we had 119 Paddlers which is a smaller number than in past years however given COVID a great result.

The race's three wave start went well as I simply followed the procedure of past years. There was a good turnout of Long Course OC paddlers which added to the congestion in second start.

There is just enough time to set up for the finish line with number spotters in position which also went well. Sue Jackson did a great job on the load hauler calling in prelim unofficial winners and place getters adding a lot to the spectacle of the day.

Paddlers in attendance: 119

Short course 8Klm: 39

Long course 15Klm: 80

Major Prize Winners

Tingira Challenge Trophy – Men's Long Course

1. Jackson Collins
2. Noah Harrard
3. Fletcher Armstrong



Tingira Challenge Helen Jacobsohn Trophy

1. Georgia Sinclair
2. Montana Murry
3. Eliza Johnson



Tingira Challenge Howard Bersten Memorial Trophy

1. Cameron Spittle SIP
2. Rob Conroy SIP
3. Grisha Dolgoplov SIP



All SIPs lent a hand to pack up and we debriefed at Sugar & Spoon Cafe for a very well earned late breakfast.

My sincere thanks to the SIP committee for planning in effect two races this year due to the late postponement for our March event. Also, to our fabulous SIP members and in fact members partners (Kirsten, Linda and Simone) for your support. Huge thankyou to Alex Phillips PPD for the \$2000 sponsorship. Thanks also to WSC, Marine Rescue, Ados' medic mates, George Cowan and his mate Will, Jocken his daughter Emily (Bronte SLSC, these two do this EVERY year!), Michelle, Helen & Vicki, Allan Coker and Mark Levi, also thanks to my nephew Stan for start/finish line camera work. Lastly, however certainly not least my wife Simone for assisting me in pre-race preparations then again on the day, and also for putting up with me and my non-stop chatter about The Tingira Challenge and paddling in general over last few months (years:-)!

Shoalhaven Canoe and Kayak Club

The Shoalhaven Canoe and Kayak Club has managed to maintain a range of paddling activities in the last year. The return of more regular rainfall resulted in increased white water paddling on our local rivers and trips way to the upper Shoalhaven, Snowy, Eucumbene and Goobarragandra rivers. There has also been renewed interest in surfing our local beaches in kayaks and wave skis.

Regrettably we have had few new paddlers joining, but have attracted a few ex-paddlers making comebacks! Club members attended the successful Canberra and Nambucca Heads Canoe Polo competitions and the club's annual 'Mudcake Challenge' polo competition was again held in April, with good support from ACT based players.

Andy Halliday



Southside Paddlers

2020 has been a challenging year, with the periodic lockdowns causing great disruption to training. SSP was able to pivot with athletes utilising both the Port Hacking and Woronora River as training venues. This all whilst our key athletes were finishing postgraduate (PG) study commitments around their training. Aligning with our club's principles of having a balance between training and life commitments. Our future direction of sprint remains strong and consistent, being the only club in the Sutherland Shire with a sprint focus. We will be aiming to start junior programs (focused on the sprint discipline) when the state-wide lockdowns are removed. Our membership and finances remain stable.

We 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

At the time of writing, we've locked up our beloved clubhouse and ceased all activities in response to the lockdown of Greater Sydney. Due to the increasing health crisis, the committee also made the hard decision to postpone our 26 June PNSW Marathon Series race to a date to be agreed with PNSW.

However, despite the disappointments of cancelled activities on the PNSW calendar, our club had many successes during 2020/2021. We improved cleaning and health protocols for COVID-19 and conducted activities as safely as possible. Some of the year's highlights include:

- SSCC reached just over 100 memberships at the end of the 2020/2021 year - an increase of 20 members on the previous year. This number includes nine very enthusiastic juniors.
- SSCC and Dolls Point Paddlers hosted a successful Dolls Point Classic Harbour Series race in May.
- Strong interest from Shire residents for try-out paddles and membership. Interest has stayed strong all year; even during the colder months. Vice President, Annette, has done a sterling job of supervising the trial paddler program.
- Regular clean up paddles on our beloved Woronora River, organised by our environmental crusader, Robyn. Bags and bags of rubbish have been collected and removed with help from Sutherland Shire Council and the Rural Fire Service.
- A fantastic coaching program for junior and senior paddlers. For this we thank our dedicated coaches Robyn, James, Gareth and Bob. The time put into coaching is significant.
- Excellent numbers at monthly time trials. These friendly races are hotly contested by members young and old.
- A successful season on Botany Bay for paddlers keen to experience paddling in rougher water.
- A popular ocean ski skills day at Bonnie Vale last summer. The boys from Expedition Kayaks made sure we had a lot of fun and swims while we improved our skills in the waves.
- SSCC is putting greater emphasis on the 'professional' development of our volunteers. Members Annette and Janet worked hard on and off the water to achieve their Flat Water Guide Qualifications. James, Robyn and Annette completed the Introduction to Coaching. James, Robyn and Gareth are working towards the Foundation Coaching
- Ten members renewed their First Aid qualifications (Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Provide basic emergency life support, Provide first aid) at a club sponsored training day in January. Giving SSCC more than 12 qualified first aiders.

SSCC celebrated the end of 2020 with a huge and glittering Christmas Party and Presentation Night held at Gynea Bowling Club. Everyone enjoyed a party and the chance to forget COVID-19 for a few hours. This event was a great chance to thank our wonderful SSCC volunteers. Our club couldn't have a friendlier, more helpful bunch of amazing members who are always willing to pitch in and help out with club activities. We wouldn't have a club without you.

We held the 2020/2021 AGM on Zoom. At the AGM we thanked our outgoing President, John Denyer and Secretary, Ian McGuinness. John and Ian have held these roles for several years and their enthusiasm and passion

for SSCC will be missed by the committee. Thank you John and Ian. Your time and dedication has helped our club thrive. We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of the other members of the 2021/2021 Committee: Vice Presidents Annette and Janet, Treasurer Deb and our Training & Development Officer, Gareth.

When the lockdown ends our club will be up and running with some new activities in the pipeline for social and racing paddlers in the Sutherland Shire. The new Committee is looking forward to continuing to grow the club and to hosting the 2022 20 Groynes, Dolls Point Classic and Woronora Marathon events.

Janet Small
Vice President

SSCC - a club that thrives because of its volunteers



Sydney Northern Beaches Kayak Club

The past year has been one of the most challenging I have experienced in terms of coaching and working with young athletes. Almost as soon as the 2020 nationals finished we went into a state of lockdown for a number of months. Our young paddlers and their families did an amazing job of managing to work within the constraints of the ongoing pandemic to keep everyone safe and well. What has made our club strong is the ability to train as a squad - sadly for much of the year we were restricted to training with a buddy. Our youth have been some of the hardest hit by the pandemic and being able to continue to paddle has been key to sustaining their mental health.

While we had to adapt throughout this last year our athletes did a great job of continuing to perform when it was required. They attended all sprint series events as well as state and national championships with some outstanding results. SNBKC was club champions at the NSW state champs and runner up at the nationals in 2021.

For the first 2time in a very long time NSW junior teams were named following the NSW championships. Our thanks to paddle Australia supporting the u/16s with uniforms and the NSW sprint committee for supplying gear to the u/18s. We also coordinated state team trainings once these teams were announced.

Congratulations to SNBKC members who made state team selection

U/18 boys Toby Schooley, Harrison Taurins, Lucas Raikuna

U/18 girls Hanako Greuter, Clea Jordi, Evelyn Ritchie

U/16 Boys Ziko Vesely, Guy Robinson, Sean Ryce, Jacob Wilson, Daniel Sharkey, Michael Dunbar and Alexander Raikuna

U/16 girls Zoe Shirdon, Millie Thornthwaite , Nina Fitzgerald, Bridie Brennan, Rosie Brennan

The late shift of nationals to Adelaide posed a challenge for us but once again our parents stepped up and managed to get all our gear to Adelaide at short notice. Unfortunately most of our u/14s didn't attend with the late move so fingers crossed for 2022. Disappointingly both national Grand Prix events were cancelled this year.

We had a number of Athletes selected to national squads / teams following the national championships.

Junior team

Toby Schooley

Ziko Vesely

National Development Squad

U/17 Harrison Taurins

U/16 Ziko Vesely

U/16 Guy Robinson

U/16 Sean Ryce

U/15 Michael Dunbar

U/15 Charlie Heaton Armstrong

U/15 Amelia Thornthwaite

U/15 Zoe Shirdon



We continue to have our training base at the NSW Academy of Sport but again due to closures our athletes have had to take their boats home and meet at various points on the lake throughout the

The pandemic has affected our ability to recruit through local schools. We hope we'll be able to do this again in the coming year. We have a new squad of younger paddlers who have dropped by our shed and we hope we'll see them racing in 2021/22.

Christine Duff
Head coach



Western Paddlers

We have kick started a couple of exciting new events this last 12 months!

Pride Paddle: Paddle for the LGBTIQ+ community and supporters in Dubbo last November. This is a new event for our club and community! We co-organised this with the Central West Trans & Gender Diverse Network, and a number of community organisations helped out. 35 people attended. It was a short, easy, social paddle, with boats provided so that people who don't usually paddle could join in. We received two grants (The Pride Foundation and Essential Energy) to help run the event and provide free 'I paddle with pride' caps to participants. We plan to make this an annual event.



Microplastics sampling: We are part of a pilot project in Dubbo run by AUSMAP to identify microplastic hotspots along the river, and then work out where the plastics are coming from and tackle the source of the problem. So we – along with other community groups involved - regularly collect sand/soil samples along the river and analyse them for microplastic content.

Plus we have continued our regular events:

Platypus survey: this is an annual survey we participate in, and as usual spotted a few platypus We camped over-night at Wellington and held our Christmas paddle the next morning.

Clean-up paddles: We organised a clean-up paddle in Wellington for Clean Up Australia Day, and joined in with a land-based event that one of our members organised, totalling 17 people all up. We've held other clean-up paddles during the year as well.

We also paddle on whatever rivers and creeks are flowing (all the rain has been so good!) as well as our staple the Wambuul-Macquarie River.

Emmalee, Mel, Bron, Paul, Justin
Western Paddlers NSW Committee

Windsor Paddlesports Club

It is very reassuring for me as I write this to know I only have positive things to report. This has been made possible by the stable leadership within our club. Tony Last has been Treasurer for nine years. Garry Baldry as Vice President, Clay Norman as Secretary and myself as President joined Tony eight years ago to form the executive. Working as a team we have not faced a challenge we could not deal with and WPSC continues to prosper. We have established a strong financial position over this time.

After many years as Boathouse Captain, Lyle Mead has been replaced by Ian Cooper. His main achievements have been boat racks in the new container, paving in front of the containers and retiring some of the older club boats.

Laura Lee accepted the position of Race Director for non club races. What an exciting time it has been. Firstly the return to marathon race in August and then the State Championships in March. Covid 19 added a new dimension to the planning and activity on the day. Both events were wonderful successes and prove how capable we are. Laura is also our Uniform Director and has done a great job outfitting us in very stylish new gear.

Peter Hughes continues in his role as Race Director of the twilight series. He plans the season in a way to keep us keen over various distances and course. Mother nature intervened with excessive heat, lightning and floods but we still enjoyed the season.

It is pleasing to see a growing group of members who have formed a social paddling group. They enjoy the exercise and company of like minded people. Joining in at working bees and club activities keeps them in contact with more competitive members. A few of them started the twilight races towards the end of the season and were pleased with their results. Paddling and coffee sounds good for a Saturday morning.



Laura Lee (WPSC) – 3rd in the ~~Women's~~ ICF Open K1 Championship 25km



David Raymond (WPSC) – finishing 2nd in the Non-ICF Mens 60-64 Championship 20km

The clubhouse planning is still under way albeit at a slow pace. There is an enormous amount of paperwork to be before a shovel can hit the ground and it all takes time.

The inaugural Morison 50 was held in October. The Hawkesbury Canoe Classic was cancelled due to Covid 19 and this race was held to give paddlers a night event on the Hawkesbury River. WPSC assisted on the day with a safety boat, time keepers and callers and checking in boats. We also laid turf to repair damage to the parking area.

The Hawkesbury Valley was inundated by a high flood in March. Macquarie Park and our containers were completely covered. No club assets were damaged due to the evacuation efforts of our members. Clay Norman housed many boats, fridges etc at his work premises. Danny Wilson stored plenty of boats at his house which was a great relief for those who could not get to the park to pick up their boats. The park was closed for a considerable time and no paddling was possible.



WPSC Time keepers and assistants

Rod Totten, one of our past members made a very generous donation to the club. We now have a single Mirage and a TK1 thanks to Rod. This is not the first time Rod has donated boats and we are pleased to have these craft.

Our members continue to compete in the marathon series with some considerable success. Doing well in their individual divisions as well as gaining club points keeps WPSC near the top of the marathon club list. We also have some 100% paddlers in the series which shows

great commitment and dedication.

We also have a small but determined sprint team who keep the club represented. These are very enjoyable days and I would recommend them to anyone who has either not done them before or has lapsed in their involvement.

I was approached by a local school early in the year in regards to students paddling as sport. We have been waiting for such an opportunity and agreed to help them. Unfortunately there were not enough school staff to accompany the students. This situation may change in term 4 if Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.

We did attract a number of new members this year. As a foundation coach I am fortunate to have first contact with most of these people. It gives me great joy to introduce them to paddling and see them join our club. It is even better when they become involved in the racing and meet other members. Hopefully one day they will be presented with their 10/15/20 year pins as were some of our members this year.

Our club could not function without the help of all members. Everyone does their part throughout the year whenever needed. I take this opportunity to thank every person named in this report and to all of those who were not but made this club the success that it is.

Neil Crabb
President



Team Windsor hosted the State Canoe Marathon Championships

2020/21 PNSW Annual Award Winners

<i>Category</i>	<i>Winner</i>
<i>1. Female Paddler of the Year</i>	Jessica Fox
<i>2. Male Paddler of the Year</i>	Dylan Littlehailes
<i>3. Adaptive Paddler of the Year</i>	Daniel Dalton
<i>4. Young (U18) Paddler of the Year</i>	Natalia Drobot
<i>5. Senior (50+) Paddler of the Year</i>	Karen Hadjinicola
<i>6. Coach of the Year</i>	Christine Duff
<i>7. Instructor/ Guide of the Year</i>	Ian Royds
<i>8. Administrator/s of the Year</i>	Windsor Club Committee
<i>9. Volunteer of the Year</i>	Don Johnstone Annette Mathews Gavin Rayward Simon Wilkes Lyn Wilson
<i>10. Event of the Year</i>	Windsor Return to Marathon
<i>11. Environment Award</i>	Robyn Bingle
<i>12. Image (action shot) Award</i>	Tom Holloway Ian Wrenford
<i>13. Distinguished Long Service Award</i>	Judy Greenidge Andy Halliday Jil Parker

Financial Report

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For the year ended 30 June 2021

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Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
Revenue		
Revenue	318,377	272,420
Total Revenue	318,377	272,420
Gross Surplus	318,377	272,420
Other Income		
Cashflow Boost ATO Grant	10,112	10,000
Interest Received	674	1,902
JobKeeper Subsidy	18,300	-
Total Other Income	29,086	11,902
Expenditure		
Depreciation & Amortisation Expense	10,435	8,581
Affiliation Fees	32,551	53,721
Employment Expenses	92,995	96,956
Expenses	108,064	119,239
Total Expenditure	244,045	279,084
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments	103,419	5,825
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax	103,419	5,825
Net Current Year Surplus After Income Tax	103,419	5,825
Current Year Other Comprehensive Income, Net Of Income Tax	-	-
Current Year Total Comprehensive Income	103,419	5,825

Statement of Financial Position

PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

As at 30 June 2021

	NOTES	30JUN2021	30JUN2020
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1	448,342	517,574
Trade and Other Receivables	2	2,650	1,550
Total Current Assets		450,992	519,124
Non-Current Assets			
Plant and Equipment, Vehicles	3	24,502	19,510
Total Non-Current Assets		24,502	19,510
Total Assets		475,494	538,634
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	2	11,486	38,040
Deferred Income	5	93,221	237,908
Provisions	6	25,539	21,928
Employee Entitlements		11	724
Other Current Liabilities		-	-
Total Current Liabilities		130,257	298,599
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	6	10,786	9,002
Total Non-Current Liabilities		10,786	9,002
Total Liabilities		334,451	231,033
Net Assets		334,451	231,033
Member's Funds			
Accumulated Surplus		334,451	231,033
Total Member's Funds		334,451	231,033

Statement of Changes in Equity

PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
Equity		
Opening Balance	231,033	225,795
Increases		
Surplus for the Period	103,419	5,238
Total Increases	103,419	5,238
Total Equity	334,451	231,033

Statement of Cash Flows

PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
Operating Activities		
Receipts From Government Grants	(2,928)	275,664
Receipts From Events	47,481	105,894
Receipts From Members	130,580	112,130
Payments to Suppliers	(184,702)	(225,809)
Payments to Employees	(89,242)	(90,220)
Interest Received	674	1,902
Cash Receipts From Other Operating Activities	44,332	30,658
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(53,805)	210,218
Investing Activities		
Payment for Property, Plant and Equipment	(15,427)	(8,876)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(15,427)	(8,876)
Net Cash Flows	(69,232)	201,342
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	517,574	316,232
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	448,342	517,574
Net change in cash for period	(69,232)	201,342

Notes of the Financial Statements

PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

For the year ended 30 June 2021

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.

2021 2020

1. Cash on Hand

Cash and cash equivalents		
ANZ Business Extra Account	37,652	32,558
ING Investment Account	410,690	485,016
Total Cash and cash equivalents	448,342	517,574
Total Cash on Hand	448,342	517,574

2021 2020

2. Trade and Other Receivables

Trade Receivables	2,650	1,550
Total Trade and Other Receivables	2,650	1,550

2021 2020

3. Plant & Equipment, Vehicles

Plant & Equipment		
Plant and equipment at cost	104,216	88,789
Accumulated depreciation of plant and equipment	(79,714)	(69,279)
Total Plant & Equipment	24,502	19,510
Total Plant & Equipment, Vehicles	24,502	19,510

2021 2020

4. Trade & Other Payables

Trade Payables		
Trade Creditors	3,660	996
Total Trade Payables	3,660	996
Other Payables		
Accrued Expenses	1,368	1,984
GST Payables	1,691	26,912
Paddle On Foundation	(105)	2,520
Withholding Tax Payables	4,872	5,628
Total Other Payables	7,826	37,044
Total Trade & Other Payables	11,486	38,040
	2021	2020

5. Deferred Income

Current	42,908	48,889
Total Deferred Income	42,908	48,889

2021 2020

6. Provisions

Current		
Provision for Annual Leave	21,928	20,545
Total Current	21,928	20,545

Non-Current		
Provision for LSL	10,786	9,002
Total Non-Current	10,786	9,002
Total Provision	36,325	30,929
	2021	2020

7. Employee Entitlements

Employee entitlements (wages, annual leave, etc)	11	724
Total Employee Entitlements	11	724

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

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

	2021	2020
Cash flows from operations		
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
Total Cash flows from operations	(53,805)	210,218

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 2021

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



Dated:

11 August 2021

Compilation Report

PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

For the year ended 30 June 2021

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 2021, statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes 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:

Independent Auditor's Report

PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

For the year ended 30 June 2021

Report in the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of **PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED** (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at **30 June 2021**, the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the responsible entities' declaration.

In my opinion, the financial report of the PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED as at 30 June 2021 presents fairly in all material aspects the financial position of the PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial report and satisfies the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and the Association's constitution including:

- a) giving a fair and true view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*

Basis for Opinion

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

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

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

Responsibility of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Committee of the Association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW) and the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when

it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered materials if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

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

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

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

Auditor's signature:

Peter M Power FCA

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

Dated:

Income and Expenditure Statement

PADDLE NSW INCORPORATED

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
Income		
Donations		
Cashflow Boost ATO Grant	10,112	10,000
Education & Course Income	9,525	-
Event Income	66,987	102,206
Fundraising & Donations	-	45
Interest Received	674	1,902
JobKeeper Subsidy	18,300	-
Membership income	121,917	102,439
Other Income	17,677	21,217
State / Other Grant Income	102,273	46,513
Total Donations	347,464	284,322
Total Income	347,464	284,322
Gross Surplus	347,464	284,322
Expenditure		
Accounting Support	18,007	20,640
Annual Leave	3,611	4,639
Audit Fees	1,800	-
Bank & Govt Charges	816	90
Branding and Trademarks	-	4,609
Consultants	-	1,200
Consumables	-	707
Corporate Admin Fees	-	6,168
Cost of Goods Available for Sale	-	4,027
Depreciation	10,435	8,581
Education & Courses	5,782	4,101
Equipment Hire & Purchase	-	36
Event - Contractors	3,264	-
Event - First Aid & Water Safety	4,505	-
Event - Host Club/ Venue Hire	39,477	-
Event - Online Transactions Fees	6,922	6,587
Event - Other Expenses	12,298	18,293
Event - Trophies & Prizes	105	-
Fees & Subscriptions	32,551	53,721
Ground Transport	17	-
IT Project	1,994	1,626
Legal Expenses	183	-
Less: Closing Stock	-	3,948
Long Service Leave	1,784	-
Maintenance & Repairs	(184)	1,713

BEWEISZER ACCOUNTING & TAX

	2021	2020
Office Supplies & Postage	699	775
Other Expenses	1,652	7,452
Other Support	-	498
Other Support Program Support	2,900	-
Other Travel Costs	1,277	2,333
Professional Development	1,191	-
Purchases	-	8,332
Salaries & Wages	80,000	84,304
Superannuation	7,600	8,009
Telephone & Internet	2,359	1,858
Vehicle & Boat Expenses	2,381	-
Venue Hire	-	22,330
Workers Comp Insurance	618	703
Total Expenditure	244,045	279,084
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax Adjustments	103,419	5,238
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Income Tax	103,419	5,238
Net Current Year Surplus After Income Tax	103,419	5,238

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Equity Balances - All Disciplines

	Canoe Polo	Education	Special Projects	Freestyle	Marathon	Myall Lake	Harbour Racing	Slalom	Sprint	White Water	Wildwater	General Funds	Total
Opening Balance 17/2020	- 5,297.44	4,327.12	11,681.36	719.40	57,332.55	31,150.05	22,827.91	29,073.56	17,778.44	7,651.66	149.00	64,023.85	231,032.72
Income	2,445.46	9,397.25	-	-	38,040.91	-	8,904.55	1,827.26	20,677.26	-	-	266,170.84	347,463.53
Expenditure	239,86	- 5,781.96	- 1,918.78	-	- 31,707.33	-	- 17,663.03	- 4,085.46	- 23,352.05	-	-	- 148,861.55	- 233,610.02
Fixed Asset Depreciation	-	-	-	-	- 2,329.00	-	- 3,245.05	-	- 1,051.01	-	-	- 3,809.70	- 10,434.76
Total Equity 30/06/2021	- 3,091.84	7,942.41	9,762.57	719.40	61,337.13	31,150.05	10,824.38	26,815.36	14,052.64	7,561.66	149.00	177,523.44	334,451.47

