

# 2021 PaddleNSW Annual General Meeting



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**On Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Meeting Commenced – 7:34pm**

**Present:** **Life Members:** Helen Brownlee AM, Jeff Cottrell, Gaye Hatfield, Lynn Parker

**Board Directors:** Bob Turner (Chairperson), Karen Forbes, Naomi Johnson, Ros Lawrence, Kiaran Lomas, Bron Powell

**Paddlesports:** Joshua Singleton (Freestyle), Annette Mathews (Harbour Racing), Kevin Songberg (Slalom), Sally Simons (Sprint)

**Clubs:** Craig Dodd (BWP), Patricia Ashton (BGCC), Chris Dickson (LCRK), John Duffy (LCRK), Karen Hadjinicola (LCRK), Julee Hunt (MRP), Andrew McKay (MRP), Mark Bretag (Newy), Darren Forbes (Newy), Geoff Eldridge (Pacific Dragons), Katie Vander Donk (RCC), Simon Wilkes (RCC), Malcolm Odgers (SIP), Lee Wright (SIP), Andy Halliday (Shoalhaven), Jason Redlich (WBCC), Matthias Boer (WSWC), Neil Crabb (Windsor)

**Members:** Peter Tate (CEO & Minutes)

**Apologies:** **Board Director:** Suzi Edwards

**Clubs:** Kieran Babich (LCRK), Tony Carr (LCRK), Peter Grimes (MWKC), Yvette Graf (Southside), Jeff Buchan (SSCC)

## **BUSINESS**

1. PNSW Indigenous Advisor Darren Forbes gave a rousing Acknowledgement of Country.

Chairperson Bob Turner opened the meeting at 7:34pm and thanked all those in attendance with special welcome to Life Members Helen Brownlee, Jeff Cottrell, Gaye Hatfield and Lynn Parker. Bob thanked his fellow Directors for their enthusiasm and strategic drive. The relationship with Paddle Australia and paddle SSOs interstate is formidably strong, and in the best position this century. The United Paddling Management (UPM) strategy is delivering significant outcomes for the state peak body, for our affiliated clubs, and for our members. Bob also paid gratitude to CEO Peter Tate, who administers these national and state initiatives, and does so unaffected during COVID lockdown periods – working just as efficiently and effectively from either Sydney Olympic Park or home office.

2. **Previous Minutes:** The minutes of the previous PNSW Annual General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were accepted as a true and correct record – *moved Kiaran Lomas, seconded Andy Halliday - carried.*
3. **Business Arising:** Nil.
4. **2020/21 PNSW Annual Report:** Peter Tate summarised a few key points from the Annual Report circulated to all attendees. He praised the PNSW Paddlesports and especially our 44 affiliated clubs for ensuring the COVID safety messages were broadcast and enforced amongst our membership. The continued responsible and vigilant behaviour of our paddling community will see resumption of sport sooner. Peter also thanked our Board Directors and the astute leadership of Bob Turner. Special mention was made of Life Member Tony Hystek, who has resigned from all state roles. Tony's contribution has been monumental for the entire 13-year history of PaddleNSW and even serving with predecessor state body NSW Canoe Association.

On behalf of the Board and Management, Peter formally presented the 2020/21 PNSW Annual Report which was accepted by the members – *Darren Forbes/ Andrew McKay – carried.*

5. **2020/21 Statement of Accounts:** Peter presented the Audited Financial Accounts, which record net assets of \$334,451 as at 30 June 2021 emphasising PaddleNSW remains in a sound financial position. The state peak body recorded a surplus of \$103,419 in 2020/21 (\$5,238 in 2019/20). Peter explained the unusual level of surplus for a NFP organisation which suffered lack of competitive activity during the reporting period, was due to a generous recovery grant from NSW Treasury, and additional income from the Federal Government (cashflow grant and JobKeeper subsidy). It was moved that the financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2021, the Directors' Report and the Independent Auditor's Statement thereon, be accepted – *Jason Redlich/ Annette Mathews - carried.*
6. Election of Life Member/s: No nominations.
7. **Election of Directors:** Returning Officer Peter Tate advised at the close of nominations on 2<sup>nd</sup> September we had received three nominations for three available Elected Director positions, being from **Karen Forbes, Kiaran Lomas** and **Bron Powell**. All were duly declared re-elected as PNSW Board Directors for a further two-year term – *Lynn Parker/ Joshua Singleton - carried.*
8. Motions on Notice: Nil
9. Other Business in accordance with the Constitution: Nil
10. **General Business:** Peter reminded members that PaddleNSW is currently in the market for a contracted Events Coordinator. Applications close 17<sup>th</sup> September. Currently we have 18 applicants. Once we proceed through the short-listing, interview and offer of contract process – we hope the incumbent will be ready for full activity as COVID lockdown opens up in NSW.
11. **Close:** The meeting was closed at 7:57pm in readiness for the PNSW Annual Club Forum.