



# ANNUAL REPORT



2015 - 2016



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## WHAT IS THE ANNUAL REPORT?

QUEENSLAND CANOEING INCORPORATED PRESENTS THIS REPORT TO ITS MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORTING OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016.

This Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of the services delivered by Queensland Canoeing Incorporated, the state sporting association to the Queensland Canoeing affiliated clubs, members, stakeholders and the broader community. The information contained in this report is taken from a variety of sources and from information gathered through our internal governance structure, including the Board, Technical Committees, the Executive Officer and staff.

The report is designed to provide the stakeholders and the general public with concise information about our objectives, strategies and performance during the past year, compared to the objectives established through our strategic planning processes for 2014-2016. In addition, the report outlines our service delivery objectives, strategies and priorities and new Strategic Plan for 2017-2019.

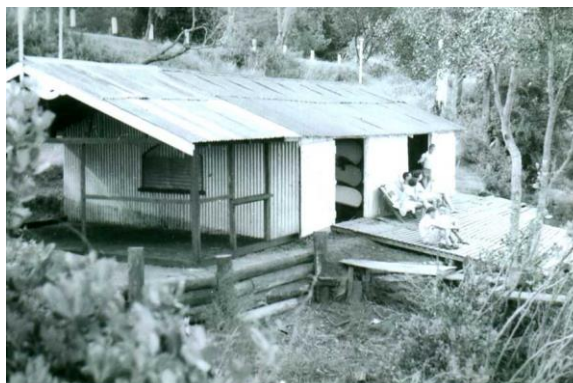
This report also reflects our performance across the technical committees and demonstrates our continued commitment to responding to the needs of affiliated clubs and the Queensland paddlesports community.

Clubs are living in an environment of continual and rapid change and are demanding better and more integrated services from Queensland Canoeing. One of the challenges for the Association is to seek new and innovative ways to respond to the different demands created by that change, to listen to what people want, and improve services to meet an increasing range of community needs. This can only be achieved if all parties are working collaboratively for the common goal. Communication needs to be a two way street within a positive environment.

The Directors of the Board, technical committees and staff look forward to working with affiliated clubs and key stakeholders in 2016-2017.

QUEENSLAND CANOEING INCORPORATED (QC) BEGAN AS A RESULT OF MANY PADDLERS WISHING TO REPRESENT THEIR OWN STATE IN COMPETITIONS. IT GREW FROM AN ACTIVE, LARGELY RECREATIONAL BASE WITH THE 'QUEENSLAND CANOE CLUB' THAT EXISTED IN THE 1930'S, 40'S AND 50'S RECEIVING INCORPORATION IN 1962 AS THE QUEENSLAND AMATEUR CANOE FEDERATION.

This was updated in March 1984 under the Incorporations Act of 1981 to Queensland Canoeing Federation Inc. and then to the present name of Queensland Canoeing Incorporated in 1994.



Club and membership numbers fluctuate annually, but historically the average age of paddlers is between the 25-44 age group and the highest percentage of members falling into the 45-64 age bracket. The percentage of the 0-14 aged members in Paddlesports is low when compared to the general population of Queensland. In 2006, QC underwent a period of major positive change in its operating structure. During this time, QC adopted strategies from the Australian Canoeing National Framework, including acceptance of a National Strategic Plan, and governance structures to assist the sport to proceed forward within the National Framework. Today, strategies have also been implemented from forums conducted annually and consultations throughout the year to develop paddlesports throughout Queensland in partnership with its clubs and members.

QC operates with the major financial assistance of the Queensland Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing. We also acknowledge the income from club membership, our recreational and educational programs and successful grant applications. The year 2012 brought cause for celebration of 50 years of Queensland Canoeing and this was celebrated at a black-tie dinner in conjunction with the annual awards.

Queensland Canoeing will turn 55 years of age in 2017.

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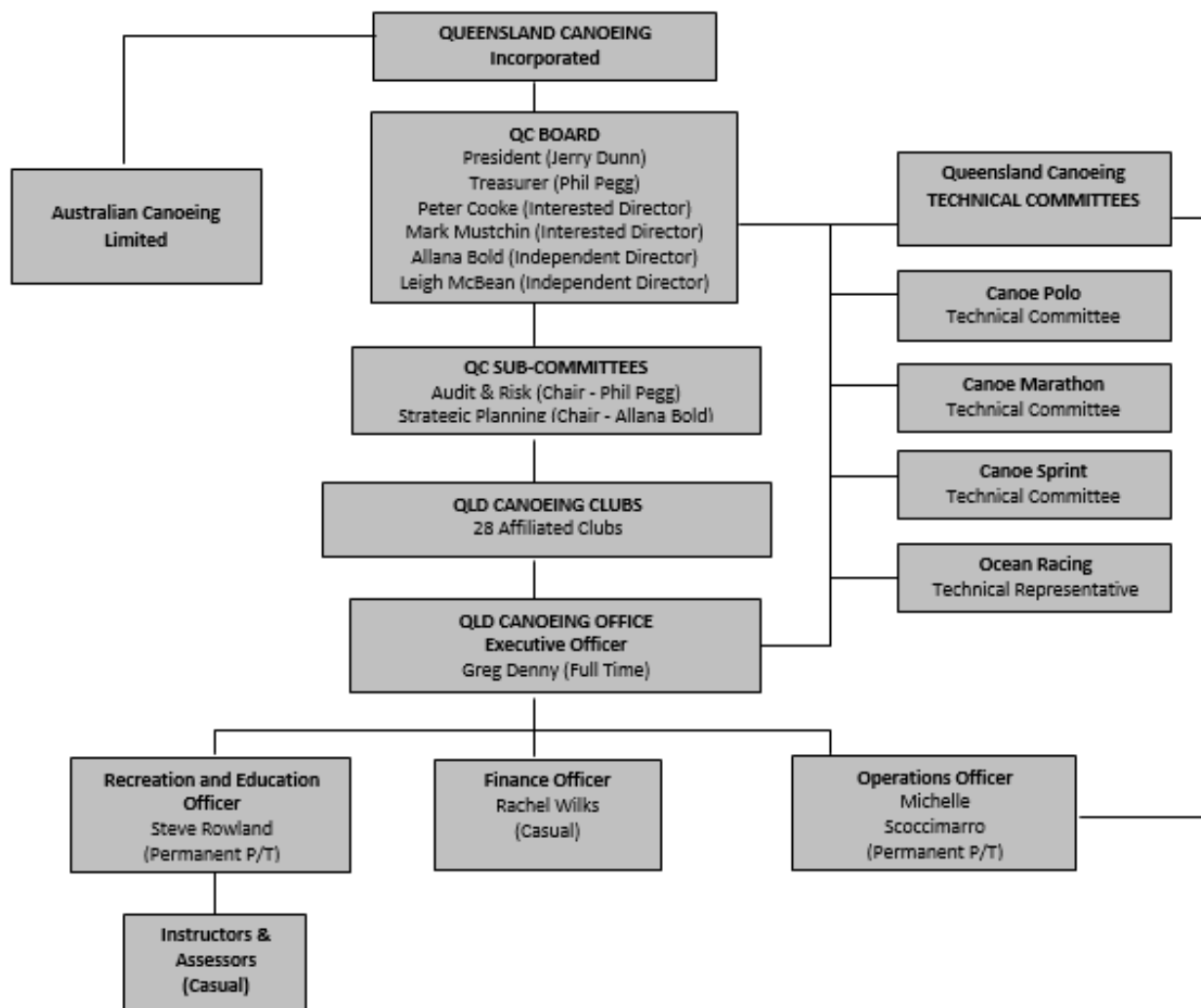
## ***Life Members***

<b>1981</b>	Sally Anne Gardner Julie Robertson
<b>1997</b>	Keith Bromham
<b>1998</b>	Gary Innes Bernie Dobe
<b>1999</b>	Digby Huffam
<b>2000</b>	Lenore Solomon
<b>2001</b>	Craig Humbley Keith Hemming
<b>2004</b>	Ian Muir Myra Holm
<b>2006</b>	Josephine Holman
<b>2009</b>	Jeremy Dunn
<b>2011</b>	John Newton

# CURRENT STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION



## QLD CANOEING ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



## OUR STRATEGIC PLAN 2017 - 2019

Consultation and development of a new Strategic Plan (2017-2019) was undertaken during 2016 to enable continuity from the current strategic planning cycle (2014-2016). The initial Qld Canoeing Strategy Forum was conducted at the Qld Canoeing Office, Morningside on Saturday 14th May 2016. The forum was attended by member clubs and stakeholders, including representatives from eight affiliate clubs (recreation and competition), technical committees, local government/local community organisations, local service providers, board and staff. The forum was facilitated by Alana Thomson and the input and involvement of all attendees provided a valuable contribution to the development of our new strategy framework and plan for paddlesports in Queensland.

Forum participants identified a series of strengths and weaknesses (things we can control internally) and opportunities and threats (things beyond our control, but which can affect strategy) to be considered in the development of the Qld Canoeing strategic plan. There were also a series of contemporary factors shaping participation in sport and recreation generally which need to be considered in the development of our strategic plan for paddlesports in Queensland.

Strengths		Weaknesses	
INTERNAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paddling is an accessible activity</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inclusiveness and accessibility of clubs, and access to equipment</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Being part of a club provides benefits</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An ageing membership profile with limited members under 30 years</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diversity of participation opportunities</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to trainers and trip leaders</li> <li>Risk and insurance</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organisational frameworks are in place</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long-term and unified vision for canoeing</li> <li>Effectiveness of organisations within canoeing</li> </ul>
Opportunities		Threats	
EXTERNAL FACTORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Queensland's climate and environment</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competitive sport/recreation market place, flow on effects for canoeing businesses</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changing nature of participation</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ageing population</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Polluted and crowded waterways, restricted access, local governments not understanding user needs.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local government interests</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perceived risk and unsafe participation, OH&amp;S regulations</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential to develop grassroots pathways</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment is costly and bulky to transport</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kayaking offered as a school activity (e.g. Redlands)</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential to create more access to facilities and water</li> </ul>		

Situational analysis data from the forum revealed a number of KEY areas for QC to focus on in the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan.

Forum participants also provided input into the key outcomes they would like to see achieved for the broader community through canoeing, over the next few years. A voting process identified six top outcomes - recognising some duplication, these have been collapsed to highlight five key outcomes.

Original top six outcomes identified through vote	Top five outcomes
1.Increased profile of women in the sport (29% of votes)	<b>1.Increase awareness of canoeing across the community (inc. promote paddling) (35% of votes)</b>
2.Grow paddlesports in Queensland (24% of votes)	<b>2.Increased profile of women in the sport (29% of votes)</b>
3.Increase awareness of canoeing across the community (24% of votes)	<b>3.Grow paddle sports in Queensland (24% of votes)</b>
4.Promote paddling to the community (11% of votes)	<b>4.More places to paddle (6% of votes)</b>
5.More places to paddle (6% of votes)	<b>5.Volunteer engagement (6% of votes)</b>
6.Volunteer engagement (6% of votes)	

Other ideas for outcomes included: community safety, awareness of the environment, health benefits, sustainability and efficiency of the business of canoeing.

An outcome from the forum was the identification of 4 key pillars supported by 3 underlying principles to be addressed in the 2017-2019 strategic plan. These are summarised visually below and provided the foundation for the development of the strategic plan for paddlesports in Queensland.

			
Participation	Places	People	Pathways
Grow participation in target groups (i.e. youth, families, women and girls)	Secure sustainable access to waterways and club facilities	Develop leaders in the canoeing community and engage volunteers	Identify and develop pathways for participants, coaches and officials
Quality Governance	Invest in robust governance for QC and affiliated clubs to enhance our capabilities		
Stakeholders/ Partnerships	Build partnerships and create a shared sense of purpose to deliver strategic objectives		
Communication and Engagement	Inform target markets of key activities and build engagement of stakeholders and broader community		

This is an ambitious set of outcomes to be achieved, and will rely on the collaborative efforts of QC, clubs and other key stakeholders. To ensure our clubs and members are on board, a summary of outcomes from the forum, along with an online survey to capture feedback, was circulated to club committees, and further targeted feedback was gained through several club focus groups and consultations. We will continue to consult, discuss and work with clubs, committees, stakeholders and partners to roll out the 2017-2019 strategic plan to ensure paddlesports in Queensland is in the best position to grow and prosper.



# QLD CANOEING INC. STRATEGIC PLAN (2017 – 2019)



*Our Vision: More People Paddling, More of the time!*

*Our Purpose: To encourage the development, growth and enjoyment of paddling in Queensland.*



More information on Qld Canoeing Strategic Plan (2017-2019) is available at <http://qld.canoe.org.au/strategicplan2017-2019>

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Queensland Canoeing is continually evolving with new challenges and demands. The resilience of the volunteers and staff is testimony to their dedication and professionalism in the endeavour to achieve the best possible for the members and organisation as a whole.

This year started with a bang and it has not relaxed. The first item on the agenda was to appoint a new Executive Officer. A process that is not easy. Greg Denny was ultimately appointed and commenced in the role at Queensland Canoeing in September 2015. Greg comes to the organisation after working with many years with the Australian Rugby Union. Greg holds much knowledge and respect in sports administration. Greg's eyes have been opened to sporting organisation that has multiple disciplines and is a sport and a recreation.

I must acknowledge the efforts of Phil Pegg who fill the role of Interim Executive Officer from July to September 2015 and Michelle Scoccimarro who was the font of knowledge of all things canoeing during significant change in the Qld Canoeing office.

I thank the Directors of Queensland Canoeing Inc. over the past year:

- Phil Pegg (Treasurer)
- Allan Satterthwaite (Vice-President – until 25 October 2015)
- Mark Mustchin (Interested Director)
- Peter Cooke (Interested Director)
- Judith Holmes (Independent Director – until 22 October 2015)
- Susan Mercer (Independent Director – until 12 November 2015)
- Allana Bold (Independent Director – from 03 February 2016)
- Leigh McBean (Independent Director –from 29 March 2016)

The QC Board has introduced sub-committees to identify board priorities and assist with managing workloads of Directors. These committees meet in the alternate month to Board meetings and chair may also invite members external to the board to participate.

The committees are -

- Audit and Risk Sub-Committee: Phil Pegg (Chair), Leigh McBean, Mark Mustchin and Greg Denny (EO)
- Strategic Planning Sub-Committee: Allana Bold (Chair), Peter Cooke, Tony Hirst, Cath Parker and Greg Denny

This year has been vital for the future strategic planning of QC. Lead by Allana Bold a strategic planning forum was held with club representatives, council representatives and stakeholders. From there a Strategic Plan will evolve after consultation with the clubs and members. The Strategic Plan will be presented to the Queensland Government Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing along with our funding application for the period 2017 to 2019.

It has been identified that the Strategic Plan will be streamlined to 4 key pillars - Participation, Places, People, and Pathways supported by 3 underlying principles - Quality Governance, Stakeholders/Partnerships, and Communication and Engagement. There are many key performance indicators but some include:

- Increase participation by women and girls, family, youth and seniors participation
- Secure access to waterways
- Develop leaders within the canoeing community
- Identify and develop the pathways for coaches and officials
- Improve our governance through better risk management

To achieve our objectives, we will be working closely with our committees, clubs/members and stakeholders/partners to achieve our vision of **'More People Paddling, More of the time!'**



Membership services are important to QC. The Executive Officer and staff are to be commended for their continued engagement of the clubs and volunteers. There is forever a question from members – ‘What does QC do for me?’

- QC provides representation to State Government
- QC provides representation to local Councils
- QC provides representation to Australian Canoeing Inc.
- QC provides resources for education and recreation programs
- QC provides resources for club and state level competition
- QC provides support for clubs with memberships, websites, grants, governance and alike
- QC provides strategic direction for the organisation
- QC provides administration support to Technical Committees and competitions.

Our technical committees should be congratulated on their enthusiasm, commitment and contribution to their respective disciplines. A special thanks to Lynwen Birch, Chair of the Qld Canoe Marathon Technical Committee and S'Tfan Horne, Chair of the Qld Canoe Sprint Technical Committee who both stepped down from their roles during the year. I would also like to acknowledge Donald Leigh, Chair of Qld Canoe Polo Technical Committee and welcome Matt Ingerman, as Chair, of the Qld Canoe Sprint Technical Committee.

Throughout the year, I have attended AC AGM and Strategic Planning, met with Moreton Bay Regional Council about a white water facility, participated in teleconferences and face to face meetings with other State President's, and round table discussions with the Minister of Sport.

At the beginning of 2016 two technical committees were working hard organising the 2016 Australian Canoe Marathon Championships and the 2016 Australian Canoe Polo Championships. The 2016 Australian Canoe Marathon Championships was one of the most successful with record number of participants, whilst the 2016 Australian Canoe Polo Championships were acknowledged as an outstandingly run event. Both events attracted sponsorship from the Gold Coast City Council for which we are very grateful.

Our performance athletes continue to lead the way nationally with a large contingent of Queenslanders selected in Australian Senior and Junior teams for most disciplines, including those selected to represent Australia for the 2016 Rio Olympics and 2016 Rio Paralympics. A list of representative athletes is included with annual report.

Once again, I would like to thank all staff and board members for their enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism.

I would finally like to acknowledge the Queensland Government for guidance and support of representatives from Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing throughout the year.



Jeremy Dunn

President  
Queensland Canoeing Inc.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Queensland Canoeing has seen many changes over the past 12-24 months with changes to QC Board, Executive, Staff, and Technical Committees. While changes are always disruptive, I believe we are now well placed and moving forward.

### **QC Board**

Our Board has a new direction and some fresh new faces. The introduction of Audit and Risk and Strategic Planning sub-committees has ensured a renewed focus on the priority areas of **governance** and **strategy**. Our Board will continue to focus on establishing a **strong, vibrant and active** organisation that supports and collaborates with our clubs/members, committees, stakeholders and partners to ensure *More People are Paddling, More of the time!*

### **QC Office**

We experienced many changes in the QC office. In late September 2015, we transitioned from Interim EO Phil Pegg (QC Treasurer) to full time Executive Officer, Greg Denny. A big thanks to Phil for his contribution to the smooth running of the office over this period! Thanks also to Michelle Scoccimarro who ensured the QC office continued to operate, conduct programs and events, and support our clubs/members and committees.

In January 2016, Michelle's role changed ensuring more time can be spent assisting clubs, members and committees in operational areas such as memberships, grants, communications, and technology/systems and events. Steven Rowland, Education and Recreation Officer joined QC providing renewed expertise and emphasis on delivery education courses and recreation programs. Steve is ably assisted by our many instructors, assessors and coaches. With assistance of a former staffer, Rachel Wilks, in accounts, the QC office has both capacity and capability to support clubs/members and committees moving forward. I hope clubs have received these changes positively.

Following on from recent rebuilding, we have managed to address issues with Sporting DNA membership database, stabilise finances and achieve 100% of our State Government outcomes, which will put us in a good position for the next round of State Development Program funding for 2017-2019. In 2016, we have introduced a formal calendar of education course and programs, improved our social media presence (more to come in this space), and conducted hugely successful National Championships in both Canoe Marathon and Canoe Polo on the Gold Coast.

### **QC Technical Committees**

The resurgence of active technical committees for our competitive disciplines of marathon, sprint, and canoe polo, and technical representative for ocean racing has ensured progress has been made to improve our planning, provide more high quality events, deliver more coach and officials training, and further develop paddlers through state training camps and state teams. While good progress has been made, we recognise there is indeed a lot more to be achieved for each of the respective disciplines. We have committed to regular inter-disciplinary meetings (between all disciplines) to ensure the continuing sharing of ideas, coordination (of event calendars) and communication between disciplines and QC. Moving forward, we would like to re-establish the recreation committee for our non-competitive paddlers, which represent a core and growing market within our membership and sport.

Thanks to all the volunteers on our technical committees (past and present) for their dedication, enthusiasm and commitment. A special thanks also to the technical committees Chairs (past and present) and Michelle Scoccimarro who's energy and commitment to support our technical committees is unbounding.

### **QC Clubs**

Club membership remains a challenge for many of our clubs, however the numerous activities and events conducted across the 28 affiliated clubs show that participation within the paddling community is as strong as ever. Recreation paddling continues to create increasing interest and memberships in many clubs, while the competition pursuits of canoe marathon, canoe sprint and canoe polo remain extremely active and strong within our clubs.

On a sad note, it was a difficult year for the current and former members of the Ipswich District Canoe Club which closed after 28 years of operation. As outgoing President Peter Ferrett so aptly put it – *'It has been a wonderful time'*! Whilst it is never good to lose a club, we must acknowledge all the great things achieved by the club, their members and volunteers over those many years. The club generously donated several items of equipment to the paddling community which will serve as a reminder to every one of the Ipswich District Canoe Club for many years to follow.

### **State Partners**

QC have continued to develop a positive working relationship with our major partner, Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing. Our emphasis has been on providing grassroots participation opportunities, and improved club support and service delivery for our paddlesports community. We are committed to maintaining our funding band to ensure the continuing state government support for paddling in Queensland. We were also successful in acquiring a Gambling Community Benefit Fund for the purchase of canoe polo equipment and trailer that will be made available to maximise engagement within schools in future years.

We continue to work closely with Brisbane City Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Logan City Council and liaise with other local government to discuss opportunities for canoeing/kayaking recreation programs. QC have continued a strong relationship with Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation (QORF). We are very grateful for their support in events and QORF also provide a valuable sounding board for advice on the outdoor recreational space.

### **National Partners**

EO's and Presidents from State Associations and Australian Canoeing continue to meet every two months with a face to face meeting twice a year. This has led to a greater collaboration between states and national body on a number of challenges that are faced within our sport. Australian Canoeing, with the support of the State Associations, introduced national membership categories from 1 July 2016. This has enabled simpler registration options on Sporting DNA, better analysis and comparison between states, and improved reporting nationally.

Australian Canoeing continues to lead the sport through changes at a national level, including reviewing national branding, updating of national Coaching Development Pathway for all seven canoe/kayak disciplines governed by AC, engaged Rupercom to undertake research into the growing 'recreation market', and moving forward a review of High Performance program post-Rio Olympics.

### **Rio Olympics and Paralympics**

A big congratulations to the six Queenslanders selected to represent Australia at the 2016 Rio Olympics, including Alyce Burnett, Alyssa Bull, Ken Wallace, Jacob Clear, Jordan Wood & Martin Marinov, and the two Queensland paralympic athletes Curtis McGrath and Susan Seipel selected for the Australian Paralympic Team, supported by Andrea King, Australian Head Coach for Paracanoe.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the paddlesports community for their warm welcome and support on my arrival into the paddling fraternity. I look forward to meeting many of you as I get out and about over the next 6-12 months. I am committed to working collaboratively with our clubs/members, committees, stakeholders and partners to ensure our sport continues to grow and prosper, whilst improving our service delivery to the clubs and members.

Thanks also to all board members, staff, committees and volunteers for their enthusiasm and dedication.



**Greg Denny**  
Executive Officer

## MEMBERS | STAKEHOLDERS - PARTNERS

### AFFILIATED CLUBS

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Breakfast Creek Paddlers	Mackay Canoe Club
Brisbane Canoeing	Newport Waters Canoe Club
Brisbane River Dragon Boat & Outrigger Canoe Club	North West Canoe Club
Broken Paddle Canoe Club	Paddle Capricornia
Brothers Canoe Club	Queensland Sea Kayak Club
Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club	Sandgate Canoe Club
Fitzroy Canoe Club	Springfield Centenary Canoe Club
Gold Coast Kayak and Canoe Club	Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club
Greater Logan Canoe Club	Tinaroo Canoe Club
Indooroopilly Canoe Club	Townsville Kayak Club
Ipswich District Canoe Club (ceased in July 2016)	University of Qld Canoe Club
Karana District Kayak and Canoe Club	Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club
Kawana Waters Canoe Club	West End Canoe Club
Lourdes Hill College Canoe Club	Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club

### STAKEHOLDERS - PARTNERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Australian Canoeing Inc.</li><li>• Australian Sports Commission</li><li>• Qld Academy of Sport</li><li>• Department of National Parks, Sport &amp; Racing</li><li>• Local Governments</li><li>• Educational Institutions</li><li>• Employees – Staff, Instructors &amp; Assessors</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Affiliated Clubs</li><li>• AC Members</li><li>• Coaches &amp; Officials</li><li>• Volunteers</li><li>• Private Providers</li><li>• Canoeing Distributors</li><li>• Retail Outlets and manufacturers</li></ul> |
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## BOARD & DIRECTORS

<b>President</b>	-	Jerry Dunn
<b>Interested Director (Vice President)</b>	-	Allan Satterthwaite (until 25 October 2015)
<b>Interested Director (Treasurer)</b>	-	Phil Pegg
<b>Interested Director</b>	-	Mark Mustchin
<b>Interested Director</b>	-	Peter Cooke
<b>Independent Director</b>	-	Judith Holmes (until 22 October 2015)
<b>Independent Director</b>	-	Susan Mercer (until 12 November 2015)
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## MEETING ATTENDANCE 2015/16

The QC Board of Directors met on eight (8) occasions with attendance as follows–

Name	Position	2015					2016		
		18/8	22/9	12/10	9/11	14/12	10/02	13/04	15/06
Jerry Dunn	Interested Director	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Phil Pegg	Interested Director	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓
Peter Cooke	Interested Director	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
Mark Mustchin	Interested Director	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Allan Satterthwaite	Interested Director	✓	✓	✓	✓	x			
Susan Mercer	Independent Director	✓	✓	✓	✓	x			
Judith Holmes	Independent Director	x	x	x					
Allana Bold	Independent Director						✓	✓	✓
Leigh McBean	Independent Director							✓	✓
Greg Denny	Executive Officer			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## EMPLOYEES

<b>Executive Officer</b>	-	Greg Denny (29 Sep 2015 - present)
<b>Interim Executive Officer</b>	-	Phil Pegg (July 2015 - 28 Sep 2015)
<b>Operations Officer</b>	-	Michelle Scoccimarro
<b>Education and Recreation Officer</b>	-	Steve Rowland (11 Jan 2016 - present)
<b>Finance, Administration, Clubs Officer</b>	-	Rebecca Creighton-Kent (until 11 Aug 2015)
<b>Accounts</b>	-	Rachel Wilks (casual)
<b>Instructors/Assessors</b>	-	Libby Anderson, Tony Beutel, Jim Blyth, Allana Bold, Mark Hessling, Tony Hirst, Mark Lazenby, Brian McCarthy, Mark Mustchin, Marc Pitot, Pam Prescott, Gerry Rose and Matt Rowland

### CANOE SPRINT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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Chair	-	Matt Ingermann (from April 2016)
	-	S'Tfan Horne (Chair until Feb 2016)
	-	Cath Parker
	-	Mathew Rixon
	-	Alicen Warriner (from April 2016)
	-	Peter Gray
	-	Mark Rickard
	-	Christine Bain (Advisory)
	-	Glenn Pyne (Advisory)
	-	Andrea King (Advisory)
	-	Michelle Scoccimarro (QC Delegate)

### CANOE MARATHON TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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Chair	-	Vacant
	-	Lynwen Birch (Chair until March 2016)
	-	Ian Frost
	-	Chris Hurley
	-	Mark Rickard
	-	Sue Gallagher
	-	Glenn Pyne (Advisory)
	-	Michelle Scoccimarro (QC Delegate)
	-	Jerry Dunn (Board Ex-Officio)

### CANOE POLO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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Chair	-	Donald Leigh
	-	Adrian O'Keeffe
	-	James Monkivitch
	-	Karen Thompson
	-	Michael Thompson
	-	Liam Thierens
	-	Mike Dash
	-	Robyn Groundwater
	-	Michelle Scoccimarro (QC Delegate)
	-	Peter Cooke (Board Ex-Officio)

### OCEAN RACING TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE

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Representative	-	Julian Norton-Smith
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## TECHNICAL DISCIPLINES – CANOE MARATHON

### Canoe Marathon

The canoe marathon season since mid-2015 has been building on momentum from the previous year with steady participation at events and positive collaboration between athletes, clubs and governing bodies.

The **2015 Queensland Canoe Marathon Championships** were hosted at Varsity Lakes on the 8 and 9 August 2015. 130 athletes registered and contested a wide range of athlete categories and a challenging portage was navigated.

Following the State Championships, 29 competitors were invited to form a State Team to compete at the 2016 National Championships. A development camp was facilitated by Denise Cooper and was offered free of charge to State Team members. Thirty one attendees spent the day developing their skills on tactics, portages, washing ride, wash leading and understanding penalties.

The **2015 Queensland Canoe Marathon Schools Championships** had 140 competitors from 29 schools and was hosted at Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club. Pacific Lutheran College won the Trophy again with 200 points, Lourdes Hill College with 83.5 points in second, and Palm Beach Currumbin State High School in third, with 79 points. The numbers were again very encouraging, hopefully an indicator of a bright future for this discipline.



The **2015 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships** were held over the 11-13 September in Gyor, Hungary, one of the more notable countries represented in canoe marathon internationally. I travelled with the Australian team as Manager. The river levels were historically low for the competition, however the event itself showcased the incredible spectator support and excellent viewing and commentating from the ICF. Teagan Fraser from the Indooroopilly Canoe Club contested the Senior Women K1 race placing in 9<sup>th</sup> for Australia. Timothy Stenlake from Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club competed in the Mens Under 23 K1 event, and finished in the top 20 in a fiercely competitive field.

Mark Rickard and John Newton from Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club also represented Australia in the **2015 ICF Canoe Marathon Masters World Cup** held in Gyor, Hungary.

Once again, Queensland clubs hosted a number of successful races in the **Northern Marathon Series**. Currumbin Capers, the final event of the Northern Marathon Series was held on a beautiful September day where many paddlers from near and far threw their hat in the ring in a last push to see where the point tally would end up. For the second year running, Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club took the honours.

The marathon series takes a back seat to sprint kayaking and surf life saving during the summer months, although many athletes maintain their sessions as marathon-specific. The 2016 season ramped up again with the Chris Hurley point series interspersed with the 2016 Northern Marathon Series events.

The Queensland Canoe Marathon Technical Committee was kept extremely busy with the logistical planning for the **2016 Australian Canoe Marathon Championships**. The Championships were held at Coomera Lake on the Gold Coast and attracted 255 athletes from around the country and New Zealand, which was a considerable increase on the previous years. The course was technical and fair, and the portage long between beach exist and entry points. It was here that the National Team was selected for the 2016 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships coming up in Germany next month.

In February, Jerry Dunn conducted a Canoe Marathon Officials Course at Varsity Lakes. Eight members from around south-east Queensland attended and received their Australian Canoeing Officials qualification. Jerry Dunn also ran a course on the 20 March 2016 for the North West Canoe Club, and four members received their qualifications.

The Queensland Canoe Marathon Technical Committee encourage participation from any of our Qld paddlers and look forward to supporting this dedicated paddling community.



**Lynwen Birch**  
*Marathon Committee Chair*

# TECHNICAL DISCIPLINES – CANOE SPRINT

## 2015 Queensland Canoe Sprint Schools Championship, 25 October, 2015 – Lake Coomera, Oxenford

The 2015 Schools Championship were held at Lake Coomera, Oxenford again this year. The weather was kind to us again and we had record numbers racing as well – nearly 180 – a great response from all competitors and their schools. This year the Sprint Committee ran the event and feedback from everyone present was very positive.



The overall canoe sprint schools champion for 2015 was Pacific Lutheran College on 314 points and the recipient of the Coghill Trophy for great sportsmanship was Madeline Olm from Lourdes Hill College.

The top 5 overall schools were:

1st	Pacific Lutheran College	314
2nd	Lourdes Hill College	152
3rd	Palm Beach Currumbin	105
4th	Matthew Flinders College	61
5th	Ambrose Treacy College	57.5

## 2016 Queensland Canoe Sprint State Championships, 30-31 January 2016 – Lake Coomera, Oxenford

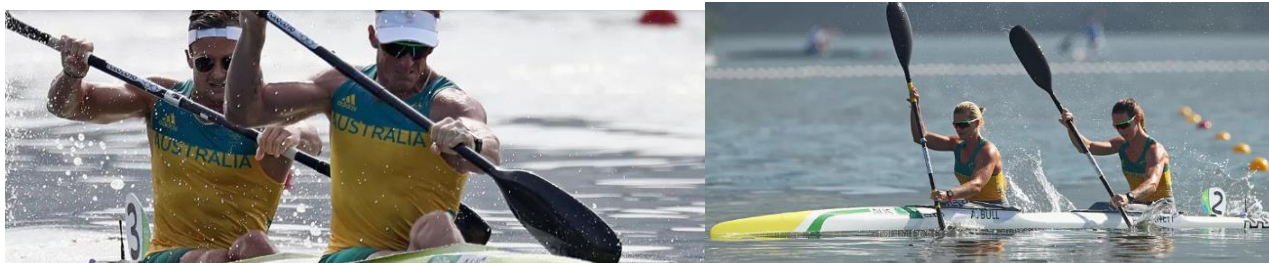
This year the 2016 State Championships were held at Lake Coomera, Oxenford. Again we had over 100 competitors and it was great to see some of our 2016 Olympians race at the regatta during what would have been a big training block for them. It is always encouraging to see the lift in young paddlers when these athletes are around. Weather conditions over the weekend were OK, with the head-cross wind making for tough racing conditions.

## 2016 Australian Canoe Sprint Championships, 2-6 March 2016 – Champion Lakes, Perth

With the logistics of attending a National Championships in Perth sorted out, racing got underway on Wednesday 2 March 2016. With this regatta doubling as one of the final selection trials for the Rio Olympic Team, competition was hot all week. The traditional afternoon wind in Perth, the “Fremantle Doctor” made for some fast times during some afternoon heats early in the week.

There were a number of fantastic results from Queenslanders, with the culmination being the announcement of 25 Queenslanders as members of the five Australian Teams announced following the championships.

- **Olympic Hopes Team** – Mackenzie Duffy, Tiarnee Massie, Gabrielle Parker, Alicia Fay, Sophie Butler, Isabella Gill, Erin Blanch, Lachlan Bancroft & Jonathan Gray.
- **Junior Team** – Joshua Jones-Rew, Caitlin Burt-Poloai, Tom Green & Benjamin Manning.
- **U23 Team** – Jordan Wood, Alyssa Bull, Bill Bain, Joel McKitterick, Jy Duffy and Brianna Massie.
- **2016 Rio Paralympics Team** – Curtis McGrath and Susan Seipel
- **2016 Rio Olympics Team** – Alyce Burnett, Alyssa Bull, Ken Wallace, Jacob Clear, Jordan Wood and Martin Marinov.



## **The Sprint Committee**

Following on from the first year of a reactivated Sprint Committee under the leadership of S'Tfan Horne, we have continued to work towards making improvements to the sport and give opportunities for more racing over the sprint distances, particularly for our younger athletes. Planning is underway for two half day regattas in 2016/17, following a similar model to that used in NSW, as well as our Schools Sprint and State Sprint Championships.

My thanks to the Sprint Committee members from this year and last year including, Peter Gray, S'Tfan Horne, Cath Parker, Mark Rickard, Mat Rixon, Alicen Warriner, Glenn Pyne, Christine Bain, Andrea Wood and also to the staff at Queensland Canoeing for their support and advice.

Being able to put on regattas requires support and hard work from many. Special thanks has to go to our volunteer Event Coordinator Cath Parker who has played a significant role in getting both the 2015 School Sprints and the 2016 State Sprints up and running. On behalf of the Sprint Committee I would also like to acknowledge the support of the following people and organisations:

- Local canoe clubs of Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club, Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club, Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club, Lourdes Hill College & Canoe Club for the volunteers;
- Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation for the supply of equipment;
- Gold Coast City Councilor William Owen-Jones for his financial support of regattas at Oxenford; and
- Queensland Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing.



**Matt Ingerman**

*Sprint Committee Chair*

## TECHNICAL DISCIPLINES – CANOE POLO

### ***2015/16 Winter and Summer Series***

The Qld Canoe Polo competition was conducted across a winter and summer series featuring clubs from across south-east Qld including Brothers Canoe Club, Springfield Centenary Canoe Club, Broken Paddle Canoe Club, Boonah and the newly formed Sunshine Coast Canoe Polo Club.

#### ***Winter Series***

- Round 1 – Boonah, 14 June 2015
- Round 2 – Sunshine Coast, 12 July 2015
- 3 on 3 – Brothers, 16 August 2015
- Round 3 & Finals – Springfield, 20 September 2015

#### ***Summer Series***

- Round 1 – Springfield, 15 November 2015
- Round 2 – Sunshine Coast, 13 December 2015
- 3 on 3 – Brothers, 14 February 2016
- Round 3 & State Championship – Boonah, 13 March 2016

### ***2016 Canoe Polo Open Day - Brothers Canoe Club***

Brothers Canoe Club invited local canoe clubs and interested/potential members to its 2016 Canoe Polo Open Day on Sunday 5 June 2016.

The Canoe Polo Open Day provided an opportunity to share experiences in attracting new members and learn more about one of the fastest growing canoeing disciplines in Queensland. Brothers Canoe Club being one of the few canoeing clubs with a waiting list of new members.

Clubs and interested/potential members had the opportunity to watch and participate in canoe polo games (no experience necessary), view facilities Brothers' club uses and understand equipment requirements, as well as, talk to coaches, parents and players and learn about this fun and inclusive team sport.

### ***2016 Canoe Polo Training Camp***

On the 15 -17 January 2016, The Queensland Canoe Polo Committee held a training camp on Lake Moogerah. With 30 players attending this was a great success. With 2 Coaches traveling from the ACT, James Harmer (Ex Australian Player rep) and Rowan Holt (Current Australian Rep and originally from Brisbane) this gave all players new skills.

The camp began with off water throwing and catching practice including several drills followed by paddle skills. After lunch it was onto the water for paddle stroke skills. This was very challenging due to the high winds and swell on the lake. That afternoon it was decided that we would have to change venue for the next 2 days.

Day 2 saw the camp move to Springfield Lakes. Thanks to Springfield club for allowing us to use their gear. Saturday started with shooting and goal keeping training. This was followed by offence skills.

Day 3 started with defensive training. After lunch it was time to put everything learnt over the past 2 and a half days into practice. With 4 teams made up everyone got 3 games in.



### **2016 Queensland Canoe Polo State Championships**

The 2016 Queensland Canoe Polo State Championships were held on the 13 March 2016 at Reynolds Creek, Lake Moogerah and were hosted by the Broken Paddle Canoe Club.

The competition was made up of teams from Broken Paddle Canoe Club (Boonah), Brothers Canoe Club and Springfield Centenary Canoe Club in Open and U16 Junior divisions. The Open final was held between Brothers and Springfield with Springfield winning.



*Photo credit to Mike Zupanc (Peak Pictures).*

### **2016 Australian Canoe Polo Championships**

From the 7 to the 10 April 2016, the Queensland Canoe Polo Committee held the 2016 Australian Canoe Polo Championship at the Miami Aquatic Centre on the Gold Coast. This was a very successful event with 200+ competitors in 27 teams across 6 Divisions. This Championship saw the introduction of an Australian Canoe Polo Championships perpetual trophy. It was won by Victoria.

The 2016 Australian Canoe Polo Championships saw Queensland enter a record 8 teams.



*2016 National Canoe Polo Championships - Qld Teams Open A (white) and Open B (maroon)*



The results for the 2016 Australian Canoeing National Canoe Polo Championships are:

<b>OPEN</b>		<b>JUNIORS</b>
Gold - South Australia	5th ACT B	<b>Gold - Queensland A</b> <b>Silver Queensland B</b> Bronze - Victoria 4th ACT
Silver - NSW A	6th NSW B	
Bronze - Victoria A	7th Victoria B	
4TH ACT A	<b>8th Queensland A</b> <b>9th Queensland B</b>	
<b>WOMEN</b>		<b>MASTERS</b>
Gold - ACT		Gold - NSW Silver - South Australia Bronze - Victoria
Silver - NZ Otaki club		
Bronze - South Australia		
4th Victoria		
<b>5th Queensland</b>		
<b>YOUTH</b>		<b>MICRO-JUNIORS</b>
Gold - Victoria		<b>Gold - Queensland</b> Silver - Victoria Bronze - ACT
<b>Silver - Queensland A</b>		
<b>Bronze - Queensland B</b>		

A special thanks to the 2016 Nationals Canoe Polo Organising Committee for their time, enthusiasm and energy over the past six months, including-

Donald Leigh (Chair)  
Chris Steel  
Don Steel  
Paul King Koi  
Lenore Solomon  
Peter McGrail  
Alicen Warriner  
Mike Wilson  
Karen Thompson (QLD Team Manager)

Thanks also to the Australian Canoe Polo Technical Committee, chaired by Ian Beasley for all their input, and all the other officials, referees and individuals who devoted their valuable time, effort and enthusiasm.

On behalf of Qld Canoeing, Qld Canoe Polo and the Australian Canoe Polo Technical Committee we would also like to acknowledge the support of the following organisations:

- Gold Coast City Council for their sponsorship
- Queensland Dept. Of National Parks, Sport and Racing
- Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation
- CPS, Titan Kayaks, Polo Mania, Canoe Innovations, Peak UK, Day Two.

A further acknowledgement of thanks for Gold Coast City Deputy Mayor, Councillor Donna Gates for her support and assistance with presentations for the nationals.



**Donald Leigh**  
*Canoe Polo Committee Chair*

## TECHNICAL DISCIPLINES – OCEAN RACING

Ocean Racing continues to grow in popularity with a number of local, state, national and international events on the horizon. The following is a snapshot of events from the last 12 months.

### Gold Rush Ocean Race

The Gold Rush Ski leg, a 17km paddle from Coolangatta to Mermaid Beach SLSC Gold Coast, acted as the Queensland Canoeing's Ocean Racing State Championship on Saturday, September 5, 2015. There were 57 individual entries with Qld Canoeing state medals were awarded to the winners of all categories.



### Alley Dash Series

The Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club has established a monthly Ocean Racing Series in 2016, the Alley Dash to support and encourage Ocean Racing in Queensland.

Support for the events has been strong and numbers continue to build. The Alley Dash includes categories for U19s, Opens, 35+, 45+, 55+ and Double Ski (female and mixed).

### 2017 Australian Ocean Racing Series

Australian Canoeing has recently announced there will be a 2017 Australian Ocean Racing Series with 11 events conducted nationally, including the **Gold Coast Classic Ocean Race** set down for 7 January 2017.

Australian Canoeing will use the 2017 AORS to award the National Champions and select the Australian Team to compete at the 2017 ICF Ocean Racing World Championships in Hong Kong.



We are looking forward to many more paddlers, races and great results.



**Julian Norton-Smith**  
*Ocean Racing Chair*

### Events

QC has sanctioned and supported many club hosted events throughout the year including the Queensland component of the Northern Marathon Series, the 41<sup>st</sup> Gregory River Canoe Marathon and the 6<sup>th</sup> Barron River Challenge. It was also great to see some new (or revived) races on the calendar – the Tweed Tumbulgum Classic on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015 hosted by the Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club and the Thorneside Classic hosted by Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club on 24 July 2016. As well as our regular State events, Queensland Canoeing hosted the 2016 Australian Canoe Marathon and Canoe Polo Championships. Other new events on the calendar this year included a Canoe Marathon and Canoe Polo Development Camp and plans are underway for two Half Day Sprints Regattas.

### Financial and General Administration

This year we implemented separate accounts for each of our disciplines within our financial structure. This allows each technical committee to understand and manage their discipline's financial situation and evaluate the range of activities they undertake each year. Our focus has also been on encouraging online registration and payment for our State events, and we hope to further work with clubs to develop their capacity to take registrations and payments online.

### Club Support and Membership

We focused our attention this year on providing additional support to clubs in order to facilitate the rollover of membership through the Sporting DNA system. We also encouraged clubs to renew memberships online and assisted clubs with set-up of online registrations and payment to streamline the membership process for clubs and members. Several clubs moved to collect membership fees online with payments direct to clubs (through the Ezidebit facility) reducing administrative time for volunteers.

### Grants

Many clubs have been successful in attracting grant funding over the past 12 months. The focus this year has been to identify and advertise the grants available to our clubs. We have supported a number of clubs in the grant application process for funding grants for next year. Congratulations to the Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club who were successful with a 'Get Playing Places and Spaces' facilities grant of \$81,576 for the construction of a boat storage facility to support water sports at Currumbin Creek. After much effort and frustration, building has commenced and the club will soon have their own dedicated home.

### Marketing and External Communications

This year we have increased our social media presence and have begun the redesign of the QC website in order to provide a simpler layout and give greater prominence to events and activities by our clubs, technical committees and QC. We were fortunate to have Alyce Burnett provide some marketing support in the lead up to our national events and were successful in engaging with the local press.



**Michelle Scoccimarro**  
*Operations Officer*

## SUMMARY OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

Discipline	Event	Host	Event Date	2016	2015	2014
<b>Marathon</b>	Tingalpa Trot	Wynnum Redlands CC	21 February 2016	<b>148</b>	133	174
	Marathon Development Camp	Canoe Marathon TC	27 February 2016	<b>31</b>	-	-
	Varsity Lakes Race (NMS R1)	Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club	13 March 2016	<b>135</b>	81	90
	Gregory River Canoe Marathon Race	North West Canoe Club	01 May 2016	<b>78</b>	144	120
	Barron River Challenge	Tinaroo Canoe Club	7-8 May 2016	<b>61</b>	89	50
	Wetland Wander (NMS R3)	Sandgate Canoe Club	22 May 2016	<b>130</b>	157	178
	Brisbane Marathon (NMS R6)	Brisbane Canoeing	17 July 2016	<b>83</b>	113	93
	Thorneside Classic	Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club	24 July 2016	<b>40</b>	-	-
	Maroochy River Paddle	Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club	14 August 2016	<b>289</b>	195	79
	Qld Canoe Marathon Schools Championships	Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club	20 August 2016	<b>138</b>	140	154
	Qld Canoe Marathon Championships	Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club	27-28 August 2016	<b>To be Held</b>	130	54
	Currumbin Capers (NMS)	Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club	17 September 2016	<b>To be Held</b>	144	122
	Tweed Tumbulgum Classic	Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club	13 November 2016	<b>To be Held</b>	37	-
	Varsity Lakes Race #2 / Series	Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club	Not held in 2016	-	153	266
	Karana Challenge	Karana District K & CC	Not held in 2016	-	-	28
<b>Sprint</b>	Qld Canoe Sprint Championships	Canoe Sprint TC	30 - 31 January 2016	<b>95</b>	100	104
	QC Half Day Sprints Regatta #1	Canoe Sprint TC	03 September 2016	<b>61</b>	-	-
	Qld Canoe Sprint Schools Championships	Canoe Sprint TC	23 October 2016	<b>To be Held</b>	179	140
	QC Half Day Sprints Regatta #2	Canoe Sprint TC	19 November 2016	<b>To be Held</b>	-	-
<b>Polo</b>	Canoe Polo Camp	Canoe Polo TC/ Broken Paddle CC	15 -17 January 2016	<b>30</b>	29	-
	Qld Canoe Polo Championships	Canoe Polo TC/ Broken Paddle CC	13 March 2016	<b>30</b>	45	-
	Canoe Polo Winter Comp	Canoe Polo TC/Clubs	June – Sept 2015		-	-
	Canoe Polo Summer Series	Canoe Polo TC/Clubs	Nov – March 2016		150	-
<b>Ocean</b>	Coomera Cup	Paddle2Fitness	Not held in 2016	-	45	42
	Gold Rush	Paddle2Fitness	Not held in 2016	-	57	55
	Alley Dash Series	Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club	Monthly (28/5 & 25/6)	<b>54</b>	-	-
Total				<b>1403</b>	<b>2121</b>	<b>1749</b>

## EDUCATION COURSES

Education courses and recreation programs were the responsibility of Michelle Scoccimarro until December 2015. In January 2016, Steven Rowland joined the QC team as Education and Recreation Officer, while Michelle was able to focus her attention on Qld Canoeing Events and Operations.

Steven is an Advanced Instructor for Sea and Whitewater Canoe & Kayak with AC Assessor Qualifications. His inclusion into the QC team has enabled a greater focus on increasing the number of recreation programs and participants and re-invigorating the ACAS and coach education programs.

Michelle deserves a big rap and thank-you for all her hard work over the past year.

### **Education Courses**

To re-invigorate the education courses a 2016 Education Program Calendar was developed and published. As a result, we have conducted 3 Lifeguard courses in May and June, with a further 7 courses currently scheduled (with 41 participants already booked) for July to December 2016. An additional 2 courses are also being planned.

### **Courses and Attendees**

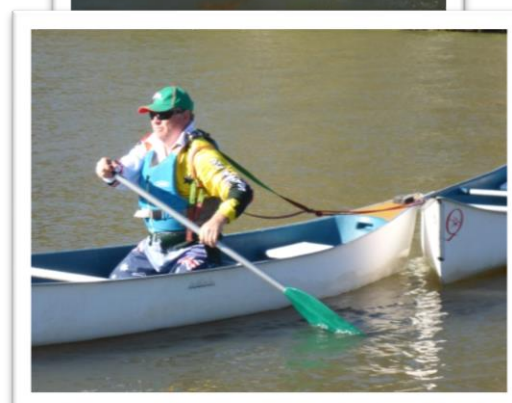
COURSE	2016 (Jan-June)		2015		2014	
	Courses	Participant	Courses	Participant	Courses	Participant
Lifeguard	3	16	6	22	5	29
Guide / Instructor			5	7	5	15
Coaching					3	22
Skills			2	10		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>66</b>

### **Australian Canoeing Awards Scheme (ACAS)**

As a National Training Provider (NTP), Queensland Canoeing both conducts ACAS education courses and provides ACAS awards for qualified paddlers through Australian Canoeing.

### **People Qualified with Australian Canoeing Awards**

AWARD	2016 (Jan-June)	2015	2014
Lifeguard	5	12	1
Flatwater Guide	2	10	4
Flatwater Instructor		2	
WW Guide		1	
WW Instructor			1
Coastal Guide	1		6
Sea Guide	1		7
Sea Instructor		1	1
AC Assessor			2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>



## RECREATION PROGRAMS



Recreation and community run programs are an integral part of Queensland Canoeing and link directly to our main funding from the State Government Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing, and our Strategic Plan by providing opportunities for the community to experience paddling.

We have continued to run a variety of our programs across multiple target groups for Local Government, including Brisbane City Council, Morton Bay Regional Council, and Logan City Council.

We are working closely with Redlands Shire Council and Gold Coast City Council to review delivery of recreation programs within these council precincts.

<b><i>Brisbane City Council</i></b>	Target Groups
Active Parks	<i>Singles, couples and families with kids aged over 10 years</i>
Chill-Out	<i>Kids aged 10 to 17 years during school holidays</i>
Gold	<i>Over fifties age group</i>
Gold'n'Kids	<i>Grandparents and grand-kids over 10 years</i>

<b><i>Morton Bay Regional Council</i></b>	Target Groups
Adventure	<i>Singles, couples and families with kids aged over 10 years</i>
Older and Bolder	<i>Over fifties age group</i>
Shaft	<i>Kids aged 10 to 17 years during school holidays</i>

In previous years we have been working with Logan City Council running the “Connect Your Creek” and “Row the River” programs. We have just been accepted to run regular recreation programs across the following groups.

<b><i>Logan City Council</i></b>	Target Groups
Krank	<i>Kids aged 10 to 17 years during school holidays</i>
Live Well Logan	<i>Singles, couples and families with kids aged over 10 years</i>

We are working closely with our clubs to link the delivery of council recreation programs with clubs. This has been achieved through launching of council programs from local clubs, linking recreation program participants into club programs and memberships, and engaging club volunteers to assist in delivering programs and sharing their knowledge and experience of local waterways!



Qld Canoeing have recently been successful in receiving a grant to run a recreation program with the Gold Coast City Council as part of their “Active Seniors Week” program. The program will be conducted in Currumbin Creek with paddlers encouraged to attend upcoming programs run by the Currumbin Creel Paddlers Club.

We continue to work with Currimundi Sport and Recreation Centre and Tunnel Ridge Camp providing instructors for their canoeing and kayaking programs, ensuring thousands of school kids annually have the opportunity to experience paddling and enjoy the natural environment.

Likewise, we continue to delivery school and community based programs including Lady of the Sacred Heart, Kin Kora State School, SEQ Water 'Play It Safe' Day, and Southern Qld Correctional Centre.

Recreation and Community Programs	2016 (Jan -June)		2015		2014	
	Programs	Participants	Programs	Participants	Programs	Participants
<b>Brisbane City Council</b>						
Chill-Out	7	90	11	154	10	103
Gold	9	118	19	238	18	188
Gold 'N' Kids	3	25			4	46
Active Parks	6	84	9	126	10	105
<b>Morton Bay Regional Council</b>						
Adventure	4	112	11	208	14	196
Shaft	1	26	3	48	4	56
Older and Bolder			7	120	6	80
<b>Logan City Council</b>	1	56	2	122	2	28
<b>Ipswich City Council</b>			1	22	1	28
<b>Councils (Other)</b>	4	56	6	234	9	154
<b>General Recreation &amp; School Groups</b>	1	20	13	778	24	1429
<b>Sport &amp; Recreations (Camps)</b>	22	929	34	1280	82	1995
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1516</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>3308</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>4408</b>

### ***Thank you***

Thank you to our hardworking instructors, assessors and coaches that have helped in the delivery and assessment of all the programs and awards throughout the year. Without their dedication our programs would be unable to run so successfully.



**Steven Rowland**

Education and Recreation Officer

## AWARDS

The Australian Canoeing Annual Awards were held on Sat 14 November 2015 at Rowers on Cook, Wolli Creek, Sydney. Many Queenslander's received recognition through nominations with the award winners as follows -

### **COACH OF THE YEAR: ANDREA KING (Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club)**

Andrea is Head Coach for Paracanoe, and has had the passion to develop paracanoeing within Australia. After 5 years of dedication and hard work the results are showing continual improvement. At the Paracanoe World Championship in 2015 the Paracanoe team one 3 gold, a silver and a bronze medal, with Australia topping the medal tally.

Other results achieved by Andrea and her athletes in 2015 include 12 national championships won by her Queensland athletes at the 2015 Australian Canoe Sprint Championships, 4 athletes selected to Olympic Hopes Team, and 4 paracanoe athletes selected for Australian Paracanoe team.



### **INSTRUCTOR AND GUIDE OF THE YEAR – BRIAN MCCARTHY (Queensland Sea Kayak Club)**

As a qualified Australian Canoeing Sea Kayak instructor, Brain has been a valuable asset to his club – Qld Sea Kayak Club. Brian's willingness to promote kayaking through training is unsurpassed in the club.

The many events, (Trip Plans, Training on and off the water, Trip Leader Training, and Grading paddlers) which he coordinated and implemented is a credit to his commitment not only to the club but also to other kayaking clubs in the area through organising and leading trips, skills training and conducting assessments.

Qld Sea Kayak Club can boast about having more club-qualified Sea Kayakers than any other club because of the volunteering work of Brian McCarthy.



### **SERVICE TO CANOEING AWARD: IAN & JULIE FROST (Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club)**

Ian and Julie Frost founded the Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club. They spend endless hours encouraging the development throughout southeast QLD. Specifically the Gold Coast. They have built the club from a small shed to a flourishing club that now has many national team representatives as well as world champions.

Julie and Ian also run many events from local marathon races to state sprint and school events. Next year they will coordinate the national marathon titles on the Gold Coast.

The amount of time over the years that they have put in is overwhelming. If anyone looks into what they have given the sport then you will see my nomination has only scratched the surface.

### **SERVICE TO CANOEING AWARD: SHANE DALZIEL (Kawana Canoe Club)**

Shane has been a coach of Kawana Canoe Club for the past 6 years and during this time has managed to coach numerous athletes onto the world stage. He takes 6 sessions a week. He includes everybody on the water, of any age at any level and includes all paddlesports. Shane makes the most of things and brings fun and enthusiasm to all sessions

Over the past year Shane has had 6 of his athletes in Australian representative teams, from open all the way down to Olympic hope levels. These athletes were new to kayaking having transferred over from Surf Lifesaving and were coached, mentored and developed by Shane. Although only a small club, Shane's ability to nurture his athletes to success seems endless.

**PARACANOEIST OF THE YEAR:  
CURTIS MCGRATH (Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club)**

Curtis knows how to overcome adversity. He demonstrated this again this year when notified the V1 was no longer the Paralympic event. In a very short period of time, he transferred from the V1 into the K1 and was determined to try and win the World Championships this year.

Curtis pushed the reigning champion in the heats with a victory but was unable to replicate this in the final coming 2nd. Curtis continued in the V1 and won his 2nd World Championship Gold in this event. Curtis also finished 2nd in the K1 at the Rio Paralympic Test Event.



**AWARD OF MERIT:  
KEN WALLACE (Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club)**



Ken continues to achieve highly at international canoe / kayak sprint competitions. At the 2015 World Championships Ken collected 2 gold and a silver medal. The gold medal for the K1 5000m was Ken's third consecutive World Title over that distance.

At the World Championships in Milan, Ken crewing with Lachlan Tame, won a silver medal in the K2 1000m. Dropping back to 4th with 250m to go the Ken's powerful finish pulled the Australians on to the podium. The same achievement at the 2014 World Championships. The next day Ken and Lachlan won the gold medal over 500m beating the Spanish crew by 0.788 seconds.

**TEAM OF THE YEAR – SPONSORED BY SPORTSCENE:  
KEN WALLACE (Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club) and  
LACHLAN TAME (OPEN MENS K2 1000m)**



2015 K2 500 world champions - Ken Wallace & Lachlan Tame.

The crew that was formed late in 2014 has stuck together and built on their performances as a crew. Their Silver medal at the World Championships in K2 1000m qualified 2 spots for Australia's Olympic Team at the Rio Olympics. The pair also won the World Championship Gold Medal in the K2 500m.

**AWARD OF MERIT:  
SUSAN SEIPEL (Brisbane Canoeing Club)**



After national and international appearances in paraquestrian Susan switched to paracanoe just 3 years ago with immediate good results at elite level. Her dedication and work ethic have resulted in her top results and fueled her desire to continue to improve.

Susan travelled to the World Championships in 2014 as a development opportunity which was highly beneficial due to at this year's world championships Susan improved on her 6th place in the K1 to the bronze and then also won the VL2 V1 200m by an incredible margin of 4.5sec.

### Queensland Canoeing Website | Number of Pages Viewed

[www.qld.canoe.org.au](http://www.qld.canoe.org.au)

Month	2016	2015	2014
January	6734	8386	-
February	5897	4405	-
March	5909	4758	-
April	4892	7505	-
May	4761	5225	-
June	3845	5866	-
July	-	8207	-
August	-	9544	-
September	-	4607	-
October	-	3653	4189
November	-	4540	4553
December	-	3992	3888
Total	32,038	70,688	12,630

### Queensland Canoeing Facebook | Number of Likes

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Year to Date	2016	2015
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**4170 Likes**

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## AFFILIATED CLUBS - MEMBERSHIP

CLUB	2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/2014	2012/2013	2011/2012
Breakfast Creek Paddlers Inc.	9	11	-	-	-
Brisbane Canoeing	41	63	48	51	25
Brisbane Dragon & Outrigger Canoe Club	-	-	-	6	6
Broken Paddle Canoe Club	43	39	26	39	37
Brothers Canoe Club	35	57	51	39	45
Cairns Kayak and Canoe Club	-	-	-	6	13
Currumbin Creek Canoe Club Inc	97	152	84	99	72
Fitzroy Canoe Club Inc.	40	33	34	40	44
Gold Coast Kayak and Canoe Club Inc	4	9	7	7	10
Greater Logan Canoe Club	15	11	11	14	11
Indooroopilly Canoe Club Inc	51	64	54	76	69
Ipswich District Canoe Club Inc	14	18	17	22	20
Karana District Kayak & Canoe Club Inc.	9	14	12	7	6
Kawana Waters Canoe Club	38	45	30	35	20
Lourdes Hill College Canoe Club Inc	-	1	1	1	25
Mackay Canoe Club Inc	7	6	6	5	7
Newport Waters Canoe Club Inc	24	24	21	23	20
North West Canoe Club Inc	30	45	29	55	41
Paddle Capricornia Inc.	27	33	27	25	14
Qld Sea Kayak Club Inc	102	112	82	95	80
Sandgate Canoe Club Inc	139	116	97	107	98
Springfield Centenary Canoe Club	15	21	18	26	17
Sunshine Coast Canoe Polo Club Inc.	1	8	-	-	-
Sunshine Coast Canoe Club	94	179	114	96	62
The Surf Kayak Club Inc.	-	7	-	-	-
Tinaroo Canoe Club	8	12	9	10	15
Townsville Canoe Club Inc	5	9	6	6	11
University of Qld Canoe Club	-	3	4	-	8
Varsity Lakes Paddlers Canoe Club	103	104	74	70	28
West End Canoe Club Inc	45	50	38	45	39
Wynnum Redland's Canoe Club Inc.	147	170	130	141	137
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1144</b>	<b>1416</b>	<b>1032</b>	<b>1148</b>	<b>1002</b>

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