

ANNUAL REPORT 2017 -2018



Photos: (top left) Chill-out participants at Logan River Waterford, (top right) Varsity Lakes Program with Merrimac State School, (bottom left) Canoe Polo Team at the 2018 Australian Championships, (bottom right) Volunteers at the Logan Paddle Series race



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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 2017-2018.

This Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of the services delivered by Queensland Canoeing Incorporated, the state sporting association to 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, Sub-Committees, 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 in line with our 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, by listening 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.

Clubs have been invited to include a submission of their respective annual report outlining activities, events and highlights from the year 2017-18 for others to review in years to come.

HISTORY OF QUEENSLAND CANOEING

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 Incorporated 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 to 44 age group and the highest percentage of members falling into the 45 to 64 age bracket. The percentage of the 0 to 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 Housing and Public Works. We also acknowledge the income from club membership, our recreational and educational programs and successful grant applications. In 2012, Queensland Canoeing celebrated its 50th birthday with a black-tie dinner in conjunction with the annual awards.

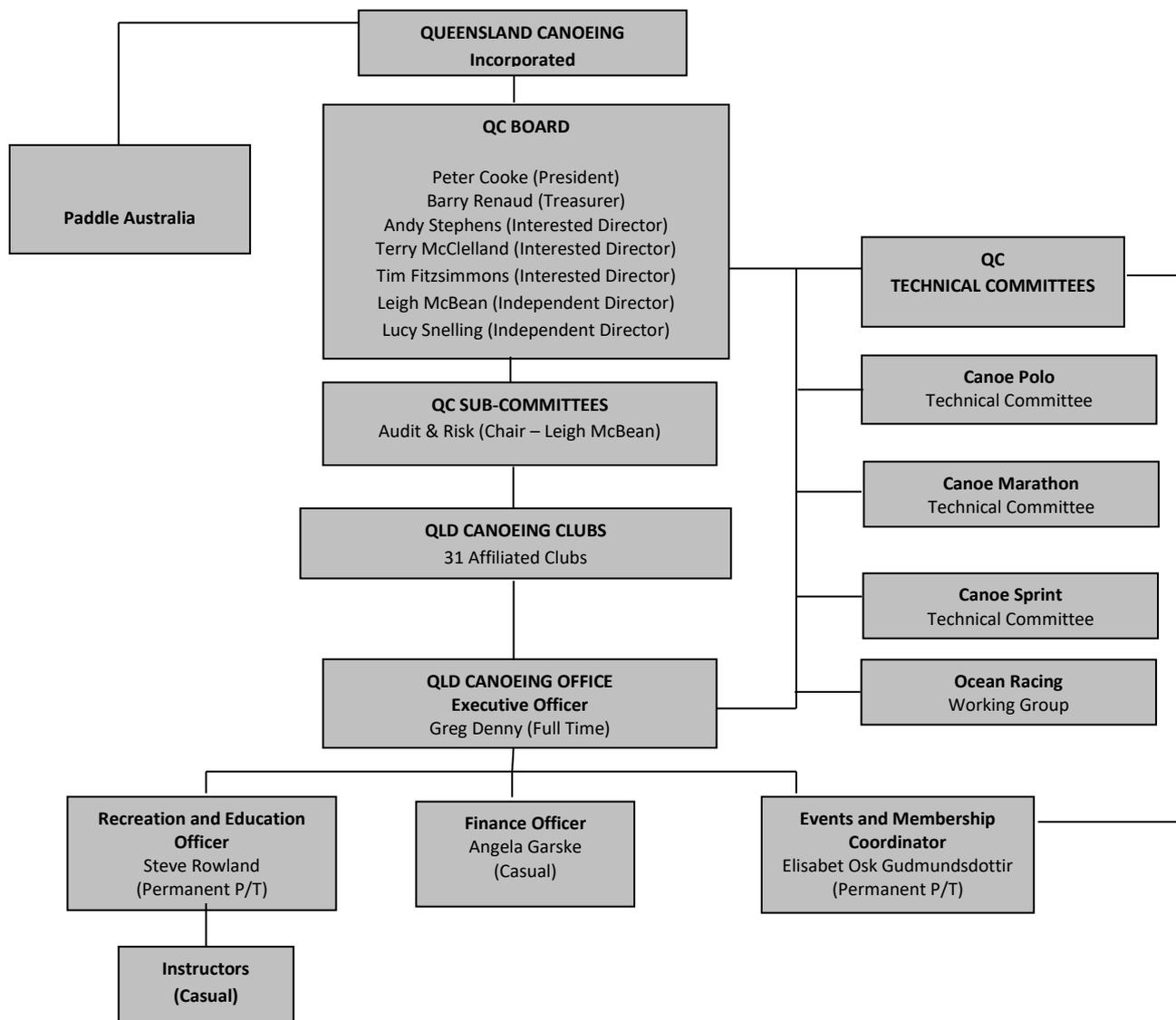
In 2018, Queensland Canoeing will turn 56!

Life Members

1981	Sally Anne Gardner	Indooroopilly CC – Service to the sport of canoeing in Qld
1981	Julie Robertson	Logan CC – Service to the sport of canoeing in Qld
1981	Gary Gardner OAM (dec)	Indooroopilly CC- Service to the sport of canoeing in Qld
1997	Keith Bromham	Maryborough CC – Service to the sport of canoeing in Qld
1998	Bernie Dobe	Tinaroo CC – Service to education and canoeing in general.
1998	Gary Innes	Wynnum Redlands CC – Service to education and canoeing in general
1999	Digby Huffam	Wynnum Redlands CC – Service to the sport of canoeing in Qld
2000	Lenore Solomon	Ipswich District CC – Service to the sport of canoe polo in Qld
2001	Keith Hemmings	Service to the sport of canoeing in Qld
2001	Craig Humbley	Frogs Hollow CC – Service to the sport of canoeing in Qld
2004	Myra Holm	Nerang CC – Service to the sport of canoeing in Qld
2004	Ian Muir	Indooroopilly CC – Service to the sport of canoeing in Qld
2006	Josephine Holman	Currumbin Creek Canoe Club – Service to the sport of canoeing in Qld
2009	Jeremy Dunn	Fitzroy Canoe Club – Service to the sport of canoeing in Qld
2011	John Newton (dec)	Currumbin Creek Canoe Club – Service to the Sport of canoeing in Qld
2017	Ross Cook	Service to the Sport of canoeing in Qld
2017	Chris Hurley	Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club – Service to the Sport of canoeing in Qld

CURRENT STRUCTURE OF THE ORGANISATION

QLD CANOEING ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I was elected to the role of President of Qld Canoeing in September 2017. Queensland Canoeing Board consists of Barry Renaud, Treasurer (Sandgate CC), Andy Stephens (Greater Logan CC), Terry McClelland (Tinaroo CC), Tim Fitzsimmons (Brisbane Paddlers/Currumbin Creek), Leigh McBean and Lucy Snelling (both Independent Directors). At the upcoming AGM Barry, Leigh and Andy will be resigning.

The QC Board has focused on new initiatives to grow business and revenue and reducing overheads, while remaining committed to ensuring our services to members and broader paddling community are maintained. The Board of Paddle Australia has likewise supported QC by offering delayed payment terms on AC affiliation in the short term. I am pleased to report that with this refocus we have seen a growth in memberships and revenue. On the plus side, we have had several new clubs join Queensland Canoeing in the past 12 months, including Ballina Outrigger Canoe Club (13 members), Brisbane Paddling (29 members), Norfolk Point Paddling Club (13 members), Magnetic Island Outrigger Canoe Club (15 members) and Panamuna Outrigger Canoe Club. Our clubs are busy in the new year, with many clubs proactively working on growing their membership (Sandgate CC the largest with 170+ members!), running their regular events – recreation and competitive and generally enjoying paddling in our great State.

Likewise, our discipline committees are busier than ever with 15+ state events, course & development camps to be conducted in 2018. The Sprint Committee hosted a one-day State Sprint Championships (27 January), their first Sprint Development Camp with assistance of Paddle Australia staff and the State Sprint Team went to the Nationals in Sydney (6-10 March). The Marathon Committee has reinvigorated the Northern Marathon Series into a divisional series (competing based on average speed, versus age/craft) in the newly named “Pacific Coast Paddle Series” – with races open to all craft types. The changes have proved very popular and paddlers are excited about the year ahead. Our Canoe Marathon State Championships and PaddleFest was hosted in 2018 on the Gold Coast at Winders Park, Currumbin (24 - 25 March 2018) and State Marathon Team attended Nationals in Adelaide (18 - 20 May). Our Canoe Polo teams attended the Canoe Polo Nationals in Adelaide on Easter week-end (31 March - 2 April) in Opens, Women's, 45+, U23, U18 and U16s with good results and we have two women in the Australian team competing in Canada at the Worlds. Tim Fitzsimmons (QC Director) has established an Ocean Racing Working Group whose focus it is to develop ocean racing and grow wider participation in Queensland. Ocean skis are now part of our racing classes. We have applied to host the 2019 Australia Ocean Racing Championships.

In other positive news, Queensland Canoeing has recently been awarded a Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant for an events trailer and equipment to support the running of events, programs, activities in Queensland. The trailer and equipment will be purchased over the next 3 to 6 months and will be made available to clubs and committees.

Looking ahead we have a new constitution ready to be voted on at the AGM. This will bring us into line with Australian Sports Commission sports governance principles. We will also voting on the name change to Paddle Queensland and a new logo as part of the national branding strategy of Paddle Australia.

Lastly let me acknowledge the great work of Greg Denny and the QC team. Greg will be at the AGM so it will be an opportunity for everyone to thank him. We have been inundated with quality applications for the EO position and look forward to making an announcement soon.

Peter Cooke
President



AUDIT AND RISK REPORT

The last 12 months saw a continuation of the Australian Sports Commission's 'Good Governance Principles' being adopted into Qld Canoeing's general administration. Six high-level principles of good governance were adopted over the last 12 months as part of QC's State Government Sports Development Program KPI's from which QC derives the majority of its government funding.

The primary improvements made were to:

- Update the Organisation's Constitution (which is one of this year's Special Resolutions at the AGM for approval by the Clubs). Updating the Constitution will allow QC to implement revised grievance procedures, new voting procedures, and the election of a Chair by the Board, and other matters in line with current governance recommendations;
- Develop a structure to enable an ongoing review of the Board's own performance and skills gaps;
- Create a rolling plan to review the Organisation's internal controls and procedures; and
- Creation of a Risk Framework and Risk Register from which QC can plan for, and reduce, risks across its operations.

The Audit & Risk subcommittee saw previous members in Jerry Dunn and Phil Pegg leave at the conclusion of last year's AGM in 2017, which was then followed by Director recruitment in Nov/Dec 2017. One of the three new additions to the Board in that time was Lucy Snelling, who joined the subcommittee in place of Jerry, as did our new treasurer, Barry Renaud, in replacement of Phil. For the calendar year 2018 the sub-committee was comprised of Lucy, Barry, Greg and myself.

Highlights for the year would include welcoming new members in Lucy Snelling, Tim Fitzsimmons, Barry Renaud and Terry McClelland onto the Board; preparing for the change in name from Qld Canoeing to Paddle Queensland; and managing through a tight cash flow position to remain solvent while focusing on the core activities of education, recreation and support to the technical committees across the various disciplines to ensure services are provided to those who need them.

Finally, farewell to our departing EO, Greg Denny, for honest and diligent service over the last 3 and a half years. We wish him all the very best in his new role outside of Qld Canoeing, and we look forward to welcoming in the new EO shortly.

Leigh McBean
Chair, Audit & Risk Committee



STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT

A new strategic plan for Queensland Canoeing was developed in consultation with members during last year, for the 2017-19 period. The 2017-18 period was a period of building on the plan.

Our vision, as outlined in the plan, is to see *“More People Paddling More of the Time”*, and our purpose to *“Encourage the development, growth and enjoyment of paddling in Queensland.”*

Our projects and focus is within 4 main pillars – **Participation, People, Places, and Pathways** and create the foundations for our Strategic plan.

Underlining everything we do we strive to achieve - **Good Governance** (monitored by the Audit and Risk Committee), **Partnerships** and **Communication**.

During 2017-18 we worked on a range of initiatives within the 4 pillars as outlined in the strategic plan to strengthen and grow the organisation and those it supports. Several of those initiatives are mentioned on the Executive Officers Report and also on other pages in this Annual Report. We will continue to work on implementing the plan during the coming year.

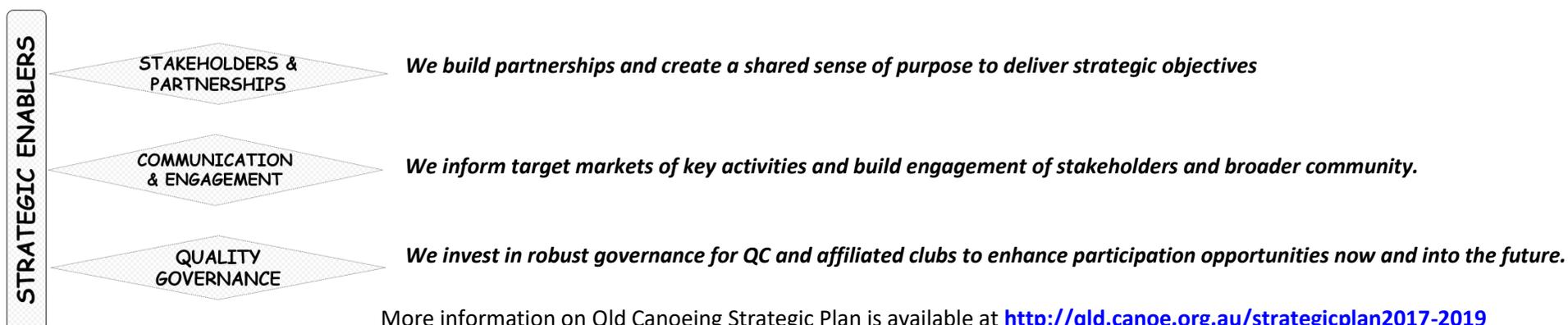
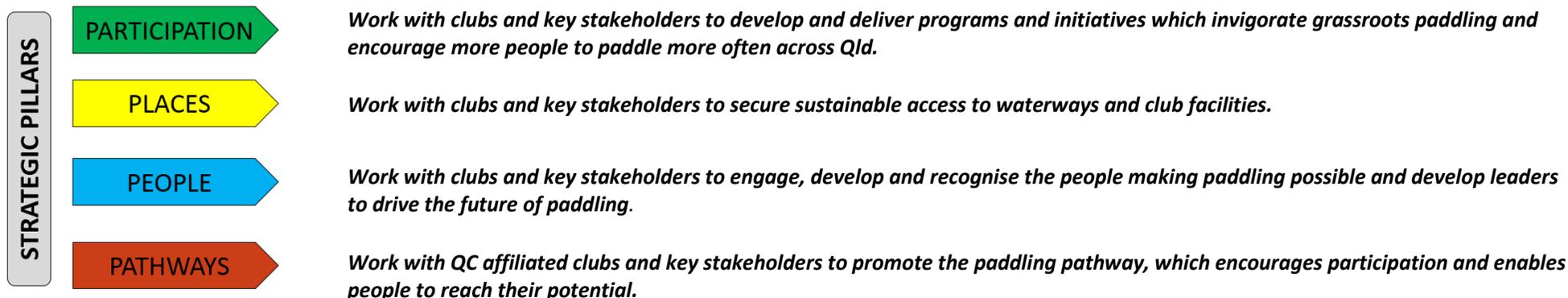
An outline of the Queensland Canoeing Strategic Plan follows and you can view our 2017 KPI's on the website at <http://qld.canoe.org.au/about-us/policies/strategicplan2017-2019/>.

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.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Queensland Canoeing continues to evolve and develop as we meet the changing needs of our sporting community. On 17 June 2018, we entered a new era as Australian Canoeing officially became Paddle Australia. Likewise, State Associations have also commenced rebranding with Paddle WA, Paddle SA, Paddle NSW, and other States to follow during 2018. Following our 2018 AGM, Queensland Canoeing will transition our name to Paddle Queensland.

QC Board

Peter Cooke was elected as the new President of the Board in 2017 - 18 and QC also welcomed Barry Renaud into the Treasurer's position, Terry McClelland and Tim Fitzsimmons as Interested Directors and Lucy Snelling as Independent Director. QC thanks the outgoing President Jerry Dunn for his many years of service as well as Allana Bold for her time as Director on the Board.

The Board has continued to focus on the priority areas of governance and strategy. We are committed to establishing a strong, vibrant and active organisation that supports and collaborates with our committees, clubs, members, stakeholders and partners. A major focus has been the development of new revenue streams to ensure Queensland Canoeing remains sustainable in the long term.

QC Staff

This year we welcomed Elisabet Gudmundsdottir as the new Events and Membership Coordinator, following the departure of Michelle Scoccimarro. A big thanks to Michelle for her contribution to QC over several years. Steve Rowland, Education and Recreation Officer and Angela Garske, Finance along with Elisabet have all been key contributors to the smooth running of QC operations.

QC Discipline Committees

Our sport is indeed very lucky to have the passion, commitment and expertise of our discipline committees to drive to the development, engagement and growth of the respective disciplines. The contribution of these committees and their desire to work collectively for the best interest of the sport as a whole has enabled QC to make significant strides over the past 12 months.

In 2018, we have seen paddlers embrace the new division concept in the revamped 2018 Pacific Coast Paddle Series with participant numbers, interest and exposure all through the roof. We have had an increased number of development camps for Sprint, Marathon and Canoe Polo attracting excellent numbers, increased event attraction funding with the support of City of Gold Coast Council for the Qld Canoe Marathon State Championship and Paddlefest (both for 2018 and 2019) – this year's event attracting over **200+** participants across the 2 days, a **150%** increase on previous year. Ocean Racing continues to emerge as a discipline of great interest with an increasing number of opportunities to be involved in clubs and state events.

A raft of Queensland paddlers have been selected across all age groups to represent Australia internationally, not only in the Olympic Sprint discipline but also in Marathon, Canoe Polo and Ocean Racing all with excellent results. A special thanks to our volunteer committees for their support of QC and our vision to have more people paddling, and on behalf of all paddlers for contributions to their respective disciplines.

QC Clubs

One of the huge strengths of paddling is that it is an activity for all ages, for all craft and all levels of experience and fitness. There is no doubt the strength of Queensland Canoeing is the diversity of our clubs – in terms of disciplines, activities and broad ranging demographics.

This year, we had a number of new clubs affiliate with Queensland Canoeing, including Brisbane Paddling Club, Magnetic Island Outrigger Canoe Club, Norfolk Point Paddle Club and Panamuna Outriggers Canoe Club. It is great to welcome new clubs to join and be actively involved in extending our paddling family.

Club membership continued to fluctuate for many clubs, however several clubs experience huge growth over the 2017-18 season, notably Sandgate Canoe Club (our largest club), Indooroopilly Canoe Club and Greater Logan Canoe Club. Overall, we saw a five percent increase in members in 2017-2018 from the previous year.

Club President meetings have continued to be a priority for the organisation to ensure there is open and transparent two-way communication. Attendance has continued to be strong with a culture of sharing and collaboration between clubs, committees and QC benefiting all within the sport.

A priority for 2017 was the re-establishment of the Queensland Canoeing 'Annual Awards' and on Saturday the 26th August 2017 we gathered at the Colmslie Hotel to recognise and celebrate the achievements of individuals and clubs that have made a significant contribution to the development of canoeing in Queensland during in the 2016-17 season. During the night, we also welcomed Ross (Rosco) Cook and Chris Hurley as Life Members of Queensland Canoeing, recognising their contribution to canoeing in Qld over many years! A big thanks to the clubs, committees and paddlers that supported the QC Annual Awards Night.

Stakeholders and Partners

We would firstly like to thank and acknowledged the State Government for their ongoing commitment to funding sport and active recreation opportunities in Queensland. Their continuing financial support enables Queensland Canoeing to continue to promote, engage and develop paddling across the state.

QC continues to proactively engage and advocate with government, Maritime Safety Qld, local councils and service providers to promote and champion active recreation, improve facilities and access to waterways, focus on water safety, and deliver education, recreation and events locally.

QC enjoys strong partnerships with Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation (QORF) and the Queensland Sports Federation (QSport) who represent our best interests in the respective interests of active recreation and sport within Queensland.

National Partners

Paddle Australia conducted a National Strategy Workshop in Qld at the QC Office on 19 March 2018. The workshop was well attended with 20+ attendees representing clubs and committees. Queensland Canoeing delegates also participated in a National Strategic Planning workshop in April 2018, as part of developing a new National Strategic Plan for 2019 and beyond.

Finally, as I leave the organisation in late July, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Paddlesports community for their continued support and friendship from the Board, Staff, Committees, Clubs, paddlers and our many volunteers - without whom, Queensland Canoeing simply would not happen!



Greg Denny
Executive Officer

OUR BOARD | STAFF

BOARD & DIRECTORS

President (Interested Director)	-	Peter Cooke (from 4 October 2017)
Treasurer (Interested Director)	-	Barry Renaud (casual vacancy from 6 September 2017)
Interested Director	-	Andy Stephens (from 10 September 2016)
Interested Director	-	Terry McClelland
Interested Director	-	Allana Bold (to 11 October 2017)
Interested Director	-	Tim Fitzsimmons (casual vacancy from 16 October 2017)
Independent Director	-	Leigh McBean
Independent Director	-	Lucy Snelling (from 16 October 2017)

 Peter Cooke President	 Barry Renaud Treasurer	 Andy Stephens Interested Director	 Terry McClelland Interested Director	 Tim Fitzsimmons Interested Director	 Leigh McBean Independent Director	 Lucy Snelling Independent Director
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MEETING ATTENDANCE 2017/18

During the 2017/2018 year, the QC Board of Directors met on seven (7) occasions with attendance as follows –

Name	Position	06/09	11/10	15/11	17/01	7/02	18/04	13/06
Peter Cooke	President, Interested		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barry Renaud	Treasurer, Interested		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Allana Bold	Interested Director	✓	✓					
Andy Stephens	Interested Director	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Terry McClelland	Interested Director	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
Tim Fitzsimmons	Interested Director			✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Leigh McBean	Independent Director	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lucy Snelling	Independent Director			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greg Denny	Executive Officer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

EMPLOYEES

Executive Officer	-	Greg Denny
Operations Officer	-	Michelle Scoccimarro (until October 2017)
Events and Membership Coordinator	-	Elisabet Osk Gudmundsdottir (from 23 October 2017)
Education and Recreation Officer	-	Steve Rowland
Finance (Casual)	-	Angela Garske
Instructors/Assessors	-	Jim Blyth, Allana Bold, Mark Lazenby, Mark Mustchin, Pam Prescott, Gerry Rose, Maxine Belling, Jon Bedford, Peter Smith, Dan Owbridge, John Simmons and Caz O'Neill.

OUR TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

Thanks to our Technical Committees and Representatives who contribute so unselfishly to conduct events, activities and opportunities to develop, improve and promote their respective discipline. Our committees and volunteers are a huge part of what makes Queensland Canoeing and their continuing support, enthusiasm and friendship is greatly appreciated!

CANOE SPRINT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

- Chair**
- Matt Ingerman
 - Cath Parker
 - Mathew Rixon
 - Alicen Warriner
 - Elisabet Osk Gudmundsdottir (QC Delegate)

CANOE MARATHON TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

- Chair**
- Vacant
 - Chris Hurley
 - Ian Frost
 - John Donkersloot
 - Peter Winton
 - Jerry Dunn
 - Elisabet Osk Gudmundsdottir (QC Delegate)

CANOE POLO TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

- Chair**
- Donald Leigh
 - Alice Croft
 - Chris Steel
 - Don Steel
 - Guy Stephens
 - Rob Atkinson
 - Elisabet Osk Gudmundsdottir (QC Delegate)

OCEAN RACING WORKING GROUP

- Chair**
- Julian Norton-Smith
 - Tim Fitzsimmons
 - Jeremy Cotter
 - Danny Topfer
 - Paul (Buck) Rogers

CANOE MARATHON – ANNUAL REPORT

John Newton Team Boat Challenge

This year started with the John Newton Team Boat Challenge. We started this event in honour of a mate we all knew and a person who put so much into our sport. The idea was to have a series of short races running throughout the day with the emphasis on team boat racing. All types of Doubles and K4's were the boats of choice. The day proved to be highly successful with around 70 paddlers participating. Two trophies were up for grabs - one for the club with the highest point score and the other trophy was a handicap point score trophy which gave a smaller club a chance to win. Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club won both trophies which was a fitting result for a club that John was so involved in.



School Marathon Championships

Our next major event was the Schools Marathons in August. We decided to take this event to Lake Samsonvale to be a little closer to the North Coast schools. The event was well run by the committee and many schools participated. Unfortunately the weather played havoc but with some course changes we managed to get through and everybody enjoyed the day.

2017 State Marathon Championships

In October we went back to Lake Samsonvale this time for the 2017 State Marathon Championships. We decided to do something different by running singles and doubles in the one day. This proved to be successful with increased numbers and with the weather behaving itself we all had a great day.

Marathon Development Camp

In January 2018 we held our Marathon Development Camp with Denise Cooper. This time we held it at the Coomera Regatta Centre. Denise concentrated on technique and skills. Attendees were pleasantly surprised how sprint tactics and skills can easily be transposed to marathon racing. This camp was by far the most successful we have had with about 65 paddlers attending.

2018 Pacific Coast Paddle Series

Over the past 12 months we have been putting together a new series for marathon paddlers to replace the Northern Marathon Series. We came up with a Divisional system similar to NSW but with more divisions and an emphasis on the new paddlers as well as our faster paddlers. This system puts paddlers with similar boat speeds against each other rather than age groups and boat types.

We run both long distance and middle distance Divisions as well as a junior and beginner short distance. Although it has taken a lot to put together and keep running smoothly it has proven to be very successful with numbers at some races nearly double previous years, an average of 110 paddlers in the first 6 races. We have 3 races to go with the last race being held at Currumbin on 29 September.

2018 State Marathon Championships and Paddlefest

The 2018 State Marathon Championships were held in March this year. This was held at Currumbin over 2 days. Day one was kayak singles. We also decided for the first time to add SUPs to our program. This proved to be quite successful with our numbers increasing. Day 2 was for kayak doubles. As Ocean skis are becoming so popular we decided to make our second day predominantly for skis. This would be a flatwater races and Ocean Race. Unfortunately, the Ocean Race was cancelled due to bad weather but the flatwater ocean ski races were well



attended. This event was well supported and we will be doing it again in 2019 under the same format. Thanks to our sponsors City of Gold Coast, Australian Paddler HQ, Paddle 2 Fitness, and Barz Optics.

State Team

In May Queensland sent a very competitive team to Adelaide for the 2018 Australian Canoe Marathon Championships. Our Queensland paddlers have done us proud with gold medals in open ladies, U14, U16, Vet 35 men's and medals in other junior and masters classes. We hope that this will continue for many years to come. Thanks to our sponsors of this event, Winton's Carpentry, Chris Hurley Kayaks and Australian Paddler HQ.

Lastly, I want to recognise the efforts of Erin Blanch finishing fifth at the 2017 ICF World Canoe Marathon Championships in South Africa. By reports received it was a very gutsy and enthusiastic effort. At the same championships Daniel Mole teamed with Mitchell Cronin (NSW) to record a top ten finish in the Junior Men K2. Daniel and Mitchell finished eighth. Both athletes were recognised by the Australian Canoe Marathon Technical Committee receiving the Junior Female and Junior Male 2017 Marathon Paddler of the Year awards.

Chris Hurley

Canoe Marathon Committee



CANOE SPRINT – ANNUAL REPORT

The Queensland Canoe Sprint Technical Committee hosted four events over the year. They were:

- 2017 QLD Schools Canoe Sprint Championships,
- Two half-day regattas, and
- 2018 QLD Canoe Sprint Championships.

2017 QLD School Canoe Sprint Championships, 22 October 2017 – Regatta Lakes, Oxenford

This year we saw 120 competitors from 32 schools across Qld, their coaches/teachers and parents/supporters participate in the 2017 Queensland Schools Canoe Sprint Championships at Lake Coomera.

Well done to the competitors, coaches and teachers at Pacific Lutheran College who were Overall Schools Champion again in 2017. Followed by 2nd Lourdes Hill College, 3rd Palm Beach Currumbin State High, 4th St Stephens College and 5th Matthew Flinders Anglican School.

Lauren Peters from Lourdes Hill College was awarded the Coghill Family Shield. This award is for the paddler who demonstrates outstanding effort, exhibits courage and determination, shows respect for officials and fellow competitors, supports younger and/or less experienced paddlers, and has the determination to improve in the sport of kayaking.

Half-day Regattas

We held two half-day regattas in 2017/18, one on 2 September 2017 with 65 entries over the 200m distance and the other on 18 November 2017 with 25 entries. The format of the racing and limited time taken out of people's days continues to get favourable reviews but finding the right time to hold these regattas in the already busy paddling calendar remains a challenge.

2018 QLD Canoe Sprint Championships, 27 January 2018 – Regatta Lakes, Oxenford

The 2018 QLD Canoe Sprint Championships were held at Regatta Lakes Oxenford. With just 80 competitors, we were able to run the championships over one day. An eighteen (18) strong Queensland team with an emphasis on juniors was selected for the National Championships in March 2018.

2018 Australian Canoe Sprint Championships, 6-10 March 2018 – Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith

The Queensland Team in addition to the Queensland based AIS and QAS athletes that competed at the National Sprint Championships acquitted themselves very well with the ultimate prize being selection on an Australian team.

Australian Team Selection

A number of Queensland sprint paddlers were selected on national teams to compete internationally, including 9 representatives in Team Australia that won the inaugural Asia Pacific Sprint Cup in Adelaide (11-13 May 2018).

The first-time event saw 136 junior and developing canoe sprint athletes compete in the U16, U18 and U21 age groups in the Olympic class events as well as mixed gender relay events. In its first edition, six countries competed at the event with athletes coming from Australia, Japan, Singapore, New Zealand, Tahiti and the Cook Islands. Points were awarded for each race with Australia winning the overall point score with 490 points ahead of New Zealand in second (407) and Japan in third (247).

The U16 paddlers from Queensland excelled at West Lakes.

Jenaya Massie (Kawana Waters Canoe Club) and Phoebe Wills-Grace (Kawana Waters Canoe Club) partnered up for three events and won gold in Womens U16 K4 500 and Womens U16 K2 500, while just missing out on a medal in Womens U16 K2 200. Jenaya also won the silver in Womens U16 K1 500 while Phoebe came fourth in Womens U16 K1 200. Phoebe and her crew took home the silver in the Womens U16 K4 200, while Chaise Richardson (Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club), Jenaya and other teammates came home third.

Chaise also came second in Womens U16 K4 500 and sixth in Womens U16 K2 200 while winning the bronze along with fellow Queenslanders Liam Warriner (Brisbane Canoeing) in Mixed Under 16 Relay 200. Liam also won the bronze in Mens U16 K4 1000 and 500 while coming fifth in Mens U16 K2 1000.

Queensland paddlers also had impressive results in under 18s. Anthea Warne (Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club) and Tiarnee Massie (Kawana Waters Canoe Club) came second and third respectively in Womens U18 K2 200 and 500 after teaming up to take the silver in Womens U18 K4 200. Anthea won the gold in Womens U18 K4 500 while Tiarnee came second in Mixed U18 Relay 200. Alicia Fay (Kawana Waters Canoe Club) came fourth in the Womens U18 K2 500, fifth in Womens U18 K2 200 while taking sixth in Womens U18 K1 500. Carter Brodhurst-Hill (Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club) just missed out on a medal in Mens U18 K4 1000 and 500 while coming sixth in Mens U18 K2 and K1 1000.

Joanna Charles (Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club) won the gold along with her team in Womens U21 K4 500, she also won the silver in Womens U21 K2 500 while just missing out on a medal in Womens U21 K2 200 and coming sixth in Womens U21 K1 500.

Despite the conditions which were very testing for the paddlers due to extreme winds and low temperatures they managed to put on excellent performances and we are excited to see where their paddling takes them.

Congratulations to Jenaya Massie (Kawana Waters Canoe Club) and Phoebe Wills-Grace (Kawana Waters Canoe Club) on being selected to compete at the Olympic Hopes regatta in Piestany Slovakia 14 to 16 September following their outstanding success at the Asia-Pacific Regatta.

The athletes selected displayed exceptional performances during the Asia-Pacific Sprint Cup and throughout the most recent domestic season. It is expected the six athletes selected to the team are at a suitable development level and are capable of producing quality performances in September in both K1 and K2 events. The Olympic Hopes regatta is recognised as one of the pinnacle International Canoe Sprint events for under 15, 16 & 17 athletes. It is expected the best under 16 paddlers in the world, representing over 35 countries will be in attendance, therefore providing an exceptional high-level competition for Australia's best under 16 athletes.



Matt Ingerman
Canoe Sprint Committee Chair

CANOE POLO – ANNUAL REPORT

Queensland Canoe Polo currently has four Canoe Clubs involved with Canoe Polo.

- Brothers Canoe Club
- Broken Paddle Canoe Club
- Springfield Centenary Canoe Club
- University of Qld Canoe Club (St Lucia)

Qld State Champs 2017

The 2017 Qld State Championships was held at Ambrose Treacy College on 24 November 2017, with 2 teams from Brothers Canoe Club, 2 teams from University of Queensland and 1 from Brothers Canoe Club. Congratulations to Brothers Canoe Club, the 2017 State Champions.



Nationals 2018

The 2018 Australian Canoe Polo Championships was held at West Lakes Rowing Centre, Adelaide, South Australia from 31 March to 2 April 2018. Queensland Canoeing sent 5 teams made up of 20 Queensland players.

The Junior Category (U16) consisted of a total of 5 teams, ACT, ACT Plus, Qld, SA & Vic. The Junior team went through the tournament undefeated. They proved to be the elite team in this category, showing that Queensland continues to develop the best juniors in the country. The Grand Final was played between Qld and ACT with Qld winning 5-3.

The Youth Category (U21) consisted of a total of 3 teams, Qld, SA & Victoria. With only one Veteran (35 years and over) team traveling to the Championships from Victoria, the organisers decided to include them in this category but they would not be eligible for the finals. Playing Victoria in the grand final the boys gave all they could but took the silver medal with a 2-10 loss. The youth boys should be proud of the way they played. Look out Victoria we will be back stronger next year.

The Masters Category (45 years and over) consisted of a total of 3 teams, NSW, Qld, SA & Victoria. The Bronze medal playoff saw Queensland defeat SA 2-0.

The Womens Category consisted of a total of 4 teams, ACT, Qld, Victoria and SA. The Queensland ladies were certainly competitive in all games, leading on several occasions. As a team that had never played together before the event, we acquitted ourselves well with all players extending their capabilities individually and producing passages of brilliant teamwork on occasion. Queensland placed fourth.

The Open Category consisted of a total of 8 teams, ACT, NSW, SA1, SA2, Vic1, Vic 2, Qld, and an International team. Queensland placed a great sixth.

Referees Course

On the 21 and 22 April 2018 Queensland Canoe Polo ran a referee course at Ambrose Treacy College with 15 participants attending. Some participants only attended to gain a better view of the rules. Ten participants sat the Australian Canoe Polo exam, and we now have 8 new qualified referees.



Coaching Course

On the 26 and 27 May 2018, Queensland Canoe Polo ran a Coaching Course at Ambrose Treacy College with 10 participants attending.

World Canoe Polo Championships

In August 2018 Anna Thompson and Alana Pacholke represented Australia in the Australian Women's Canoe Polo team. Full report will come next year.

Totally Wild

On the 23 June a segment on Canoe Polo aired on the TV program Totally Wild. Filming took place at Ambrose Treacy College. If you wish to view the segment please follow this link. <https://tenplay.com.au/channel-eleven/totally-wild/season-25/episode-66>.

Schools Program

Canoe Polo is now active in two South East Queensland Schools. Ambrose Treacy College continues with ongoing support. In May/June 2018 we began an introductory program at Brigidine College with 48 students participating with the program will continue in 2019.



Donald Leigh

Canoe Polo Committee Chair

OCEAN RACING – ANNUAL REPORT

In early 2018 an Ocean Racing Working Group was established with the following members:

- Julian Norton-Smith (Chairperson)
- Tim Fitzsimmons (QC Board Member)
- Danny Topfer (Brisbane)
- Jeremy Cotter (Gold Coast)
- Buck Rodgers (Sunshine Coast)

The group have held two meetings to discuss where ocean racing sits as an independent discipline, what races can be promoted and working with the Sprint and Marathon disciplines to hold joint events.

State and National Events

The Gold Coast Classic Ocean Race, which will also be the 2018 Queensland Ocean Racing Championships are to be held on 20 October 2018.

The working group has also been working in collaboration with Queensland Canoeing to develop a bid to host the Nationals in 2019.

Pacific Coast Paddler Series

This new series has seen a number of new ocean racing paddlers compete in calmer water events. The new 'Division Categories' where paddlers are grouped on average speeds, have greatly improved participation among the beginner and developing paddlers. This new format has led to paddlers being able to see improvements over the series. The Ocean Racing Committee congratulate and support the Marathon Committee's efforts to make this happen.

It's also great to see an increase in attendance of ski paddlers at the 2018 State Marathon Championships and Paddlefest.

Beach to Beach Ocean Paddle

The Panamuna Outrigger Club along with Mooloolaba Paddlers hosted the inaugural Beach To Beach Ocean Paddle on the Sunshine Coast on Saturday 16 June 2018.

The race is an Open Ocean Downwind paddle race for experienced ocean ski paddlers, Outrigger OC1, OC2 and OC6 paddlers, Stand up paddle boarders, and prone paddle boarders.

2018 World Ocean Racing Championships

Congratulations to Cory Hill who won the 2018 World Ocean Racing Championships in Hong Kong. Cory lives on the Gold Coast, Queensland, and is now the back to back World Champion! Congratulations also to Jeremy Cotter (Gold Coast Kayak & Canoe) who finished 5th in Open Men division, MacKenzie Hynard who finished 2nd in the Under 23 division, and to Tim Fitzsimmons (pictured) (Brisbane Paddlers Club) who won gold in the 40+ Masters category.



2018 Maui Jim Molokai Challenge

The 2018 Maui Jim Molokai Challenge saw a record field of 178 paddlers registered competing on solo and double surfskis, and one-man outriggers (OC1) on 27 May 2018

There were number of other Queenslanders that took on the challenge of the Molokai, among those three-time champion Clint Robinson (Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club), who finished 5th in 3:18:51, Jeremy Cotter (Gold Coast Kayak & Canoe), , came 8th with his two relay partners Shannon Eckstein and Caine Eckstein. Queensland Canoeing board director Tim Fitzsimmons (Brisbane Paddling Club) raced to the finish line in 3:46:46 landing him the 22nd overall place in the competition.

Tegan Fraser (ICC) backed up her win at the Australian Canoe Marathon Champs with a fourth place in the women's field. Fraser will be representing Australia at the ICF World Canoe Marathon Championships in Portugal in September.

2019 Australian Ocean Racing Series

This year's AORS will see two events in Queensland with the Gold Coast Classic and LifeFlight events continuing their involvement. Numbers last year were close to 200 paddlers in both events and this year we expect these numbers to grow with strong local entries.

Queensland Canoeing's Newest Club

We would like to welcome Brisbane Paddling Club. This new club was formed off the back of a group of social ocean paddlers looking to be part of an organisation as well as training and racing together. The club is now regularly racing at events in Queensland as well as National and International races. Members competed in the first ever 'Ski Race' at Qld Sprint Championships. We would like to wish them all the best going into their second year as a club as well as all ocean ski paddlers who are part of the Queensland Canoeing family.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff and committees of Queensland Canoeing for another amazing year. Ocean Racing is looking forward to many more competitors joining statewide clubs and competing in statewide events in 2019.



Julian Norton-Smith
Ocean Racing Representative

EVENTS & OPERATIONS

Events

This year QC has seen the growth of event participation in Queensland. The Northern Marathon Series went through significant changes at the start of 2018. The series moved to a divisional system where paddlers compete against those at similar speed to them regardless of the craft. The series also received the more inclusive name Pacific Coast Paddle Series. These changes have proved to be very successful and we have seen significant increases in the numbers of paddlers at each event and we hope to continue to improve the series and see even more paddlers at the events in the future.

This year the Canoe Marathon Technical Committee wanted to broaden the appeal of the event, be more inclusive of all paddling disciplines and get more paddlers involved in the event. The decision was made to move the Qld Canoe Marathon State Championships back to a two-day event, host the event in an iconic location, and include a PaddleFest of events, comprising of kayak and canoe event, plus a SUPs race, Flatwater Ski and Ocean Ski Race. Unfortunately, conditions were not suitable for Ocean Ski Race but it was great to see lots of paddlers join in the flatwater ski race. The Canoe Marathon Technical Committee also hosted the second John Newton Team Boat Challenge, which honoured the significant contribution of John Newton to canoeing.

Both Sprint and Marathon hosted very successful development camps and Canoe Polo hosted a referee foundation course as well as a foundation coach course. As usual, we sanctioned and supported many club hosted events throughout the year including the Queensland component of the Pacific Coast Paddle Series, the 43rd Gregory River Canoe Marathon, the 8th Barron River Challenge, Beach to Beach Ocean Paddle, Maroochy River Paddle and the Keppel Sea Kayak Symposium.

Financial and General Administration

This year we have continued to focus on supporting clubs to develop online registration and payment for club events and use of the online results system Webscorer. The Pacific Coast Paddle Series now uses Webscorer as their preferred timing system and we would like to thank Julie Frost who has not only led the way in implementing the system but has also attended club events to assist with the use of Webscorer.

Club Support and Membership

This year we have seen more clubs use the online membership renewal system, Sporting DNA. More clubs have moved to collect membership fees online with payments direct to clubs (through the Ezidebit facility) reducing administrative time for volunteers. We have seen a number of new clubs become affiliated with QC and we aim to continue to support our club committees to move to the online membership system next year.

Marketing and External Communications

This year we have continued to focus on improving our social media presence through our www.facebook.com/QLDCanoeing page. Our web page www.qld.canoe.org.au will be updated later this year to coincide with the organisation's rebranding. We have continued to produce our monthly e-newsletter, showcasing club events and activities, discipline and state events, recreation activities, education courses, and the performances of our competitive athletes. We encourage clubs to share stories, events and activities through social media and send articles of interest for inclusion in our monthly e-newsletter.

Grants

QC have continued to advise clubs of available grants and regularly assist clubs in reviewing their grant applications. Congratulations to the following clubs for their successful applications:

- **Broken Paddle Canoe Club**

- *Australian Government Volunteer Grant* of \$4000 to fund 6 members to attend the Referee and Coaching Courses; upgrade to a new laptop and reimburse petrol costs for volunteers.
- *Scenic Rim Council Volunteer's Grant* to purchase 6 double sit on tops with trailer which often are the backbone of our novice paddlers and come and try days.

- **Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club**

- *Gambling Community Benefit Fund* grant (Round 95) of \$6,240 for construction of a new fence.

QC was also successful in their Gambling Community Benefit Fund application for a new event trailer which will be very useful for clubs and QC in the running of events

Elisabet Gudmundsdottir

Events and Membership Coordinator

SUMMARY OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

Discipline	Event	Host	Event Date	2018	2017	2016
Marathon	Tingalpa Trot	Wynnum Redlands CC	16-Feb-18	90	59	148
	Marathon Development Camp 1	Canoe Marathon TC	14-Jan-18	48	38	31
	Marathon Development Camp 2	Canoe Marathon TC / Varsity Paddlers Club	Postponed	-	41	28
	Varsity Lakes Race 1	Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club	-	-	64	135
	Varsity Lakes Race #2 (PCPS R1)	Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club	11-Mar-18	122	114	0
	Logan River Race (PCPS R2)	Greater Logan Canoe Club	22-Apr-18	116	-	-
	Gregory River Canoe Marathon Race	North West Canoe Club	6-May-18	154	113	78
	Barron River Challenge	Tinaroo Canoe Club	12-13 May 18	34	35	61
	Wetlands Wander (PCPS R4)	Sandgate Canoe Club	3-Jun-18	141	128	130
	John Newton Team Boat Challenge	Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club	1-Jul-18	65	107	-
	Brisbane River Marathon (PCPS R6)	Brisbane Canoeing	29-Jul-18	13	68	83
	Thorneside Classic (PCPS R7)	Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club	26-Aug-18	TBH	-	40
	Maroochy River Paddle	Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club	12-Aug-18	TBH	200	289
	Qld Canoe Marathon Schools Championships	Wynnum Redlands CC	19-Aug-18	TBH	131	138
	Qld Canoe Marathon Championships	Wynnum Redlands CC	24-25 Mar 18	154	84	80
	Currumbin Capers (PCPS R9)	Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club	30-Sep-18	TBH	97	87
Tweed Tumbulgum Classic (PCPS R5)	Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club	15-Jul-18	107	18	30	
Sprint	Qld Canoe Sprint Championships	Canoe Sprint TC	27-Jan-18	80	92	95
	Sprint Development Camp 1	Canoe Sprint TC	3-Feb-18	17	-	-
	QC Half Day Sprints Regatta #1	Canoe Sprint TC	1-Sep-18	TBH	64	61
	Qld Canoe Sprint Schools Championships	Canoe Sprint TC	21-Oct-18	TBH	118	143
	QC Half Day Sprints Regatta #2	Canoe Sprint TC	1-Dec-18	TBH	26	28
Polo	Canoe Polo Camp	Canoe Polo TC	6-Oct-18	TBH	-	30
	Qld Canoe Polo State Championships	Canoe Polo TC	14-Oct-18	TBH	25	30
	Canoe Polo Winter Series	Canoe Polo TC/Clubs	1-22 Jul 18	21	-	0
	Canoe Polo Summer Series	Canoe Polo TC/Clubs	TBD	-	-	80
	Beach to Beach Ocean Paddle	Panamuna Outrigger Club	16-Jun-18	117	-	-
	Queensland Ocean Racing Championships	Gold Coast Prone Paddleboard Club	20 -Oct 18	TBH	81	-
	Alley Dash Series	Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club	-	-	-	54
Total				1279	1703	1879

TBH – To be held

TBD – To be decided

EDUCATION

The introduction of the education calendar and its ongoing promotion has seen the number of courses, participants and ratios increase steadily over the last 2½ years. In the first half of this year (Jan to Jun 2018) we ran 10 courses with 52 participants.

Courses have not just been restricted to flat water and Brisbane. We have also travelled to regional areas; Hervey Bay, Dalton and Cloncurry and run our first Enclosed Sea Guide Assessment at Victoria Point.



Education Courses	2017 - 2018		2016 - 2017		2015 - 2016		2014 - 2015	
	Course	Pax	Course	Pax	Course	Pax	Course	Pax
Lifeguard	3	14	7	40	5	26	4	12
Guide/Inst' Train	6	32	5	25	1	2	2	3
Guide/Inst' Assess	3	17	3	12	1	2	1	1
Coaching	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0
Skills	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	10
Total	13	66	16	83	7	30	9	26

Pax per course	5.1	5.2	4.3	2.9
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Income from courses increased from \$6,423 in 2014 - 2015 to \$27,253 in 2017 - 2018. Income for 2017 - 2018 is lower than the previous year due to the travel and accommodation costs to Cloncurry being paid by Cloncurry Council, with a total income for the last 6 months of \$20,652.

Education Income	2017 - 2018	2016 - 2017	2015 - 2016	2014 - 2015
	\$27,253	\$32,551	\$10,806	\$6,423



Paddle Australia Qualification Scheme (PAQS)

As a National Training Provider (NTP), Queensland Canoeing conducts education courses and provides PAQS awards for qualified paddlers through Paddle Australia. The following table lists the number of course attendees that received their qualification.

AWARD	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015
Lifeguard	18	17	14	8
Flatwater Guide	9	7	6	7
Flatwater Instructor	0	0	0	2
White Water Guide	0	0	0	1
White Water Instructor	1	1	0	0
Coastal Guide	0	7	1	0
Enclosed Sea Guide	0	0	0	0
Enclosed Sea Instructor	0	0	0	0
Sea Guide	1	2	2	0
Sea Instructor	1	0	0	1
AC Assessor	0	0	0	0
AC Coach	1	0	0	0
Other	0	0	1	0
Total	31	34	24	19

RECREATION



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, Logan City Council and Gold Coast Council as part of Seniors Week.

In the last year we have been working closely with Redland City Council, being involved in their “Embrace the Bay” and “Active Pop-Ups” for kids, as part of their Active and Healthy programs.

Brisbane City Council	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>Seniors and children / grand-kids over 10 years</i>
Morton Bay Regional Council	
Adventure	<i>Singles, couples and families with kids aged over 10 years</i>
Older and Bolder	<i>Over fifties age group</i>
Active Holidays	<i>Kids aged 10 to 17 years during school holidays</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!

We continue to work with Currimundi Sport and Recreation Centre and Tunnel Ridge Camp providing instructors when they require additional staff for their paddling programs, ensuring thousands of school kids annually have the opportunity to experience paddling and enjoy the natural environment. Likewise, we continue to deliver school and community based programs including to Lady of the Sacred Heart and Osprey House.

Over the past three years there has been a 34% increase in Council programs and a 72% increase in participants. The latter is attributed to a small fee now being charged when booking onto programs and a data base of participants now used to advertise upcoming programs and cancellations of places.

Recreation and Community Programs	2017 - 2018		2016 - 2017		2015 - 2016		2014 - 2015	
	Program	Pax	Program	Pax	Program	Pax	Program	Pax
Brisbane City Council								
Chill-Out	7	103	14	198	14	188	8	87
Gold	20	290	17	238	18	234	19	219
Gold 'N' Kids	3	33	6	78	3	25	2	18
Active Parks	14	206	13	176	10	140	9	106
Morton Bay Regional Council	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adventure	12	265	11	289	9	232	12	172
Shaft	5	137	5	140	2	42	4	60
Older and Bolder	6	151	4	112	7	120	6	80
Logan City Council	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Krank	6	64	8	80	0	0	0	0
Live Well	0	0	5	83	0	0	0	0
Other	2	120	1	56	2	140	2	52
Gold Coast Council	1	14	1	12	0	0	0	0
Redlands City Council	9	160	0	0	0	0	1	22
Councils (Other)	9	223	9	128	7	140	7	212
<i>sub-total council programs</i>	94	1766	94	1590	72	1261	70	1028
General Recreation & School Groups	10	529	10	1568	13	778	18	1377
Sport & Receptions (Camps)	20	840	47	1960	27	1133	54	1100
TOTAL	124	3135	151	5118	112	3172	142	3505

A big thank you to all our hardworking instructors, assessors and coaches that have helped in the delivery 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

QC AWARDS

AWARD CATEGORY	WINNER	NOMINEES	
CANOEIST OF THE YEAR		<p>SUSAN SEIPEL (Brisbane Canoeing)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alyce Burnett (Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club) - Alyssa Bull (Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club) - Curtis McGrath (Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club) - Susan Seipel (Brisbane Canoeing)
JUNIOR CANOEIST OF THE YEAR		<p>ANTHEA WARNE (Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Erin Blanch (Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club) - Mackenzie Duffy (Kawana Waters Canoe Club) - Daniel Mole (Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club) - Jack Steel (Brothers Canoe Club) - Anthea Warne (Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club)
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR		<p>GRANT EPPLE (Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant Epple (Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club) - Brenda Hurley (Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club) - Dave Peters (Brothers Canoe Club) - Alison Whitehead (North West Canoe Club)
COACH OF THE YEAR		<p>ANDREA KING (Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrea King (Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club) - Sharon Kyme (Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club) - Matthew Ingerman (Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club) - Julian Norton-Smith (Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club)

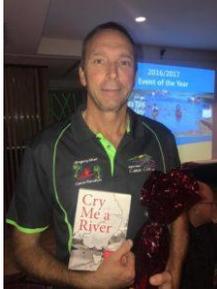
CLUB OF THE YEAR – SOUTHERN QLD



**WYNNUM
REDLANDS CANOE
CLUB**

- Brothers Canoe Club
- Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club
- Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club

EVENT OF THE YEAR



**GREGORY RIVER
CANOE MARATHON**
(North West Canoe Club)

- **Alley Dash** (Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club)
- **Gregory River Canoe Marathon** (North West Canoe Club)

PHOTO OF THE YEAR



'DAWN PARADISE'
by Matthew Mason

- **Natural beauty of the Gregory River** (Amanda Rankin)
- **Dawn Paradise** (Matthew Mason)
- **Off shore, Currumbin Beach** (John Prince)
- **Currumbin Creek Juniors** (Suzanne Maclachlan)
- **Reflections** (Steve Belcher)

**MASTER CANOEIST
OF THE YEAR**



PETER WINTON
(Varsity Lakes
Paddlers Club)

**INSTRUCTOR/GUIDE
OF THE YEAR**



ALLANA BOLD

LIFE MEMBERS



ROSS COOK



CHRIS HURLEY

AUSTRALIAN CANOEING AWARDS

The 2017 Australian Canoeing Annual Awards were held at the Mantra Legends on the Gold Coast on the evening of Saturday 4th November 2017. The following Queenslanders were triumphant in their respective categories!

2017 AC ANNUAL AWARDS

**CANOEIST OF THE YEAR –
NON-OLYMPIC DISCIPLINE
WINNER**



ALYCE BURNETT (Sunshine Coast Paddlesports)

**PARACANOEIST OF THE YEAR
WINNER**



CURTIS MCGRATH (Varsity Lakes Paddlers)

**JUNIOR CANOEIST OF THE
YEAR:
WINNER**



ERIN BLANCH (Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club)

**TEAM OF THE YEAR:
WINNER**



SENIOR MEN'S K4 1000M:

- **KEN WALLACE** (Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club)
- **JORDAN WOOD** (Gold Coast Kayak and Canoe)
- **MURRAY STEWART**
- **RILEY FITZSIMMONS**

**COACH OF THE YEAR:
WINNER**



ANDREA KING (Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club)

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD:
WINNER**



ERIN BLANCH (Currumbin
Creek Paddlers Club)

**AWARD OF MERIT:
WINNER**



ALYSSA BULL (Sunshine Coast
Paddlesports Club)

**AWARD OF MERIT:
WINNER**



SUSAN SEIPEL (Brisbane
Canoeing)

**SERVICES TO CANOEING:
WINNER**



ROSS COOK (Sandgate Canoe
Club)

**2017 HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEE**



CLINT ROBINSON

**2017 HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEE**



GARY GARDNER

2017 AUSTRALIAN CANOE MARATHON PADDLER OF THE YEAR

**2017 AUSTRALIAN CANOE
MARATHON PADDLER OF THE
YEAR: JUNIOR MALE
WINNER**



DANIEL MOLE (Wynnum
Redlands Canoe Club)

**2017 AUSTRALIAN CANOE
MARATHON PADDLER OF THE
YEAR: JUNIOR FEMALE
WINNER**



ERIN BLANCH (Currumbin
Creek Paddlers Club)

OTHER AWARDS



2017 QUEENSLAND SPORT AWARDS

'PETER LACEY AWARD' FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE WINNER



Alyce Burnett (Canoeing)

'PETER LACEY AWARD' FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE FINALIST



Curtis McGrath (Paracanoe)

'PETER LACEY AWARD' FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE FINALIST



Ken Wallace OAM (Canoeing)

QUEENSLAND SPORT ATHLETE WITH A DISABILITY FINALIST



Susan Seipel (Paracanoe)

QUEENSLAND SPORT ATHLETE WITH A DISABILITY FINALIST



Curtis McGrath (Paracanoe)

COACH OF THE YEAR FINALIST



Andrea King (Paracanoe)



SPORTING WHEELIES
AND DISABLED ASSOCIATION

2017 SPORTING WHEELIES AND DISABLED ASSOCIATION ANNUAL AWARDS

**OPEN FEMALE ATHLETE OF
THE YEAR
FINALIST**



Susan Seipel (Paracanoe)

AFFILIATED CLUBS - MEMBERSHIP

Queensland Canoeing has thirty-one (31) affiliated clubs in operation during the 2017-18.

CLUB	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/2014
Ballina Outriggers Canoe Club	13	0	-	-	-
Breakfast Creek Paddlers Inc.	-	-	9	11	-
Brisbane Canoeing	34	43	41	63	48
Brisbane Paddling Club	29	-	-	-	-
Brisbane Dragon & Outrigger Canoe Club	0	0	0	0	0
Broken Paddle Canoe Club	20	31	43	39	26
Brothers Canoe Club	30	35	35	57	51
Currumbin Creek Canoe Club Inc	80	90	97	152	84
Fitzroy Canoe Club Inc.	35	39	40	33	34
Gold Coast Kayak and Canoe Club Inc	7	7	4	9	7
Greater Logan Canoe Club	24	15	15	11	11
Indooroopilly Canoe Club Inc	78	46	51	64	54
Ipswich District Canoe Club Inc	-	-	14	18	17
Karana District Kayak & Canoe Club Inc.	6	7	9	14	12
Kawana Waters Canoe Club	25	30	38	45	30
Lourdes Hill College Canoe Club Inc	0	0	0	1	1
Mackay Canoe Club Inc	3	4	7	6	6
Magnetic Island Outrigger Canoe Club	15	-	-	-	-
Newport Waters Canoe Club Inc	21	23	24	24	21
Norfolk Point Paddling Club	13	-	-	-	-
North West Canoe Club Inc	39	47	30	45	29
Paddle Capricornia Inc.	15	21	27	33	27
Programme – Qld Canoeing	14	-	-	-	-
Qld Sea Kayak Club Inc	82	92	102	112	82
Sandgate Paddling Club Inc	170	142	139	116	97
Springfield Centenary Canoe Club	12	14	15	21	18
Sunshine Coast Canoe Polo Club Inc.	-	-	1	8	-
Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club	61	75	94	179	114
The Surf Kayak Club Inc.	-	-	-	7	-
Tinaroo Canoe Club	12	13	8	12	9
Townsville Canoe Club Inc	12	14	5	9	6
University of Qld Canoe Club	0	0	0	3	4
Varsity Lakes Paddlers Canoe Club	105	84	103	104	74
West End Canoe Club Inc	40	43	45	50	38
Wynnum Redland's Canoe Club Inc.	106	124	147	170	130
TOTALS	1101	1039	1144	1416	1032

QUEENSLAND AFFILIATED CLUB – REPORTS

Queensland Canoeing invited our affiliated clubs to submit reports for inclusion in the QC Annual Report. This provides a great opportunity for Clubs to record the year's highlights for others to view in years to come.

BRISBANE CANOEING

The club has enjoyed a good year with members performing well in racing events along with continued demand for the clubs Intro to Kayaking sessions for new comers. Memberships have begun to creep back up however the clubs quest for a re-establishment of a permanent storage shed appears still a distant dream with ability to use council park land and go through the process a job presently too large.



For a relatively small club, a good portion are competing regularly at all levels. We are well represented at all events including the Pacific Coast Paddles Series, at least ten members at State events, 9 at National events and 3 members competing at International level.

Seven members competed at National Level in the Australian Canoe Marathon Champs including five juniors. At the National Marathon Champs Eva Hosking took gold, Stella Hosking Silver, Thomas and Samuel King Koi Silver in the K2, Jack Cuddihy competed at his first Nationals after only 12 months paddling and Stuart Bryson made the Australian Masters Team to compete in Portugal. In Sprint Kayak, Liam Warriner and Susan Seipel competed at National Championships and were both selected to Australian teams. Liam to the Australian Junior Team for the Asia Pacific Sprint Champs in Adelaide realising a long held dream and bringing home 3 bronze medals. Susan again selected to the Australian Paracanoe team and will travel to World Championships in Portugal. Nearly all our National Juniors competed successfully on an average of 2 sessions per week with a training build up leading into the Nationals. We also support a mix of sprint and marathon training and racing for all levels. Less is more has certainly worked for us especially in the younger ranks.

Susan Seipel our world champion V1 paddler and Rio Paralympic Bronze medallist continues to compete at the highest level. She will be competing in the world sprint champs in Portugal with her long term goal of making the Australian Olympic Para team for Tokyo 2020.

Our Intro to Kayaking program which runs over a 3 Saturday period 3 times a year remains strong with over subscription by the public. It remains our main source of new members and has proven far more effective in time, results and income than our previous one day structure. It is also our main source of income to meet high rental costs of shipping containers in which the clubs kayaks are stored.

Whilst the club remains small, members enjoy the relaxed atmosphere with a focus on paddling enjoyment and sound technique in lieu of simply pushing out long training sessions. New members and less experienced paddlers continue to enjoy slower paddles in stable craft and the social enjoyment within the club.

We have again been able to run our annual club race- The Brisbane River Marathon, including a new course which utilises the more predictable Oxley Creek as part of the Pacific Coast Paddle Series which the club is very supportive of.

Alicen Warriner has taken over as our new President following on from Stuart Bryson's great work. This year the club has extended its elected committee by including new positions. With this engaged team we look forward to the club continuing to rebuild itself.



BROKEN PADDLE CANOE CLUB

Sporting Club involvement promotes a sense of belonging, and self-worth as well as developing a variety of skills, resilience, strength, endurance and physical and mental health. This Club is no exception and has provided recreation and sporting options for all age groups, across a number of disciplines that range from pure recreation to top level team competition in its 18 years of incorporation.

Over that time, it has developed into a Club that has a broad scope of paddling disciplines, with equipment to match. Like other clubs though we are seeing a declining membership base with a small group of dedicated (but aging) volunteers running the club. A big thank you to Rob Wigginton - Treasurer; Alice Croft – Secretary/Grants; Thomas Bell – Vice President; Colin Anderson and Steve Peck – Equipment Officers and Robyn Groundwater – Grants Applications.

Programs

This is the first year that we did not offer canoe polo at both ends of the season. We ran bimonthly recreational paddles on a Sunday morning from September to January. The culminating paddle on the Australia Day weekend from Savages to Burton's Bridge on the Brisbane River proved to be successful as we attracted some new club members.

In another first, Rob Wigginton, Club Treasurer, ran an introduction to kayaking course through the new QC Program membership. Likewise, it was well received by participants and boosted our failing membership base.

Once again, we ran two come and try days on Wyaralong Dam for the Scenic Rim Regional Council 'Be Active and Healthy' Programme in March. Whilst we receive very positive feedback from participants, these days have not eventuated in increasing members. They do promote our lovely part of the world and are largely a PR exercise.

Opportunities to increase skills through Queensland Canoeing were offered and we had a number of club members complete the **Referee Training** and **Foundation Level Canoe Polo Coaching** courses.

Due to a decreased member base, we were unable to field teams in the Summer or Winter Canoe Polo Comps but had individual juniors – Connor Larkin and Alex Ohlsen-Stepens compete. Alex was then selected for the victorious Qld U16 Team and travelled to Adelaide with his Mum, Claire assisting, for Nationals.

Grants

Once again BPCC was successful in obtaining Grants and a big thanks to Alice and Robyn for writing them and for Rob acquitting them.

- Australian Government Volunteer Grant of \$4000 to fund 6 members to attend the Referee and Coaching Courses mentioned above; upgrade to a new laptop and reimburse petrol costs for volunteers.
- Scenic Rim Council Volunteer's Grant – to purchase 6 double sit on tops with trailer which often are the backbone of our novice paddlers and come and try days.

Membership/Finances

Over the year we had 25 members with a definite lack of people aged 18-30 years. Allowing a casual/event membership proved positive for casual/shift attendees. The Club's financial position is declining with us having to draw upon our term deposit to have enough operating cash flow. Whilst the grants have assisted, they also come with having to pay GST. To this end, we are no longer able to provide free memberships to our dedicated volunteers but will be asking them to pay the insurance component of the fees to prevent the club losing money.

The Future

Unfortunately, I am uncertain of the club's viability without a growing membership. Most of our executive have been in one position or another since its inception and we have not been able to replace those members who are wishing to retire.

Yours in paddling.

Bev Wigginton
President

BROTHERS CANOE CLUB

During 2017 to 2018 the club has continued to grow and provide opportunities for canoeing to a wider group of participants. I am pleased to report on a number of achievements and challenges are detailed in this report.



Grants and Gear

We have consolidated on the efforts of the previous year. We have bought more spray decks, and have repaired or replaced gear as it is wearing out. We have tried to ensure we have enough gear to provide for up to 15 junior players to train at the same time. Although we have enough now to do this, we will have an ongoing issue of gear being worn out in the future. We will monitor this year and make due plans for future replacements.

Members

We have approximately 35 members, of whom 28 are active in playing canoe polo on a regular basis. This is a similar number to last year however, there are a number of new players (about 15) who came to the club during the last month or so, and these players will take up membership during July. Our numbers should increase to approximately 45 to 50 over the next few weeks.

Programs

The club carries out canoe polo programs at Ambrose Treacy College (ATC), open to all boys from Grade 4 to 10. The club has also carried out a 6 week program at Brigidine for girls in Grades 7 to 9. There will be a future program for girls in Grade 10 in late 2018. This was most successful, and it is planned to follow up with some interschool competitions during the latter part of Term 3. A number of girls have decided to pursue canoe polo within the club.



Competitions

The Brothers Club has been represented at all local competitions over the past year. We have also sent teams and players to the national summer series competitions.

We were well represented at the Australian Canoe Polo Championships, supplying most of the players for the men's open, U21 and junior (mixed) Queensland teams. We had a number of club members in the Open Women's team.

The standard of the competition at the junior level was very disappointing. Queensland dominated this division, to a point where continued support of the competition should be questioned.

Brothers have held a number of competitions during the past year which have been well attended by other clubs, and we continue to lead the way in developing the sport in our region.



Australian representatives

In 2018 the club has had several players in the Australian U21 squad: Tim Maier, Jack Quinn, Michael Thompson and Jack Steel. We are proud that Anna Thompson and Alana Pacholke (who is a second club member) have been selected for the Australian Women's Team to go to the World Championships in Canada during August 2018.

David Peters
Brothers Canoe Club

GREATER LOGAN CANOE CLUB



The club conducted a varied program of training paddles, mainly at Waterford but also at other locations. Members participated in many races, but highlights were the organisation of our own Logan River Marathon and a Wivenhoe Camp.



Logan River Marathon 2018

The Club held the *Logan River Marathon 2018* in April as Race 2 of the new Pacific Coast Paddle Series. The race was a great success with 116 paddlers.

Technical support and encouragement was received from the QC Marathon Technical Committee and the Varsity Lakes crew of Chris Hurley, Brenda Hurley, Ian Frost, Julie Frost, and Peter Winton.

Wivenhoe Camp

A weekend kayak camp was held on 12 - 13 May at a windy Lake Wivenhoe. Paddling within the sheltered coves was enjoyed, and on the Brisbane River upstream of Twin Bridges. Club members thoroughly enjoyed the camp, and especially the campfire and story telling.

Paddler of the Year Award (Dianna Carroll Award)

Diana was a founder of the club along with John Newton. The award is not necessarily about being the fastest or achieving national status, but rather it is recognition for the effort made in supporting the club, its members and the sport in a range of ways. The winner for 2017-18 is Graeme Will.

Race Attendance



Many races in Southeast Qld and Northern NSW were attended by club paddlers, including some of the new members. John Donkersloot, Graeme Will and Mark Sanderson were invited to the Qld State squad for the Australian Championships.

Club Membership

The club grew substantially during the year, increasing from 15 to 25 members. This stretched our ability to cope with transporting club boats and privately-owned boats for club members to use, as well as training & coaching of the new members.

Governance Improvement

A coaching system of *Proficiency Testing* of experienced paddlers was implemented, as well as a *New Paddler Checklist* to ensure safety issues are addressed at the right time. An *Asset Register* system was implemented to ensure that the loan of club boats and other equipment is orderly and fair. A *Policy for Loan of Club Boats* has been adopted by the Committee.

Progress to date on other governance issues includes preparation of a Strategic Plan and Operational Plan, Code of Conduct, Image Use Consent Form, Role Descriptions for most office bearers, and a new Draft Constitution is complete.

With the new club members progressing in their paddling, more people will be able to contribute to the running of the club for the benefit of all the members. We invite all club members to help us make 2018-2019 an even better year for the club.

Mark Sanderson, Acting President & Andy W. Stephens, Secretary

KARANA DISTRICT KAYAK AND CANOE CLUB

This year has seen a continuation of the previous with the main focus on regular social paddling on Saturday mornings, although numbers are always fluctuating with members having a preference to overseas travel.

At present, the club has only five regular paddlers and a couple of probable new members. On a few occasions, new people have made enquiries and joined us for a paddling session but have not shown interest in continuing. The cooler weather might have something to do with that. Lately we have been placing a notice in the local news bulletins informing the community of our existence and activities and will conduct a dedicated membership drive with come-and-try sessions in spring when the weather warms up.

Julie continues to keep up her training schedule, usually alone, before or after work and a few members with less demanding work commitments are involved in a 'serious' training programme two days during the week at a more civilised time.

Fay has continued in the role as Secretary/ Treasurer, doing a great job in keeping members informed and the club functioning. Everyone is quite content to continue using the club facilities for their exercise or training and the enjoyment of being on the river although we also see the need for more members, to grow the club and ensure its future.

The club facility and equipment is well maintained although the shed has been the target a couple of times by graffiti 'artists'.

President

Lindsay Harris

KAWANA WATERS CANOE CLUB



The 2017-18 season was something of a mixed bag for KWCC.

While membership numbers contracted a little during this season and income was down, there was no reduction in the commitment, enthusiasm, or competitive performance of our paddlers.

KWCC may be one of the smallest clubs in the nation, but when it comes to Australian representative team selection, our little club continues to punch well above its weight.

This year was no exception, with 6 members selected in their respective Australian teams.

- Under 23 Australian Team: Brianna Massie;
- Under 18 Australian Team: Mackenzie Duffy, Tiarnee Massie, Alicia Fay;
- Under 16 Australian Team: Jenaya Massie, Phoebe Wills-Grace.

In total, KWCC members represent almost 40% of the Australian teams of which they form a part! For any club, that would be a phenomenal achievement, but for a club with just 25 members, it's extraordinary!

To give you an idea of what earned them their Australian uniforms, look no further than the medals brought home from the recent Asia Pacific Cup International Regatta: 2 Gold, 5 Silver and 3 Bronze - and due to some injuries, we only sent 4 athletes to that event! Bear in mind also that in 7 of those events, our girls were the fastest Australians! Well done ladies!



The dedication, discipline and application of our athletes is an inspiration. Equally so, is that of their parents, who in most instances are there on the lake every morning at 5.00am, training alongside their kids, or alternatively, monitoring their progress from shore. Even the depth of winter doesn't seem to dampen their resolve. Guys, - thanks for setting such a great example for our youngsters!

None of the activity mentioned above would happen however, without the dedication, devotion, guidance and expertise of our long-standing coach, Shane Dalziel.

Shane has spent many years nurturing paddling talent on the Sunshine Coast and he has probably forgotten how many national age champions he's coached across a variety of paddling disciplines. Certainly it would be well over one hundred, counting many Australian representatives and even Olympians amongst his former charges.

Our little club is indeed very fortunate to have Shane as part of our team and in recognition of his exemplary service to the club over many years, Shane was invested as a life member of Kawana Waters Canoe Club at this year's Annual General Meeting. Congratulations Shane! Thoroughly deserved!

Speaking of Olympians (sort of!), another highlight this year has been the selection of Jenaya Massie as Australia's sole Kayak representative at the forthcoming Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires in October. To qualify for this, Jenaya competed with distinction against the best in the world in Barcelona earlier this year and in doing so, secured this prestigious selection. Well done Jenaya!



While we may bask (if only briefly) in the glory of our athletes' achievements, we still have some significant challenges ahead of us this coming year.

Membership numbers must be a priority, as must renewal and expansion of our boat fleet.

Toward this end, recruitment programmes are in the planning phase and grant applications are under discussion with the relevant entities.

Beyond this, our club must develop a long-term strategy that encompasses audacious, but achievable goals and a sustainable structure for future success.

With this in mind, we are commencing discussions with Sunshine Coast Council to establish a more permanent presence for Kawana Waters Canoe Club at Lake Kawana. This may take several years to come to fruition, but with the right plan, it is achievable.

Finally, I'd like to thank all our members for their contributions and in particular, our committee members Scott, Dale, and Peter for their support and guidance. Thank you. It really is a genuine pleasure to be involved with this club!

2017-18 has in hindsight, been a good year. I'm confident 2018-19 will be a great year!

Craig Spender

President

MAGNETIC ISLAND OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB



2018 has seen some big changes at MIOCC affectionately called Maggie. Magnetic Island Outrigger Canoe Club (MIOCC) is a small but dynamic club built on the philosophy that anyone who wants to get out on the water should be able to do so. The club has a great mix of competitiveness, social and beginner paddlers. MIOCC is about getting people out on the water and enjoying the spirit of paddling.



2018 saw the club once again blossom with all its members achieving the following milestones:

- Strong commitment to and identity for the area and people before us;
- Hard work and support for each other on and off the water;
- Personal gains and inspirations in paddling;
- Pride and enthusiasm of internal and external stakeholders. This can be seen with our beach area and condition of our equipment;

- Purchase of OC2's,
- Introduction of
- Paddlers giving it all Island;
- Support from family
- Support from our



trailer, racks and Bullet outrigger with float.
 paddle clinics and new paddlers;
 in the local races, World Sprints, Hong Kong and Norfolk
 and friends- Our Cheer squad has been tremendous
 volunteers-not enough words can express the gratitude

And finally our commitment to each other and to others on and off the water has been our key message and action for 2018.



NORFOLK POINT PADDLE CLUB

The Norfolk Point Paddle Club was formed at a meeting held on 20 November 2017. Eight members of the community were present and decided to form a club.



Norfolk Point Paddle Club was incorporated on 19 December 2017. Affiliation with Queensland Canoeing was achieved on 9 January 2018.

At a General Meeting held on 20 January 2018, many of the governance issues of fees, election of a Management Committee and further discussion on the name for the club were completed.

The Management Committee comprises:

President – John Robinson

Secretary - Denise Doyle

Treasurer - Fran White

Further discussion on the name of the club led to a change in name being supported. The new name for the Club will be Pandanus Paddle Club. Pandanus was chosen as locality and recognition by local indigenous history provided a strong connection to the club ethos. This change will become effective in the July 2018.

The Norfolk Point Paddle Club is situated in Manly Boat Harbour on the property leased by Wilson's Boathouse. This property has ramp access to the pristine waters of Moreton Bay.

We are a small group of paddlers who enjoy being on the water with like minded people. Our paddling background covers a broad range of experience from outrigger canoe, stand up paddle board, surf ski and kayak. Our club provides a paddling experience for each of these paddling modalities.

Our main focus is to provide a safe paddling experience for members and we have purchased a 6 person outrigger canoe (OC6) for club training sessions. We provide a secure compound for members to store their personal craft and have a convenient location to launch and retrieve their craft.



All the best and see you on the water

John Robinson

President

PADDLE CAPRICORNIA INC

Paddle Capricornia is based on the Capricorn Coast at Yeppoon Central Queensland and has been formally incorporated since early 2012. The club was initially formed by a group of kayaking friends after assisting with free Paddle Days conducted at the Causeway Lake by Farnborough Store. Many members of the public who participated in the free Paddle Days expressed their interest in a local paddling club based on the Capricorn Coast. Vicky Bambrick who was a non-paddler at the time, and assisted at several of the paddle days, saw the need and did much of the initial leg work to start the formal incorporation process. We subsequently recruited Laurie Brayne who was a keen paddler and had done many Hawksbury Classics to be President, Tim Morris from Farnborough Store to be Vice President and Vicky Bambrick put her hand up to be Treasurer. We now just needed to find a Club Secretary which was not such an easy task. Tony Arnold (another non-paddler at the time) was eventually roped into being the club secretary by Tim with the promise that paddling would help his golf swing!! Our first formal club paddling event involved meeting at the Farnborough Store before travelling out to Hedlow Creek for an easy flat water activity.



Paddle Capricornia has come a long way since our first early days. In August 2013 (about one and a half years after PCI was formed) we conducted the first Keppel Sea Kayak Symposium at North Keppel Island. Since then we have conducted another four symposiums with the 5th Keppel Sea Kayak Symposium conducted in June 2018 with participants again coming from around the country. Participants paddled from Yeppoon to North Keppel Island and spent four days amongst the magnificent Keppel Group of Islands. Participants and organisers once again had a great time, in a fantastic location with some of Australia's most experienced sea kayaking instructors. Participants had the opportunity to participate in the wide variety of training, trips and presentations that were on offer. Each year we have a few new faces at the symposium, along with many that have attended previously on at least one or more occasions, and some participants that have attended all five events since its inception in 2013. We look forward to conducting this event again in the years to come with many participants and instructors expressing their intention of returning to the Symposium in the future.

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The front Parking Lot at the Keppel Sea Kayak Symposium 2018.

PCI's current Executives are: President - Tim Morris, Treasurer - Ian Tomlinson and Secretary - Tony Arnold. We are pleased to announce that Paddling does in fact improve your golf swing as is confirmed by Tony and that the Club remains in a good financial state with relatively few liabilities.

PCI currently conducts weekly paddles on Saturday mornings and often also on a Sunday launching from various locations including Lammermoor Beach, Rosslyn

Bay Harbour, Emu Park etc. The Saturday morning Club trips are organised by two of our trip leaders Ian Tomlinson and Wayne Letcher. If you are in the local area make sure you come for a paddle with Paddle Capricornia in Yeppoon, Central Qld.

Tim Morris

President

SANDGATE CANOE CLUB



The Sandgate Canoe Club has been established for 24 years and at present has 157 members, making it the biggest canoe club in Queensland. I have enjoyed working with the whole management committee who have been proactive and progressive with good heads and good hearts. Thank you to the whole team, Phil Plant, Claire Brereton, Melissa Bull, Armand Le Roux, Scott Zwanenbeek and Michelle Fraser. Our racers are on top of the Marathon series ranking and we have a very healthy financial position. Our banking and communications have been brought up to speed. We have a high level of satisfaction amongst members and are seen by other clubs as leaders.

There have been many annual highlights including:

- The Christmas party at QCYC, thanks to Phil Plant and Glenys Jarvis
- The National titles at Westlakes, South Australia
- King Billy and the Wetlands Wander
- Clean Up Australia Day thanks to Jean Delzoppo
- The junior squad who competed in school marathons, thanks Allana!
- Upper Noosa Camp and Dunethin Rock Camps
- The Sandy Robson adventurer kayaker presentation
- Brisbane River, Lake Samsonvale and Logan River Marathons
- Moonlight Paddles
- Brisbane River paddle to see 'The Ronald Reagan' aircraft carrier.
- The VMR Open Day
- The Interclub "Olympics".
- Richard's North Pine River trip with Elizabeth's home-made tea;
- Barry & Charmaine's Pre-Christmas Paddle

All volunteers are appreciated throughout the year and there are many who work quietly behind the scenes that contribute greatly and include but not limited to the following list:

Claire Brereton for revising the Constitution, improving the banking and doing surveys.

Cheryl Christensen for her invaluable assistance at King Billy and Facebook pics.

Greg Litherland for his year round help in his role of boat booking officer.

Mark Mustchin for carrying out maintenance on our hire fleet.

Michelle Fraser for her fantastic website work and promotions.

Selwyn Gray and **Graham Moorhead** for preparing paddle plans.

Leighanne Exon, **Scott Zwanenbeek** and **Phil Plant** for their welcoming of new 'Creekies'.

Richard Womack for his organisation of camping events.

Linda Parsons who coordinated WW volunteers

Kaye Watson and **Andrew Contoleon** for newsletter editing

Kaye Watson and **Gary Utz** for their SARP activities

Basic Skills coordinator and trainers

Phil Fitzgerald for his audit of the club books.

This club has a great history and a promising future. We are merely custodians for the next generation. We need to encourage juniors and welcome all those with a paddle in their hands.

We can look forward to our next exciting chapter.

John Blackley

President

SPRINGFIELD CENTENARY CANOE CLUB

It has been another busy and successful year for SCCC. Coming off the back of our World Masters Games success in 2017 we have been involved in extra promotion of our Club and of Canoe Polo .



At Springfield we have finished two significant infrastructure projects. One is the Paddle Hub situated at Regatta Lake. This was a three way partnership between SCCC, Lend Lease and the Department of Sport and Recreation and delivered a pontoon, ramp , and parking area for paddle sports. This area was used successfully for round 3 of the Winter Series Canoe Polo Comp. We are now trying to get boat storage on this site .

The other one was the permanent goals set up at Spring lake west. This in in fact 2 courts with both a set of hanging goals and our competition floating goals. This gives us great flexibility for both games and practice with the fields always set up, free and available.

Out at Riverhills we have our container full of Club flat water boats and we have a lease for our shed which we plan to share with the local Dragon Boat club. Council plan to build a public pontoon adjacent to our lease area at the end of 2019.

Paddling wise we have done trips on the South Pine and Enoggera Creek after heavy rain resulted in some nice rapids. We have done some Bay trips and members have participated in the marathon series. We also acquired a newish racing TK2 to add to our fleet of polo, racing , touring and whitewater boats. We still do polo every second Sunday afternoon from 2pm at Springfield's Spring Lake and welcome the Club members of other Clubs to join us for games.

Lastly member Alana Pacholke was selected for the Australian Team and competed in Canada at the World Championships where Australia was placed 16th .

Peter Cooke
President

SUNSHINE COAST PADDLESPORTS CLUB

Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club is based on Eudlo Creek in Maroochydore. Members have the choice to paddle on Eudlo Creek, Petrie Creek or the Maroochy River with many kilometres of smooth, calm water to enjoy. The club's focus is on both social and competition in sprint and marathon disciplines. Our sprint and marathon paddlers competed successfully in South East Queensland events, the Marathon Paddle Series and State, National and International Championships.



Lachlan Bancroft goes to Europe to compete

Lachlan Bancroft travelled to Europe to compete at the Olympic Hopes event. The regatta was held in Racice, Czech Republic, on 15th to 17th September. Lachlan said he enjoyed the experience and gained a lot while he was there.

Congratulations Alyce Burnett – the Coasts Latest World Champion

Club member Alyce Burnett was crowned World Champion after winning the K1 1000 at the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in the Czech Republic from 23rd to 27th August. Alyce was also in action with fellow Coaster and Olympian Alyssa Bull at the competition, qualifying for the final in the WK2 500 on Saturday. The girls put in a great effort to place seventh overall.

Maroochy River Paddle

The club's race is the Maroochy River Paddle and was held on Sunday 3rd September 2017. There were 215 athletes who competed in a variety of craft on the day which was a record number for our event. The charity that we raise money for is the Hear and Say Centre in Nambour and \$3117 was raised. Special thanks go to our club member, Doug Brennan who spent many hours organising the event. Well done Doug.

The Northern Marathon Series – Overall Race Results for the Club

Members from our club compete in the Northern Marathon Series. Overall winners from the Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club for this series were:-

- Jason Keating won the K1 Young Vets Male series
- Geoff Pearce came second in the K1 Mature Vets series
- Steve McLay received a medallion for competing in every race. A great effort considering the kilometres he had to travel to all the events and the total distance he paddled.

Our club came fifth overall which was a good effort considering we didn't have a big attendance of paddlers.

Queensland and Australian Canoe Marathon Championships – A Great Effort

QLD Canoe Marathon Championships were held on the beautiful Lake Samsonvale, Cashmere on 7th October 2017. Our club had eleven members competing in the event. The group bagged four Gold Medals, two Silver Medals and five Bronze Medals. Congratulations to all participants.

QLD Canoe Marathon Championships were held Currumbin, at the Gold Coast on 24th and 25th March 2018. This time round two Gold and two Silver medals were bought home.

Australian Canoe Marathon Championships were held in Adelaide, South Australia on 19th and 20th May. The club members won, one Gold Medal, two Bronzes and two fourths.



Australia's Alyssa Bull is Sprint Canoe U23 Champion

Australia's Alyssa Bull and Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club member mastered a strong headwind to win the women's U23 K1 1000 Canoe Sprint world title in Pitesti, Romania this year.

Alyssa, who made her Olympic debut paddling with Alyce Burnett in the K2 500 in Rio last year in 2016, took the lead early in Saturday's race, and fought off fatigue and a strong headwind to take the gold medal.

Qld School Canoe Sprint Championships – Well done

The Queensland State School Canoe Sprint Championships were held on Sunday 22nd October at Coomera Lakes, Gold Coast. Our club member, Lachlan Bancroft, competed in this event representing Maroochydore State High School. He competed in the K1 500, K1 200, K2 500 and K2 200 placing first in all of his races. Well done Lachlan.

Ultra Marathon for SCPC Paddlers – A Gusty Effort

The Hawkesbury Canoe Classic is an annual marathon canoe race taking place on the Hawkesbury River in Northwest Sydney, usually at the end of October. The Hawkesbury Canoe Classic consists of a 111 km paddle downstream starting in Windsor and finishing in Brooklyn. The Hawkesbury Canoe Classic has over 600 paddlers each year.

Two of our members, Marty Wiltshire and Doug Brennan completed the gruelling course. Marty accomplished a time of 10 hours and 4 minutes while Doug did 10 hours and 36 minutes. Congratulations fellas, you did a fantastic job both with the paddle and raising money for a very needy cause.



Club Dinner and Presentation Night

The club dinner was held on Saturday 24th February with nearly fifty people in attendance. The two girls, Alyce Burnett and Alyssa Bull were our guest speakers for the night and mixed with everybody talking about their recent races in Europe with videos up on the big screen. There were also three trophies presented. These were Junior Sportsperson - Lachlan Bancroft, Senior Sportsperson - Jason Keating and Club Person of the Year - Doug Brennan.

New Zealand Women's National Team visit us for a training camp

Our club hosted the New Zealand women's national team for three weeks from the 25th of June. Amongst this group of athletes were World and Olympic Champions that our members were quite honoured that they had chosen our club to train from.

Malcolm Buchanan

President





TINAROO CANOE CLUB

The past year has been work as usual for Tinaroo Canoe Club with the different disciplines of the club contributing to overall success of TCC. The members of each of the specialty areas have worked quietly but diligently in:

Canoe Polo – 30 weeks of Canoe Polo has been played at Mareeba Pool with only a break for winter.

Mareeba High School has utilised TCC's canoe polo equipment for school activities creating firmer community partnerships and increased the interest in Club canoe polo training evenings. I would like to thank all people involved in making polo successful and in particular Paul Lillingstone who has managed the books, boat maintenance, refereeing and instructing games.

Big thanks to Lindsey Cullington who has established a Facebook page and has sent text reminders that have created a social network amongst participants. Feedback has been positive with these new concepts. Kirk from Mareeba High has been consistent with his attendance and help and has been a great conduit between the school and TCC. I pick up the slack and fill in where needed.

Kimberlee Bernays has pursued her interest in canoe polo at a state level and has competed interstate in various competitions and training sessions. Kim brings her learnt skills to the club polo evenings and this has increased both the enthusiasm and competitiveness of the game. Thank you, Kim.

Barron River Challenge - The BRC is ever evolving to meet the needs of competitors. 2018 saw the commencement of the BRC 30km which caters for paddlers who can only compete on one day and is a step towards achieving the full BRC 50. The Bilwon camping opportunity has grown in popularity and creates a social evening for paddlers and their support crews and families, and for the many volunteers associated with the race. Since BRC50 has become a 2-day event, the organisation and logistics has become more manageable for the organisers. Overall consensus from competitors is that the changes have been positive and have added to the enjoyment of the event.

Terry McClelland and Johnnie Vanryt have conceptualised and accomplished the changes and TCC would like to thank them for their ongoing support and undying passion. In realising the BRC, many people with many skills and commitments are needed. Johnnie co-ordinates the sponsors and places signs on the river. His apprentice Rhett willingly assists wherever needed.

Terry and Kim McClelland work tirelessly in creating the handbook, maps, Facebook page, race spreadsheets, photography and results. Terry works his magic in obtaining prizes and networking and liaising with the wider canoeing community.

Greg Woon and Dave Maxwell are the logistic managers and oversee the radios, signage and staging areas.

Natasha Vanryt's mighty catering team of Wendy Rutherford, John Rutherford and Tracie Frater did a great job of providing many meals over the week-end, taking the pressure off competitors, Race Committee and volunteers. Thanks for your tireless efforts. BRC could not happen without our many volunteers and this includes the sweeps, timekeepers and river safety co-ordinators.

Recreational paddles - Greg organises club paddles when the water levels permit and we appreciate the reminder emails he sends to us about events and meetings. I hope to help Greg with future paddles.

Paul liaises with Cairns and Townsville white-water paddlers and passes information onto like-minded people and tirelessly encourages white-water paddling. Thanks Paul.

TCC assisted Adventure Sport's Summer's Week-end in Feb at Lake Tinaroo. Canoeing skills course and a short race program proved popular.

TCC travelled once more out to the Gregory River for the annual Canoe Race and this year Terry competed, Tracie and I were sweeps and Rachel and Greg were support crew for Terry. Great week-end was had by all. Fashions of the Field results were disappointing.

Committee activity - This year QC have commenced a 3-monthly conference with QLD club presidents. To date I have attended all. This assists with networking and information sharing around the state.

To our committee members.

Thank you, Dave for your financial prowess. You diligently look after all aspects of club expenditure – from fees, memberships, insurances, accounts and budgets and grant expenses.

Thank you, Rach for fulfilling the role of secretary including grant applications, risk management and minute taking.

Thank you, Terry for being the TCC rep at a state level and video conferencing into monthly meetings.

Thank you to all of the TCC members who regularly attend meetings. This is invaluable in deciding club direction and its future.

Without reliable and committed members, TCC could not exist. TCC was formed in 1978 (40 years ago) and its survival is reflected in the willingness and generosity of people to fulfil committee roles.

I have been involved in various roles as a TCC committee member over the years. I feel that the current TCC committee is strong which has helped us achieve the solid position we find ourselves in.

Thank you to everyone.

Peter McAulay

President

TOWNSVILLE KAYAK CLUB

Farewell to Steve Sandman. His help was the thing that carried us through the year as we gradually grew in numbers. His advice and knowledge helped shape this Club and kept me sane. Thanks mate from all of us, you will be missed.



With the close of this financial year we, also, saw the loss of one of our staunchest members Sally Grattidge. She had one of the longest membership of anyone in the Club and probably paddled more than most of us. She has given up paddling and become a Dragonboater as it was too difficult for her moving her craft to the water on her own.

Sally, you will be missed by all of us and we thank you for your parting gifts; your TK1 kayak and paddle, I do know the Dragonboaters will look after you.

This past year has seen some excellent trips with more people taking charge and planning these.

I was amazed how people became so creative with their trips e.g. Gerry's Pallarenda trip.

Also, the friendship blooming in the Club is wonderful with people helping each other wherever possible.

Rather than waffle on, I wish to thank each and every-one of you for your contributions and your help.

I believe the coming year will see us grow slowly but have lots of fun doing it.

Hans-j Preuss ("Kaiser")

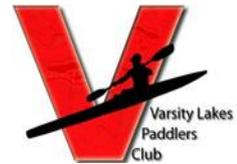
President

VARSITY LAKES PADDLERS CLUB

The club had approximately 80 members ranging in age from 12 to 65.

The club has been involved in a few state events with competing and volunteering. We also had a group of members go to the National Marathon Championship in Adelaide.

Ben Manning and Curtis McGrath also competed at the National Sprint Championships, they performed well in their respective events.



At the 2017 Queensland Canoe Awards Dinner, the club did very well with

Coach of the year – Andrea King

Master Canoeist of the year – Peter Winton

Life Member – Chris Hurley

Un-sung Hero's Award – Julie Frost & Brenda Hurley

Our major race in March was the 1st Race to kick off the New Pacific Coast Paddle Series, we had great turn up with 109 craft on the water, a great start to the series!!

This year the club has been working with quite a few junior groups, including starting a school program with Merrimac High School with approximately 20 kids in the group. We are also working with about 10 Nippers, to help them get a head start on their paddling techniques before their start racing in the surf and then we have another 5 kids in our beginners Saturday group.

Ian Frost

President



WEST END CANOE CLUB



The club ended the year with 40 members which is similar to last year and our numbers are largely limited by the number of boat spaces we have available in our club house.

We continue to work with Brisbane and GPS Rowing Club to develop an opportunity for an expanded clubhouse so membership can increase and we have been very successful in raising funds through the Foundation Membership program in preparation for the new club house. However, this depends entirely on the Brisbane City Council and their various approval processes. Trying to gain these approvals has been frustrating for all those involved, but the Brisbane & GPS Rowing club is continuing with their efforts to gain approval for the expansion of their club which will then including a separate facility for WECC. To this end they recently held a public meeting to ascertain what objections there were likely to be to the development. The result of this meeting was fairly successful with all participants believing there should be a way forward with the development.

We have continued our successful Estimator handicap race once a month and often have as many as 20 members showing up for this event. Two of our members were successful in being selected for the Queensland State Sprint Team and competed at the national titles in Adelaide.

Another event that was held during the year was a successful training day, teaching members with ocean skis how to successfully remount them. This was held at Enoggera Dam and was well attended with everyone learning how to remount their skis with instructions from the more experienced club members. Of course there is a considerable difference between doing this exercise at Enoggera Dam and doing it in the Brisbane River but it is an important step in improving club safety especially with so many members moving from TK's to ocean skis in recent times. Club members provide a lot of positive feedback about these coaching opportunities.

The Brisbane River in the section we paddle remains a very busy place with rowing boats and their coaches as well as the City Cats, and it appears it will get busier with the council encouraging more use of the river and building new facilities to enable this participation. This means that safety continues to be a very important focus for the club and all members are continually aware of the dangers that are present in our reach of the river. Fortunately, there have been no significant incidents this year but we remain vigilant and try to ensure our safety focus does not deteriorate.

WECC looks forward to another successful year in 2018 - 2019 with the main focus on achieving our goal of a new club house and keeping up the participation levels of the existing members in the meantime. We continue with our regular club times on Saturday mornings and Thursday mornings as well as social activities and "off site" paddling events.



Steve McDonald
President

WYNNUM REDLANDS CANOE CLUB

During the 2017-18 year, our local waterway, Tingalpa Creek, was our venue for most of our club activities. Our paddle mornings on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday are popular and many paddlers stay for a cuppa to socialise after their paddle.



We continued our partnership with the local schools and with the help of our club volunteers and our club equipment we were able to run a canoeing activity for 78 Grade 4 students plus a training day for 13 teenagers for their Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Our annual race, the Tingalpa Trot, was another successful event. Although a hot February day, it was well attended and well run thanks paddlers from many of the clubs in SE QLD and to the club volunteers running the event.

Our club members also ran monthly Come and Try days for prospective new members and assisted in Council Events – Embrace the Bay and QC/Council Kids after school paddling program. Our regular Clean Up Australia day morning once again removed four small skip bins full of rubbish from Tingalpa creek and its banks. Some of the rubbish had come from the sunken and abandoned houseboats near the mouth of the creek.

A major achievement for our community and environment was the removal of four sunken wrecks from the creek plus the illegally dumped rubbish on the bank. This was a result of continued lobbying by one of our members to both the local council member and state member to have the area cleaned up. Well done El.

Sadly, there will be still no access to a great waterway for paddling as SEQ Water has announced it will keep Leslie Harrison Dam as a non-recreation waterway.

2017/18 was a quieter year for the members of the WRCC Racing Team. As the years have progressed, so too have the education and work commitments of the most recent group of juniors, and therefore our participation numbers have dropped off. That being said, we still had representation at most of the local marathon races and QC sprint events over the year.

A core group of girls trained and competed over the summer period and competed in the Qld State Sprint Championships. A 1st, 2 x 2nd and a 3rd places were the best results for that weekend. With PA's Sprint Grand Prix 1 event in Adelaide cancelled, the first National Level event of the year was Grand Prix 2 at Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith in early February 2018. Again, only a small contingent of girls attended GP2 with results highlighting the level of competition that they were going to be up against a few weeks later at the National Sprint Championships. At Nationals three girls from WRCC competed with results including 4 x 3rd, 1 x 2nd and 3 x 1st places. Most of these results were in crew boats that were not selection events for National teams.

August 2017 saw Daniel Mole compete in the World Marathon Championships in South Africa, coming home in 8th place in both K1 and K2 (with his partner Mitch Cronin). Daniel was awarded Junior Male Paddler of the Year.



Gayle Simpson

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February	7282	5995	5897	4405
March	7824	6436	5909	4758
April	6918	3915	4892	7505
May	5465	5188	4761	5225
June	5503	4981	3845	5866
July		4,637	4775	8207
August		5,821	8890	9544
September		5,882	4353	4607
October		5,891	6204	3653
November		7,378	5492	4540
December		5,059	4383	3992
Total	39,698 (YTD)	68,205	66,135	70,688

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