

# Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club

## Member News Issue 19

**August 2014**

This edition has been a long time coming. We apologise for the lack of club news but we will try to make up for it with issue 19.

Terrific autumn weather was a great start to the 2014 season. Winter conditions now prevail with the cold winds showing true form. Club and PNSW membership renewal should now be complete for the 2014/15 season. Current membership so far totals 120. If you have not renewed CSKC membership then renewal forms can be obtained at the registration desk. Paddle NSW renewals can only be done on line. Please be mindful that individual sport accident insurance can only be secured through membership of PNSW.

The race program, race times and latest news are posted on our website - go to [www.cronullasutherlandkayakclub.com](http://www.cronullasutherlandkayakclub.com) Race times are usually posted within a few days. Please note that the 'The Rock' trophy race has been changed from September 20 to October 11, our AGM will occur at Swallow Rock immediately after the conclusion of that event.

The World Marathon championships will be held in Oklahoma - USA in September which for the first time will accommodate Masters competitors. Singles will paddle September 24 - doubles September 25. Keep an eye on the Australian Canoeing website for results. Our club is proud of the fact that Margaret Ryall, Diane Chellew and Darren Lee will represent their country as Masters competitors and that our President - Robert (Max) Walker has been selected as the Manager of the Australian team. We congratulate them and wish them a safe, enjoyable and successful time in USA.

You may have noticed a big brown box suddenly appearing behind the Scout hall. This is a recently acquired 12m long - 40ft container that will form the basis of our storage facility for club equipment. This includes club kayaks, the safety boat and BBQ equipment, club tent and PFDs etc. It is long enough to house the K4s. On site storage up until now has been a dream that commenced years ago when we tried to arrange sharing the Scout hall with the scouts. It will be so much easier now to make use of club equipment when it is conveniently available at the venue and we need not depend on the goodwill of others to house our equipment which has been the case since the club started nearly 50 years ago. We cannot let this change take place without thanking all those that have stored and lugged the gear back and forth over the years.

We must also save acknowledgement and appreciation of our members for the fine effort conducted by our President Max and Vice President Dallas who

together painstakingly worked their way over many months through the Council and the Scouts to achieve this result.

A social evening dinner for September 6<sup>th</sup> has been arranged. It will be held at the Grays Point restaurant – 6pm start. Price for set menu is \$38 pp with corkage \$2.50 pp. Please make your booking with Margaret on 0417686581 or ryallsbelts@optusnet.com.au

Our Sylvanvale charity fund raising day was held at our race day on July 26. All race fees went into the donation bucket on the day. Additionally, individual donations and income from the BBQ and raffle ticket sales all went to the Sylvanvale Foundation. The total raised was \$405.30 which was handed over on the Monday. Of the total \$171.30 was in the bucket, the BBQ raised \$135 and the meat raffle \$99.

Thank you to all CSKC members and especially to Margaret and her team on the BBQ.

The Sylvanvale Foundation is a national support organization that provides educational, transportation and recreational activities for people of all ages that live with a disability. The foundation is headquartered in the Shire.

Water sports in the Shire have been traditional supporters with fund raising for a number of years from Dragon Boating Clubs, Surf Clubs and for the last 3 years our Kayak club. Several local businesses, local members of parliament, service clubs, social clubs and the RSL have been major sponsors. It is good for CSKC to lend a helping hand with the local community fund raising effort.

A PNSW marathon series race is to be held at Grays Point on August 30 – 10am start. This race is part of the 2014 series that is hosted by nine other clubs throughout the State. CSKC are the responsible hosts for the August 30 race. We will be providing safety craft, registration assistance, start and finish assistance and the BBQ. Our venue has always been popular because of water quality and the surrounding National Park. There has been a number of diehard marathon CSKC paddlers that have travelled to the other venues and have contributed to our club score – having the race at our venue should boost our club score if our good guys apply a bit of local knowledge.

For those of you who interested in sprint racing PNSW have a sprint series that commences in August - all held at the SIRC regatta centre @ Penrith.

Sunday Aug 24

Sunday Oct 05

Sunday Nov 02

Sunday Nov 30

For details check out the PNSW website.

That's it for now – more to follow as the season progresses.