

## Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Inc.

### **Member News Issue 2 April 2010**

The first point score race for the 2010 season started April 10 with 39 members competing for points. The results are available on our website:-

[www.cronullasutherlandkayakclub.com](http://www.cronullasutherlandkayakclub.com).

Each week we shall try to post the results within the following week and we would ask that should there be any errors that these are made known by return by just clicking on the Email link. Lorraine and Dallas are doing a great job on our website updates.

Congratulations to young Holly Smith doing a terrific time of 27.51 for the 5Km. Pretty good for an under 16. She is part of the national talent development program being run by the Australian Sports Commission under the charge of Brian Trouville and Rod Smith.

We hope to see more of the young athletes coming for the Saturday races as their program permits.

The open day was also held on April 10 with a small number of visitors trying their hands at kayaking for the first time. Amongst them was a young Jeremy who stayed in various boat types for most of the day – we hope his parents allow him to take up a canoeing activity in the future. Some visitors from Germany attended and were impressed with what we do and the beauty of the Hacking River. Thank you to all the helpers who made the open day successful.

Our second club race on April 17 was well attended and concluded with our Iron man event. Watch the website for results. By keeping tabs on your times you will be able to compare your current performance with previous times and make the appropriate excuses where necessary.

The PNSW 10,000m sprint was held at Penrith SIRC also last Saturday April 17 which was not well attended by the clubs. CSKC members that participated were Ben Constable, Geoff O'loughlan, Bill Hick, Laurie & Jill Ward, Peter Sigal and Liz Wilson officiating.

The attendance was such that some classes could not be classified as being constituted. Ben won the open K1 which unfortunately was not a constituted class.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> club race April 24 is the first of the President's Cup handicap races followed by the first doubles race.

Saturday April 24 is also the second PNSW Marathon 10 series race at Cooks River – those participating may have time to return to Swallow Rock in time for a 2PM start. The club safety boat is now ready for use however needs to be run in for the first 8 hours. We have not moved it from its present location as we are awaiting acceptance of a more permanent storage site.

Part of our Paddle NSW marathon responsibility is to provide turning, separation and finishing line cans – Warren Trick and Bert Laurendet have taken on the job of producing the cans. We have noticed Warren checking water depths and doing paint adherence testing lately so they are well advanced – the club is really appreciative of their efforts. Paddle NSW are seeking members from all clubs to undertake coaching and training courses. Funding for the courses are currently provided by PNSW which wont last forever – anyone interested should obtain more details from the PNSW website :- [www.paddlensw.org.au](http://www.paddlensw.org.au). The club would benefit greatly from additional qualified trainers and coaches.

Our club owns a number boats which are available to all members – especially new paddlers trying the sport before purchasing a boat of their own and those wishing to hop into K1 or be part of a K2 or K4 team. We are in the process of creating a register of where these boats are located – anyone who is in possession of our club boats could they kindly Email Craig Findlay at [cfindlay@aol.com](mailto:cfindlay@aol.com) and advise him of what you have and how many. In future as these boats move around they will be signed for and recorded in the register.

That's about it for April. More next month.