

## Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Inc.

### **Member News Issue 5 Sept/Oct 2010**

Our 2010 race series is now at an end. This year's series of races have been enjoyed by members of all ages and boat classes. Thank you to the 2010 race committee – chaired by Max Walker for planning and organising the season and to those members and visitors who made it all possible. We now have to collate the results and prepare for end of season awards to be conducted at our Presentation Dinner on Friday November 19.

The season ended on Saturday September 25 with the Hacking Marathon “The Rock” feature race to South West Arm and return with an early AM start. Ben Constable was the overall winner and was awarded the Bert Hopkins perpetual trophy by the widow of Bert – Gwen who, with her son Brian presented the awards. All participants received gifts that were also presented by Gwen. Bert Hopkins and his early association with Canoeing in NSW are mentioned below courtesy of Kevin Nettle.

The Hacking Marathon was followed by a new 5km ‘dash for a record’ race to the net and return starting at our regular 2 PM time. The 5km dash was an opportunity for all to establish a new record if one did not exist or to break an existing record in all boat and age classes. Now that record keeping has been re established it is hoped that all future seasons will end with a new list of records against which we can all try to improve on.

Whilst our 2010 season has come to an end – our daylight saving Friday afternoon paddles will continue throughout the summer months. These are completely informal all in starts – no boat numbers or entry fees – and no times recorded. The start is 6.30 PM sharp (except for late starters who appear on the beach at the last minute). Usually the start is conducted by whoever is not paddling and wishes to call the paddlers up and, if a stopwatch is available, may call out times as paddlers come over the finish line. The evening can end with a picnic type tea around the table. The daylight saving races may be classed more a social get together but it is hard to resist the temptation to do your best on the water and to try and do better than those in the same competition class as yourself. Either way it is a good way to end the week and to keep your fitness level up. Often you have to contend with other river users which are naturally more frequent in the summer months but are nonetheless valuable rough water experience.

Daylight saving starts Sunday October 3 – The first Friday start is October 8. Safety on the water is a significant consideration for all inland and open water users from November 2010. The NSW parliament has passed new safety regulations that will apply from November. These involve mandatory wearing of approved Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) under certain conditions. We understand that the regulations will apply to (amongst others) Canoe/ Kayak paddlers on inland waters if operating over 100m distance from shore and at all times if off shore at sea and at all times if paddling anywhere on your own. We expect that there are many as yet unanswered questions which we may hear more of in the near future. As more information comes to hand we will advise by email to all members and via this newsletter medium on our website.

Don't forget our presentation night booked for Friday November 19 at the same venue as 2009. Meal cost is the same - \$38.00 for two courses. A juniors menu is also available. We need numbers before October 31 so please indicate your intention to Margaret Ryall Egan, Peter Sigal or Craig Findlay. Emails are:-  
Margaret [ryallsbelts@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ryallsbelts@optusnet.com.au)  
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Margaret is the coordinator so we ask that you respond to her in the first instance.

Repeating our last member news – we remind everyone that our AGM is to follow on the following Friday November 26 after our daylight saving paddle – this will be held at the Grays Point Guide hall (next to the Grays Point shops) at around 7.00 to 7.30PM. All positions on the committee will be declared vacant and nominations for positions on the 2011 committee will be welcome. A formal notification of the AGM along with the Agenda will be emailed to all members within the statutory time frame required by the regulations.

Bert Hopkins and the Rock Trophy – courtesy of Kevin Nettle  
Bert Hopkins was a life member of the NSW Canoe Association and, along with his wife Gwen, was a long time member of the River Canoe Club ( Cooks River – now celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> year) – Established in 1935 by Paddy Pallin.  
Bert was active in assisting Scout Groups to build Canoes and Kayaks and began assisting Lilli Pilli Scout Group which went on to form Lilli Pilli Kayak Club.  
Bert helped with the affiliation of Lilli Pilli with the NSW Canoe association in 1967/68, Helped with the training of paddlers and worked for the club as Publicity Officer and as Race Starter and Timer until his death in 1977.  
The 'rock' that forms the trophy was donated to the Hopkins family by life members of the River Canoe Club who were also bushwalkers and rock collectors.

That's about it for August/ September. More next month.

**PS For all holders of CSKC Perpetual Trophies please hand them back to Dallas or Lorraine or Peter.**  
**Thank you.**

**CRONULLA SUTHERLAND KAYAK CLUB Inc.**



**INVITATION**  
**to**  
**CSKC - 2010 Annual Presentation and Dinner Night**

*Where:* Endeavour Room  
Woolooware Golf Club  
Harnleigh Avenue, Woolooware.

*When:* Friday November 19  
6.30pm for 7.00pm

*Cost:* 2 course at \$38.00 per head.  
(Juniors catered for)

Numbers required – All are welcome Members, Families and Juniors.

**Please RSVP by October 31.**

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Our 45<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting will be held the following week November 26 – after our daylight saving evening paddle – this will be held at the Grays Point Guides hall (next to the shops).