

# **Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Inc.**

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The river is still full of boats. October 1 will be the last competition day of the season before the Australian Masters Games in Adelaide and the Hawkesbury Classic. The Friday evening paddles resume when Daylight Saving time starts in October.

In 2012 NSW will be hosting the Australian Marathon Championships at the Penrith SIRC – off season training will be needed to build for this event.

Saturday August 20 we hosted race 7 of the Vajda 9 Marathon series. It was again an excellent turn out with 91 boats entering despite the weather leading up to the event. The lay out of our course fortunately offered a degree of protection from the South to South East winds. Because of this, the day turned out to be a better than expected and was credited as being successful on all counts due to the terrific effort of the volunteers from our club and Paddle NSW. The committee expresses our gratitude for all those members who chipped in on the water and on the beach. The effort was well worth it and we look forward to the same again in 2012. This year we decided to reinstate the Bert Hopkins 'The Rock' trophy to be awarded to the winner in the highest division. The trophy was originally used for this purpose at its inception although in those days racing was class based rather than division based as it is today. The worthy winner was Darren Lee from the south coast who battled with those in division 2 but had to complete 3 portages in the process. A well deserved trophy and we wish Darren well in his quest in the Masters World Marathon Championships in Singapore.

For the first time we decided to run a charity race on the day of the Marathon. The idea being to attract donations from the canoeing community. The race called "Paddle for Camp Quality" would replace our normal club race at 2pm but the race fees would be replaced by a voluntary donation. As it turned out we received great support from everyone on the day from both those who paddled and those who decided not to participate in a second race. Camp Quality is an organization that provides educational, hospital, family support and recreational programs for children being treated for cancer. This achieves amazing results in an optimistic and fun filled environment. All together we raised \$290.55 which is a credit to all those who donated. Thank you to all those that supported "Paddle for Camp Quality". With the continued support of members this event may well be repeated in future years.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday September 24 after the club race. It will be held in the Swallow Rock Reserve at the Scout Hall end commencing at 3.30pm. In the event of inclement weather the venue will locate to the Guide Hall next to the Grays Point shops. The current committee has served 2 terms and it is probably time for new members to have a turn. Being off season for a few months will give the new committee time to adjust with the help of some of the previous committee members. Those wishing to nominate themselves, or for another person, should indicate their intent to the Secretary – Craig Findlay, preferably by September 10. Craig's email address is [cpfindlay@aol.com](mailto:cpfindlay@aol.com)

The PaddleNSW AGM is on the following Sunday after our AGM. To be held at Sports House, Homebush Bay commencing at 10am. As with most voluntary jobs these days, they come with greater responsibilities not only to the members but the general community through regulations administered by the department of Fair Trading and the 'umbrella' governing bodies that control our sport at both state and federal levels.

Those members that have not yet renewed their club membership for the 2011/12 year should do so. It is required by Australian Canoeing and through them PaddleNSW that all CSKC members who participate in our club races also join PaddleNSW in order that the club be covered by public liability insurance.

Our presentation dinner will be held Friday November 18 at the Woollooware Golf Club so please mark that on your calendar. Invitations will go out on October 1 on the last club race day.

The ICF World championships are currently underway in Hungary. The Australian K4 team last week won a silver medal in the 1000m – to view this and other events go to [www.paddlensw.org.au](http://www.paddlensw.org.au) and go the quick links and click on AC YouTube.

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