

# Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Inc.

## **Member News Issue 6 Feb/Mar 2011**

The 2011 year has started with our first committee meeting held on February 8th. The committee is made up of mostly the same members, who served last year with a few changes. Bobby Johnson has returned as our publicity officer and will assist with race starting. Geoff Hine has decided to step down this year and we thank him for his input and guidance over the past year. Max Walker hopes to spend more time on the water this year so would prefer to participate as a competitor but he has still volunteered to run the President's Cup handicap races this year. The President's Cup was popular last year so we are fortunate that Max will be available to continue with this in 2011.

The 2011 race program is almost complete now and will be published early in March. Those that have given us their email addresses will receive the program electronically and hard copies will be available at the registration table when the season gets started.

There will be the short and long course options as there were last year. In all there are 26 point score club races this year including, 8 President's Cup handicap races. The Hacking Classic from Gunnamatta Bay to Grays Point will be on May 1<sup>st</sup> and the PNSW Marathon series race hosted by our club will be on August 20<sup>th</sup>. This event will also serve to award our traditional 'Rock' trophy to the overall winner in the highest constituted class. This is in lieu of a separate race to SW Arm that we ran last year.

The Paddle NSW Marathon series totals 9 races this year. This year the marathon series will be run by a committee comprising club members from a number of clubs. Laurie Ward is our delegate to the new marathon committee which should improve communication links between PNSW and the clubs in respect of the marathon series. The NSW State Marathon Championships is to be held at Penrith SIRC on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As a trial for our club, we are going to run a charity event this year. We have participated in charity events in the past and they have proven successful. The plan at this stage is to run the charity race in the afternoon after the PNSW marathon race hosted by our club on August 20. It will be our normal 2pm club race but there will be no race entry fee but a voluntary contribution for those who elect to contribute only. There will be no times taken but numbers will be issued and we hope to attract sponsors who may donate prizes that will be awarded on a lucky boat number draw after the event. We will try to attract as many visiting paddlers from other clubs, who are with us for the marathon, to remain with us and enjoy the afternoon even if just to warm down after the marathon and enjoy the best part of the Hacking River. The selected charity is Camp Quality which provides support for children with cancer. The organization is specifically orientated towards outdoor activities which help with their treatment and recovery process.

You will notice that a few sprints will be conducted this year, as well, so all in all it's a fairly full program for 2011.

Membership fees remain at \$10.00 per person and are due by June 30th 2011. To help with our running costs it would be welcomed if this could be paid from the beginning of our season in April. Renewal forms will be available on the race desk. Race entry fees are \$2.00 per entry or \$40.00 for the year.

That's it for Feb/ March more next month.