

Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club

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Welcome to the 2017 season. This year looks like being a busy year again for all our members. We had our first committee meeting February 07 down at Swallow Rock – a pleasant afternoon and a few important decisions were made.

Future committee meetings will take place down at Swallow Rock after our Saturday afternoon race on the last weekend of each month until September starting 4.00/ 4.30 pm.

Your **2017 Committee** comprises:-

President - Peter Sigal.

Vice President & Equipment Officer - Ellis Kirkman.

Secretary – Franz Lauenstein.

Treasurer, Registrar, Public Officer & Race Secretary - Bruce Clark.

Short / Long course Race Programmer, Presidents Cup - Handicapper/ Starter and Timer
– Robert (Max) Walker.

Short/Long course – Starter & Time Recorder – Michelle O’Loughlin & Rod Smith.

Social Secretary – Margaret Ryall.

Website Officers – Robert (Max) Walker, Dallas Newman & Frank Pancer.

Merchandise & Trophies – Dallas Newman & Lorraine Harper Horak.

Publicity Officer - Vacant

Committee members:-

Laurie Ward.

Kevin Nettle.

Geoff Hine.

Warren Trick.

Bruce Sinclair.

Agreed Decisions

1. **Membership fees** for the 2017 season are due July 1 2017, however we will be requesting payment from the start of the racing season from April 1st. This allows us to finance costs involved in running the club.

Membership renewal and for new members is a blanket \$25.00 per person for any age or \$50.00 per family. Race fees remain at \$3.00 payable on the day for all members entering a race except surf club members whose club has previously tendered an agreed blanket sum to cover their members for the entire season.

2. **Race program** will follow last year's format. Two consecutive Saturdays of club races short & long course followed by one Saturday Doubles and Presidents Cup Handicap. All races start at 2.00 pm excepting doubles which start at 1.00 pm.

This year there will be 2km race length option for sub juniors and those wishing to do the shorter course only however, end of season award will only apply to sub juniors. The 2km start will be with the short 5km race start.

Race program will follow prior to seasons start.

This year we are going to add a SW Arm race starting earlier in the day – details to follow.

3. **Pre-season races in April** will trial **sprints** starting at 1.00pm on April 1.

The first will be 200m from the upstream white 200m 'shore marker' downstream to the red channel marker. Registration from 12 noon. We will try to match age / gender & boats into heats of 4 or 5. Boat numbers should be displayed as we will attempt to take times – if this works out we will trial run a 500m and 1000m sprint events on April 15 & 22.

On all 3 trial sprint days the normal preseason warm up 5km race to the net and back will still start at 2.00pm. No race fees will apply in April but will commence with the first race in May.

4. April 8 – Come & Try day. Commencing 10.00am. This will be a virtual open day for those persons of any age including juniors who wish to try their hand at kayaking either as a recreational activity or as a competitive member of any club.

It is being sponsored by PaddleNSW and has come to fruition due to the effort and motivation of Jeff O'Loughlin and the Development Officer at PaddleNSW Rosalyn Lawrence. Those members who wish to contribute their time on this day should be present at Swallow Rock from 10.00. Already a number on our committee have expressed their intention to help. There will be no trial sprints on this day but the normal 5km warm up pre-season race will commence at 2.00pm.

5. CSKC Marathon Day – August 26 – This year we have been awarded a State Marathon Day. We run a pretty good marathon and our venue is amongst the best. There are a few things we have to watch out for to make it a success so that we can be picked again in future years. It is a fairly competitive bidding process we have to go through each year and we feel that we don't deserve to miss out again. What we should aim for is:-

Better Parking – Apply to council to allow overall concession for visitor parking in all parking positions. Members should give up their parking spots to visitors where possible and relocate up the street after unloading.

Better Amenities – Try to obtain the Scout Hall again or failing that provide 'Portaloos'.

Safety – We should consider hiring St Johns attendance for the event. At least 3 safety boats on the water. PFDs? watch this space.

Internet – We don't have control over that but we think we could get better wireless signal strength on the beach on the eastern side of the boat ramp. Don't be surprised if the finish line is located there.

Your committee will do their best to accommodate what PaddleNSW need to be a successful provider. Our BBQ is no doubt the best in the series what we need to do is listen to what the main complaints are and try our best to ensure we can overcome them in future. Those listed above are a start.

6. World Masters Auckland and State/ National Marathon Championships. We have a number of club members travelling to New Zealand in April (including ANZAC day) to compete in the World Masters Games in both Marathon and Sprints. Keep your eyes on the results on the WMG website. That's it for now more to follow once the season gets underway. Happy paddling.