

Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Inc.

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August / September are the last two months of our season and there is a lot happening. Sunday August 5 was our first social outing of the year – a non paddling day on the Hacking gave us a chance to enjoy the scenery on board the Cronulla Ferry ‘Tom Thumb’.

We regret having to cancel our regular 2.00pm Presidents Cup race on August 11. This was decided upon due to the strong southerly winds that afternoon that rendered the event as unsafe. As with most organised events safety is the primary concern and in this case was a responsible decision.

Next Saturday August 18 is our South West Arm race which is detailed below. For those who wish to participate in our normal 2.00pm race – there will be a short and long course race – more details on the day.

CLUB FEATURE RACE – SOUTH WEST ARM - HACKING MARATHON

August 18 -9.30am start.

The Hacking Marathon ‘The Rock’ is scheduled for Saturday August 18. Start is 9.30am – briefing 9.00am. The event starts and finishes from our normal start line at Swallow Rock. Paddlers are invited from all canoe and surf clubs. Cost is \$20.00 for singles and \$30.00 for doubles. Non members of PaddleNSW must complete a PaddleNSW a single event waiver form. The \$10.00 required by PaddleNSW for a single event entry will be covered by the club. This covers insurance for the paddler and the club.

The ‘Rock’ refers to the trophy donated by the Hopkins family which goes back to the early days of Lilli Pilli Kayak Club. Bert Hopkins and his wife Gwen were originally members of the River Canoe Club located on Cooks River. The River Club is the oldest canoe club in NSW having been formed by Paddy Pallin in 1935. The club still operates today principally as a whitewater canoe club.

Bert and Gwen were awarded life membership of the NSW Canoe Association. Bert helped the local Scouts to build canoes and kayaks at the Lilli Pilli Scout Group HQ which then became the beginning of Lilli Pilli Kayak Club. He was instrumental in LPKC affiliation with NSW Canoe Association, was our race starter for many years and provided instruction to novice paddlers.

VAJDA 9 MARATHON SERIES - RACE 8 – SEPTEMBER 22

Race 8 of the Vajda 9 Marathon series is on September 22. This will be run along the same lines as the 2010 and 2011 Marathons. The course remains the same – we can expect around 120 boats on the water. There will be portages along the beach for the higher divisions and we can expect good competition between the leading marathon paddlers in the State. Volunteer helpers will be required on the day. The marathon will be followed by our club race at 2.00pm – as was the case last year it will be for a charity race the proceeds of which will go to a local charity – The Sylvanvale Foundation.

CSKC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 29

Our AGM will be held after the last race of the season on September 29 down at Swallow Rock Reserve. The new committee will be formed for the 2012/2013 season. This will be an opportunity for a fresh committee hopefully made up of younger members. The existing committee has worked hard over the last three years.

There will be some changes to our constitution which will require all members to vote on at a general meeting. The AGM is an ideal opportunity to do this. Full details will be published and available prior to the meeting date of September 29.

CSKC membership continues to grow and some previous members have returned. As reported in our last issue 10 of our members – all committee members and their partners helped out as volunteers at the recent NSW State Marathon Championships held at the Penrith SIRC on July 7 & 8. We provided the crews for the safety boats, marshalling, and lap and portage supervision. We shared the work with Sutherland Shire Canoe Club and members from Windsor, Central Coast, Manly Warringah and Southside Paddlers. Apart from the weed the event over two days was successful and enjoyable for all involved. Thank you to all those who volunteered.

CSKC Congratulates our victorious canoeists in London. Jessica fox in the slalom and the K4 1000m sprint team comprising Tate Smith, Dave Smith, Murray Stewart and Jacob Clear. Their success, and those of other less conspicuous minority sports, helps promote amongst the media what we have all known for years.

A four race PNSW sprint series commences August 11 – check for details and entry at www.paddlensw.org.au

That's it for now. More in issue 14.