

# **Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Inc.**

## **Member News Issue 14 November / December 2012**

This is the last newsletter for 2012. The next will be the first for 2013. We missed an October issue this year as we took a break in Fiji that month and temporarily adopted their layback lifestyle.

We can look back on 2012 as a successful year for our club. We had a good club racing season with both long and short courses well attended and for many, a personal best was sufficient motivation to try and meet their individual target for another year. Depending on one's vintage that target may be ever increasing or the reverse. It really doesn't matter which direction - being there is sufficient reason to be satisfied with 2012.

We welcomed a number of new members in 2012 (see below) and the return of veteran members who have returned for club races at Swallow Rock. We had a significant number of Sutherland Shire Canoe Club members paddle with us and look forward to them returning in 2013.

Gary Wells introduced a successful ladies Handicap series over (approx) 2km which has proved very popular amongst the ladies and hopefully will continue in 2013 with the added possible excitement of a male version. My advice to the men in our squad is to start timing yourself over the 2km round trip in order to get your handicap for the first race.

Besides the presentation dinner on November 2 we had a social outing on the Tom Thumb ferry in 2012. Special thanks to Margaret Ryall-Egan for organising both events. We enjoyed a terrific presentation dinner night down at Wanda's club. Our guests of honour were the family of Scott Bickley - Mr & Mrs Ron and Joy Bickley and Scott's sister - Anita Pryke. Ron finished the night with a wonderful acknowledgement speech to our club in recognition of his son.

Another special thank you goes to Lorraine Harper- Horak, Dallas Newman and Robert (Max) Walker for helping Margaret set up down at Wanda and for the terrific presentations. The trophies and medals together with the framed photographs were the result of a lot of work in a short time. We can all say that the awards were special this year and are very much appreciated by all members of the club. We are also thankful for Gary Hancock's presentation of the doubles series award to those that beat the Gary and Max team this year.

Your club provided officials for the NSW Marathon Championships at Penrith this year. We enjoyed this experience and are hopeful that we may be invited to participate in 2013. The championship will form part of the marathon series in 2013 and will also be held at the SIRC Penrith (we hope the weed problem will be fixed by then).

Our 2012 marathon series race 8 on September 22 was held on a perfect day with a good tide. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make the day a success. The club raised \$497.00 for the Sylvanvale Foundation. We will continue with this charity race again 2013.

Friday evening informal races have recommenced - 6.30 pm start at Swallow Rock. The Friday informal races are not run by CSKC but are organised for/ by individuals who wish to maintain

their paddle fitness during the off season daylight saving months or those that wish to simply enjoy a social picnic/ paddle.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

The following are our new members who joined us in 2012 – we look forward to seeing you all on the water in 2013.

Ross Bingle.  
Malcolm Boon.  
Joseph Caruana.  
Margaret Clarke.  
Paul Clough.  
Rob Cook.  
Kate & Steve Dawson.  
Megan Pryke.  
Andrew Girardini.  
Sharon & Phillip Hamilton.  
Luke Hawkins.  
Sam Janic.  
Franz Laurenstien.  
Merle Lovelock.  
John Wilde.

### **NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2013**

Congratulations to the following members who were elected at our AGM on September 29 for the 2012/ 2013 year.

President	Peter Sigal.
Vice president	Kevin Nettle.
Secretary	Kate Wells.
Treasurer & Public Officer	Bruce Clarke.
Race secretary	Robert (Max) Walker.
Registrar	Bruce Clarke.
Social Secretary	Margaret Ryall-Egan.
Website Officer	Dallas Newman & Lorraine Harper-Horak.
Equipment Officer	Ellis Kirkman.
Publicity Officer	Kevin Nettle.
Marathon Delegate	Laurie Ward.
Merchandising Officer	Dallas Newman & Lorraine Harper-Horak.
Race Timer	Kay laurendet.
Committee	Gary Wells, Bruce Sherlock, Warren Trick.

### **CLUB TROPHIES FOR 2012 SEASON**

Congratulations to the following members who were awarded perpetual club trophies for the 2012 season.

Clint Robinson in the Drink	Geoff Hine.
Ironperson – Wooden Spoon	Mick Geogaris Snr

Junior Ironperson	Luke Hawkin.
Male Ironperson	Luke Hawkin.
Junior Male Paddler	Mitch O'Loughlin.
Doubles Series Winner	Ben Constable/ Bruce Sherlock.
Doubles Handicap Series Winner	Gary Hancock/ Robert Walker.
Best Performance Double Paddlers	Marilyn & Mick Georgaris.
Ski Male Paddler	Mick Georgaris Jnr.
TK1 Female Paddler	Merle Lovelock.
TK1 Male Paddler	Warren Trick.
K1 Female Paddler	Pauline Findlay.
K1 Male Paddler	Darren Lee.
The Rock Trophy	Darren Lee.
Female Ironperson	Diane Chellew.
Club Representative	Dianne Chellew.
Outstanding Club Person of the Year	Peter Sigal.

### **PADDLENSW MARATHON SERIES DATES FOR 2013**

The following host clubs / venues have been allocated dates as listed.

BGCC/ Lake Burley Griffin. ACT	Sat 16/3/2013.
WBCC/ Wagga Wagga	Sat 20/4/2013.
CCCC/ Wyong	Sun 05/5/2013.
MWKC/ Lake Narrabeen	Sun 26/5/2013.
SSCC/ Woronora River	Sat 08/6/2013.
PVCC/ Penrith Valley	Sat 29/6/2013.
Makai/ Burrill Lake	Sat 20/7/2013.
WCC/ Windsor	Sat 03/8/2013.
CSKC/ Swallow Rock	Sat 24/8/2013.
LKCC/ Lane Cove	Sun 08/9/2013.
State Championships/ SIRC Penrith	Sat 21/9/2013.

**Merry Christmas to all our members and families and good paddling in 2013.**

That's it for now. More in issue 15.