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## Coming Events:

- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2016; Race 4, PNSW Marathon 9 Series; LCRK; Lane Cove
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016: Riverland Paddling Marathon; Berri SA to Morgan SA; 208 km, 3 days
- **17<sup>th</sup> JUNE: BGCC 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party & Presentation Dinner**, Hellenic Club, 6:30 for 7 p.m.
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June: Race 5, PNSW Marathon 9 Series; SSCC; Woronora River, Sutherland, NSW
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2016: Race 6, PNSW Marathon 9 Series; BWP, Davistown, NSW



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## President's Report: Patricia Ashton

Haven't we been blessed with some beautiful late autumn weather! Those who usually bolt indoors at the first sign of frost are still out and those who paddle through haven't had to resort to the pogies, waterproof socks or heavy thermals (all available at Wetspot!!). As its' extended our season and made training easier and more enjoyable, hopefully we'll see more club paddlers heading to Lane Cove and Woronora.

You will hopefully have seen Russell's message regarding the Marathon series. We need paddlers to attend these races and really give it a nudge! Not that we have to win the Brian Norman Trophy five years in a row, but we do have to make the other clubs fight for it!! Both these venues are reasonably close and are great places to paddle. Later in the season we'll have Burrill Lake and Wagga, also close and enjoyable (in different ways). These are wonderful opportunities for our newer paddlers or those new to racing to try out their skills. Unfortunately the other 2 venues are much further afield – but as Russell mentioned, let's get some car-pooling going, use the trailer and have a club weekend away. They are always fun, dinner and tactics and talk of past glories....

Speaking of which, the club Presentation and Birthday Dinner will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> June. Book a table with your regular paddling crew, or come along and make some new friends. Don't forget we need photos and stories – any nominations for awards should be in this week.

Sunday saw the inaugural National Time Trial Series (NTTS). This has been initiated by Chris Hurley (Gabrielle's brother in Qld), to spark up winter paddling. (Amazing to us that they have trouble retaining paddlers through winter too!) We had a good turnout this week, but we'll see how we go once winter does hit. Will competition overcome that warm cosy bed on a foggy or frosty morning?

Hope to see you all on the water, and at the Presentation Dinner

*Patricia.*



### BGCC 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and Presentation Dinner

The Burley Griffin Canoe Club will be celebrating our  
26<sup>th</sup> Birthday

We will be holding a Birthday and Presentation Dinner at  
the Hellenic Club, Woden, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of June.

*Reminisce, celebrate, perform, eat, drink, enjoy.....*

**Be There!**

**Entrée:** Roasted Pumpkin and Ricotta Lasagne with herb tomato sauce or Chicken and Mushroom Filo Roll with wild mushroom salad

**Main:** Grilled Sirloin of Beef, grain mustard and thyme butter, red wine jus, seasonal vegetables and potatoes or Atlantic Salmon fillet with confit fennel and orange glaze, served with seasonal vegetables

**Dessert:** Birthday Cake, Tea, Coffee and After Dinner Mints

On-line payments at: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=21141>



## Boat Captain's Report: Scott MacWilliam

### Shed Extension

The last month has been extremely busy and the pressure to finalise our submission by the August deadline will not ease. Fortunately, thanks to some very important contributions from club members, at last there seems to be a light at the end of the tunnel of the long-running shed extension story. The sub-committee of Bob Collins, John Lockie and the two Scotts, who were tasked by the club with preparing plans and the final submission has been strengthened by the contributions of Robert Bruce and Shane Lund.

As members would recall from previous reports, one major cause of delay has been in the preparation of external design plans that are acceptable by the National Capital Authority (NCA). Objections have been raised over the use of *colourbond* and the external colours used. As a result of Robert Bruce's work, we are closer to having our design acceptable to the NCA. The new designs incorporate *weathertex* for external cladding rather than *colourbond*, and we are hopeful that this will not add too much to construction costs. Two examples of the designs are shown here



*Western (Civic) end of Club Shed with "Weathertex"*

**These are not final designs however, as we still have to satisfy the NCA** who have suggested:

*The examples you have provided need a bit more depth and richness (i.e., perhaps extend the eaves a bit and articulate the timber panelling) and the colours should probably be changed in line with what we have previously approved elsewhere (natural timber, grey and black).*

These suggestions will be discussed with the NCA at a meeting next week (31<sup>st</sup> May), and we are optimistic that a satisfactory outcome can be reached.

While planning continues, the committee has begun a new search for a builder who can meet our requirements. This may involve either a complete handing over of construction to one firm, or some form of contracting which would allow club members to do some of the work.

### Lease Conversion

However, planning is still being delayed over the conversion of the terms of our occupation of the shed from a rental agreement with Territory and Municipal Services, to a lease of 25 or 40 years. The conversion would be important if we are planning at any stage to borrow from a financial institution for any purpose, including further changes to the shed. However, due to the prudential management of the club's funds, through which we intend to have around \$100k in the extension building fund by the time work commences next year, borrowing has become less important. The club should also be much more liquid financially with more racks available in the new extension and thus greater income.

The sub-committee is still trying to negotiate a change in terms under which we occupy the shed. Currently negotiations are being held up by a demand that we pay \$28,000 for changes to the water supply and an additional (less substantial) fee for an electricity supply meter, if we become lease-holders rather than renters. It seems likely that we will change the direction of our planning on the lease terms unless the cost of the current proposal is reduced very substantially.

### **Toilet Removal**

Two other matters which have been occupying the sub-committee over the last month have been the removal of the toilets in the section of the shed now occupied by the Ice Dragons and the TAMS plans for replanting trees once the five marked for removal are taken down. The toilets have gone, and TAMS have shown us what they intend to plant, along the lines of what appears in the draft design of the north face of the shed, closest to Morshead Drive (see below). Whether the new trees will be planted before work is completed on the shed extension remains to be seen.



*View from Morshead Drive: North Face/Rear of Club Shed with Grey Panels – Stage 2*

### **Tree Removal**

Finally we have been advised that the firm which has been contracted to remove the five very large trees behind the shed is working its way through the north Canberra part of its operations. While we don't know exactly when work will commence at Molonglo Reach, it seems likely that this will be in June. It may be that the car-park closest to the shed will be unusable for a period and we will need to park in the overflow area east of where the trees are being taken down. Club members will be advised as soon as I am notified.

*Scott MacWilliam*  
Shed Sub-Committee

### **AWARDS for 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and PRESENTATION DINNER**

Get together with your paddling friends and put together a list of worthy paddlers you know about – for their paddling prowess (or lack thereof), helpful ways, sunny personalities, unbeatable profanities or any other award-worthy doings.



Have they earned frequent fall-in points? Beaten all comers at a particular event, or set of events? Coached you to the peak of your ability? Given you a shoulder to cry on when you were in need? Lent you their boat(s)? Helped you get that heavy club boat down off the rack and to the river – more than once?

There are a myriad of possibilities for awards – so let the committee know! This needs to happen very soon, as the date for the dinner is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June and we need to have suitable prizes and trophies ready for the night. If you have a perpetual award from a prior year, please return it to Patricia at Wetspot.

## Flatwater Marathon Convener's Report: Russell Lutton

### 2016 PNSW Marathon Series

Race 3 of the PNSW 2016 Marathon Series was hosted by Windsor Canoe Club on the Hawkesbury River at Windsor on Saturday, 30 April. The weather conditions were great for racing and while there was a strong tidal flow, the water conditions were also generally good.

It was a milestone race for our club. I think I am correct in saying that since the start of 2013, our having first won the Brian Norman club points trophy in 2012, BGCC has maintained the club points lead after every marathon race. However, the Windsor result relegated us to third place on the cumulative club points score. Manly Warringah Kayak Club currently lead with 112 points, Lane Cove River Kayakers are second with 100 points and we are placed third with 96 points.

While such close competition is good for the marathon series and interclub competition, conceding defeat to the once-dominant Sydney clubs is not something we should accept as a forgone conclusion. As we have demonstrated for the last four years, we have the paddlers with the skills to retain the Brian Norman club points score trophy.

So are there are different dynamics this year? It's hard to say so early in the season; we probably need a few more races for things to become clearer. We were certainly down a little in club participation at Windsor, and it showed in the results, but our participation was still good given the long distances we have to travel. There are some suggestions about how to manage this later in the report.

However, what was obvious at Windsor was the number of new faces and boats on the water, most particularly from Manly and Lane Cove—perhaps indicative of the fact that those two clubs are making a concerted effort this year to win back the coveted club trophy.

We have also tended to dominate the shorter distance races in previous years, something that is not the case this year. And divisional racing is a quirky business. A paddler can do a great time but the strict divisional time/average kph slots, can relegate you to a mid-field result.



*Ten of the 19 BGCC paddlers at Windsor: Steph Rake, Craig Elliott, Gary Rake, Russell Lutton, Jack Jessen, Richard Fox, Graeme Bacon, Carolyn Williams, Kit Nicolle and Roger Murray.*

Listed below are the individual results of BGCC paddlers at Windsor:

<b>Division 1</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Rake	1.34.10 (2 club points)
6 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Rake	1.39.38
<b>Division 2</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Craig Elliott	1.39.05 (4 club points)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Russell Lutton/Richard Fox	1.39.06
<b>Division 3</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Wellings Booth	1.44.31
<b>Division 4</b>		
	<b>No BGCC paddlers</b>	
<b>Division 5</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup>	John Preston	1.52.56
9 <sup>th</sup>	Graeme Bacon	1.57.20
<b>Division 7</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Helen and David Tongway	2.15.59
<b>Division 8</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Graeme Ison	1.23.57 (2 club points)
<b>Division 9</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jack Jessen	56.17 (4 club points)
<b>Division 10</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Rake	1.02.16
7 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Bruce	1.04.24
9 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Murray	1.06.12
10 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Castell-Brown	1.06.18
11 <sup>th</sup>	Kirsten Nicolle	1.06.55
<b>Division 11</b>		
9 <sup>th</sup>	Carolyn Williams	1.09.28
10 <sup>th</sup>	Allan Newhouse	1.10.55
<b>Division 12</b>		
	<b>No BGCC paddlers</b>	

The next race in the 2016 series is at Lane Cove on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. Having more BGCC paddlers across as many of the divisions as possible, particularly the shorter distances, should be our goal for the Lane Cove race and future races. There are several ways the club can try to assist you to compete if you are not able to get to the races independently:

- Car-pooling: if you want to race but don't have transport, it may be possible to car pool with others. Alternatively if you can take a boat and/or passenger(s), let us know and we will try to match up the requirements.
- Club trailer: if it is warranted, it may be possible to take the club trailer to transport boats that cannot be accommodated on roof racks
- Rules advice: have you done a ranking race? Are you eligible to score personal and club points? The marathon series rules are at
- [http://www.paddlensw.org.au/sites/default/files/articles/marathon\\_rules\\_2016.pdf](http://www.paddlensw.org.au/sites/default/files/articles/marathon_rules_2016.pdf) It is important to understand how divisional racing works and how best to maximise your paddling results and enjoyment while working within the rules framework; so talk to me or one of the regular PNSW marathon competitors about where you are likely to fit into the divisions if you have not raced in this format type before.

I am happy to act as the conduit for paddlers who would like to attend marathon series races but for whatever reason have difficulty doing so—or those who are going and can transport people and/or boats. Contact me at [rgl4762@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rgl4762@bigpond.net.au)

This is what the PNSW website says about the LCRK race: **The organisers of the Lane Cove race have stipulated that all paddlers must wear lifejackets for this event, that footwear is compulsory for paddlers who elect to portage and recommended for all other paddlers.**

And a note from Tony Hystek at Lane Cove River Kayakers: *“Please assume everything will be the same as last year, with plenty of helpers on and off the water and lifejackets to be brought (if not necessarily worn). Only change would be the course is the correct length and doesn’t involve walking over mud flats!”*

#### Calendar of events:

- [2016 PNSW Marathon Series Round 4 LCRK Lane Cove](#) Sun, 29/05/2016 - 11:00
- [2016 PNSW Marathon Series Round 5 SSCC Woronora](#) Sat, 25/06/2016 - 11:00
- [2016 PNSW Marathon Series Round 6 BWP Davistown](#) Sun, 17/07/2016 - 11:00
- [2016 PNSW Marathon Series Round 7 HVPC Cockle Creek](#) Sat, 06/08/2016 - 11:00
- [2016 PNSW Marathon Series Round 8 Makai, Burrill Lake](#) Sat, 03/09/2016 - 11:00
- [2016 Myall Classic Ultramarathon](#) Sat, 17/09/2016 - 06:00
- [2016 PNSW Marathon Series Round 9 & Series Presentations WBCB Wagga Wagga](#)  
Sat, 01/10/2016 - 13:00 Presentation Dinner 18:30

#### National Time Trial Series

The first of the National Time Trial Series was held in conjunction with our BGCC winter time trial last Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May and was well attended. Thanks to time keepers Patricia Ashton and Jack Jessen and to Gabrielle Hurley who coordinated the event.

Note that local time trials are not held on weekends that coincide with PNSW marathon races. The calendar for the remainder of the winter is below, with NTTS events marked as well. Big thanks to those of you who have volunteered to assist with time keeping during the winter.



*Beautiful conditions for Sunday’s time trials and NTTS at Molonglo Reach. Photos by Patricia Ashton*



## 2016 BGCC WINTER TIME TRIAL/NTTS SERIES

DATE	ACTIVITY
Sunday, 29 May 2016	Coaching/other activity day, TBA, start time 9 a.m.
Sunday, 5 June 2016	Time trial, start time 9:30 a.m. (two laps) 9:35 a.m. (1 lap)
Sunday, 12 June 2016	Coaching/other activity day, TBA, start time 9 a.m.
Sunday, 19 June 2016	NTTS + Time trial, start time 9:30 a.m. (two laps) 9:35 a.m. (1 lap)
Sunday, 26 June 2016	Coaching/other activity day, TBA, start time 9 a.m.
Sunday, 3 July 2016	Time trial, start time 9:30 a.m. (two laps) 9:35 a.m. (1 lap)
Sunday, 10 July 2016	Time trial, start time 9:30 a.m. (two laps) 9:35 a.m. (1 lap)
Sunday, 17 July 2016	Coaching/other activity day, TBA, start time 9 a.m.
Sunday, 24 July 2016	NTTS + Time trial, start time 9:30 a.m. (two laps) 9:35 a.m. (1 lap)
Sunday, 31 July 2016	Time trial, start time 9:30 a.m. (two laps) 9:35 a.m. (1 lap)
Sunday, 7 August 2016	Coaching/other activity day, TBA, start time 9 a.m.
Sunday, 14 August 2016	Time trial, start time 9:30 a.m. (two laps) 9:35 a.m. (1 lap)
Sunday, 21 August 2016	NTTS + Time trial, start time 9:30 a.m. (two laps) 9:35 a.m. (1 lap)
Sunday, 28 August 2016	Time trial, start time 9:30 a.m. (two laps) 9:35 a.m. (1 lap)
Sunday, 4 September 2016	Coaching/other activity day, TBA, start time 9 a.m.
Sunday, 11 September 2016	NTTS + Time trial, start time 9:30 a.m. (two laps) 9:35 a.m. (1 lap)
Wednesday, 12 October 2016	Wetspot summer time trials 2016-17 commence

### Molonglo River time trial course maintenance

A number of issues have been addressed on our time trial course. Paddlers should be aware of the following:

- the errant large red buoy and the blue start-finish buoy have been returned to their positions off the pontoon;
- at the hospice turn, a white warning buoy has been placed on a stump that protrudes from the water to the right of the first yellow turning buoy;
- several horizontal and vertical underwater obstacles on the wetlands side of the river have been removed or remediated;
- where possible, distance markers have been placed on buoys and in other places;
- the tight Molonglo Bridge turn has been widened a little by moving the third of the yellow turning buoys closer to the Morshead Drive side of the river and by remediating some underwater/low branches that constricted entry to the turn.

Thanks to Tom Hick who generously volunteered his time and boat to make this work possible.

*Russell Lutton*

Marathon Convener

### Canoe Polo Report: Kai Swoboda

#### Winter season 2016 Tuggeranong Pool

The Wednesday night competition at Tuggeranong is now underway. We have arranged 4 teams for the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 week season but welcome any newcomers, who we can slot into the teams as required. We are now playing a little later (8.30-10.30), but the later timeslot has not dulled anyone's enthusiasm.

## Pool National Team News

James Deakin and Rowan Holt remain in contention for selection for the national team to compete at this year's world championships. Both have been training on the river through the week, as well as making regular crossings of the ditch to New Zealand to compete as part of the selection process.

## Canoe Polo Equipment Cleanout

A clean out of some of the old polo boats has begun, with three boats dating from the mid-1980s on the scrapheap. There will be some further disposals in the near future as some more boats have reached the end of their (useful) lives.

*Photos by Mike Zupanc (zupy.net) at the 2016 Nationals:*



*Carley Goodwin in action for ACT Open*



*James Harmer refereeing*

## Winter Sunday afternoon Junior Training and Development

The Sunday afternoon sessions at Tuggeranong Pool (3 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.) have been well attended. Many juniors have capitalised on the additional water time and some are now able to do live rolls as required. Many thanks to Louise and Tom for assisting with these sessions.

Please contact polo convener Kai Swoboda ( [kaiandjo@bigpond.com](mailto:kaiandjo@bigpond.com) ) for further information. *Kai*

## SUP Convener's Report: Kate Miller

The SUP contingent was very enthusiastic, with a few travelling for events. Kate Miller competed in a four race series out of Balmoral Beach (no places). Pete Garbutt and Greg Cockerill competed in the National Sprints (1st and 3rd respectively) and Rohan Evans competed in heaps of events placing respectably and travelling a lot to compete.

The club members focused on the Saucy Jack Classic in Newcastle, specifically tailoring their training (thanks Matt!) with the following results:

### Women

Ange Crawford - 7th overall (10th in BOP, 13th Harbour Hustle, 5th in the head2head showdown (beat Karla Gilbert overall!))  
Jo Nelson - 14th overall (13th in BOP and 14th in the Harbour Hustle (4th in age category))  
Lana Read - 17th overall (15th in the BOP on a N1SCO, picking up a paddle for winning this category, 5th in age category)

### Men

Jason Rantall - 19th overall (26th BOP 24th Harbour Hustle)  
Aiden Lewis - 24th overall (30th BOP 27th in the Harbour Hustle)  
Matt Scott - 30th overall (35th in the BOP, 43rd in the Harbour Hustle on a N1SCO)  
Rohan Evans - 31st overall (33rd in the BOP 48th in the Hustle)  
Trent Shaw - 32nd overall (41st in the BOP, 42nd in the Hustle)  
Scott Hunter - 33rd overall (42nd in the BOP and 46th in the Hustle)  
Adam Rosen - 42nd overall (47th in the BOP and 59 in the Hustle)  
Tom McQueen - 51st overall (25th in the BOP, honourable mention for retiring hurt in the Hustle)  
Pete Garbutt - 53rd overall (26th in the Harbour Hustle)  
Shane Lund - 62nd overall (40th in the BOP on a NiSCO)



*Dawn on Lake Burley Griffin*



*Sprint Championships: 1<sup>st</sup> Pete Garbutt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Mackie (Huskisson), 3<sup>rd</sup> Greg Cockerill*

Overall a brilliant performance from the Canberra Crew with great support from Wetspot. Honourable mention also to Jo Nelson who won the lucky door prize of a 14' AllStar.



*Setting out at dawn at Molonglo Reach*

*Photos: by Pete Garbutt*

There was also a fair amount of SUP surfing action this season as everyone gets more confident. Greg Cockerill competed at the Gold Coast and there were a few ad hoc surf days at Moruya.

This is my last Blazing Paddles as SUP Convener - many thanks to the Crew and we are all looking forward to awards night. There is no shortage of material, with some stellar performances that need appropriate recognition.

*Kate*

## **From the *Goulburn Post* (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2016): Reid Looks to Tokyo**

GOULBURN paddler Breanna Reid has had a busy and successful 2015-16 season.

She has performed well this year, winning many medals at major regattas, State and National Championships.

The last few months have been very busy, juggling training, work, regattas, school and TAFE.

This season highlights have included being named: Paddle NSW Paddler with Disability 2015, Burley Griffin Junior Paddler of the Year 2015 and being National Elite Development Program Holder 2015-2016.

She was a crew member of the first ever all female C4 and won bronze racing the men.

Her medal tally this season was nine gold, nine silver and one bronze.

The biggest surprise was the Paddle NSW Paddler with a Disability Award. She was chosen out of a pool of 10 athletes some of whom are in the Australian Team. She was picked for her never give up attitude and crossover to new discipline in order to follow her dreams to compete for Australia one day.

New C1 discipline

"AFTER International Canoe Federation (ICF) paracanoe classifications didn't go to plan due to a change in rules, it was suggested I take up C1 paddling, which will give me an opportunity to represent Australia," Reid said.

"In a C1 I am able to move a lot better and do not as many restrictions in my stroke due to the spinal fusion.

"I had only been in the C1 for eight hours when I showed my potential by winning silver medals in both my events at the Paddle NSW Sprint Championships which were held in January."

Results

AT the Australian Grand Prix 1 Regatta on December 4-6, 2015 in Adelaide Reid won gold in the Paracanoe Women's K1 1000m Open, silver in the 500m and gold in the 200m Under 18s.

In the Women's K2 (two person) she placed seventh in the 1000m U18 final and ninth in the 500m and 200m U18 final.

In the Paddle NSW State Championships on January 16-17 at the Sydney International Rowing Centre Penrith Reid placed second in the PCWK1 1000m, 500m and 200m. She was also second in women's single paddler canoe (WC1) 500m and 200m.

In February she returned to Adelaide for the Australian Grand Prix 2 and Oceania Championships.

In the Paracanoe Women's K1 she was second in the 1000m open, first in the 500m open and first in the 500m U18 making her the Oceania Champion in both the latter two events.

In the Women's K4 the crew placed fifth in the 500m Under 18 final.

She also won the Oceania Championship in the Women's C1 200m Under 18s.

In Perth from March 2-6 Reid competed in the Australian National Championships and Olympic Qualifiers .

In the Women's Paracanoe K1 she placed second in the open 100m and 500m and won the U18 200m.

In the Women's K4 the crew she was a member of was placed sixth in the final of the Under 18s 200, 500 and 1000m events.

She was the Canoe Women's C1 gold medalist in both 500m and 200m under 18s finals.

Reid and her paddling mate were also gold medalists in the Canoe Women's C2 200m Under 18 final.

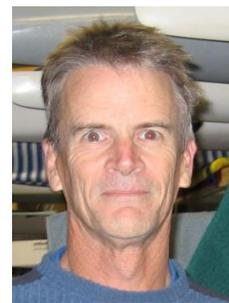
The first ever all female Australian C4 team, made up of Reid and three South Australian girls Isabella Rosino, Josephine Bulmer and Kristen Woodcock, were bronze medalists in the C4 1000m Open.

The Trinity Catholic College student has her sights set on the 2020 Tokyo Olympics with the desire to compete at both the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games that follow.

## GET WELL wish to Paul O'Neill

News via Bob Collins that Paul has had a nasty accident (showing once again that you are much safer in a boat than on a bike!) The following is Paul's news:

*We travelled around the New England area of NSW for about six weeks after Easter so hadn't been home much. I am really stuck at home now though - I came off my bike Wednesday two weeks ago and cracked my left femur just below the hip knuckle. I spent four days in Rockhampton hospital and now have three long screws through the top of my femur! Worst thing is I can't do anything for six weeks, with a couple more weeks light duties after that. So I am trying to think of things to do! I need to sort out a lot of photographs we have so I guess no excuses now!*



## Boats for Sale

Contact Cherie-Anne on 0413 605 518 for the **Nelo** below:



### Nelo Quattro Vintage K2.

Very Stable. Great for beginners.  
 A1 Construction Large 10-18 kg  
 Regretful sale: True Blue's deck has bodyguard (protective layer) installed professionally so you will not scratch or chip it with paddle blades. Signage done in reflective material – it glows in the dark.  
 Boat is in near new condition.  
 Paid \$6,800. **Sell for \$4,800 ono (reduced)**  
 Located at Gundar near Goulburn.

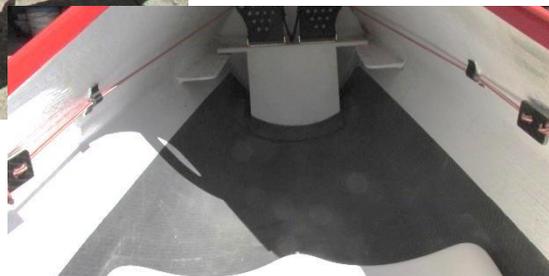


### Mirage 730 for sale

Helen and David are putting up their "spare" Mirage 730 for sale. It has a slightly lighter build than the standard expedition model and carries a few minor scars from a Murray and three Hawkesbury CCs.

**\$2,500 negotiable** 041 886 1613 or [dtongway@inet.net.au](mailto:dtongway@inet.net.au)

## Sladecraft Sonic for sale:



5.8m long. 46cm wide. Underslung rudder with foot pedals.  
Good to excellent condition. Always stored under cover.

**\$2000** Or offer. Contact Barry: 0419 603 119

## Ex demo and stock OS1's since exiting Carbonology:

Model: Zest - great beginner's boat. Similar stability to original V10 sport.

1x Glass Epoxy ~14kgs -\$1000

Model: Flash- racing ski great in ocean and flat water

1x Glass Epoxy ~14kgs -\$1200

1x Carbon/glass epoxy ~12.5kgs \$2000

Model: Vault - intermediate boat

1x Glass Epoxy ~14kgs -\$1000

Model: Pulse - lower volume racing boat, very fast racing boat best for <85kgs

1x Carbon/glass epoxy ~12.5kgs \$2200

Happy to bring to winter time trials for try out.

Malcolm

0459 824 315

[Mally.hall@bigpond.com](mailto:Mally.hall@bigpond.com)

## Other Items for Sale

- 2 of the new BGCC club bags - \$30 each (unused)
- Latest design BGCC long-sleeved paddling top, Medium size - \$45 (unused)

Phone Cherie on 0413 605 513

## Club Uniforms for Sale: Get yours for the racing season!



Club Uniforms are available at:

**Wetspot Watersports, Fyshwick.**

**Tops are \$50 each      Shorts \$59 each**

**However you can buy both the shorts and a top for \$70!**

## Synergy Paddlesports: Seakayaking Jervis Bay

One of our Wetspot suppliers - Synergy Paddlesports: Seakayaking Jervis Bay - would like to extend a 10% discount to any Club Paddlers who might be interested in our 1/2 Day Guided Sea Kayak Trip or Skills Courses offered in Jervis Bay over the next few months. People are welcome to use our equipment or their own Sea or Touring Kayaks. Check out details on the website:



<http://www.seakayakjervisbay.com>

**Before booking, contact Scott at Wetspot for a discount code**

This will be valid until the 20th June, 2016.

### *The Paddlers' Guide to New South Wales*

Now in its 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, this 479-page guide is the ultimate companion for seeing this amazing part of the world from the water. This is the most up-to-date paddling guidebook for Australia's "first state". It includes 140 paddling trips, descriptions, maps, GPS coordinates, trip locator maps, historic information, local points of interest, recommended places to eat, drink and stay overnight and expert equipment advice.

It comes complete with over 420 full-colour photos.

Price is \$39.95, available from BOATBOOKSAUSTRALIA, freecall 1300 boat books or at [www.boatbooks-aust.com.au](http://www.boatbooks-aust.com.au)

**ICF Canoe Marathon World Cup II Bulletin is now available for all National Federations.**

Check it now in documents area at [canoemarathonportugal.com](http://canoemarathonportugal.com)

### Latest Australian Canoeing Safety Guidelines

The latest Safety Guidelines are available at:

<http://canoe.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Safety-Guidelines-2015.pdf>

**"How to Paddle"** technique sessions by Epic's Clint Robinson and Greg Barton

<http://www.epickayaks.com/article/article/epic-technique-series>

### Newsletter Contributions Wanted!

Please send in your contributions – as soon as your paddling happenings happen. That way I have lots of lovely news to publish and don't have to chase you at the last minute! *Helen.*

0418 861 613

## BGCC Fees for 2016-2017

It is several years since we have changed the BGCC membership fees, but this year there will be an increase to all categories (except non-paddling volunteers who are still welcome at \$0 😊 )

New fees are:

Adult/Individual \$70  
Junior (under 18 years) \$35  
Family (up to 2 adults + Juniors living at the same address) \$175  
Adult/Individual: 5 years \$350

I am not certain about the PNSW fees, but I think they will be staying the same as this year:

Adult: \$69  
Junior (8 – 17): \$58  
Junior (under 8): \$0  
Family: \$170  
5 year Adult: \$300

To re-join BGCC, go to either the PNSW Membership or the Australian Canoeing Membership and log-in with your membership number and password and pay the combined PNSW/BGCC fee. This is Standard Level BGCC membership. But please don't re-join until June – or you will be paying for 14 or 15 months.

For those who have a higher level of BGCC membership, there will be a link to Register Now, to pay the fees for *Key Hire*, *Any Club Boat* use or *Platinum Level* (own boat in shed). These fees have been held at the same level as the past year.

A reminder to those who currently have Platinum Level BGCC Membership: you are required to use your stored, private boat at least 25 times per year. This will be checked in the log-sheets which you are to sign when you enter the club shed. The Club Shed is not for the storage of unused private boats! To remind you of the usage requirement, all current Platinum Level members will be asked to complete and sign the latest Application Form to continue your BGCC Platinum Level membership. Please read the Club Rules at <http://www.bgcc.org.au/images/FormsAndGovernance/boatshedrules.pdf>

Particularly Section 8: Private Equipment Storage.

*Helen.*



**Don't forget:**



### **BGCC 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and Presentation Dinner**

**The Burley Griffin Canoe Club will be celebrating our  
26<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

***We will be holding a Birthday and Presentation Dinner at the Hellenic Club, Woden, on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of June.***

***Reminisce, celebrate, perform, eat, drink, enjoy.....***

***Be There!***



**On-line payments at: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=21141>**

## Some Sad Photos and Boat Tales



It's often said that the most damage is done to skis/kayaks off the water—e.g., when they are driven into garages and such on car roofs. But always a free thinker, BGCC south coast paddler Stephen Bunny “accidentally” drove his brand new Think ocean ski into Narooma beach on a real dumper south coast wave earlier in the year. Bought Monday, back for repair on Saturday. As Stephen philosophically lamented, “C’est la vie!”



For those of us who were at last month's Series Race at Windsor – a very sad sight and a salutary lesson in making sure your excess tie-down straps are carefully tied off and don't come lose and wrap around a rotating car wheel.

## But here is a turn for the better!

### Morshead Drive U-turn bay

For those of you who have not been to the river of late, the good news is that the U-turn bay that gives access to traffic coming from the city direction is open at last. And the really good news is that the traffic light operates on a really short cycle; no long wait to complete the U-turn! Stay in the left-hand lane to take the turn.



*Photo by Russell Lutton: from turn-bay, facing south.*

[ In case you don't recognise where it is, it is where the roundabout used to be, just east of Molonglo Reach. ]

### Horizon Kayaks: Bob Collins

As many long-time paddlers know, for many years Noel and Stephanie have been making a variety of high quality kayaks in Mt Kuring-gai, NSW, under the name of 'Horizon Kayaks'.

I purchased a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand carbon/fibreglass 'Horizon Flyer' after I sold my Mirage. Being a hopelessly unbalanced paddler, I loved the compromise between stability, comfort and speed. Weighing in at 15-16kgs it was also quite manageable on and off the car etc. Then I heard that Noel had made a full carbon version of the Flyer and had the weight down to 12kgs! John Lockie purchased one and I decided I must have one. The quality of construction is second to none and they have proven to be a beautiful boat that can be raced in all sorts of events. At one stage I did a quick tally and found that there were about 8 Flyers in and around our Club in Canberra.

Some of us in the Club have had occasion to visit Noel and Stephanie's workshop while picking up boats or having alterations done. The main part of the workshop was the garage at their home and we marvelled at what they were able to produce from such a basic workshop.

Tom Simmat won the Yukon 1000 in a Horizon boat.



Tom Simmat during the Yukon 1000

Someone recently told me that Noel and Stephanie are no longer manufacturing kayaks. "What!" I thought. That can't be right! I went to their website and it only mentioned repairs, so I rang Stephanie to see what was going on. Sure enough, they had decided that due to Steph's recent illness and their gradual move into retirement mode, they were no longer up to the pressures of producing these high quality boats. The compromise is that they will continue to do repairs on all sorts of boats.

They took so much pride in their workmanship that Noel cut up all of his moulds as he could not stand the thought of someone else making his boats! They could not, however, bring themselves to part with one mould and have kept it for sentimental reasons – you guessed it! It is the Horizon Flyer mould.

While there are many high quality kayak manufacturers in Australia, it is sad to think that these classic Horizon boats will no longer be made.

*Bob Collins*

**Still time to enter:**

(until Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.)

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