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## Coming Events:

- Saturday 16 September, 2017 – Myall Classic, Tea Gardens/Myall Lakes, NSW
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 – BGCC's AGM; at Molonglo Reach; 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 - Tumut River Race, Tumut, NSW [ Peter McIntyre: [peterm@mpcc.com.au](mailto:peterm@mpcc.com.au) ]
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 – Race 11 PNSW Marathon 11 Series; Makai Paddlers, Burrill Lake, NSW
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 – Hawkesbury Canoe Classic, Windsor to Mooney Mooney, 111 km
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Murray River Marathon; Yarrowonga to Swan Hill, 5 days, 404 km
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 – Grand Prix 1; West Lakes, SA.
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 24 hour challenge, Molonglo Reach, ACT
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 – Junior Slalom Championships; Eildon, Victoria
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 – Australian Canoe Slalom Championships; Eildon, Victoria
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 – Grand Prix 2; SIRC, NSW
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Canoe Polo National Championships; West Lakes, SA.
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 - Australian Marathon Championships; West Lakes? South Australia



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## President's Report: Patricia Ashton

This will be my last Presidents Report, I have to say that even though I was hesitant to take on the position, the last 2 years have gone quite quickly and have even been enjoyable. This has been because of the support from committee members, convenors and other club members. It's been great working with you all.

We'll be holding our AGM on the 17<sup>th</sup> September and as I've mentioned several times previously, it would be beneficial to the club if, instead of the current committee just swapping chairs, we could get some new committee members. I look forward to getting some nominations in.

Spring is in the air – we've noticed it at Wetspot – more people through the door and more boats and SUPS out. We should also be seeing more club members out on the water too.

For those who don't have your own boats, your membership now entitles you to the use of all club boats – depending on your experience. If you are interested in trying out a tipper style boat, TK's, K's, V8's or V10 please talk to a coach to make sure you are shown how to use them properly.

Learn your brace stroke and what to do in case of capsize. How is your technique? Do you want some advice on fitness training? Check out the coaching times on the website, or talk to a coach if you see us on the water. Club coaches for flat water are: Margi Bohm, Gary Rake, Kieran Lomas, Patricia Ashton, Helen Tongway and Russell Murphy; trainee coaches are Litsa Polygerinos, Anne Cronin and Rebecca Gates.

Life jackets (PFD's) will still be compulsory during the winter time trials and for anyone, anytime, using a club boat. It will, however, be up to individuals using their own boats to wear them (or not) during training sessions. Please note that they are required in NSW regardless of how close you are to the shore or what time of year.

I need to thank Scott Hunter and Shane Lund and their apprentices, Bob Collins & Scott MacWilliam, for all the work they are doing on the former toilet block. They have been spending some long dusty hours in there! It's been totally gutted and now being reconfigured to provide toilets and showers in a Men's and Women's locker room. It's now ready for the plumber. It will then be put on hold for a while until Stages 1 & 2 are built and the racking completed in Stage 1.

See you on the water – or at the AGM

*Patricia.*



28<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

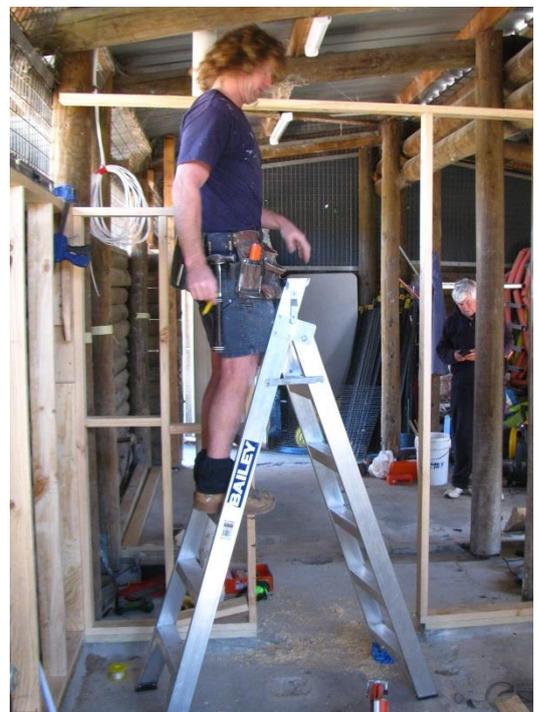
From this [\(Below\)](#) to this [\(Right\)](#) in one easy morning – the new extension is really underway!



## Boat Captain's Report: Scott MacWilliam

The number of applications from club members who would like to obtain a boat rack in the new shed extension has been very encouraging. All the older applications have been allocated the handful of vacancies which arose at the end of the last financial year and there are now more than a dozen members on the waiting list. With improving weather and a pickup in the rate of building the extension, it should be possible to provide for the new applicants by Xmas.

As the photos (below) show, work is proceeding at speed on the eastern end of the shed, where the new showers and toilets, plus change room, are being installed. Thanks to the skills of Shane Lund and Scott Hunter, the semi-skills of Bob 'Grinder' Collins and the unskilled work of Barry Marshall, John Lockie and the Boat Captain, old structures have been removed. The bricks from walls knocked down have filled two skips and several trailer loads. Shane and Scotty have begun relocating walls and preparing for the installation of showers, toilets, and hand basins. Rob Stimson waits in the wings to help with storage lockers.



Photos by Bob Collins, on 22/08/17: **Work going on at the eastern end (former toilet block) of the Club Shed with Shane Lund up the ladder and Scott Hunter assisting from floor level; and you might even see Scott MacWilliam in the photo at right!**

Once the extension is completed, Shane and Scotty will be fitting out the new area with racks and deciding where different types of boats, bats and SUPs are to be located.

Club members attending the AGM on September 17 will be provided with a tour of the shed to see what has been done and what remains to do.

This is the last Boat Captain's Report I will be providing, so would like to take the opportunity to thank all the club members who have made the work of the last two years easier - and often rewarding. While the planning, prodding and pushing necessary to bring the shed extension project to fruition has dominated life over the last few years, the support and enthusiasm of so many has helped overcome the occasional dark patches. Of all the members who have helped, I'd like to give special thanks to David Gordon – very willing boat repairer; club president *extraordinaire* Patricia Ashton; Bob Collins -without whom there would be no extension; Robert Bruce – designer; Shane and Scotty whose patience has so often been extended to the blokes carrying bricks and sweeping the floor. Jane Lake's efficiency as treasurer has ensured unprecedented financial reporting and scrutiny, especially for the shed project.

As I won't be nominating for any other offices and going into voluntary retirement, I'd also like to thank all the club members who have provided so much encouragement and helpful advice since I joined BGCC over six years ago. Much appreciation and best wishes for the future.

*Scott MacWilliam*  
Boat Captain

## Flatwater Marathon Convener's Report: Russell Lutton

September heralds the start of spring and hopefully better training weather than some of the rubbish paddling conditions we've experienced during this winter. Certainly the days are getting longer, which at least gives more flexibility for training.

Don't forget that the 2017-18 Wetspot summer time-trial series commences on Wednesday, 4 October, with first race start at 5:50 p.m. sharp. The rules and format of the series will be on the club website soon.

Two PNSW marathon races to report on this month. With only the final Burrill Lake race and series presentations on 14 October to go, the 2017 11-race series is fast drawing to a conclusion. Burrill Lake is one of the closer events for us; so hope to see as many of you as possible there for the final race.

### 2017 PNSW Marathon Series: Teralba

Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club hosted race 9 of the 2017 PNSW series on 5 August. Teralba was a race I wasn't able to attend but by all reports, solid wind gusts made for difficult racing conditions on the shallow Cockle Creek course.

Below: Margi Bohm



Paddler numbers overall were down, perhaps reflecting the fact that this is one of the more "remote" races on the calendar. However, congratulations to Gary Rake, Margi Bohm, Jack Jessen, Helen and David Tongway, and omnipresent Allan Newhouse who made the long trek north from Canberra and the south coast.



Above Left: Jack Jessen



Above Right: Gary Rake

**Results for BGCC paddlers at Teralba are below:**

Division	Distance	Elapsed time
Division 1	20km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	
Division 2	20km	
7 <sup>th</sup> d	Gary Rake	1:47:00
Division 3	20km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	
Division 4	20km	
DNF	Richard Fox	
Division 5	20km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	
Division 6	20km	
DNF	Tom Hick	
Division 7	20km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	
Division 8	15km	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Margi Bohm	1:24:29
12 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Jessen	1:42:53
Division 9	10km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	
Division 10	10km	
DNF	Stephanie Rake	
DNF	Robert Bruce	
Division 11	10km	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Helen & David Tongway	1:09:55
9 <sup>th</sup>	Allan Newhouse	1:10:21
Division 12	5km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	

**2017 PNSW Marathon Series, Grays Point**

Great paddling conditions greeted competitors for race 10 of the PNSW series hosted by Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club last Saturday, 26 August.

Often I think of these interstate races as a series of discrete challenges: challenge No 1, the early rise and long drive to the venue.



*Above Left:* Gary Rake; *Above Right:* Allan Newhouse;  
*Left:* Graeme Bacon  
*Below:* David & Helen Tongway



Challenge No 2, find somewhere to park—and Grays Point is a stand-out challenge for this criterion. Parking, always at a premium here, was even more difficult this year. Unfortunately, the club was unable to get a permit to allow parking in the boat trailer parking bays near the race start. So for the great majority of paddlers, this meant parking along the narrow, steep access road. So unload the kayak and gear go find a park—for us half a kilometre up the hill (and I had to make a return trip to get the cap I forgot).

Challenge No 3: the race. Oh, yes, that's why we're here. Challenge No 4: up the hill again to get the car, load up and make the return trip home. Fairly straightforward albeit a very long day.

Congratulations to Ian Castell-Brown for his win in division 11.

**Results for BGCC paddlers at Grays Point are below:**

Division 1	20km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	
Division 2	20km	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Rake	1:40:23
12 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Elliott/Russell Lutton	1:46:01
Division 3	20km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	1:50:58
Division 4	20km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	
Division 5	20km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	
Division 6	20km	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Graeme Bacon	2:00:15
DNF	Tom Hick	
Division 7	20km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	

Division 8	15km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	
Division 9	10km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	
Division 10	10km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	
Division 11	10km	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ian Castell-Brown	1:04:55 (8 club points)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Allan Newhouse	1:07:51
9 <sup>th</sup>	Helen & David Tongway	1:08:04
Division 12	5km	
	<b>NO BGCC PADDLERS</b>	

The cumulative club points standing table after the Grays Point race doesn't make for reassuring reading for BGCC members. It is often noted that club participation is the starting criterion for club points accumulation and lately we just are not mustering the competitor numbers across the divisions to have much chance to gain club points. And I can accept a lot of the clubs being ahead of us on the table below, but those noisy Newy Paddlers? That's hard to take!

LCRK	Lane Cove River Kayakers	358
MWKC	Manly Warringah Kayak Club	286
HVPC	Hunter Valley Paddlesports Club	220
WCC	Windsor Canoe Club	160
NP	Newy Paddlers	158
SSCC	Sutherland Shire Canoe Club	148
BGCC	Burley Griffin Canoe Club	138
CCCC	Central Coast Canoe Club	136
CSKC	Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club	106
PVC	Penrith Valley Canoeing	100
BWP	Brisbane Water Paddlers	96
Sharks	Shark Island Paddlers	62
AV	Avoca	22
SYDU	Sydney Uni	20
POCC	Pittwater Outrigger Canoe Club	14
JP	Just Paddlers	14
ACCA	Dragon boats	12
WBCC	Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club	12
ICC	Illawarra Canoe Club	10
SSP	Southside Paddlers	8
Makai	Makai Paddlers	6
SNBKCSydney	Northern Beaches Kayak Club2	

#### 2017 event calendar

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Myall Classic	Saturday, 16 September	Tea Gardens
Race 11 (and presentations)	Saturday, 14 October	Burrill Lake (Makai)
Hawkesbury Canoe Classic	Saturday, 28 October	Windsor – Mooney Mooney

## 2017 Wetspot Winter Time-trial Series

One more race in the winter timetrial series, next Sunday, 3 September. Thanks to those of you who have done timekeeping duties and who have competed.

### WETSPOT WINTER TIMETRIAL SERIES 2017

DATE	ACTIVITY	Timekeeper
Sun, 3 Sept 2017	Timetrial, start time 9am (two laps) 9.05am (1 lap)	
Wed, 4 Oct 2017	Wetspot summer time trials 2017-18 commence	

## 2017 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships

Two BGCC paddlers are competing in the 2017 championships, held at Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, on 7-10 September. Margi Bohm is competing in the masters K1 and K2 events and Marcelo Cabezas has been selected to represent Australia in the C1 and C2 categories. Best of luck to them both!



Above: Margi Bohm, celebrating her new K1



Right: Marcelo Cabezas

## Canoe Marathon

Event	Dates	Venue
2018 Canoe Marathon National Championships	18 – 20 May, 2018	South Australia

*Russell*

## Canoe Polo Report: Graham Helson

This will be my last convener's report, (for now). I'm handing over the reins to a younger and probably more organised head in Laura Kleinrahm, who will keep you entertained with any number of doggo memes if she can work them into her reports.

Canoe Polo has been chugging along quietly at the pool on Wednesday nights throughout the winter and we are just about to move back to the river when daylight savings kicks in. (And it warms up).

The juniors have been getting quite a gathering on Sundays with up to 15 juniors turning up, including around 5 new players, so the future of the sport is looking up for the first time in a few years. This is largely due to the work of Louise and Kai and I'd like to thank them both for their time and efforts with this.

Looking forwards we have a training camp, largely organised by Louise, to be held on 14-15 October at Tuggeranong pool, with coaches from Adelaide funded - by a grant from the ACT government. People of all levels are welcome to attend. Contact Louise Gates for more details.

And then, of course, the Canberra Invitational and round 1 of the Summer Series on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of October this year.

Thanks for the opportunity to act as Convener this year. I will have another crack at this and I will do better next time. I'd also like to thank Kai for covering for me a number of times, Louise for her tireless efforts with the juniors and Laura for stepping in as our "Social Media Editor". If you like Canoe Polo, (or doggos), check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ACTCanoePolo/>

See you on the water,

*Graham*

### Canoe Polo

Event	Dates	Venue
2018 Canoe Polo National Championships	30 March – 1 April, 2018	West Lakes, SA

### Slalom Report: Kai Swoboda

The slalom and wildwater scene remains quiet.

Some of the Burley Babes polo team members took the opportunity to cross-train in slalom boats and with gates in the Weston Creek drain this month. Carley Goodwin (now residing in Sydney), Sue Robb and Laura Kleinrahm enjoyed the cool water and tight course of the canal as a way of further developing their paddling skills.



*Left:* Sue Robb, Laura Kleinrahm and Carley Goodwin. Photo by [Kai Swoboda](#)

The Murrumbidgee has also seen a little boost and has hosted a few paddling trips. I for one will be waiting however until the air temperature increases a little!

We have been turning our minds to the summer and the possibility of running our own introduction to white water weekend modelled on the trip we did earlier this year. This would involve two days of paddling, probably at Childowla near Yass, with paddlers at all levels. Ideally we would practice skills on the Saturday before embarking on the longer river trip (2-3 hours depending on water level) on the Sunday morning. Let me know if you would be interested in such an undertaking.

*Kai*

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## Canoe Slalom

Event	Dates	Venue
2018 National Junior Slalom Championships*	4 – 7 January, 2018	Eildon, VIC
2018 Australian Canoe Slalom Championships	8 – 12 January, 2018	Eildon, VIC
Australian Open	16 – 18 February, 2018	Penrith, NSW

\*Formerly known as Australian Schools Championships

## SUP Report: Joanna Nelson

Greetings paddlers,

A great start for the Canberra Crew attending the first event for the SUP calendar - The **Middle Harbour SUP Challenge** on Sun, 20 August, 2017. The course was challenging to say the least with 4 laps, 20knot head/then tail wind and an amount of chop/swell.

Special thanks to our support crew - Lana Read, Aidan Lewis and Lil Harvey.

Welcome back Ange! Ange's first race and a commendable result with 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Women's Open

### 10 km Distance - Results

Ange Crawford	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Women's Open
Joanna Nelson	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Women's O40s
Rohan Evans	5 <sup>th</sup>	Men's O40s
Trent Shaw	9 <sup>th</sup>	Men's O40s

*Right: Ange Crawford, being greeted at the finish line, cheered on by Harvey and Aidan*

*Below: Ange Crawford (at right of photo) 3<sup>rd</sup> Women's Open 10 km (Surf 'Iron Women' competitors Carla Gilbert 1<sup>st</sup> and Sandra Purser 2<sup>nd</sup>)*



Below: Canberra Crew –Rohan Evans, Joanna Nelson, Ange Crawford and Trent Shaw.



Above right: Joanna Nelson: 3<sup>rd</sup> Women over 40s, 10 km

### Upcoming events / dates for the diary

#### **Balmoral SUP-X Spring Series 2017**

Round 1 Aug 27th Tour De Pittwater(3.5km, 7km, 12km)

Round 2 Sept 24th Balmoral

Round 3 Oct 29th Balmoral

Round 4 Dec 3rd TBA

**Reminder** - BGCC Club membership / NSW Paddle registration is due.

- Anyone who would like consideration for SUP storage in the BGCC renovations please make contact through the club or to myself direct.

*Joanna*

### **South Coast Paddlers Report: Allan Newhouse**

After the challenges created by the wind at Narrabeen, I wasn't thrilled about the weather forecast for the Cockle Creek race. However, since most of Cockle Creek was fairly well sheltered from the wind, paddling conditions were much more pleasant than I expected.

Once again I was the only single blade paddler at the event and on this occasion, I was the only BGCC paddler from the South Coast.

Sometimes I have difficulty understanding why I perform as well or as badly as I do. I wasn't expecting a good time because, in spite of the fact that the trees on the shoreline kept most of the course sheltered, there was one rather large gap where the crosswind necessitated about fifty strokes on one side instead of the usual four to six before switching to the other side. Quite a bit of the course is shallow enough to cause some drag, so there were a couple of reasons to expect a slow time.

So I was quite surprised to complete the course in a time that I have only beaten once before. I did have a few things motivating me to put in a bit of extra effort. While I got a better start than Helen and David Tongway in their Mirage 730, I knew from experience that they can usually overtake me. Sure enough at the top turn they were right on my tail and I was determined to make them work to get past.

On the second lap, I could see that I was gaining on two skis and that gave me the incentive to push a bit harder in an attempt to catch them. Unfortunately the second of those ski paddlers could also see that she was making progress on the paddler ahead and like me had a bit of extra motivation to make an extra effort.

Ian Castell-Brown was back on the water at Port Hacking for the second last race in the series and showed that he is still a force to be reckoned with.



**Above:** Both Ian and Allan in Div 11, looking to avoid the confused wash at the start. Allan chose this side in the C1 while Ian started on the far side in his K1.

He showed some other paddlers, most of whom were many years his junior, that there isn't a lot to be gained by going hard at the start of a marathon race if it means you run out of steam before the end. Or perhaps it was a further demonstration of the fact that youth and enthusiasm are no match for old age and cunning.

Ian crossed the line first in Div 11 to contribute eight club points to BGCC's disappointing total for the series.

Conditions on the water were almost as good as it gets, with a very pleasant temperature and only a very light breeze. Although I noticed that the wind was even lighter before we got on the water and lighter still after we had all finished.

I particularly appreciated the calm conditions as I was trying out a higher seat mount in the C1. On the flat water, I hardly noticed any loss of stability, but the wake of a couple of passing motorboats had me worried enough to do a couple of quick braces.

I finished in my fastest time for the year and for the fourth time this year I was eighth in Div 11. I wish I knew whether the higher seat position contributed to the faster time or whether it was just the result of greater effort or good conditions.

*Allan*

*(All photos in Marathon Reports were taken from the PNSW Flickr pics.)*

## Sprint

Event	Dates	Venue
Grand Prix 1	8 – 10 December, 2017	West Lakes, SA
Grand Prix 2	9 – 11 February, 2018	SIRC, NSW
2018 Senior Selection	4 – 5 March, 2018	SIRC, NSW
2018 Canoe Sprint National Championships	6 – 10 March, 2018	SIRC, NSW

*Please note 2018 Senior Selection (4 – 5 March) is an invite only event.*

## The Hawkesbury Canoe Classic: 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

It's getting closer!! **WE REQUIRE LAND CREW.**

The club has, over the last several years, provided land crew for those taking part. It has worked well, with land crew setting up at one check point then heading for the finish, rather than trying to drive to each of the check points (only to sometimes miss your paddler). This way hopefully land crew get some time to sleep so they can be effective drivers back to Canberra!

### Paddlers

***At this stage I need to know how many club members are planning on paddling this year and if you require land crew.***

Could you let me know what sort of time frame you are looking at, what boat you are using, i.e. double or single; if you require it transported and which check points you are considering stopping at.



*Above:* Paddlers training for the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic: the club Mirage 730 at Shallow Crossing

### Land Crew

***If you are interested in helping out as land crew for the Hawkesbury this year please let me know. Can you drive, take a boat, transport how many paddlers?***

Depending on how many paddlers we have as to how many land crew we need. We generally have 1 person at Cattai (for encouragement), 2 -3 people at Sackville and 4 at Wisemans. We won't have anyone at Spencer.

Most paddlers and land crew will drive up Saturday morning. We set up a gazebo at Windsor and help with getting the boats to scrutineering, paddlers registered, lifejackets checked, etc.

Paddlers should provide a bag with warm dry clothing for at least Wisemans; and food where required. At Wisemans we have a tent set up with a gas cooker and tea and coffee makings. Paddlers can be helped out of their boats, lead up to the toilet block, food heated up, first aid organised if necessary, etc.

At the finish we help the paddler out of the boat and up the ramp, land crew carry the boat and help however needed. Then transport the paddler home to Canberra. Food and coffee is available to purchase.

Land crew may also need to go to checkpoints to pick up any paddlers who have pull out.

Land crew is a great way to see the race, to find out what it's all about and help out other paddlers. If you're thinking you'd like to do some long distance marathons come and do land crew and be inspired for next year!

*Patricia*

## Clyde River Paddle: Denby Moylan, Graeme Bacon, Shane Norenbergs

The four of us (Graeme, Shane, Denby; and Pete Connolly) set off from the boat ramp at about 09:30, in glorious weather and with a good incoming tide to assist. Pete and I had arrived in Bateman's Bay the night before, so had a leisurely morning and breakfast at the River Cafe next to the launch point. The people at the café were kind enough to give us tea bags for our half-way brew. We all met up at the mid-way point and had a nice cup of tea and a tin of tuna, ahead of a following/outgoing tide to take us home. The quality of water in the Clyde River compared to LBG and the absence of speed boats made for one of the most enjoyable paddles we've had in a long time. Our total paddling time was 5 hr 12 min over the 45.92 km.



Above: Pete enjoying a Cuppa-break at Shallow Crossing

Right: unruffled waters of the Clyde River.

### *Denby & Pete*

Following a number of weeks of organisation by Pat, a few late minute pull outs (including Pat who had succumbed to illness), a number of BGCC club members ventured down to the Clyde River at Nelligen to undertake a 46 km paddle up to Shallow Crossing and back. Leaving Canberra early on the Saturday morning in the wind and cold it was a relief to arrive at Nelligen where the conditions were great for paddling. A light cloud cover, balmy (compared to Canberra) temperatures and a light breeze; and to top it off, an incoming tide that would follow us most of the way up the river and then an outgoing tide all the way back.

After unloading my ski, Denby and Peter arrived after staying in Bateman's Bay overnight and we waited around for around 30 minutes to see if anyone else on the list would arrive - but it looked like it was just the three of us; but unexpectedly, Shane arrived with his canoe, having planned his own paddle up the Clyde.

After a bit of setting up and checking on food and water supplies, we all headed off at our own pace up the river. The incoming tide was a great help and we had the river to ourselves apart from the occasional motorboat out fishing. The paddle up the river reminded me of the Myall River with the endless bushland broken up by some riverfront homes or holiday houses (which looked pretty deserted). But to break up the peace and quiet there was the noise of a car rally heading through the forests along the river and the quick glance of a car as it sped along a dirt road close to the bank. After around two and a half hours we all made it to Shallow Crossing where a well-earned break and bite to eat was enjoyed, before the return trip back to the start at Nelligen. Thanks again to Pat's planning, the outgoing tide was quicker than what we had while heading up-river with the incoming tide, making the return paddle around 15-30 minutes quicker.

All up it was an enjoyable morning's paddle up the Clyde for all; and something I'd be keen to do again. Thanks again to Pat for organising the event.

*Graeme Bacon*

The Nelligen to Shallow Crossing paddle is an excellent lead up event for longer distance paddles.

Notably the Rally of the Bay (part of the NSW Rally Championship) coincided with this paddle and Batemans Bay petrol stations were a place to avoid early morning. Pete and Denby (stayed in Bateman's Bay the night before) enjoyed a leisurely breakfast at the Nelligen River Cafe and as a bonus were provided tea bags for the half way brew.

With Patricia succumbing to illness and unable to attend, it was up to the small group (Graeme, Shane, Pete and Denby) to self-brief prior to setting off for Shallow Crossing at about 09:30-ish. Patricia's on water coaching was missed!

The glorious weather was complimented by the incoming tide and reports of (foul) conditions in Canberra made us all glad we chose to make the trip. For those not familiar with the paddle it is one of the most scenic on the south coast with each bend providing something different. The ambience and birdsong was only briefly punctuated by the rumbling tones of rally cars expending carbon credits in the adjacent forests.

Around midday the group assembled at Shallow Crossing to stretch and enjoy a nice cup of tea before taking advantage of the now outgoing tide to return to Nelligen.

GPS (Denby) recorded total paddling time of 5 hr 12 min over the 45.92 km. The quality of water in the Clyde River compared to LBG, and the absence of speed boats, made for one of the most enjoyable paddles we've all had in a long time.

*Shane Norenbergs*

**Burley Griffin Canoe Club Inc.                      2017 Annual General Meeting**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**At Molonglo Reach, Morshead Drive, Campbell, at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Finger food will be provided.**

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**NOMINATION FORM**  
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I: \_\_\_\_\_ (nominator)

Wish to nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ (nominee)

For the position of: \_\_\_\_\_ (position)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (nominator)  
(signature)

I second this nomination \_\_\_\_\_ (seconder)  
(Name) (signature)

I accept this nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ (nominee)  
(signature)

Post nomination form to:  
BGCC  
PO Box 341  
Jamison Centre ACT 2614

or: Hand the nomination form to a  
committee member

or: Bring nomination form to the AGM

## Vale Basil Yule: Bob Collins

Recently, the oldest member of our Club passed away – aged 79. Basil Yule joined BGCC in 2014 at the age of 77, having never kayaked previously. He purchased a Mirage 530 from Wetspot and proceeded to work on his technique, in particular the Eskimo-roll, as he was aiming at kayaking around the Whitsundays.

Such was Basil's determination that he could often be found at the river, in (and under) his boat practising rolling. He was a regular assistant with Triathlons and did a NSW Marathon 10 Series race as well as joining a team in the 24hour Challenge. He improved his kayaking technique to such an extent that, in 2015 he was given the Club's 'Most Improved Paddler' award.

Patricia and I attended his funeral and found, from information given to us about his private life, that he was an incredibly interesting, eccentric and adventurous fellow. Throughout his life he travelled extensively and was into all sorts of bushwalking, trekking and mountain climbing, in some of the most arduous terrains both in Australia and overseas. As the eulogies were given by his trekking companions we marvelled at just how tough and determined he was.

We are not sure of the cause of death but all at his funeral pointed out that he died doing what he loved best, so we assume he was on one of his treks and succumbed to his age.



*Above:* Basil Yule in his Mirage 530 on one of the club's touring paddles

Basil was quiet and unassuming and we unfortunately hadn't learnt much about his adventurous nature – we did know him as determined, friendly and interested in everything.

*Bob*

For those who don't mind the cool Canberra temperatures plus like a bit of an adventure:

<https://www.facebook.com/thisisinsidetravel/videos/1896602750666885/>

Some interesting training suggestions. Look at it and ask others what they think of the information included in it:

<http://sportscene.tv/training-equipment/training/2017/05/10-top-tips-for-recovery-after-training/>

# 24 Hour Paddling Challenge 2017

Weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December

Hosted by BGCC at Molonglo Reach, Campbell, ACT

This year we are planning for a low-key event. BYO: everything. Shelter tents permitted in a limited area, not under trees. We are not trying to raise funds for any charities, but if you feel like donating to the BGCC Club Shed Building Fund – all monies will be gratefully received!

**Entries:** via *Register Now*, by Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017.

**Entry Fee:** \$40

**Course:** 4.5 km loop course on Molonglo River

**Briefing:** 9:00 a.m.

**Start Time:** 9:30 a.m., Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

**Finish Time:** 9:30 a.m., Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2017



Early Morning Tranquillity, Molonglo Reach, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2006.

**Paddler Safety:** There will be a safety boat stationed at the start/finish area, but paddler safety is to be by paddlers caring for anyone in need of assistance on or in the water. Paddlers are all to have at all times out on the water: a pea-less whistle, readily available to relay a message along the river that the safety boat is needed – either upstream or downstream of the start. Any time spent in assisting another paddler in difficulties will be allowed for in the distance paddled.

**From Sunset: lap starting at or after 7:45 p.m.:** all paddlers must wear a lifejacket, with a torch attached, along with their readily available whistle. All paddlers must have lights on stem and stern of their craft. Cyalumes will be provided for paddlers use.

**Amenities:** BGCC Club Shed has a warm shower; there are public toilets; a club barbecue will be available and if enough interest is shown, a thick soup can be provided. The club kitchen has a fridge and kettle and pod-coffee drink-maker.

## **BGCC's 2017 AGM: at Molonglo Reach on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10:30 a.m.**

Here is your chance to put something back into your club. Have your say in how the club is run. Take an interest. Take part. Volunteer for a position. Vote on committee and other positions.

- All club positions will be declared vacant.
- All Current BGCC members are eligible to stand for and to vote on all positions.
- Morning Tea, Coffee and Cake! ☺

Most of the current Committee members have completed their maximum 2 years in their current positions. If you would like to know more about what is involved in any of the various club positions, please read the summaries below, or contact a current committee member, discipline convener or other club leader.

### **Duties of Club Committee Positions (abbreviated)**

**Public Officer:** *(An ACT Government-required position, but not a committee member)*

Presents to the ACT Government, a copy of the incoming committee members plus a copy of the audited financial statement for the previous financial year

#### **Officers of the Club:**

##### **President: (The Buck Stops Here.)**

Be a supportive leader of all club members over all disciplines

Be well informed of all club activities, plans and future directions of the club and its members

Manage club committee and other meetings as chairperson – or appoint a replacement to chair

Ensure that planning and budgeting is carried out in accordance with the wishes of club members and within the bounds of the club's Constitution

Delegate to other club members such duties as are needed for the smooth running of the club

##### **Vice-President:**

Acts in the position of the President in periods of his or her absence

Has a good working knowledge of the club's Constitution, club rules and the duties of all Office Holders and Sub-Committees

##### **Secretary:**

Is the chief administrative officer for the club; he or she provides the link between the members, the committee and external organisations

Receives and records all incoming and outgoing correspondence

Provides the agenda for club meetings and records the minutes of all meetings

Possesses definitive copies of all official documents; including Constitution, Club Rules, Letter-head, etc.

##### **Treasurer:**

Is responsible for the financial management of the club

Maintains a record of all current Income and Expenditure, presenting a monthly update to all club meetings

Prepares monthly accounts and presents invoices for approval by the committee

Collects and banks all club monies

Prepares annual financial accounts for auditing.

##### **Boat Captain:**

Keeps a record of all equipment owned by BGCC and suggests any equipment replacement needs

Consults with Committee on who is permitted access to the Club Shed and use to club equipment

Allocates racks for the storage of both club and privately-owned/stored boats

If appropriate, performs minor repairs to club boats and/or arrange for more heavily damaged boats to be repaired off-site

##### **Safety and Training:**

Ensures all events are conducted in a safe manner

Checks club shed, club equipment and grounds around the paddling events for any dangerous conditions

Makes sure club coaches, instructors and guides are fully qualified and when needed, hold WWVP cards

### **Other Committee Members:**

#### **Two Ordinary Members:**

Aim to have people from different disciplines to ensure a greater spread of expertise in the Committee  
Club members who can take on some of the tasks of other committee members to lighten their work-loads

#### **Other club positions:** (Not Committee positions)

#### **Membership Secretary:**

Keeps an up-to-date record of all club members; along with any payments for club extras

Up-dates on-line payment systems for club memberships and club extras

#### **Editor:**

Asks for and edits contributions to the monthly publication of *Blazing Paddles* club newsletter

Publishes newsletter on-line and sends out a club email to let club members know it is available

#### **Triathlon Co-ordinator:**

Liaises with Triathlon ACT and other triathlon events in ACT organisers with regards to fees per swimmer to the club, plus any other requests; where, when, how many waves of swimmer and any other information the organisers can provide to the club

Organises via club emails and/or personal contact, sufficient club members to support the organisers' requests

#### **Coaches' Representative:**

Does not need to be a coach, but takes up any concerns of coaches with the committee

Coordinates coaches getting their qualifications: courses, first aid qualifications, etc.

#### **Web Maestro:**

Keeps the club's web-site up-to-date by liaising with various club committee members re relevant information

#### **Discipline Conveners:**

Needed for each paddling discipline, to represent their discipline at open meetings or by special request at Committee meetings

Ensures their discipline is able to conduct events and training in a suitable manner

#### **And then .... the rest!**

Throughout the year there are many things which need to be done – some annually, or weekly, or for a special event. Things like washing the boat wipe-down towels, shed clean-ups, canoe polo field maintenance, pontoon maintenance, food preparation and cooking at barbecues, time-keeping at time trials, umpiring at CP games, applying for ACT Government Grants, cleaning the kitchen area, club trailer maintenance, etc. etc.!!

*Helen*

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### **The North East (of Victoria) Canoe Club is delighted to announce that we will be once again hosting the Reel Paddling Film Festival.**

After hosting the first Australian screening of this event last year, we had such positive feedback about the event that we've decided to do it all again.

#### **The Reel Paddling Film Festival**

The Reel Paddling Film Festival is an international adventure film tour presenting the world's best paddling films of the year – whitewater, sea kayaking, canoeing, SUP, action and lifestyle – in more than 120 cities around the world.

With 20 inspiring paddling films shortlisted for the World Tour, including the ten festival category winners, audiences will see hairy whitewater action, sea kayakers exploring remote coastlines, northern river canoe expeditions, international river travel films, motivating environmental documentaries and hilarious short films capturing the lighter side of paddling life.

Attracting paddlers and outdoor enthusiasts, audiences can expect a fun, social and entertaining event inspired by compelling films. This film festival includes a weekend of paddling activities on the pristine rivers of the North East of Victoria and will include whitewater adventures, canoe tours, competitions and more. This event is a fantastic opportunity to meet others who share a passion for paddling and to learn more about paddling and the remote environments to which it gives access.

To make the most of the social side of this event, the North East Canoe Club will be serving dinner and local beer and wine from 5.30pm. There will be door prizes given away on the night and those who book online will automatically go in the draw to win a Werner paddle and paddle bag.

**The Location and Date:**

Oxley Shire Hall in Oxley (North East Victoria)

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30pm

Dinner and drinks from 5.30pm

Information: Allison Parkinson 0409964054

Tickets: [www.trybooking.com/285618](http://www.trybooking.com/285618)

Book online and go in the draw to win a **Werner Paddle and Paddle Bag** (thanks to Paddle Sports Australia)

**The Paddling:**

The North East Canoe Club will be hosting paddling trips over the weekend. These will include grade 2 to 4 whitewater paddles, canoe tours (suitable for beginners), rolling competition and plenty of other fun.

Want to make more of the paddling?

Why not start on the previous Sunday with the Snowy River Extreme Race and then join us for paddling rivers all through the North East during the week and then finish off the fun with the film festival and paddling our favourite rivers the following weekend.

**The Films:**

Some of the exciting films on offer include:

Bear Witness – With a massive sulphide-ore mining project threatening, Dave and Amy Freeman live for one year inside Minnesota’s Boundary Waters documenting, broadcasting and hosting influential visitors. “It’s up to us to speak loudly for this quiet place”;

The Canoe – A reflection of what the Canadian canoe culture looks like today, this short documentary captures a remarkable bond and follows five paddling enthusiasts across the province of Ontario, Canada;

Eyes of God – An international team of extreme kayakers plan to descend the legendary Saryjaz River directly into the Eyes of God, a mystical cliff face in the no-man’s land between Kyrgyzstan and China;

Labrador Passage – follow two men who set out to retrace a 1905 canoe journey using non-synthetic equipment, blending history and adventure and exploring what it means to be inspired and defeated by wilderness;

Sea Kayak Around Ireland – Sean Cahil and Jon Hynes complete their lifelong dream of circumnavigating the rugged coastline of Ireland. Visually stunning, informative and funny, the message is clear: “Drop what you’re doing and go chase your dream adventure!”;

Women Outward Bound – fifty years ago girls weren’t allowed in U.S. Outward Bound wilderness school. Find out how 24 women broke that barrier and changed their lives and history forever;

SUP Surfing in Barbados – Enjoy white sand beaches, rugged coastline and dramatic landscapes of the beautiful island of Barbados in search of the perfect wave.

We’re so looking forward to seeing you all there.

Yours sincerely

Allison Parkinson

Secretary – North East Canoe Club

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## **Paddling Overseas: Canal SUP-ing in the Netherlands: Scott MacWilliam**



Two former BGCC members, Julie Cammell and Spencer Milburn (at left), are now living and working in Western Europe. Julie is working in Paris and Spencer at The Hague, with a base (until now) in Utrecht, the Netherlands. They are in the process of relocating housing to Gouda, yep – that Gouda, as in cheese. The house they have just purchased is on a canal and planned renovations include putting in a personal floating jetty. For ease of getting around Utrecht and now Gouda they have bought SUPs (see pictures).



As Spencer tells it, the SUPs are ideal for sightseeing and exercise:

'The SUP definitely makes it a little easier to explore around here - the paddling possibilities are almost endless... with small apartment and house sizes, and scant parking if you do actually have a car, having something that can be

deflated and rolled up for storage or carrying on the train makes things a thousand times easier. With my big frame, I can get a bit more power behind a SUP paddle and I certainly get more practice in, so this is the first time that I've been able to consistently be faster than Julie on the water! Utrecht has reasonably high bridges, so no need to portage, but in Gouda, where we're moving to, most bridges are only 20-40 cm above the waterline, and they don't lift bridges for paddlers unfortunately! If we're going to have to portage 5-10 times per paddle, I think I'd rather the SUP for that reason too - regularly getting in and out of a ski or kayak in canals with 60-80cm walls might be a little difficult given my sense of balance!

The opportunities for paddling are incredible though. From where we've been putting our SUPs in, about 100m from our apartment (unfortunately the closest canal, 30m from our front door, has been closed for repairs for the last 12 months - it's a hard life...), there are 5 completely different routes for a 10 km paddle, and for 20 km or further, I'd be guessing at maybe 30-40 different options. From Gouda, I think the options will be similar, and just 4.5m from the back door!

Ed. As they head into winter there and we into summer, all BGCC members will no doubt wish Julie and Spence happy, warm SUPing.

## The Australian Platypus Conservancy: Issues

The Australian Platypus Conservancy has now conducted a number of studies to determine whether the issue of platypus deaths in enclosed yabby traps can be solved by modifying trap design. The findings confirm that opera house traps can be altered to make it easier for non-target wildlife to escape. However, none of the designs tested to date can be deemed to be platypus-safe in all circumstances. Importantly, the behaviour of animals confined in trial traps suggests that the objective of a 100% safe trap is unlikely to ever be achieved.

*Right: "Opera House" yabby trap*



Meanwhile, the number of platypus mortalities in yabby traps continues to rise. Illegal deployment of traps remains widespread with eleven platypus found dead in Victoria alone since May 2017 – a shocking toll given that the vast majority of such incidents will never be reported. Fisheries and wildlife management agencies also continue to show little interest in discussing a national solution based on replacing conventional enclosed traps with safer modified designs.

Community concern with this issue has been steadily gaining momentum. A call for a total ban on enclosed yabby traps has been made recently by the Recreational Fishing Association of NSW. The equivalent peak recreation angling body in Victoria (VRFish) has also expressed its support for such a ban.

**The APC therefore believes that the time has come to prohibit use of enclosed yabby traps in private and public freshwater habitats across Australia.**

A briefing paper that outlines relevant background information is available from [info@bgcc.org.au](mailto:info@bgcc.org.au) or from "Platypus Conservancy" [platypus.apc@westnet.com.au](mailto:platypus.apc@westnet.com.au). Please feel free to circulate this to other interested parties and to reproduce or quote this paper in any appropriate way (subject to appropriate acknowledgement of the APC as the source).

It would also be very much appreciated if you would check the list of platypus and water-rat mortality reports in Appendices 1 and 2 and advise us of any additional incidents that haven't been included.

Also available is a document addressing some of the main myths about yabby traps and bycatch mortalities. If you would like to support the APC's call for a total ban, please consider making your views known to the relevant Ministers as follows:

### ACT

Minister for Environment Mick Gentleman [gentleman@act.gov.au](mailto:gentleman@act.gov.au)

### NSW:

Minister for Primary Industries (Fisheries) Niall Blair  
Minister for Environment Gabrielle Upton via NSW Government website

### Commonwealth:

Assist. Minister for Agriculture & Water Resources (Fisheries) Anne Ruston [assistantminister.ruston@maff.gov.au](mailto:assistantminister.ruston@maff.gov.au)  
Minister for Environment Josh Frydenberg [campaigns@environment.gov.au](mailto:campaigns@environment.gov.au)

If you would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me:

"Geoff Williams" [geoff.williams@westnet.com.au](mailto:geoff.williams@westnet.com.au)



*Above: 2 Water Rats, drowned in LBG*

## Boats for Sale

### Inflatable SUP - Naish One 12'6"

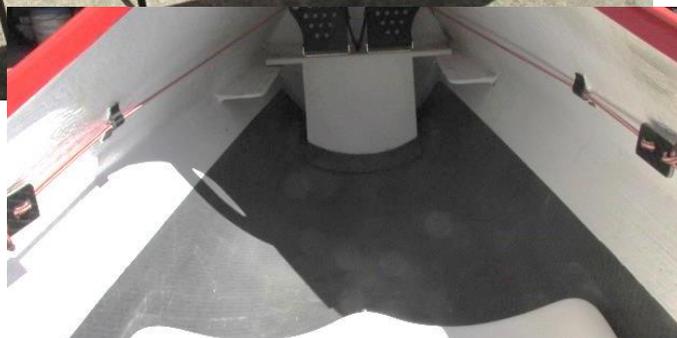
Includes lightweight Makani 8 adjustable carbon/glass paddle plus heavy-duty leg leash.

Minimal use

Listed on Gumtree: **\$1450**

Contact Roger: 0414 375 752

### Sladecraft Sonic for sale:



5.8m long. 46cm wide.

Underslung rudder with foot pedals

Good to excellent condition.

Always stored under cover. **\$1,500** Or offer.

Contact Barry: 0419 603 119

### Swap, or For Sale:

V-10 bought in January new. Has been in storage since Anzac Day. Excellent condition. I am Looking to swap for a K1 or sell for \$2400. Phone Nic: 0466 287 898; or email at:

[nicolas.jones96@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nicolas.jones96@yahoo.co.uk)

*(Small boy not included!)*



## Stellar S18 Excel Touring Kayak

Length: 5.46 m

Width: 54 cm

Weight: 15.5 kg

With cockpit cover

In excellent condition \$2900:00

Contact Colin: 6238 1060



**Nelo Vanquish K1 size ML** (would suit paddler 65-80kg). The boat is in pristine condition, with very few cosmetic blemishes. Always washed in fresh water and stored in cover in garage. Comes with full padded cover (+bag), racing weights & 2 rudders (1 anti-weed 1 regular). Only selling as I no longer paddle and the boat is too good to be sitting in my garage.

Full specs here: [http://www.nelo.eu/kayaks/details/k1\\_vanquish\\_iii\\_1](http://www.nelo.eu/kayaks/details/k1_vanquish_iii_1)

Contact Robert Tener: [robert.tener@hotmail.com](mailto:robert.tener@hotmail.com) 0423 361 204

**For Sale: Boat Trailer:** Holds up to 7 boats. \$1,600 (Negotiable)  
Contact Roy: 0408 428 843



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

Club Uniforms are available at:

Wetspot Watersports, Fyshwick.

Tops are \$25 each      Shorts \$25 each

**Don't forget: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
**BGCC AGM: Vote; Take on a position;**  
**Nominate a friend – or yourself! ☺**



### BGCC Fleet Renewal Plan

The new plan for gradual renewal of the BGCC boat-fleet is now available on the club's web-site under "Administration"

### 2017 – 2018 BGCC Membership Fees: Helen Tongway

Unless you heard differently from me: Your current BGCC finished on 30<sup>th</sup> June, so unless you have already re-joined for 2017-18 you are now uninsured. (A list of current BGCC members is below.)

**Changes:** There is a New Member Fee of \$50. The Coded Levels have gone – now just Standard Membership (paid via PNSW/AC) plus Upgraded Memberships (paid via Register Now)

**Adult** BGCC membership: \$80 + PNSW Adult Membership: \$80.      Total = \$160

**Junior** BGCC Membership: \$40 + PNSW Junior Membership: \$60.      Total = \$100

**Family** BGCC Membership: \$200 + PNSW Family Membership: \$180.      Total = \$380

**Club Shed key-hire:** Annual Fee: \$75. Plus **Refundable Deposit** of \$50, for new key-hirers.

Private **boat in Club Shed:** extra Membership fee: \$180

**Both Key-hire and private boat in shed membership require an approved Application Form**

Club Members, as at 01/9/2017: David Abela, Nicole Andrews, Patricia Ashton, Paul Atkins, Graeme Bacon, Pam Beesley, Kathryn Bell, Trent Birkett, Andy Bodsworth, Margi Bohm, Julia Bowett, Leigh Brady, Robert Bruce, Jacinta Buckman, Andrew & Imogen Bull, Marcelo Cabezas\*, Ian Castell-Brown, Greg Chesher, Ceara Clark, Larissa Cleverly, Geoff Collett, Bob Collins, Peter Connolly\*, Jeff Cordiner, Anne Cronin, James Deakin, Jonte Deakin, Jason Downey, Craig Elliott, Randall Fitzsimon, James Forgie, Richard Fox, James French, Ian Fry, Emily, Louise, Matthew, Rebecca and Tim Gates, Lincoln Gibson, Theodore Gilbert, Craig George, David Green, Tom Green, Nick Grey, Clive Haggard, Chaya, Kalaa, Megan and Malcolm Hall, Michael Hanemaayer, Ainslie, Anna, Asher & Steve Harmer, Antonia, Daniel, Jessica & James Harmer, John Harmer, Phillip Hayes, David Hearne, Graham Helson, Anna Herring, Wendy and Tom Hick, Dominic Hides, Roger Hobbs, Nick Hocking, Marty Holden, David Holmes, Rowan Holt, Tony Hope, Ellie House, Aimee, Kate, Josh & Scott Hunter, Gabrielle Hurley, Mike Iliff, Graeme Ison, Jack Jessen, Warren Jolly, Nicolas Jones, Meg Keen, Craig Kentwell, Neha Khanna, Laura Kleinrahm, Jane Lake, Basil Lau, Michael Lawrence-Taylor, Tom Layton, Adrian Liszczyński, John Lockie, Kieran Lomas, Clare Lonergan, Tristyn Lowe, Sammy Lucas, Shane Lund, Russell Lutton, Kieran Macdonell, Scott MacWilliam, Liam & Marco Maldoni, Roland Mangos, Greg Manning, Barry Marshall, Stephanie McCaffery, Laura McCann, Mark McDonald, Jeanne Mclauchlan, Kate McNamara, Alice McRorie, Tony Mee, Steve Mesaric, Alexis, Kirsten & Natalia Miller, Geoff Molloy, Denby Moylan, Hamish & Russell Murphy, Roger Murray, Allan Newhouse, Kirsten Nicolle, Shane Norenbergs, Christine O'Brien, Carolyn Page, David Pammenter, Andrew Parkinson, Sam Pettett, Geoff Pickup, John Preston, Julie Quinn, Ben, Gary & Stephanie Rake, Tacey Ramsay, Jason Rantall, Mark Raymond, Michael Reed, Breanna Reid, Ella, Aiden &

Rohan Reynolds, Lee Rice, Sue Robb, Dane Roberts, Jill Roberts, Lynne Robertson, Thomas Robertson, Murray Robinson, Megan Ruth, Phillip Sanders, Trent Shaw, Daniel Smith, Daniel Smith, Frank & Lorraine Stevens, Albert Stewardson, Emily Stewart-Reed, Charlotte, Robert & Zoe Stimson, Kevin Swain, Russell Swinnerton, Kai Swoboda, Heidi Tallarida, Jacob Tapp, Peter Teichmann, Isabella, Kirsty, Mark and Millie Terracini, Michael Thomas, Helen Thompson, David & Helen Tongway, Claire Wallis, Scott Walsh, Norman Warthmann, John Watt, Alexandra Wedutenko, Sam Wellings Booth, Angus and Keturah Whitford, Greg & Jacqueline Wicks, Carolyn Williams, Don Williams, Roy Willis, Kerrie Wilmot, Rob Wilson, Danielle Winslow, Trudy Witbreuk, Jason Wright, Jason Wright, Michael Young.

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## Australian Canoeing Safety Guidelines

The latest Safety Guidelines are available at:

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

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**This is a reminder that a lifejacket must be worn whenever a club member is paddling a club boat.**

Also a reminder to those club members who have the privilege of having your own boat residing in the club shed, that **you have agreed to use your boat at least 25 times per year** – or you may be asked to remove it.

The full set of **Club Rules** can be viewed at:

<http://www.bgcc.org.au/images/FormsAndGovernance/boatshedrules.pdf>

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## Wetspot Watersports shared [She Went Wild's](#) post.

Stoked to be supporting the [She Went Wild](#) crew for their [Women's Adventure Film Tour](#) showing here at [Dendy Premium Cinemas](#) in Canberra on October 4th. Grab your tickets and not only catch a great night of Adventure films featuring some amazing women, but also go in the running for some awesome door prizes.



[She Went Wild](#) **to** [Women's Adventure Film Tour Canberra](#)

[August 23 at 7:22pm](#)

Thank you so much to the guys from [Wetspot Watersports](#) who will be donating a wet suit up to the value of \$250! We are so thankful to all the amazing local businesses who are helping us spread the word of the event and grow the community.

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**[See club web-site for how-to-pay links](#)**