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## Coming Events:

- *Wednesdays 5:45 pm. Weekly club time trial during daylight savings*
- **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Marathon Race 3 – Canberra ENTER NOW**
- **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March. 44<sup>th</sup> Burley Griffin Bash ENTER NOW**
- *Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Frank Harrison Interstate Marathon Cup*
- *Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April, Strength and Stretching (BGCC)*
- *Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April, Marathon Race 4 – Brisbane Waters*

## President's report: Bob Collins

The influx of new members continues, we now have 270 members, the boat storage racks are almost full and we have 130 shed keys on issue.

Each of the above has provided us with a stable income stream that saw us through the worst of the pandemic restrictions and has enabled us to plough money back into Club facilities and equipment.

Currently we are planning to replace the main pontoon at the beach and create access to the beach and pontoon for people with disabilities. We will soon be having discussions with the NCA and the ACT Government to seek assistance with the project.

We have asked a marine construction firm in Victoria to design and quote on a new and larger pontoon. In the meantime, Shane Lund and Scott Hunter have repaired and stabilised both existing pontoons.

Also in the pipeline are plans to replace our aging boat trailer – once a suitable design is produced, we will move quickly to have one built.

On the racing front, 2 PaddleNSW Divisional Marathon races have now been held and while we had 34 BGCC paddlers compete at Wagga, only 16 made the trip to Windsor for the NSW Championships and Divisional races at Windsor.

We will be hosting Race 3 of the Divisional races on Saturday 20 March 2021, to ensure our success in the series, we need paddlers in all Divisions, so please enter and help BGCC remain up with the leading Clubs in the aggregate points score.

On Sunday we will conduct the annual BGCC 'Bash' race with 3 distances on offer, more details [here](#), or on the [BGCC website](#).

See you on the water.

*Bob*

## Safety Officer Report - Lake users group meeting

The NCA runs a Lake Users Group meeting about 4 to 6 times a year. BGCC is represented by either Margi or Tammy. The latest meeting was held on 12 March 21.

In our report, we thanked the NCA for co-ordinating the return of our buoys from the August 2020 floods, advised the Water Police that we would remind all members about having lights on their canoes and kayaks from sunset to sunrise, and advised the meeting of the times that the club has beginner sessions with a request to please keep the wash to a minimum around paddlers on the river and especially around the beach. This raised so discussion by the Water Police and rowers but all in all, they agreed to comply and NCA has since published the times BGCC has official beginner sessions.

The Water Police did ask that if you see them coming at you, please stop paddling. This allows them to better judge the impact of their wash. This is the first time we have had a constructive discussion with the Water Police so please help them with this. If they come up behind you and you can hear them or you see them, also please stop paddling and let them putt past you slowly. I did mention that some of us would like to wash ride them which did bring a smile but no comment!!!

### **Issues that were reported on or raised that relate to us include:**

- Springbank Island jetty will be closed for refurbishment for the next few weeks. Access to the island is still possible via the bank but please keep clear of the jetty area.
- Strengthening towards widening Commonwealth Ave bridge is in the planning stages. The plan is to do the work on the tensioning cables in the bridge so the NCA expect minimal disruption to water traffic.
- There has been a dramatic increase in boat permit applications during the covid year. Be careful when out on the lake, especially when visibility is poor as some of the new users are probably very inexperienced.

- Alligator weed has been sighted on the eastern bank of the lake. Please do not spread it around if you can!
- Blue Green Algae blooms are ramping up on the lake, although this year they have been confined to the western basins. So far we are testing okay for secondary activity like paddling but if you fall out, please have a shower immediately and try not to swallow any water.

#### **Water Police Report:**

- LIGHTS are required from sunset to sunrise. The lights need to have 360 degree visibility from 1500 m away.
- Most of the vessels NOT USING LIGHTS are KAYAKERS. This is disappointing although not all kayakers on the lake are from BGCC. Please make sure that you have your lights on if you are paddling between sunset and sunrise. The times the police are using are the published times for sunset and sunrise.

*Margi*

### **Coach's Corner: Margi Bohm**

A couple of interesting things are happening on the coaching front. Firstly, the club is putting on a few Saturday morning coaching sessions to help club members become efficient paddlers who are injury free and to introduce new skills. Various coaches will be working with any club members who would like to improve their paddling technique, learn more about racing skills, try out different boats and paddles, or learn new paddling skills like deep water entry. These sessions are open to any member regardless of boat, paddle, speed, fitness etc. The next event will be advertised in the weekly bulletin emailed to all members.

The club is in the process of purchasing a set of TRIAL blades that are accessible to club members who are looking towards buying their own paddle. So if you are interested in upgrading or purchasing a new paddle, please contact Margi ([margi.bohm@gmail.com](mailto:margi.bohm@gmail.com)) so that you can test-drive the TRIAL the paddles and hopefully gain useful insights towards making an informed decision about which paddle to buy. Setting up a paddle is not a simple process and there is little useful advice for club level paddlers on the internet. Different blade types suit different kinds of paddling style. The angle of the blades and the length of the shaft depends on how you use your arms and wrists, body rotation and core through the stroke. The shaft length is dependent on how you sink the paddle into the water. The problem is that if you get the angle and length wrong, you won't get the most out of the paddle and can really hurt yourself. Once we have purchased the full suite of paddles, Margi will hold a Saturday session on how to select a paddle for you.

Finally, COVID has put a spanner in the racing calendar again and the 2021 National Marathon Championships have been cancelled. This means that the organisers, Paddle Victoria, have suffered a second year in a row with major financial loss not to mention the hundreds of hours of time donated by their volunteers. It has been decided to support Paddle Victoria by running a popular event that was cancelled earlier this year in lieu of Nationals. The event is the FRANK HARRISON race in Albury to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> (singles) and 28<sup>th</sup> (doubles) of March. The race is similar to the Wagga Wagga race but with fewer snags and sandbanks and the water is fast and deep. It is a fun race and has a distinguished history so the Mitta Mitta club has boat delivery to the starts down to a fine art. No car shuffle issues like we had in Wagga. The singles race on Saturday and the doubles on Sunday.

I am hoping that BGCC will be able to show up in force AND get lots of points for the State of Origin trophy which is being introduced for the first time. In the past, we have stayed in the camp ground or motels and made a bit of a road trip of it. This is also an opportunity to spread some travel dollars into rural NSW. Please contact Richard Fox if you are interested in going.

*Margi*

## Canoe Polo report

### FLUTE / ACDC Cheesecake Canoe Polo Challenge

On a beautiful 6<sup>th</sup> March, BGCC hosted the inaugural Flute / ACDC Cheesecake Challenge (not the inaugural Cheesecake Challenge as actually this has been held at least once if not twice before in the early 2000s).

With Shoalhaven Canoe Club deciding to postpone / cancel the annual Mudcake challenge, BGCC rose to the occasion and decided to host the Cheesecake Challenge. The event was well attended including 4 Shoalhaven members travelling to Canberra for the event.

Four teams were created for the day including the aptly named 'Where's my shoe' team which unfortunately did not have space for all aspiring members. However, it was telling that the one piece of lost property left behind did indeed belong to a member of the 'Where's my shoe' team. Quite an improvement on last comp though.

Competition was fierce, doggos were cute, reffing was variable and a few choice green cards were awarded.

A highlight of the day was when play was stopped to rescue an enthusiastic puppy who wanted to join the fun.

The team 'Boom' with the oldest average age won on the day and everyone enjoyed the Cheesecakes, the likes of which no one had ever experienced before.

Many thanks to Roly for organising the cheesecakes, MLT for doing most of the organising, Deaks for the draw (I was especially appreciative of the draw), all those who fixed up the field – especially Mikey who spent a lot more time in the water that morning than I would care to in a whole year, to the Shoalhaven guys for coming and to everyone else who came – especially if we hadn't seen you for a while!



*Louise*



## Marathon Convener's report

We are in our third month of 2021 and have two completed races and one cancelled race under our belts. A 67% strike rate is so much better than 2020 and I expect the strike rate will improve. Come Sunday afternoon, March 21, we will be at an 80% strike rate with four marathon events concluded.

The large number of BGCC paddlers at Wagga Wagga (34 in total) sent a loud message to all other clubs that we mean business in 2021. Nothing about this particular event was easy – the travel arrangements, the starting points or negotiating a quick flowing Murrumbidgee River. A couple of us went for a swim and not all rudders performed as they should have but we all finished. Division 2 had four of the five competitors from BGCC with Matilda Stevenson taking the honours. We had representation in all divisions on the day. Evergreen Bob Collins and his trust steer, Danielle Winslow, won the division 5 race ... just 8 seconds faster than Scott Macwilliam and Dave Abella who placed mid-field in division 6. Let's see how that little rivalry plays out!!! Other notable performances on the day included Tom Layton placing first in division 10; Tammy Ven Dange placing first in Division 11; and Peter Teichmann placing first in Division 13. That's a very solid performance for those individuals and for the club. Congratulations.

Our numbers were down at Race 2 in Windsor. I think we numbered 16. Lane Cove paddlers turned out in force to even the ledger. This race doubled as the State Championships. Koyla Cook won the U23 Men's' K1. If anyone looked like they were born to paddle it's Koyla for me! Michael 'social distancing' Hanemaayer proved himself to be very competitive in the red hot Open Men's' K1 division and Jesse Robertson's paddle of absolute determination in the same group augers well as he mixes it with the 'big boys'. Matilda Stevenson rattled egos again, this time in the Open Women's' K1 where she placed second ahead of some very accomplished paddlers. Emily O'Rourke is the ICF U23 Women's K1 champion; Craig Elliot is the ICF 35-44 Men K1 Champion; Andrew Parkinson placed third in the ICF 50-54 Men K1 race; Gerry Foster placed first in ICF 75-79 Men K; Allan Newhouse placed first in ICF 75-79 Men C1; and Rebecca Snape placed second in her 5km event. Lot's of excellent performances to build on through the series.

Where this leaves BGCC in club standings is not clear at this time but the key to success is numbers across the divisions. **Canberra Race 3** is this weekend followed by the Burley Griffin Bash on Sunday.

## WE NEED YOU.....

especially on the Saturday to put in a strong showing for our own event. It is widely regarded as one of the best events on the marathon series calendar. If you haven't already done so please register through the PaddleNSW website. The Burley Griffin Bash starts at 8am on the Sunday and a variety of distances from 30km to 3km are on offer. This race has a lot of history. It started in 1964, the same year the lake was created. Please help grow this history.

The next event after our own hosted races is Race 4 at Brisbane Waters near Gosford. This is north of Sydney so, as Marathon Convener, I am wondering what the appetite is to hire a mini bus (12 +1) and take the club trailer. Race 5, Cockle Creek near Newcastle, is further north again. Don't count on a bus and trailer going since it is entirely dependent on numbers. I cannot promise that it's cheaper than independent travel (that is also dependent on numbers) but is more social and safer than driving back in a fatigued state. If you are keen please email me at [richardfox635@gmail.com](mailto:richardfox635@gmail.com) with your name, event, and whether you are wanting your kayak on the trailer or not. Judgement day for the green or red light would need to be Friday, April 2 for the Brisbane Waters race and Friday, April 30 for the Cockle Creek race. This will give people a week to make alternate plans if the bus/trailer don't go.

In between Brisbane Waters and Cockle Creek is the Batemans Bay challenge which is not, this year, included in the marathon series but is a more local event. It's also a well organised event and a brilliant venue starting at The Bay and heading along the Clyde River to the bridge at Nelligen and return. Support the coastal members of BGCC by getting along. Make a weekend of it and stimulate a bit of much needed business for our close coastal community.

*Richard*

## South Coast Convener's Report

*Allan Newhouse*

The prospects of a return to normal competition looked good for a while in early February.

The Frank Harrison Memorial Race on the Murray River was scheduled to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February. I entered the singles day on the Saturday, booked the site at the caravan park in Albury and drove down on Thursday and Friday, with a stopover at Jugiong to take advantage of the free camping available and to enjoy a meal at the historic Sir George Hotel.

Everything was going well as I met two other canoe paddlers; Frank Kingma and Stephen Routley. We had just made all the necessary arrangements about canoe transport and car shuttles when the situation in Victoria changed. Victorian paddlers who would have crossed into NSW for the race were faced with the prospect of several days of isolation on return to Victoria. So Mitta Mitta Canoe Club had no option but to cancel the race with little prospect of rescheduling the event later in the year. Although, once again, things have since changed and the race will now take advantage of the weekend freed up by the cancellation of the National Marathon Championship.

Frank, Stephen and I decided that having driven all the way to Albury (in Frank's case from Qld) we would take advantage of the excellent flow in the river to paddle the course on Saturday morning. Frank and Stephen and a couple of kayakers started on the NSW side of the river opposite the usual start below the dam wall. I had planned to do the 16km paddle from the waterworks, so I launched from a NSW reserve a few kilometres below the waterworks.

My plan was to time my start so that Frank and Stephen would pass me just a short distance above the usual finish line at Noreuil Park in Albury. All went well until I noticed that some of the landmarks I was passing didn't look like those I had seen when I competed in the race in the three previous years. A few kilometres before the finish, the river divided and I made the mistake of taking the left hand course. It appeared to have much better flow than the right hand channel and none of the maps I had seen showed any continuous channel splitting off to the left.

By the time I was sure that I had taken the wrong channel, I was too far committed to consider paddling back upstream. Fortunately that channel re-joins the main river only three kilometres downstream from Noreuil Park so that by the time I battled my way upstream against the flow, the other paddlers had only had a few minutes to wonder how it was possible that they hadn't passed me since I had obviously not arrived before them. I was pleased that I had saved a bit of energy for the extra three kilometres upstream which took over half an hour.

The race at Wagga was less eventful, but involved more organisation than in previous years by the Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club. This year the race was all downstream with three different starting points; Oura Beach for the 26km divisions, Braehour Reserve for the 17km divisions, and Eunony Bridge for the 7km division. Since there was no suitable launching spot below Braehour Reserve, the 10km divisions paddled a bit further than they usually do.

WBCC provided a shuttle bus for paddlers who needed transport back to the starts to collect vehicles. I was lucky to arrive at the finish at Wagga Beach just a few minutes before the bus left for Braehour Reserve, so Sue's wait with my vehicle as not as long as it might have been.

The flow in the Murrumbidgee River was close to ideal. It was high enough to cover almost all the snags, but not high enough to create tricky eddies. Division 12 had just four paddlers doing a scoring race, but there were nine others doing a ranking race, so there was a reasonable field in my start. By picking the right course I was able to pass a younger kayak paddler doing a ranking race about a quarter of the way down the course. However as she became better at reading the water or perhaps as I tired a little towards the end, she passed me a few kilometres before the finish.

Since Windsor was the State Singles Championship, paddlers were grouped a little differently from the normal divisional races. As a Vet 75 C1 paddler, I was grouped in the last start with Vet 75 and Vet 80 ski and K1 paddlers and a couple of under-14 K1 paddlers.

Conditions were good for paddling, although the only time I noticed a significant amount of wind was for a few minutes after turning at the top buoy and of course it was a headwind. Once again I established that youth and enthusiasm are no match for old age and cunning as I made much better use of the eddies near the bank on the way upstream to pass a couple of younger paddlers. Unfortunately on the way back down the river, I lost that advantage and was overtaken by a younger ski paddler. At the bottom turn, I was several canoe lengths behind her, but courtesy of a better turn and better use of the slower water near the bank on the run back up to the finish, I almost caught her and finished just one second behind.



*Allan in his C1 starting at Windsor beside a collection of K1s, Skis and a Long Rec*

## **Wagga Wagga, Race 1 NSW Marathon series (20th Feb, 2021)**

*Margi Bohm*

It was really good to see so many BGCCers at the Wagga Race. Particularly satisfying was to see so many of our newer paddlers taking to the water. Well done. I hope you enjoyed the race and that we will see more of you at Winter Series Races in the future.

There were quite a few podium performances. We had good representation in Divs 1-4 with Matilda Stevenson coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in Div 2. Danielle Winslow and Bob Collins won Div 5 with John Preston 3<sup>rd</sup>. David Abela and Scott McWilliam came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Div 6. Jacob Flanagan won Div 10 with Tom Layton coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sue Powell power paddling to 4<sup>th</sup> just behind the Ducks Jill and Judy from Windsor. I see there becoming a race between these two boats in future races. Tammy van Dange won Div 11 and Gerry Foster and Greg Colton raced each other with several lead changes to finally come in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> resp. in Div 12. Div 13 was won by Peter Teichmann with Rebecca Snape 3<sup>rd</sup>. Excellent effort BGCC.





## Windsor, State Marathon Champs & Race 2 NSW Marathon series (6th Mar, 2021)

*Margi Bohm*

The State Marathon Champs were held at Windsor over the weekend. There was a smaller BGCC contingent this time and everyone did well. Some notable performances were Matilda who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in open women. In age racing, Craig Elliott and Allan Newhouse won. Other podium places were Gerry Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> and Andrew Parkinson 3<sup>rd</sup>. A few BGCCers won their races by default. Well Done everyone.



*Koyla and Larissa in the starting pack*



*Matilda coming into portage on the wash.*



*Craig coming into the portage.*



*Gerry Foster powered off the start line.*

Photo's courtesy of *Paddle NSW images* [2021-03 Marathon Series #2](#)

## Jindy multi sport challenge a winner for club paddlers

Jacqui Keogh

BGCC paddlers, Lindy Edwards and Jacqui Keogh won their paddle legs and accompanied their team to victory in the Women's 5-12 member relay team category at the Sri Chimnoy multi-sport event held at Jindabyne last Sunday. The women's team won the event in the fastest time in their category for 15 years!

Another recent BGCC paddler, Clint Shinn won his three paddling legs in the Mens 5-12 person relay category, providing a great boost for his team 'Quangers and Mash', to place 5th across a strong field.



*Lindy, Jacqui, and their team at the finish line.*

The event covered paddling, swimming, mountain biking and trail running with each discipline contributing 3 legs of varying difficulty. Athletes could participate as solo competitors or in teams, meaning the event could be as equally rewarding for the serious endurance contender as for the weekend warrior.

'The weather was perfect and the Alpine setting in and round Lake Jindabyne was amazing' said Lindy. 'Even the pre-dawn start 'was fun', said Jacqui, with the mountains providing a stunning foreground for the sunrise during the first leg of her paddle. Both paddlers also loved the social aspect of the event, spending time with friends and family, enjoying meals together, and of course, the post victory celebrations! Unfortunately, exhaustion provided an earlier than expected finish to celebrations, with the team retiring not long after the sun set on their lakeside abode and the mozzies claimed the night!

Having the race as a goal to get back into paddling and become fitter was the real driver for Lindy, who organised the women's team. She said she has 'loved training technique in the mornings with Margi and her squad and is grateful that the club has made it really easy for her to get involved'. 'It has actually been such a fabulous thing for me, getting back into paddling after a few intense years of raising small children and having limited to for myself'.

Find all the results and the photo gallery on the [srichimnoy website](#)



*Lindy powering off on her paddle leg*



**Ed note: Did we miss your notable performance/s? Send in your race reports & memorable moments to the Blazing Paddles editor for inclusion in the next edition.**

## Coming up – Canberra, Round 3 NSW Marathon Series (21st Mar 2021)

The next Winter Series Race is in Canberra on the 20<sup>th</sup> March. race in early March. It would be great to put 50+ boats on the water for the Canberra race .... Can we do it??? Why Not. It doesn't matter how fast you are or what division you race in ... what matters is being on the water and enjoying the paddle. From a club point score perspective, it would be great to put 2 boats into each division. So get out the boats and paddles and get paddling in preparation.

Race 3 of the 2021 Marathon Series will be hosted by BGCC. This will a 5 km Lap Course, with 20 km Divisions paddling 4 laps; Division 8 paddling 3 laps; Divisions 9-12 paddling 2 laps; and Division 13 paddling the one lap.

Entries are via the Paddle Australia membership system, GoM. Enter directly at the link below. You will also find the link to the Burley Bash on this page.

### [2021 PaddleNSW Marathon Series - Race 3 - Canberra \(BGCC\)](#)

A great race to continue (or start) your marathon paddling season (or your marathon paddling career!)

\*\*\*\*\*Note: Coffee Van and Club Food Stall for food and drinks at Molonglo Reach. \*\*\*\*\*

### **Briefing:**

There will be no on-site pre-race briefing.

The Race Briefing will be emailed to all entrants, along with the Start List, on the Friday before the race.

PLEASE READ THE BRIEFING - it will contain important information about the venue, the course, and what you need to do on the way.

### **Paddler Check-In:**

Check-in and Number collection will open from 08:30 a.m.

Social Distancing will continue to be a focus for us in 2021, so please remember this when queuing for Check-in.

Start Times:

09:30 a.m. - Division 7

09:45 a.m. - Division 6

10:00 a.m. - Division 1, and then remaining Divisions at approximately 2 minute intervals thereafter.

All the usual Covid-19 conditions apply - please don't enter or attend if you're even the slightest bit off-colour; if you've been in, or you come from a Covid Hotspot; or if you're supposed to be in isolation for any reason.

Paddlers entering for their first race in a PNSW Marathon Series and any paddler wanting to enter anything other than the Division they last raced in, or were assigned to, should choose one of the "Ranking" race Divisions. (unless entering in Divisions 1, 8, or 9).

Paddlers and visitors should note that there is a U turn system on Morshead Drive for access to Molonglo Reach. If you are traveling from Canberra City towards the airport, it is necessary to travel in the left lane, past the Molonglo Reach sign and use the U turn lane that is well marked.

This won't be an issue if you are traveling on the Majura Parkway or from Queanbeyan.

For those paddlers looking for some extra competition or some more Marathon training/racing, the Burley Griffin Bash is being run on Sunday 21st March.

Stay the night and have a crack at this amazing paddle on Lake Burley Griffin in the 44th running of this iconic race.

## Greetings from Russell and Carolyn

As I was up North for my daughters' wedding and exploring the surrounds of Byron Bay, I discovered that I really wasn't too far from the Gold Coast. Which meant that I was close enough to phone Russell to see if he and Carolyn might be home for a visitor.

Russell was most enthusiastic and invited me over for lunch. It was only about an hour from where I was exploring quieter beaches than Byron, so armed with a gps, I was able to fight through the non-holiday but still manic traffic around Coolangatta and into the quieter very stylish Mermaid Waters.

Russell's home was easy to find and I was made very welcome. It was great to see them both again. I have known Russell since I started paddling about 17 years ago and trained and raced with him in his double in the year before they moved.

As we had seen from photos, their new home is stunning. Overlooking 2 canals, with boat storage right on the water, a secret workshop tucked away under the house, the pool and a lovely house, both Russell and Carolyn are still very happy with their decision to move.

The paddling sounds great, training with a very enthusiastic crew as well as being able to paddle straight outside the door, Russell has regular 7 – 13km loops on the canals, or a sea kayak & ski's to go out on the ocean. Watching the women's AIS teams from the deck and the men's AIS teams during his training sessions at Varsity Lakes.

Both Russell and Carolyn send their regards to all their friends at BGCC and extend an invitation to join them if you're in the neighbourhood.

*Patricia*



## Paddling with Balloons

*Margi Bohm*

Canberra Day dawned calm although a bit cloudy and stormy looking. A couple of us braved the dark and paddled out to central basin and the museum to see the balloons take off.

We got to the Old Parliament House jetty just before dawn, hurried up the lawn to be treated by a beautiful, albeit weird, vista of Skywhale and Skywhalepapa getting ready for take-off.



*Skywhale and Skywhale papa getting ready for takeoff on the Old Parliament Lawn.*



*Skywhale papa took off first to explore the skies. Skywhale followed shortly and once clear, the other balloons started to take off from the National Library Lawn*



*The view from Greg's kayak near the bridge.*

Then we rushed back to the boats and headed towards the museum. The rest of the balloon flotilla were taking off from the lawn in front of the National Library and as we paddled under the bridge, we were met by several balloons dropping down to skim the surface of the water. There for a while, we thought that the Hendricks Gin balloon was going to need a paddle but after a couple of big bursts of heat, she rose majestically from the lake, dripping water on the kayakers below.

Unfortunately, the atmosphere was not stratified and the wind direction was westerly through the deep surface layer so the balloons drifted off towards the Arboretum, not to be seen again! We turned tail and paddled back to the shed, after a coffee and a yarn.



*The Hendrick' Gin balloon taking a rather deep dip in the lake!*

## Marketplace

### Wanted: TK or similar.

One of our new paddlers is interested in purchasing a TK or similar. She is quite a small lady and new to paddling, though with family commitments is finding it hard to get to the shed for sessions.

If you have a TK or something similar, light and relatively stable, in good condition tucked away in the garage please let Patricia know. [Patricia](#)

### For sale: Rebel Pro (43cm), 8kg marathon build, 2012 model.



\$2600 ono

Has been in storage most of its life, always washed and dried after use, and stored with a cover; it is in great condition.

It travels really nicely through the water, and on the straights, when everything comes together, it flies.

Original owner had it built for the Worlds in Italy (hence the colouring on it), but damaged her shoulder beforehand, and never went – it was then in storage for 5 years before I purchased it. Due to an injury and life, it was again put in storage, and is now ready for a new owner.

I have recently moved to the area and the kayak has been placed in BGCC shed – ask Jeremy for location if you would like to inspect it.



Any further questions or information call Fleur on 0417104774.

### For sale: Paddle. Mako spectrum wing paddle

\$150 ono.

Small blade (15.5 x 46cm) with a 200-210cm adjustable shaft. <http://www.makopaddles.com.au/#spectrumwing>

Fibreglass blade (still has a lot of carbon at the stress points). Made in Australia, purchased new from Grafton Paddle Sports about 12 months ago. It got me started but have since moved on to larger, lighter, carbon paddle. As new condition. You are welcome to take it out for a few test paddles. Contact [Sue](#)

### For sale: Vaikobi VXP Race PDF, Fluro yellow/black, Medium

\$100 ono

Suit 60-75kg, chest 90cm-105cm [Size guide and specifications](#)

New 2020, used intermittently for about 12 months but have switched to different style to fit a little better.

Contact [Sue](#)

*Thank you to all contributors to this edition of Blazing Paddles.*

*If you have contributions for the next edition, please get in touch [sue\\_702@yahoo.com](mailto:sue_702@yahoo.com)*