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Annual Report 2014 - 2015



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Canoeing WA Strategic Objectives

1. Facility Development – To work towards the development of local and international standard facilities for affiliated clubs and disciplines.
2. Participation and Membership – To recruit and retain competitive, recreational and volunteer members through community events.
3. Community Development – Provide members and the public with skills and knowledge of all aspects of paddle sports through the provision of information and education courses.
4. Administration and Management – To effectively and responsibly manage the organisation for the long term vision of paddle sports.
5. Promotion and Marketing – Develop marketing strategies for events, membership drives and courses.
6. Governance – Ensure the principles of good governance.
7. High Performance – To maximise the success of Western Australia athletes, coaches and officials at State, National and International levels.

Canoeing WA Acknowledgements

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Board of Directors

Richard Lowther, President
Neville Hine, Board Member
Marion Ewing, Board Member
Mike Pond, Board Member
Shayne Hamilton, Board Member (Ind)
Ben Stephens, Board Member (Ind)

Board movements

Rob Jenkinson - Resigned
Ben Stephens - Appointed

Affiliated Clubs

Ascot Kayak Club
Bayswater Paddlesports Club
Canning River Canoe Club
Champion Lakes Boating Club
Denmark Riverside Club
Indian Ocean Paddlers
Mandurah Ocean Club
Mandurah Paddling Club
Perth Canoe Polo
Perth Paddlers
Sea Kayak Club of WA Inc.
Swan Canoe Club

Canoeing WA Acknowledgements

Canoeing WA formally acknowledge its Life Members.
Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to each.

Life Members

Benny Bennion
Bevan Dashwood
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Bill Hine **
Greg Kaeding
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Les Taylor
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Robyn Khorshid
John Mulcahy
Peter Martin
Neville Hine
Margaret Jeffery
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Marion Ewing
**deceased



Most recent Life Members - Marion Ewing (centre) Ramon Andersson (right) with
CWA President Richard Lowther (left)

Canoeing WA Sponsors and Supporters

Canoeing WA Major Sponsors



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Department of Parks & Wildlife
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Fremantle Volunteer Sea Rescue
Heart Foundation
MTM Physiotherapy
Northam Avon Descent Association
Royal Life Saving Society of WA
Spirit Paddlesports
Surf Life Saving Western Australia
Swan River Trust
Trysports
Water Corporation
Western Australian Institute of Sport
Western Australian Sports Federation

Presidents Report

Another very full and rewarding year has passed, the first challenge arose shortly after last year's AGM when Sports Lottery House was destroyed by fire, this happened the day after our inaugural running of the Classic Paddle. Fortunately no one was injured, Rosalie and Jason stepped up setting up in new office space, kindly offered by Royal Lifesaving Society WA. This was done without impacting on the normal running of our Association, a magnificent effort. Nothing was able to be salvaged so new office furniture and equipment has been purchased, mostly covered by our insurance.

At last year's AGM we welcomed new Board Member Mike Pond. During the year Rob Jenkinson resigned and Ben Stephens was invited to join the Board. Ben's background is in finance, which has greatly assisted the Board in this area. The current Board Members are: - Marion Ewing, Neville Hine, Shayne Hamilton, Mike Pond, Ben Stephens & myself, Richard Lowther. Rosalie Evans continues to perform excellently as the Executive Officer, Jason Parker has settled into his new role as Development Officer and together they have provided a high level of professionalism to the CWA Office.

Working closely with Australian Canoeing, we have employed Guy Power as a part-time Pathways Co-ordinator, working with the Clubs & Disciplines to improve and standardise the coaching, across all WA Clubs, so all children will benefit from a high level of coaching. Welcome aboard Guy, we are all looking forward to seeing you around the Clubs & I encourage all of our junior coaches to embrace this new initiative.

The Board is presently working on the By-Laws, these will complement the Constitution and provide guidance to the Staff and Board on day to day matters, at both Office and Association level. Also in progress is the 2016-2018 Strategic plan which states our purpose, "To promote paddle sports as a positive life changing physical activity".

EVENTS

Canoeing WA has organised and run several paddling events in the last 12 months, these included:-
The Classic Paddle,
Bay to Beach,
Paddle Challenge,
Northam to Toodyay
Avon Challenge,
Avon Descent.

The Bay to Beach event was run twice due to the low number of participants.

Northam to Toodyay was shortened due to very low water levels, starting from Katrine Bridge.

The Avon Challenge was a very successful event very well organised & run by Peter Martin.

For the first time Canoeing WA managed the Avon Descent. This proved to be a very challenging under-taking, complicated by the low water levels which resulted in a disappointing number of registrations. But despite this the Management Team of Dione Anthony, Fiona McGrath & Melissa Newcombe did a fantastic job

Presidents Report (Cont)

in a very short time frame resulting in a very well run and enjoyable event. Canoeing WA will be hosting the National Sprint Championships in March 2016, this will be a Pre-Olympic Selection Regatta.

The Slalom discipline will be co-hosting the Slalom Schools Competition & Slalom Nationals in partnership with Slalom Tasmania; these will be held in Tasmania in January 2016.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Paddle Academy- The program continues to grow, with over 17 schools & 4 organisations participating. Jesse Phillips current Olympic Paddler, was employed at the end of 2014 to expand the program to other schools.

Jesse also ran a program with 9 schools in the catchment area of Bayswater Paddlesports Club & Ascot Kayak Club to encourage children of 8 to 12 years old into Guppy's.

Women of the Avon- With the help of 7 very experienced volunteers, this program has been very successful encouraging women into paddling, and for some participating in the Avon Descent in teams or solo paddlers.

Outdoors October- This is a fantastic initiative/activity that we are very pleased to be fully involved. This is an area our Clubs & Disciplines can become more involved.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Rosalie & Jason, have again provided a stable and high level of professionalism to the CWA Office. Rosalie continues to develop excellent working relationships with

Government Departments, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank them for their outstanding efforts.

The White-Water Committee continue to work tirelessly toward the establishment of a white-water facility in Perth, having many meetings with Minister's for Tourism and Sport & Recreation thanks to everyone involved in the white-water park, keep up the good work.

Thank you also to the Board Members, Neville Hine, Marion Ewing, Mike Pond, Shayne Hamilton & Ben Stephens for their interest and valuable time.

Thanks to our sponsors, DSR, Healthway, Mainpeak, Spirit, Finn and Canoeing Down Under.

Lastly, and by no means least, thanks to our volunteers, either as club members or serving members of discipline committees, and judges/officials.

Richard Lowther

President

Canoeing Western Australia

Executive Officers Report

"OUR PEOPLE"

This year I thought rather than go over the whole of the Association's year, which I believe Richard did so well in his report, I would concentrate on the most important aspect of Canoeing WA the people that make this sport and Association so fantastic here in WA.

MEMBERS

This year our membership stands at 2123, the break-up is 1005 males; 640 females; 407 juniors and 71 volunteers.

CLUBS

The break-up between the above membership is over our twelve clubs, these figures also include our students from Paddle Academy.

Three of the Clubs are regional and the other nine in the metropolitan area, all the Clubs are very proactive in different areas of paddling being recreational, competitive or both, and covering all the different disciplines.

DISCIPLINES

We are very fortunate here in Western Australia to have such active Committees: Marathon; Slalom; Ocean Racing; Sprint, Wildwater, Sea Kayak and Canoe Polo all run amazing series over the year. We are the envy of all the other states with how well we do things over here.

I would like to personally thank the Chairs of the Disciplines:

Marathon	-	Peter Martin
Slalom	-	Kate Vyvyan
Ocean Racing	-	Dean Beament
Canoe Polo	-	Nikky Lee
Wildwater	-	John O'Sullivan

Sea Kayak	-	Judy Blight
Sprint	-	Dione Anthony (current) Sara Trown (past)

Between all the disciplines they run approximately forty seven (47) events which are well supported by all CWA members and the wider paddling community.

Sea Kayak run a very successful and informative symposium in February each year in Albany which has some amazing coast line to paddle and enjoy, which is open to all members, the only requirement is that you paddle a sea kayak.

JUNIORS

Six of our Clubs cater for juniors, our juniors start off in a Guppy boat, which is a craft that has been specifically designed for under 12 year old children, once they master this craft with good paddle technique they then move up to a K1.

This year all the Clubs came together for a Guppy Day at Ascot Kayak Club where sixty (60) juniors came for a day of paddling, fun and QA with WAIS athletes and then there was also an information session for parents on web-scorer and general information to parents new to the paddling scene.

VOLUNTEERS

In WA we are absolutely blessed with our volunteers, not only do they work so hard within their own clubs and disciplines, but they are also on-call for any of our CWA Events.

I really cannot speak highly enough of these amazing people that make our life in the CWA office so much easier.

Executive Officers Report (Cont)

EDUCATION

Currently we work with fourteen (14) schools and several government organisations, the number of schools equate to 407 students, with the schools offer both flat water and whitewater sessions, when there is actually some whitewater in WA.

The whitewater sessions are held on the Avon and the Murray Rivers.

INSTRUCTORS

Our Instructors that we employ for our Paddle Academy are very experienced paddlers and we are very fortunate to have such a great team teaching our young people about our wonderful sport.

I would like to list our instructors individually and thank them for their input and passion into this fantastic program:

Jerry Alderson (although Jerry has been working intermittently because of travel and being unwell this year)

John Di Nucci	Leonie Cockman
Darryl Long	Geoff Palmer
Peter Martin	Andy Brown
Taitiarna Brown	Guy Power
Amanda Simper	John Tomczak
Kevin Piper	Rusty Creighton

HIGH PERFORMANCE

This year has seen three of our junior paddlers received WAIS scholarships and to have WAIS offer strength and conditioning to selected junior paddlers from both slalom and sprint.

Over the past year we have had some exceptional results from our athletes competing nationally and internationally, with 29 athletes representing Australia in sprint,

slalom, wildwater, ocean paddling, freestyle and marathon.

Western Australia also had 14 members from our sprint discipline selected for the NEDP squad and 15 slalom paddlers selected to the National Talent Squad the future of our sport in the Olympic disciplines is looking very good for the State of Western Australia.

As you can see our Association is only working so well because of the people we have around us, and of course the time and effort our CWA Board put into overseeing all of this, then a special personal thank you from me to our Development Office Jason Parker, who has been with us for just over a year (but o-boy what a year it has been) and although just a short time has been totally invaluable to the Association and myself.

Rosalie Evans (JP)
Executive Officer
Canoeing WA

Events

KAYAK SYMPOSIUM

Which has been held in Albany for the past two years, it is held over the long weekend in March but to get the most benefit from the symposium it is preferred that you stay for the whole week the event is designed to educate and inspire recreational kayakers that come from all part of the country and showcases the WA coastal environments.



BE ACTIVE PADDLE CHALLENGE

After a week of continually checking the Bureau of Metrology weather forecasts for the Paddle Challenge event and fearing that the weather may cause the event to be cancelled. The weather gods showed some signs of compassion, providing us with no lighting to enable the race to go ahead despite heavy rain falls at times.

The day turned out with 102 craft racing in the 2015 'Be Active' Paddle Challenge commencing and finishing at AP Hinds Reserve, where there was a family fun atmosphere with helium balloons and face painting.

Rosalie Evans, Neil Long and the City of Bayswater's Mayor Cr Sylvan Albert opened the event at 9am, providing the athlete briefing before the paddlers headed out on the water at 9.30am.

The mass start of 89 craft for the 18km course was spectacular and provided a spectacle for all on-lookers.

This day came together by a lot of hard working volunteers and staff, special thanks to the following;

Bayswater Paddlesports Club for putting on great catering
Canning River Canoe Club for running registrations
John Tomczak and Russel Miles for water safety on the day
Our endless list of volunteer spotters:
Cathy and Tony Fry
Jamie Ingram
Murray Corp and Lorraine Eastwell
Joel Nevin
Leanne and Peter Ashby
CWA Board members- Marion Ewing and Richard Lowther
Lawrence Greed and Peter Ashby for your amazing photography and Peter Martin for his brilliant job helping with various tasks over the day.

Canoeing WA would also like to thank each and every competitor. Without you we wouldn't have the opportunity to run this event.



BE ACTIVE NORTHAM 2 TOODYAY

With low water levels and no forecaste rain, Canoeing WA ran the 'Be Active' Northam to Toodyay race on a Sunday 12 July, 2015. The course was shortened from Katrine to Toodyay.

65 craft negotiated Katrine, Glen Avon Rapid and Extracts on the first leg of the Avon Descent. Competitors were treated to a delicious sausage sizzle, a bottle of water/ juice and fruit to finish off this fantastic event catered by the WA Slalom Technical Committee.

Events (Cont)

This day came together by a lot of hard working volunteers, special thanks to the below;

Wendy Burdett, Leonie Cockman, Robyn Khorshid, Sue Walker, Russel Miles, Ian Quinn, Kate Vyvyan, Peter and Leanne Ashby, Cindy Coward, Michael Liddle, Joy and Richard Lowther.



BE ACTIVE AVON CHALLENGE

The 'Be Active' Avon Challenge was run on the 2nd of August, in perfect conditions, starting at Middle Swan Reserve before finishing at Riverside Gardens, Bayswater. After several weeks of sorting out combinations, training hard, organising escorts and support crew, the day finally arrived for the Start of this year's Avon Challenge. It was good to see many paddlers going to other clubs to train with their teammates.

The event was supported by Ascot Kayak Club, Bayswater Paddlesports Club, Canning River Canoe Club, Champion Lakes Boating Club, Indian Ocean Dragon Boats, Perth Outrigger Canoe Club, Swan Canoe Club and SUP's WA. Paddlers had a choice of a three (3) leg relay, two (2) leg relay or Iron Person over the 15 km course on the Swan River.

On the start grids 100 paddlers spread across guppy kayaks, ICF k1s, SUPs, Outrigger Canoes and Dragon Boats. The SUP class racing over the full course were first away, followed two (2) minutes later by the

nine (9) guppy teams starting their three (3)-leg relay. The team K1 classes had to share their start with single and double outriggers, which take up a lot of space in the narrow channel under the bridge. The dragon boat (with 20 paddlers) and the 6 person outriggers gave a display of controlled power as they also raced to be in the lead under the bridge. The elite class of the day was the Iron Person ICF K1 class. This group of young paddlers were "chomping at the bit" on the start line and took off in flurry of spray as they raced to catch and overtake all that had started before them.

At Barkers Bridge the leading OC6 (6 person outrigger canoe) POCC - The Boys - had a handy lead from the over-all other craft which they maintained all the way to the finish line, doing the fastest time for the day. At Riverside Gardens all craft had to do a right hand turn into the finish line. Some craft just turned better than others and picked up a few seconds in the overall standings. Pat Long was there on the beach to present all finishers with their Long Brothers Medal.

With the finish line at the same place as the ionic Avon Descent and the City of Bayswater Family Fun day there was activities for all to enjoy at the end of their race. Paddlers received their prizes and certificates on the main stage, presented by Pat Long and Richard Lowther, President of Canoeing WA.

This year we have been back through the results from previous years to establish records for this course. Several inaugural records were established and few older records broken. Records are going to come and go with the height of the Avon River, pushing water down the Swan River carrying paddlers and craft down with it.

Events (Cont)

This event would not have been possible without the assistance of Jason Parker at Canoeing WA and all the parents and helpers that manned the registration, check points and finish line as well as the on the water escorts and John T. in the power boat providing back up. Our thanks to you all.

The Avon Challenge is sponsored by Be Active, The Long Brothers - Darryl and Neil (Finishers Medals) and WAMCRTC (lucky draw prizes).

Peter Martin



BE ACTIVE BAY 2 BEACH

BE ACTIVE BAY 2 BEACH 2014

The 2014 Bay 2 Beach was run on the 14th December, 2014 with sunny weather conditions, with the Bureau of Meteorology predicting moderate 15 knot SSW winds, which made paddling back into Leighton Beach from the turning buoy difficult.

Fremantle Harbour was not as challenging as recent years as there was less wind and slop than in previous years. The downwind ocean leg was not as windy as many hoped, so to catch runs took a bit of work and more so to string runs together.

The upwind leg was challenging as the wind had picked up a bit more than the downwind leg and was then side on.

It was a tough paddle with the last 2 km's offside on wind.

Nonetheless we believe the event was a great success.

48 craft entered this year, which included five outrigger 6 and three (3) doubles.

There are many people CWA must thank for pulling this event together they are; Robyn Brown and her team from Champion Lakes for the catering, Robert Skinner, Joanne McBride and Sarah Whittaker from Swan Canoe Club for registration, Jamie Ingram (CRCC), Peter Martin (AKC), Kate Vyvyan and Cynthia Coward (Slalom Discipline), Board Member and President CWA Richard Lowther, who worked tirelessly throughout the day, 'Big Help Mob' for moving the boats on the beach.

Fremantle Volunteer Sea Rescue Group did a fantastic job helping keep all paddlers safe throughout the course.

A special thank you must go to Mark Lawson (AKC) who did the timing of the event at very short notice.

Presentations went ahead just after 12:30pm on the grassed area behind Leighton Beach, where prizes were given out and participants treated to food catered by Champion Lakes Boating Club.

Thanks also to the Fremantle Port Authority, who allow us to paddle through the Harbour.

BE ACTIVE BAY 2 BEACH 2015

The 2015 Be Active Bay 2 Beach was run on the 7th February, 2015 in sunny weather conditions.

Events (Cont)

35 craft entered this year, which included two (2) doubles.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers.

This event could not held be held without Fremantle Port Authority's permission to paddle through the harbour.



CLASSIC PADDLE

The Classic Paddle is a community event that was organised by the Royal Life Saving Society WA with the aim to help create greater awareness of the importance of aquatic safety at the start of summer and to raise funds for the Keep Watch toddler drowning prevention program.

After 17 years of RLSSWA running this event, Canoeing WA delivered the event, liaising with Royal Life Saving WA to run the '2014 Classic Paddle'.

Canoeing WA are thrilled that RLSSWA have entrusted us in running the event and upholding the standards set in previous years.

We believe that forming a solid relationship with Royal Life Saving Society WA will assist in developing the event in years to come, and helping improve the safety of our water sport in Western Australia.

The Classic Paddle is an event that encourages any paddler; from canoes/kayaks and ski's to SUP's and dragon boats to get out and have a great day on the water in a safe and fun environment.

As Perth was subjected to an intense electric storm on the Saturday, overnight and before the race. Despite the very bad weather there was a great turn out for Classic Paddle 2014.

The event was uncertain to take place as late as the briefing on the day.

In total there were 188 craft that competed this year.



AVON DESCENT

This year was the first year for Canoeing WA as Event Organisers, and boy did we receive a baptism of fire! The rain that we thought would never come came and it came with a vengeance and at the very last minute! This allowed us to run a full-course event. This was fantastic for the more experienced, while for the novices it was a very daunting experience.

As Event Organisers we have had some extremely positive feedback and compliments from so many of the competitors. For this we are exceptionally grateful. We had a fantastic team working on the Avon this year and I believe with our short lead-in time we achieved a great deal. In saying that, we will certainly be looking for a bigger and better Avon Descent next year and have learnt so much and know where we can improve.

A massive thank you goes out to all the volunteers from Northam through to Bayswater who worked so hard in the lead-up

Events (Cont)

to and over the Avon weekend.

The incredible ASU do such a professional and fantastic job looking after us competitors. They play such a vital role, and as a competitor I can say we all feel reassured knowing this wonderful team are there.

Thank you to the National Park Rangers, the volunteer groups, the Police and the Government Bodies that support us and, of course, our amazing sponsors.

I would personally like to say thank you to my team, Dione, Melissa, Jason, Fiona and Emma, and to the CWA Board who made the decision to take on the role of Event Organiser's – you are all amazing and I am so privileged to work with you.

I have met and heard some amazing stories from competitors and this is one of the reasons that I love this event so much – it bonds us all and makes us proud to be about to say we are #avondescenters.

Thank you all,

Rosalie Evans



2015 Be Active Avon Challenge



2015 Be Active Paddle Challenge



2014 Classic Paddle



2015 Avon Descent

Programs



Be Active Paddle Academy

Did you know Canoeing WA runs the Be Active Paddle Academy for schools, councils and local organisations?

The Be Active Paddle Academy allows people opportunities to experience the river or ocean in new, fun ways that are safe. By enrolling into Paddle Academy you will learn basic paddling skills that can ultimately lead to a white water camp or paddling expedition.

This program is available all year round and highly recommended from Year 6 to Year 12. We offer summer courses based on flat-water paddling and winter on flat-water or white-water if desired, testing skills on different courses.

Canoeing WA supplies all equipment required including kayaks, paddles, PFD's (Personal Flotation Devices), spray decks, and qualified instructors.

Over the 2014-15 year we have had close to 1000 students participate in our Program, through their 17 schools and several organisations.

Be Active Women of the Avon

This is a fantastic program which is run only for women although it is run for all levels of participants it is also geared to the ladies who love the challenge to train and ultimately compete in the iconic Avon Descent.

The price is kept very low and the program is run over four weeks with a total of 12 hours on the water, there are so many benefits offered to ladies who take part in the program.



2015 Women of the Avon Participants



Outdoors October

CWA has been fully involved as a stakeholder with this initiative, the idea is to get people outdoors doing things that they have not done before during the month of October, we have gone to our clubs and disciplines to get them to put on events for newbies to experience paddling activities throughout the month.

Membership

TOTAL MEMBERS BY STATE

Male (Over 18)	Male (Under 18)	Female (Over 18)	Female (Under 18)	Total
903	414	503	303	2123

TOTAL MEMBERS BY CLUB

	Male (Over 18)	Male (Under 18)	Female (Over 18)	Female (Under 18)	Total
Ascot Kayak Club	316	77	227	43	663
Canning River Canoe Club	55	19	26	9	109
Perth Canoe Polo	18	2	3	2	25
Swan Canoe Club	173	24	147	32	376
Bayswater Paddlesports Club	45	21	18	9	93
Sea Kayak Club WA Inc.	61	0	18	0	79
WA Club Paddle Academy	41	230	13	155	439
Mandurah Paddling Club	30	1	11	0	42
Champion Lakes Boating Club	35	22	26	9	92
Indian Ocean Paddlers	68	1	9	0	78
Mandurah Ocean Club	10	0	1	0	11
Denmark Riverside Canoe Club	14	0	10	0	24
Perth Paddlers	15	2	4	0	21
Volunteers	21		50		71

Whitewater Park Report

1. We are meeting on a “as needs” basis with Rosalie Evans, at CWA, Mt Claremont or where required. Attendees include Rosalie Evans (RE), Margaret Jeffery (MJ), Steve Mueller (SM), and Lachie Milne (LM).
2. We prepare minutes of the formal meetings
3. SM as the Slalom WA Technical Committee (STC) representative prepares regular reports for the STC – these being a general summary only.
4. Reports undertaken and completed by Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) with support when requested from the group are:
 - a. Functional Brief – GHD, September 2012
 - b. White Water Park Site Analysis – Brian Curtis Pty Ltd - Final Report, April 2015 (Version 3.1)
5. Tasks undertaken by the group (These are available upon request):
 - a. Promotional video, March 2014
 - b. Conceptual plans based on the Functional Brief, September 2014
 - c. Fly around of a 3D model (using the conceptual plans) of a WWP located on the Burswood Peninsula, updated June 2015
6. A large proportion of the group’s time in 2014/5 was with site investigations and providing as much support to Brian Curtis. His report was delayed for personal reasons.
7. The DSR White Water Park Site Analysis included 10 sites within the Perth metropolitan area. The report did not rank the sites although the group requested this.
8. Most recently (August 2015) the group met with Minister for Sport Mia Davies to present and discuss the WWP. The DSR White Water Park Site Analysis

- report was discussed, and the group was asked to identify its preferred sites. We mentioned Burswood (profile and proximity to the Perth Stadium, etc.) and the Challenge Stadium Precinct, but would consider alternatives if they became available sooner.
9. We understand Stewart Cranswick remains interested in the project.
 10. Tasks for the group:
 - a. Determine the Ministerial support for the project. If this is not of a level required to facilitate the near term development of the WWP, then we will liaise with the opposition and other political parties to inform them and encourage profile and support.
 - b. Continue to promote a WWP for Perth when the opportunities present themselves.

Our group appreciates the support of the CWA board and in particular for allowing us to have access to Rosalie.

Steve Mueller
Whitewater Park Committee

Whitewater Park Report (Cont)



Extract from 3D Model in this image located on the Burswood Peninsula – WWP shown south of Perth Stadium



Extract from 3D model - with finishing pond in foreground. Concept shows 2 channels either side of central building



Extract from 3D model – side view.

Marathon Discipline Report



2014-2015 Season Awards Night

The Marathon Discipline of Canoeing WA has followed the trend of previous years and continues to grow. We averaged over 100 craft at each event except for the State Championships. Ages range from eight year old guppies to 70+ paddlers, all enjoying spirited racing within the division system. Most events offer four (4) divisions over the main distance, so all paddlers are racing people of similar speed regardless of age, craft or gender. A shorter course allowed those new to the sport a chance to race at a more sedate pace. For the junior's and some adults we had a novice course, U12 and U10 guppy courses all escorted by more experienced paddlers.

During the year we launched our two (2) escort/sweep/rescue craft to be available at each event and other Canoeing WA and club events. With the assistance of Finn Kayaks, John Papas Trailers and Protective

Cases we have now have our own craft with a range of capabilities, mounted on a double trailer with a large storage box up front to keep all the gear in.

At several races paddlers from WAIS came along to display their speed and abilities over longer distances adding to the excitement of the day. Special mention of the Moore River Mixed Doubles Championships with four (4) craft crewed by WAIS paddlers, starting the sprint for the finish line 1000m out and three of the craft overlapping each other on the line.

It was very pleasing during the year to see growth in the number of ladies paddling across several age groups and gradually moving from long plastics to ocean skis and into the ICF K1 craft.

Due to the National Sprint Titles being

Marathon Discipline Report (Cont)

close to the dates of our State Marathon Championships the number of junior paddlers participating was drastically reduced. The only way to prevent this is to encourage National Technical Committees to have National Championships far enough apart that all can experience both the flat-water disciplines.

Thirteen paddlers made the journey east to Canberra for the Australian Canoeing National Marathon Titles. Among the masters and juniors several medals of all three (3) colours were won, while Joshua K. and James M. ran in the front five (5) boat group of the open Men's K1 providing the tightest battle in this class for many years. They then repeated the level of racing the next day and collected the silver medal in the K2s. Bronwyn M. scored a bronze medal in both U23 Women and Open Women's K2. Mark Lawson was chosen as Australian Canoeing Masters Paddler of the Year after his gold medal win at the World Masters Cup in Oklahoma and the contribution he has made to marathon racing in WA in the few years he has been part of the sport.

Four master paddlers from WA made the trip to the ICF World Marathon Masters Cup in Gyor, Hungary.

At the end of the season we held a successful medal presentation dinner at Ascot Kayak Club organised by three (3) of our lady paddlers, thank you.

The WA Marathon Canoe Racing Technical Committee wishes to thank the many volunteers during the year that made all the events possible in a safe and fair manner to all. At the end of the season Cath Fry and Russel Miles resigned from the committee after several years of service. We welcome Doug Hodson (AKC) and Angela Bentley (CRCC) to the committee for the 2015 – 2016 season.

Peter Martin
WA Marathon Chair



Mark Lawson and Jenni Bateman

Slalom Discipline Report

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Kate Vyvyan, Chairperson
 Shirley Go, Treasurer replaced by Joy Lowther (Shirley remains on committee, Joy was previously on committee.)
 Jenny Vogel, Secretary
 Cindy Coward, Race director for part of year
 Charlie Collin replaced by Lisa Mueller
 Lucy Williams and Wendy Burdett

EVENTS HOSTED IN 2014/2015 SEASON:

Four (4) Camps on Collie River including one NTS camp
 Four (4) Summer series races and a filmed 'TV Challenge' at Hester Park, Ascot Kayak Club, Swan Canoe Club and Collie River
 Bevan Dashwood Dash
 NTS camp at Walyunga
 Seven (7) Winter series races, Walyunga and Hester Park.

SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP AND NATIONALS ATTENDANCE – Eildon, Victoria
 – A large strong team with a good spread of ages. Many medals were won. Coached by Zlatan Ibrahimbegovic.

OUTSTANDING ATHLETES:

Robbie Jeffrey and **Kynan Maley** – living in Sydney but still our own – Australian team for World Championships and World Cup events.
Georgia Rankin – Australian team for the U23 Junior World Championships –silver medal in Womens K1 teams.,12th C1 and 32nd in K1
Ben Pope – Australian team for U23 Junior World Championships 28th K1, 33rd C1
Georgina Collin – Australian team for U18 Junior World Championships, Bronze medal in K1 teams, 20th K1. Also competed in WildWater Junior World Championships



2015 Australian Schools Slalom and Downriver Championships

Slalom Discipline Report (Cont)

Nick Rankin – Australian team for U18 Junior World Championships, 31st C1
Demelza Wall – Australian team for U18 World Championships. 22nd in C1, Third place women's C1 teams

NTS representatives; **Tim Coward, Isabella Choate, Billie Knell, Kira Wall, Nina Mueller, Louis Richardson, Alexandra Choate** and **Tarky Wall**.

Shadow NTS members; **Demi O'Brien, Cameron, Mitchel** and **Alexandra Vogel**.
 Australian All Schools Championships:
 Senior female champion paddler – **Isabella Choate**
 Junior female champion padder – **Kira Wall** (shared with Victorian Georgie Tomkin)
 Junior male champion paddler – **Louis Richardson**

KEY VOLUNTEERING PERSONELL FOR DISCIPLINE:

Everybody in Slalom does their bit especially during coaching camps and on race day with judging and safety on water. But to highlight a few:
Jenny Vogel – Secretary, facebook and developing juniors at Ascot Canoe Club
Cindy Coward, Steve Coward, Joel Nevin – race organisation, new timing and compiling system
Lucy Williams – Nationals 2015 team manager, Nationals 2016 race director
Margie Jeffrey and **Steve Mueller** for White Water park campaign and designs
Pope family for parallel slalom and work at Walyunga
Robin Sanders and **Bevan Dashwood** for coaching and work at Walyunga
Leesa Collin for transferring website

Kate Vyvyan
 WA Slalom Chair



Robin Jeffery

Wildwater Discipline Report

ATTENDANCE

We have recently completed our series of 6 races for the 2015 season.

Over the season, we averaged 35 paddlers per race with 52 individual paddlers getting involved in Wildwater racing over the whole season. (20% women). There were approximately 15 new competitors who paddled downriver boats, that have not competed in wildwater previously.

The competition consisted of both wildwater K1 class and a Wave hopper (plastic) class. We also had a sundries class to include paddlers without downriver boats, who would like to enjoy the race atmosphere and hopefully encourage people into a downriver boat.

SPONSORS

Canoeing Down Under continued to support Wildwater WA with Terry consistently offering vouchers and prizes. We also had some new sponsors in "The Rigging Shed" who donated advertising flags and signs.

Also the "Black Swan Winery" sponsored a race, offering prizes of wine and dinner vouchers. AKC supporting the Wildwater discipline with prize money for Avon Descent wildwater winners.

NEW WWR WEBSITE

2015 was our first year of using the new website format which has been a real winner. From John O'Sullivan's point of view, the new format is much easier to update and easy to keep current. Great feedback from paddlers. Great job and congratulations to Aust Canoeing & CWA for supporting the upgrade.

WWR COMMITTEE

Our awesome committee consisted of 10 members who shared the responsibility of decision making and race coordination. John O'Sullivan (Chairperson), Jane Liddle (Treasurer), Peter Liddle, Patrick Irwin, Glen Dusneburg, Robyn Korshid, Jason Gardner, Rob Rigger, Alan Morbey and Laurent Palmero.

All registrations and timekeeping was conducted on an iPad, using the Webscorer application. John O'Sullivan setup the competitor online registrations and organised the race order for each race. For each race registration, Jane Liddle greeted the competitors with a smiling face as competitors handed over entry fees.

The very enthusiastic Glen Dusenburg was our race starter for our races and Alana and Greg did an outstanding job with the time keeping. John O'Sullivan is responsible for social media updates and emails.

THE COMPETITION

There was some fierce competition in the WWK1 Women division between Demi O, Sue Q, Ballie L & Bonnie M. Their times were very close but Sue had the edge over the other girls. Demi was our only junior, but held her own against the older girls... and most of the boys.

We had some hot rivalry amongst the men competing in the WWK1. But amazingly, the finish order was identical for each race. Dave Worthy dominated the series with a 1st place in each race. The battle for second was consistently between Ben Pope & Wayne Martin over a 10 - 15 second gap, with Darryl capturing 4th place, followed by John Hilton in 5th.

That is until Josh Kippin smashed through

Wildwater Discipline Report (Cont)

the field during the Bridgetown race, defeating Dave by 20 seconds.

There was some strong attendance in the Wave Hopper category, with Peter G (new to wildwater) edging out Dave Tupling for top spot. Unfortunately, Dave was unable to attend all races, which would have seen a very close battle.

CATEGORY CHAMPIONS FOR 2015

WWK1 Open Champ
Ben Pope
WWK1 45+ Champ
Dave Worthy (overall series champion)
WWK1 55+ Champ
John DiNucci
WWK1 Women's Champ
Sue Quick
Wave Hopper Women's Champ
Jane Liddle
Wave Hopper Mens Champ
Peter Gigengack

SUMMARY

We finished the racing season on the Blackwood river in Bridgetown over a two (2) day competition. 1st day was more of a social team race, preceded with a social dinner at the pub. approx 60 people at the dinner. Followed by the individual race the next day and a lunch at the Cidery. Followed by awards and prizes.

Although we had low water levels for the majority of races, wildwater paddlers are wildly optimistic and showed great enthusiasm for each race. It was a very enjoyable and a successful season. With a bit more rainfall next year, we should see the discipline getting stronger and stronger.

John O'Sullivan

WA Wildwater Chair



2015 State Championships

Sprint Discipline Report



Monique Carbone

Committee Members:

Sara Trown (Chair)
Tania Pongratz
Callum MacDougall
Louise Carbone
Mary Smee
Leanne Ashby
Taitiarna Brown
Judith Thompson

Events/Paddles Hosted in 2014-2015 Season:

Regattas 1 – 5
State Sprint Titles

Outstanding Athletes

In the 2014/15 season 13 WA athletes made Australian sprint kayaking squads & teams.

Australian Senior Team

Alana Nicholls
Jaimee Roberts
Jesse Phillips
Steve Bird
Brodie Holmes

Worlds Australian 23's Team

Shannon Reynolds

Junior Worlds Australian 18's Team

Yale Steinepreis
Ben Harris
Luke Morton

Junior Worlds Australian 17 & under Team

Olympic Hopes

Asa Nowell (U17)
Monique Carbone (U16)
Toby Digney (U16)
Shania Smee (U15)

Three Athletes recieved scholarshipsto WAIS:

Ben Harris
Luke Morton
Yale Steinepreis

Key Volunteering Personal for Discipline:

All Sprint Committee members
All Sprint Coaches
Fiona Harris (Race Schedules)
Ali Bushby (Coordination @ Nationals)
Daniel Smee, Duncan Ray and Clem Bond (Container Build)
Louise Carbone (Uniforms)

Dione Anthony

WA Sprint Chair

NEDP/NTS Sprint Report

I would like to start this report by saying this year has been the most successful year WA NEDP/NTS program has ever had. I would also like to acknowledge the WAIS coaching staff, Canoeing WA, Josh Drummond and Andrew Hayden for their contribution and ongoing support to the program.

We have a total of 15 athletes in the program, 11 in the main NEDP/NTS squad, one (1) from the AIS sports draft and three (3) named as invitees.

Three (3) athletes made the junior world's team Yale Steinepreis, Luke Morton and Ben Harris, these athletes have all now progressed into the WAIS squad.

Four (4) athletes made the Olympic Hopes Team, Asa Nowell, Monique Carbone, Shania Smee and Toby Digney.

With the links between surf and kayaking getting stronger combined with the quality of guppy and junior paddlers coming through, Sprint paddling in WA is in a very good place for the future.

Caleb	Bushby	Selected
Joshua	Calvert	Invited
Monique	Carbone	Selected
Anthony	Carbone	Selected
Toby	Digney	Selected
Ben	Harris	Selected
Jared	Leach	Selected
Luke	Morton	Selected
Asa	Nowell	Selected
Demi	O'Brien	Selected
Yasemin	Ray	Invited
Shania	Smee	Selected
Annabelle	Standing	Sports Draft
Yale	Steinepreis	Selected
Kobe	Wilson	Invited

Guy Power

National Elite Development Coach



Luke Morton and Ben Harris

WAIS (Western Australia Institute of Sport) Report

SPORT PROGRAM: Sprint Canoeing

COACH: Ramon Andersson

Assistant Coach: Mike Pond

KEY ATHLETE RESULTS:

- Four Athletes competed at 2014 Senior World Canoe Sprint Championships Moscow Russia
- Three Junior athletes competed at 2014 Junior World Canoe Sprint Championships Sgeded Hungary
- One U23 athlete competed at 2014 U23 World Canoe Sprint Championships Szeged Hungary
- Five athletes selected to compete at 2015 Senior World Cups in Europe
- Three Junior athletes selected to compete at 2015 Junior World Canoe Sprint Championships Montemor-o-Velho Portugal
- One U23 athlete selected to compete at 2015 U23 World Canoe Sprint Championships Montemor-o-Velho Portugal

NATIONAL TEAM REPRESENTATION:

- Jaime Roberts, Alana Nicholls, Jesse Phillips, Steve Bird – 2014 Senior National Team
- Sam McTigue, Nick Pond, Alexander Graham – 2014 Junior National Team
- Shannon Reynolds – 2014 U23 National Team
- Jaime Roberts, Alana Nicholls, Jesse Phillips, Steve Bird, Brodie Holmes – 2015 Senior National Team for World Cups
- Yale Steinepreis, Luke Morton, Ben Harris – 2015 National Junior Team
- Shannon Reynolds – 2014 U23 National Team

MAJOR TITLE WINNERS:

- Alana Nicholls – Gold Medal National Championships K1 200m, K1 500m, K4 500m, K2 200m
- Steve Bird – Gold Medal National Championships K1 200m
- Brodie Holmes - Silver National Championships K1 200m



Alana Nicholls

WAIS (Western Australia Institute of Sport) Report (Cont)

- Steve Bird, Jesse Phillips, Brodie Holmes, Todd Brewer - Gold Medal National Championships K4 200m
- Ben Harris, Luke Morton – Gold Medal National Championships U18 K2 1000m
- Luke Morton - Gold Medal National Championships U16 K1 200m, K1 500m, K2 500m
- Alana Nicholls – 1st B Final (10th overall) K1 500m 2014 World Canoe Sprint Championships

COACHING ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Ramon Andersson part of coaching staff for senior National team for 2014 World Championships Moscow
- Mike Pond – National 200m Coach

and attended 2014 U18/U23 and Senior World Championships as well as 2015 Senior World Cup tour

- Significant National representation at Senior and Junior level by WAIS athletes.
- Senior and Junior athletes figuring prominently in placings and finals at National Championships
- Very high percentage of athletes achieving representative goals

Ramon Andersson

WAIS Head Coach



Brodie Holmes

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Canoeing Western Australia Inc

**Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 June 2015**

Canoeing Western Australia Inc

Statement by Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has determined that Canoeing Western Australia Inc. ("the Association") is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements. In the opinion of the Board of Directors, the financial report: presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Canoeing Western Australia Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on their behalf by:



Richard Lowther – President



Rosalie Evans – Executive Officer

15th day of September 2015.

Canoeing Western Australia Inc

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Current Assets			
Cash	2	191,444	154,139
Trade debtors		14,124	6,669
Sundry debtors and prepayments		4,087	4,331
Inventory		1,440	
Total Current Assets		201,085	165,139
Non-Current Assets			
Fixed assets	3	64,628	35,320
Total Non-Current Assets		64,628	35,320
TOTAL ASSETS		265,714	200,459
Current Liabilities			
Creditors		5,782	1,405
GST liabilities		4,332	1,721
PAYG Withholding		3,696	7,238
Superannuation		5,352	7,653
Accrued Wages & Payroll deductions		2,613	-
Provision for annual leave		9,074	7,670
Accrued audit fees		5,000	5,000
Total Current Liabilities		35,801	28,251
TOTAL LIABILITIES		35,801	28,251
NET ASSETS		229,913	172,208
Equity			
Balance at end of the year	6	751,040	173,874
Funds of Disciplines	4	28,871	48,384
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		229,913	172,208

Canoeing Western Australia Inc
Statement of Financial Performance
for the year ended 30 June 2015

Canoeing Western Australia Inc

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2015

		2015 \$	2014 \$
Income	Note		
Grants			
Department of Sport and Recreation		105,000	90,000
Healthway		40,800	40,000
- NEDP		70,000	70,000
- Other		78,000	14,200
		<u>193,800</u>	<u>164,200</u>
Fundraising		7,010	7,137
Membership fees		60,349	52,643
Sponsorship		70,504	75,009
Paddle Anatomy		95,944	74,546
Events and activities		94,860	70,013
Insurance recoveries after fire		15,327	-
Interest received		2,810	2,641
Sale of merchandise		5,131	3,399
Surplus income		9,487	3,298
Total Income		<u>525,239</u>	<u>402,906</u>
Expenditure			
Annual fees		5,250	7,250
Bank charges		2,267	1,084
Bookkeeping fees		13,505	9,085
Computer expenses		2,575	250
Consultants and coaches		61,604	72,485
Dobus written off		1,000	-
Depreciation		13,671	7,619
Equipment fire and repairs		3,165	5,129
Equipment under \$500		15,055	62
Events and activities		54,595	45,916
General operating expenses		3,350	5,433
Insurance		9,855	9,599
Interest Expense		158	-
Legal fees		143	46
Loss on assets destroyed in fire	8	2,225	-
Marketing		22,070	5,766
Meeting expenses		3,254	2,126
Motor vehicle expenses		4,169	2,194
National affiliation fees		22,497	26,290
Printing, postage and stationery		14,915	4,528
Rent and variables		6,415	5,522
Salaries, wages and superannuation		175,079	134,550
Staff recruitment and training		1,210	1,451
Telephone and internet		4,280	3,630
Travel and accommodation		15,475	13,374
Vehicle hire and cleaning		10,205	8,650
		<u>467,535</u>	<u>383,328</u>
Net allocation to/(from) disciplines		19,511	4,558
Total Expenditure		<u>448,022</u>	<u>387,886</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	(Note 6)	<u>77,216</u>	<u>15,020</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these accounts

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use by the Board of Directors, who has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. No Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been used in the preparation of this financial report.

The financial report is prepared on the accruals basis and is based on historical costs. The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period, unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report:

- Depreciation - Fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis to write off the cost of each item of plant and equipment over its expected useful life. Estimates of remaining useful lives are made on a regular basis for all assets.
- Revenue - Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon delivery of the service. Grants, interest received and membership fees are recognized upon receipt.
- Goods and Services Tax (GST) - The Association is registered for GST. Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST. GST is reported quarterly on the cash basis of accounting.
- Comparative figures - when required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.
- Annual leave liabilities for employees are recognized and are measured as the amount unpaid at the reporting date at current pay rates in respect of employees' service up to that date.
- Funds for Disciplines are funds raised by the various disciplines over a number of years and are allocated to them for their own future use. They are shown as reserves in equity.

2. Cash

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Cash at bank	30,832	153,997
Cash on hand	307	142
Term Deposit	150,305	-
	<u>181,444</u>	<u>154,139</u>

Of the cash balances of \$181,444, monies amounting to \$28,873 (2014: \$48,384) are restricted to the sole use of the various disciplines of the Association - see Note 4.

Canoeing Western Australia Inc

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015 (continued)

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
3. Fixed Assets		
Plant and equipment - at cost	91,771	54,000
Less Accumulated depreciation	31,027	23,505
	<u>60,694</u>	<u>30,495</u>
Motor Vehicles	8,909	8,909
Less Accumulated Depreciation	4,975	4,084
	<u>3,934</u>	<u>4,825</u>
Net book value at 30 June	<u>64,628</u>	<u>35,320</u>
4. Funds of Disciplines		
- Marathon	4,001	16,541
- Slalom	13,540	17,127
- Sprint	5,145	8,579
- Wildwater	6,187	6,187
	<u>28,873</u>	<u>48,334</u>
5. Equipment Loan		
Equipment has been provided on loan to the Association by Mainpeak (17 Corsica crafts) and Four Kayaks (75 Finnmarks) for an indefinite period. As the equipment is not the property of the Association, they have not accounted for it or the accompanying liability in the financial statements.		
6. Equity	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Balance at beginning of the year	123,824	108,804
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	77,216	15,070
Balance at the end of the year	<u>201,040</u>	<u>123,874</u>

Canoeing Western Australia Inc

Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015 (continued)

7. Avon Descent

The Association was belatedly tasked with running the 2015 Avon Descent. The financial impact of this is set out below:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Income		
Event Management Fee	20,000	-
Merchandise	156	-
Total Income	<u>20,156</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditure		
Salaries, wages and superannuation	7,103	-
Contractors	16,475	-
Event entry/licence fees	136	-
Meeting expenses	12	-
Total Expenditure	<u>23,726</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Loss	<u>- 3,570</u>	<u>-</u>

8. Office Fire

The Office building that housed the Association was destroyed by fire on 20th October, 2014. As a result, relocation was necessary and a new office had to be set up. Certain expenditure shown in the financial statements was incurred in setting up the new office.

The majority of this expenditure was as follows:

New computers, servers, printers and IT equipment	\$7,773.46
New office furniture, desks, chairs, filing cabinets, etc	\$12,868.81
Replacement stationery & software, (includes IT support to setup new office computers and network)	\$6,548.20

A further \$2,225 is shown in the Profit and Loss statement for the loss on assets destroyed in the fire.

The insurance recovery income included two further components, one for casual staff to assist in relocation and setting up the the new office, along with funds for the future relocation back to the old office.