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Annual Report

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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.

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Affiliated Association

Stand Up Paddlers WA

Affiliated Clubs

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

Board of Directors

Shayne Hamilton, President
Neville Hine, Board Member
Steve Reynolds, Board Member
Darryl Long, Board Member
Lachlan Milne, Board Member
Vanessa Simpson, Board Member

Board Movement

David Brown, Board Member (June 2013)
Rosalie Evans, President (November 2012)

Administration Staff

Rosalie Evans, Executive Officer
Zac Acott, Development Officer

Staff movement

Sarah Aulin, Executive Officer
(November 2012)
Lisa Comito, Program and Event
Coordinator (January 2013)
Hayley Knowles, Administration and
Development Officer (October 2012)

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Acknowledgements

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

Life Members

Benny Bennion

Terry Bolland

Bevan Dashwood

William Davis

Peter Dear

Bill Hine*

Greg Kaeding

Robyn Khorshid

Hetty Snowball*

Leslie Taylor

Neville Hine

Peter Martin

John Mulcahy

Margret Jeffery

**deceased*

Canoeing WA
Sponsors and Supporters

Canoeing WA Major Sponsors

Department of Sport and Recreation
Lotteries West
Healthway
In2Kayaks
Mainpeak Paddlesports
Finn Kayaks
Canoeing Down Under

Event Sponsors

Healthway
City of Bayswater
In2Kayaks
Mainpeak Paddlesports

Other Sponsors and Supporters

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

Presidents Report

It's been a short but active time for me as President of Canoeing WA, and I would like to start by thanking the Board and the paddling community for giving me the opportunity to preside in the role.

Major Achievements

The last few months has seen a significant amount of work done on the reformation of the governance principles that guide and direct Canoeing WA's daily activities. At the centre of this reformation was the re-writing of key areas of the Constitution by Emma Taylor, a Governance Specialist appointed to Canoeing WA by the Department of Sport and Recreation. Emma's guidance and work on the Constitution led to a number of public forums in which some healthy debate took place by key stakeholders of those clubs that were represented. As a result of these forums, a final draft of the Constitution was settled on, that will play a key role in the future of our sport.

In addition to re-writing the Constitution, several By-Laws were identified for development and implementation. These By-Laws will complement the Constitution and provide guidance to the staff and Board on day to day matters at both office and Association level.

On the 16th May 2013, the Board moved to ratify Rosalie Evans position as the Executive Officer.

Rosalie experience in similar corporate roles and her passion for the sport of paddling saw her selected over the other candidates that applied for the role. In partnership with Zac Acott, our Sports Development Officer, Rosalie has returned the office to a level of stability that has been lacking for some time. Both Rosalie and Zac continue to play a vital role in the future development of the sport in this state, and on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank them for their outstanding efforts to date.

To further bolster this efficiency, Rosalie was chosen by the Department of Sport and Recreation to take part in their Emerging Professionals Program which see's association Executives teamed up with professional mentors from more senior positions within the sporting industry. In Rosalie's case, the professional mentor appointed to her was Mark Sinderberry, the Chief Executive Officer of Rugby WA.

Mark has extensive experience in the field of sports administration and built and managed highly successful eras at the Brumbies (1996-2003) and UK Premiership club, Saracens, (2003-2008) as Chief Executive, as well as in private business. Mark and Rosalie are working together on a number of critical administrative areas that will pave the way forward for a better level of service offered to all Canoeing WA stakeholders.

Canoeing WA has organised and run several successful paddling events in the last 12 months, and of particular note, was our success with the Marathon and Sprint Nationals held at Ascot Kayak Club and Champion Lakes respectively. Both events returned very positive feedback from interstate paddlers and Australian Canoeing, and Canoeing WA looks forward to bidding for future Nationals opportunities in the coming years.

December will see a new paddling challenge emerge with the running of the inaugural Canoeing Western Australia Perth 100, a 101 km event run over the course of 1 day. For those who are up for the challenge, it should be an exciting event and I wish all event participants and their support crews all the best.

The New Year will see a World Record Attempt take place on our doorstep and we attempt to raft over 2000 paddlers in one location in a promotion exercise aimed at raising the awareness of our great sport to the national and international community.

Zac has been working feverishly behind the scenes to organise this event, and fingers crossed we can make history, and stamp the Canoeing WA name in the Guinness Book of World Records.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to speak candidly about the future of paddling in this state. I have learned more about the sport in the last 12 months, than I have in the 20 years since I initially became involved in paddling. There is a strong passion and commitment for the sport in this state, and it has progressed significantly in the last 3-4 years. Mistakes have been made at all levels of the administration of the sport, and with regret I must admit that many of them have been by myself in my time as Board member and President, however I can now speak with great confidence that the checks and balances that are now in place, coupled with the support Canoeing WA continues to receive from external stakeholders and key initiatives see the sport in the more commanding position than ever before.

There is much unfinished business yet to do, however the course we are charting leads to a big future for the sport at all levels and will well and truly cement our position as the premier state for paddling in this country.

To all paddlers, both competitive and recreational, office bearers, officials and volunteers, I urge you to keep up your passionate pursuit of your sport, and again, many thanks for your assistance and support over the last 12 months.

Shayne Hamiston

Resigning President

Canoeing Western Australia

Executive Officers Report

This was another big year for Canoeing WA which has seen many staff changes with a new Executive Officer being in the position since November 2012, and the only staff member remaining from the previous year is our Development Officer Zac Acott, between the two staff members much has been achieved. Also assisting in the office we have a Bookkeeper come in once a day a fortnight and an administration assistant that comes in on an as need basis, which is usually once a month.

The CWA Board has worked tirelessly in putting together a new Constitution, replacing our previous Constitution which was done in 2006. CWA were very appreciative of the Department of Sport and Recreation to provide expertise to simplify this process by providing the funds for a Constitution Consultant to assist with this process.

Within the office we are successfully using social media, by having our own Facebook page and also being aware of the other Facebook pages such as Rather Be Paddling which is a great way of knowing how we are tracking as the RBP page always has many good comments and suggestions.

We also send out the Stroke Newsletter weekly to update our members on what is happening around the State and Australia in regards to any paddling news.

We are fielding an increasing amount of calls and emails from the general public requesting information about joining Clubs which we are finding very exciting.

MEMBERS

A concentrated effort is being made by the office to work on building our relationship with all the clubs and disciplines. We have been holding regular meetings every quarter with both these areas and the EO is making sure that she attends as many meetings as possible of the clubs and disciplines.

The disciplines run many events during their seasons, which are very well supported, CWA has been assisting the disciplines with monies from our sponsors Healthway for them to be able to give back to our members; WA had a good winter this year with great rainfall which was fantastic for our white-water and slalom paddlers.

WA held both the National Sprint and Marathon Championships which were sponsored by ANPHA this year in March and April and the CWA office worked alongside the discipline committees and Australian Canoeing to run two excellent events, CWA also receives sponsorship from ANPHA which has been passed onto the disciplines to assist in the running of their State Championships.

PADDLE ACADEMY

Paddle Academy has been running well throughout the year and still remains the prominent program at Canoeing WA.

Over the past 2012-13 year we have had 833 students participate in our Paddle Academy Program, through their schools.

To ensure this program continues to grow we have a succession plan in place. Throughout this past year we ran three Level 1 Flat-water Instructors Courses. We offer accredited Instructors the opportunity to work for Paddle Academy and or get hours of experience. We also promote Instructors positions to our members who either study or work part-time.

This program would not be so successful if it weren't for our fantastic instructors which I would like to mention individually Jerry Alderson, John DiNucci, Rusty Creighton, Darryl Long, Leonie Cockman, Jonty Fidge and Peter Kioutis.

EVENTS

CWA run four events throughout the year these being the Mainpeak Bay to Beach; In2Kayaks Avon Challenge; Be Active Paddle Challenge and the Be Active Northam to Toodyay with an excess of eight hundred paddlers taking part, not all of these are CWA members but from surf clubs and the general community and include all craft such as dragon boats, SUP's, skis and outriggers.

More information about our events follow in the Annual Report.

INCLUSION

Equipment

CWA has a fleet of over fifty craft (which are housed in our Compound next to our office), which are used for our Paddle Academy as well as being available for our Clubs to use or can be hired out, this has been made possible by our sponsors Mainpeak and Finn Kayaks.

Women of the Avon

We held two courses of this great initiative which was funded by the Northam Avon Descent Association, one starting in February and the other in April; both courses ran for four weeks and for three and a half hours each Saturday at Ascot Kayak Club at Garvey Park.

CWA secured top instructors, between the instructors we had well-over one hundred Avon Descents between them, a sports physio and a well-respected program and nutrition coach educated the sixty two (62) ladies of all ages that took part, they ranged from never paddling before to honing their skills to compete in the Avon Descent.

Many of these ladies have gone on to become Club Members.

We also have a Be Active Women of the Avon Facebook page.

Country Athlete Scholarship

CWA were successful in applying for and receiving two scholarship grants via DSR for two young up and coming athletes both from the South West one in slalom and the other in sprint.

Facilities

CWA are still working hard on making facilities for our Clubs (who do not have one or need upgrades) and disciplines a reality, CWA in conjunction with the White Water Committee are still focusing on WA one day having a white-water centre here in Perth.

NEDP

Canoeing WA has been working closely with WAIS Coaches, Australian Canoeing High Performance Coaches and Surf Life Saving WA. A testing day was held at WAIS for 13 to 21 years of age, it involved measuring, strength test, and a beep test in September 2012.

The aim of the program was to discover people new to the sport that have the build, strength and agility that has been highlighted as best fit for kayaking, to potentially be the next Australian representatives.

Canoeing WA has built a solid relationship with Surf Life Saving Clubs (SLSC), which includes collaborating on events such as Bay 2 Beach, utilising their skills for other event safety and working together on the Ocean Paddling Be safe program. CWA needs to continue to foster the relationship as SLS is where a lot of our Olympic, elite athletes derive from and our common interest of paddling on the ocean with our fastest growing discipline Ocean Paddling.

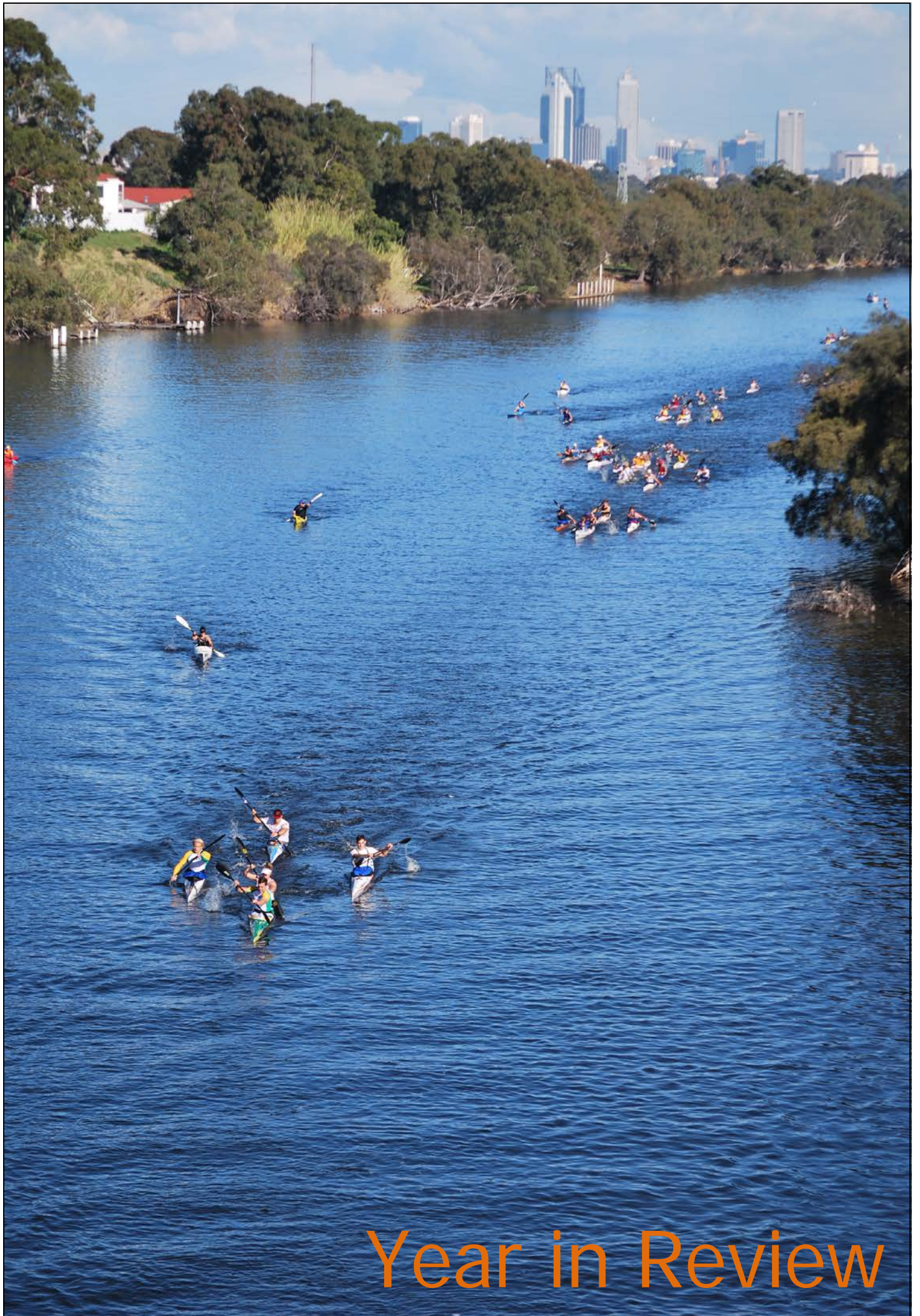
Summary

It has been a very busy year for the office, and we would not have been able to achieve what we have without the input of our Board of Directors a special mention and a massive thanks must go to Shayne Hamilton who has been the President of CWA since November and has worked so hard during this time, although I understand the reasoning behind Shayne standing down at this time he will be sorely missed from the CWA Board, I would also like to thank our other outgoing Board Members, Vanessa Simpson, Steve Reynolds and David Brown who resigned earlier in the year, our amazing volunteers, sponsors Department of Sport and Recreation, Healthway, Mainpeak, Finn Kayaks, In2Kayaks and members who have supported us and contributed to the running of our Association.

In mentioning DSR, I cannot speak highly enough of the assistance and cooperation CWA and I personally have received from them, which is so positive for the sport we all love going forward.

In concluding please remember we are only a phone call away for any queries anyone has and Zac and I always enjoy it when a member drops into the office.

Rosalie Evans
Executive Officer



Year in Review

Events

In2Kayaks Avon Challenge

The in2kayaks Avon Challenge was run on the Sunday of the Avon Descent in perfect conditions, starting at Middle Swan Reserve before finishing at Riverside Gardens, Bayswater. Thank you to the City of Swan Deputy Mayor Mick Wainwright for starting all the race grids consisting of over 100 participants, which included not just junior kayak paddlers but Dragon Boaters, Outriggers and Stand Up Paddlers.

Massive thanks to the event sponsor in2kayaks, who gave around six thousand dollars' worth of prizes including a brand new craft raffled off in a random prize draw, who was won by Tim Coward.

The in2kayaks Avon Challenge is used as a grooming ground for future international and Avon Descent competitors. 2012 London Olympian's Jesse Phillips and Robin Jeffery have participated in the Avon Challenge, as well as Joshua Kippin, Coran Longwood, Bronwyn Martin, Alexander Graham and Shannon Reynolds whom were selected in respective national teams competing at an international level this year.

Mainpeak Paddlesports Bay 2 Beach

The 2012 Mainpeak B2B was certainly run under trying circumstances last year, with Canoeing WA having to contend with the Santos Great Bike Ride and finding out at the 11th hour from Fremantle Port Authority that we had to have all paddlers out of the harbour by 12 noon, but even with the obstacles we believe that the Event was a great success.

194 craft entered last year, which included five (5) outriggers and many doubles.

The conditions were trying for some once they got through the Harbour and had to make their way around North Mole where they were met by a choppy ocean and a 45 degree side wind.

CWA were very privileged to be offered a beautiful wooden sea kayak the Night Herron to raffle to entrants into the 2012 B2B event, this was graciously given to us by Chris Guytler, but with full approval by Mainpeak, we cannot thank our major sponsor Mainpeak enough for their wonderful and ongoing support to CWA and our events.

Be Active Northam 2 Toodyay

With low water levels and little forecasted rain, Canoeing WA made the decision to change the traditional Northam to Toodyay race to a new alternative route of Bells to Ascot Kayak Club (AKC).

With great weather, 60 crafts negotiated through the Ti Trees before slugging it out on the last stretch of water on the Swan River finishing off at Ascot Kayak Club.

Paddle Challenge presented by Be Active

After questionable forecasts during the week, weather turned out perfect as 237 entrants participated in the 2013 Paddle Challenge presented by Be Active commenced at AP Hinds Reserve, Bayswater. Where there was a family fun atmosphere this year with a bouncy castle, helium balloons and other fun activities.

Jesse Phillips and the City of Bayswater's Deputy Mayor Barry McKenna opened the event, while also providing the athlete briefing before the paddlers headed out onto the water.

Seeing 99 craft lining up on the start line in the second wave for the 18km course was spectacular and luckily captured on video.



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 2012/2013 financial year, Canoeing WA ran 186 Paddle Academy sessions for 14 schools and 2 local councils, with a total of 833 participants involved in the program and exposed to the sport of canoe/kayaking.

Be Active Women of the Avon

We held two courses of this fantastic initiative, one starting in February and the other in April; both courses ran for four weeks and for three and a half hours each Saturday at Ascot Kayak Club at Garvey Park.

CWA secured top instructors which between them had well-over one hundred (100) Avon Descents between them, a sports physio (Andrew Hayden) and a well-respected program and nutrition coach (Andrew Budge) for the participants and we have had a total of sixty-two (62) ladies of all ages take part.



We kept the price low, so that this was not a deterrent for any lady to be able to participate, as one of our prime initiatives is to get more females into the sport of paddling.

Spirit Paddle Sports also came on-board with a fantastic offer of a PRS, helmet, paddle and PFD for \$1450.00 or Racing Ski with the other three components for \$1250.00. Where several ladies took this offer up.

Be Active Denmark Regional Visit

On the 24th May 2013, the Canoeing WA office staff with Avon Descent legends Darryl and Neil Long embarked on a regional trip to Western Australia's South West to the beautiful town of Denmark with a trailer full of boats.

For those members not aware, the Denmark Riverside Canoe Club affiliated itself with Canoeing WA in August last year.



On the Saturday we held an information and introductory session at the Denmark Bowls club for interested paddlers and club members to ask questions about technique, skills and seek advice from these Avon legends on anything and everything paddling.

After this, half of the participants proceeded to the Come and Try location at the River Mouth Caravan Park for an hour or so of paddling

along the Denmark River.

The next day many interested parties went for a two hour paddle on the Hay River only 10km out of the Denmark Town Centre, where technique and trying of different equipment was the main part of the trip.

Olympic Gold Medalists K4 Clinic

Canoeing WA would first like to thank The Department of Sport and Recreation and Lotterywest for supporting the Olympic K4 clinic that was held on the 7th and 8th of April at Champion Lakes and Ascot Kayak Club.

On the Sunday and Monday after the Australian National Sprint Championships, many young athletes and adults were fortunate enough to take part in the Olympic K4 clinic at Champion Lakes and Ascot Kayak Club.

On Sunday during the clinic at Champion Lakes, junior and senior athletes were given the opportunity to listen to the K4 1000m Olympic gold medalists talk about their 'perfect race' and how they got to the point to achieve such an amazing dream.



On Monday, the clinic was more hands on where everyone had the chance to go in a K4 with either Tate Smith, David Smith or Jacob Clear. By being in a boat with these Olympians, participants were able to understand how to get the team boat running to the best of their ability. Whilst some people were on the water, Murray Stewart was on land teaching us about technique, race preparation, stretching, warm ups, drills and much more.

Other News

Nationals Sprint and Marathon Championships

For the first time in many years, Western Australia hosted both the Be the Influence - Tackle Binge Drinking National Sprint and Marathon Championships.

Racing was at its finest over the Easter weekend with the Marathon National Championships being held at Ascot Kayak Club in fantastic fashion.

The 2013 National Canoe Sprint Championships concluded on Sunday afternoon 7/4/13 after five days of exciting racing at the Champion Lakes Regatta Course.

Shoprite

As a membership benefit of joining Canoeing WA, we approached ShopRite to come onboard and provide something more to CWA membership. ShopRite is a discount buying service, with all costs associated with forming the relationship with ShopRite in providing member benefits which are absorbed by CWA.

Swan and Canning River Mapping

The Swan River Trust approached Canoeing WA late last year to log launching points for paddling, as well as locations with adequate parking, toilet facilities and any water warnings (e.g. Jet Ski area, etc). We are currently waiting for the Swan River Trust to release this mapping to the public.

ANZ Sports Star Awards

Seven paddlers were nominated for respective awards at the annual ANZ Sports Star Awards presented by the West Australian Sports Federation. Ramon Andersson won the 'Coaches of the Year' for the second year in a row, while K2 200m pair Jesse Phillips and Steve Bird claimed the 'Team of the Year' award for the second time.

Membership

By Membership Category

Comp Adult	448
Comp Junior	118
CWA Life Member	5
Educational	233
Event Licence	1
Family- Adult Free	32
Family- Adult Pay	38
Family- Junior Free	77
Recreational Adult	446
Recreational Junior	23
Regional Club Junior	1
Regional Club Senior	23
Second Club	18
Senior O/55	34
Senior O/70	5
Triallist to Club Senior	2
Volunteer/Social	61
Total	1,566

By Club

Ascot Kayak Club	680
Bayswater Paddlesports	120
Canning River Canoe Club	111
Champion Lakes Boating	66
Denmark Riverside	11
Indian Ocean Paddlers	72
Mandurah Ocean	21
Mandurah Paddling	49
Perth Canoe Polo Club	33
Perth Paddlers	19
Sea Kayak Club of WA	81
Swan Canoe Club	71

Marathon Discipline Report

Committee Members:

Peter Martin, Trevor Longwood, John Breed, Colin Grimshaw, Jenni Bateman

Events Hosted in 2012/2013 Season:

1. Island 2 Island Race
2. Moore River Race, inc State Mixed Doubles Championship
3. State 10 km Championship
4. Claisebrook Race, inc Open K4 Championship, K3 Championship
5. Canning River Race
6. Pinjarra to Ravenswood Race
7. State Marathon Championships, Singles & Doubles, inc SUP State Marathon Championship
8. National Marathon Championships, Singles & Doubles
9. Double Barkers Race, inc Junior K4 Championship, K3 Championship
10. Middle Swan Race
11. Presentation Dinner

Outstanding Athletes:

The Marathon Discipline recognises efforts put in by paddlers during the season with a running point score system. The trophy for the best Marathon Paddler is the Secretaries Cup, donated by Peter Dear. It has expanded to plaques being awarded to paddlers in all age classes, both male and female.

The Overall winner, with the highest point score, of the Secretaries Cup for the 2012-13 Season was **Joshua Kippen** (AKC) and the Lady Marathon Paddler was **Nicole Stillman** (CRCC).

At the National Titles hosted by Ascot Kayak Club over Easter, three local members were selected for the Australian Team to attend the World Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark during September. They were **Joshua Kippen** (AKC, U23 Mens K1), Coran Longwood (AKC, U18 Mens K2) and **Bronwyn Martin** (AKC, U18 Ladies K2)

Jerry and Margret Alderson (CRCC) attended the World Masters Games in Turin, Italy during August, while **Peter Martin** (AKC) and **Judy Darbyshire** (AKC) attended the ICF World Masters Cup in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Key Volunteering Personal for Discipline:

Our many events during the year would not have been successfully run without the efforts of many volunteers on the day. These have included:

1. John Breed (putting out buoys)
2. Judy Darbyshire (Registration)
3. Bronwyn Martin (Registration)
4. Trevor Longwood (Timing)
5. Calum MacDougall (Timing)
6. Peter & Leanne Ashby (Timing)
7. Daniel Smee (Junior Escorts)
8. Richard and Jane Tempest (Junior Escorts)
9. Julie Morgan (Registration)
10. Louise Bond (Power Boat)
11. Ruth Highman (Medical Assistance)
12. John Tomczak (turn points)

This list is nowhere complete, my apologies to anyone not listed. All of your efforts and assistance was greatly appreciated by the racing paddlers.

With the National Marathons being held in Perth, hosted by Ascot Kayak Club, many people rolled up and did a Marathon Officials Course, presented by Jerry Dunn and Joe Alia, and had a trial run with the States followed by the Nationals.

At these two events, three people put in an outstanding efforts leading up and during the event:

1. Trevor Longwood (AKC) -- Design, building and installing the pontoons
2. Jane Tempest (CRCC) – Volunteer Coordination
3. David Brown (CRCC) – Dinner and Shirt Design and sales

Western Australia was thanked by the Australian Marathon Technical Committee for putting on such an excellent event.

Ocean Paddling Discipline Report

Committee Members

President: Dean Beament

Vice President: Gary Maughan

Events: Rob Doherty

Membership: Kathleen Lowry

Events Hosted in 2012/2013 Season:

Epic West Coast Downwinder

Summer Series time trials

Winter series time trials

Outstanding Athletes:

David Graham

Key Volunteering Personal for Discipline:

Gary Maughan

Slalom Discipline Report

Committee Members:

Kate Vyvyan

Shirley Go

Jenny Vogel

Cindy Coward

Joy Lowther

Charlie Collin

Lucy Williams

Steve Mueller

Wendy Burdette

Events Hosted in 2012/2013 Season:

2 Camps on Collie River

4 Summer series races (including one at Walyunga)

Bevan Dashwood Dash

Mike Druce training camp

NTS camp (Walyunga)

5 Winter series races

Schools Championship and Nationals attendance – Eildon, Victoria – A large strong team with a good spread of ages saw WA's best result (ever? For a long time?)

Fremantle Primary School placed third in Schools, WA won the state trophy at the Nationals with Swan Canoe Club winning best club.

Outstanding Athletes:

Robbie Jeffrey – living in Sydney but still one of our own – Australian team for World Championships and World Cup events.

Georgia Rankin – Australian team for the Junior World Championships – Gold medal in women team event.

Brodie Crawford and Stephen Lowther – Australian team for the Junior World Championships

Ben Pope - Bronze medal, C1, Junior Olympics

NTS representatives; Georgina Collin, Kieren Simpson, Tim Coward, Nick Rankin, Demelza Wall, Isabella Choate, Billie Knell who all except Kieren (who was injured) toured to New Zealand for the NZ Nationals representing Australia.

Shadow NTS members Demi O'Brien and Louis Richardson.

Other Paddlers of note; Kira Wall, Nina Mueller and Alexandria Choate

Key Volunteering Personal for Discipline:

Everybody does their bit especially on race day with judging and safety on water. But to highlight a few

Cindy Coward – race organiser

Joy Lowther – results compiling, trophies and medal calculations

Charlie Collin – helping bring new paddlers on through Ascot

Jenny Vogel – fundraising bbq at marathon event coordinating

Wendy Simpson – windup catering

Robin Sanders and Lachie Milne – expert coaching

Lucy Williams – outgoing treasurer and representing WA on AC committee

Margie Jeffrey and Marion Ewing – Chief Judging

Steve Mueller and Margie Jeffrey for White Water Park Campaign

Canoe Polo Discipline Report

Events Hosted in 2012/2013 Season:

The year has seen the weekly canoe polo competition move entirely to Beatty Park. Games are currently being played on Friday evenings from 6:30pm.

All CWA members are welcome to attend, all equipment is provided.

Outstanding Athletes:

Nikky Lee was selected on the Australian Women's team and attended the Oceania competition in NZ, Australian women came first! She continues to represent the country at the highest level, congratulations Nikky.

Several WA players (junior and open) attended national training camps, greatly improving their skills and game play.

Wildwater Discipline Report

Committee Members:

Chair; Patrick Irwin
Treasurer/ Secretary; John O'Sullivan
Committee;
Spencer King,
Stephanie Myles,
Sam Pilton,
Robyn Khorshid,
Mark Lawson,
Laurent Palmero,
Alan Moreby,
Dave Worthy,
Malcolm Henning and Leo Cockman, if needed.

Events Hosted in 2012/2013 Season:

1. Bouys Race - Saturday 11th May at Ascot Kayak Club.
2. Drain Race - Sunday 9th June at Hester Park
3. Upper Swan Ti Tree race - Sunday 23rd June from Bells downstream to Amiens
4. Bells Sprint - Sunday 18th August at Bells Rapid
5. Geegelup Cup - Saturday 25th, Sunday 26th August
6. NB; Walyunga to Bells was cancelled due to low/no water.

Outstanding Athletes:

Dave Worthy
Ben Pope
Darryl Long
Stephen Lowther

Key Volunteering Personal for Discipline:

John O'Sullivan; movies, timing, holding the cash, helicopter.
Allanah & Stephanie; timing
Mark Lawson; setting up Webmaster

Sprint Discipline Report

Committee Members: Louise Carbone, Judith Thompson, Sara Trown, Tania Pongratz, Mary Smee, Leanne Ashby, Tait Brown. 2012/13 Peter Martin 2013/14 Callum MacDougall.

Events Hosted in 2012/2013 Season:

- Winter regatta
- Sprit regattas 1 – 6
- State titles
- National titles

Outstanding Athletes: (in age order only)

- Alana Nicholls Australian Senior Team World Championships Germany
- Brodie Holmes Australian Senior Team World Championships Germany
- Jesse Phillips Australian Senior Team World Championships Germany
- Steve Bird Australian Senior Team World Championships Germany
- Todd Brewer Australian U23 Team World Championships Canada
- Jaymee-Lee Martin Australian U23 Team World Championships Canada
- Phoebe George Australian U23 Team World Championships Canada
- Shannon Reynolds Australian U18 Team Junior World Championships Canada
- Alexander Graham Australian U18 Team Junior World Championships Canada
- Sam McTigue Australian Team Olympic Hopes Hungary
- Jordan Ringrose Australian Team Olympic Hopes Hungary
- Ben Harris Australian Team Olympic Hopes Hungary
- Anthony Carbone Australian Team Olympic Hopes Hungary

Key Volunteering Personal for Discipline:

Sara Trown, Tania Pongratz, Peter Martin

WAIS (Western Australia Institute of Sport) Report

July 2012

- Jaymee Lee Martin, Todd Brewer and Brendan Rice were members of the Australian Under 23 team which competed in international regattas in Welland, Ontario Canada and Lake Placid New York. Welland is the venue for the inaugural U23 World Championships in August 2013 of which all three athletes will be vying for selection.

August 2012

- Jesse Phillips and Steve Bird paddle above expectations at the London Olympics to claim a sixth place finish only 0.4 seconds off a medal in the K2 200m.
- WAIS kayaker Alana Nicholls has narrowly misses out on a finals berth in London in the K1 200m and K1 500m events.

December 2012

- WAIS K2 duo Jesse Phillips and Steve Bird win the WA Sports Federation Channel Seven Team of the Year for the 2nd year running.
- Shannon Reynolds topped the female selection rankings following the Australian Youth Olympic Festival Selection Event at the Australian Canoeing Grand Prix # 1 in Adelaide from December 7 – 9. Reynolds held off fast finishes to win the U18 K1 500m and K1 200m events.
- Also at GP1 Brodie Holmes starts the season in sensational form after switching full focus to 200m racing with wins in the Open K1 200m and K2 200m with up and coming NSWIS star Lachlan Tame. Jaymee Lee Martin with partner Phoebe George claim a win in the women's K2 100m

January 2013

- Shannon Reynolds came 5th in both the K1 200 and K2 500m at the AYOF in Sydney against strong opposition from countries including Hungary, Germany, New Zealand and China.

February 2013

- With competitors from SASI and NSWIS the WA State Sprint Championships held at Champion Lakes from 16 – 17 February were the most competitive ever. With post-Olympic injury and surgery this event represented a return to action for London Olympians Alana Nicholls and Steve Bird. Nicholls recorded a comfortable victory in the K1 200m and K1 500m in smart times considering her limited preparation. Bird recorded a strong win from GP1 winner Brodie

Holmes in the K1 200m and also won the K1 500m. Holmes teamed with U23 prospect Todd Brewer to win the K2 200m

- Reece Baker prevailed in the K1 1000m holding off a SASI challenge and teamed with Daniel Bowker to win the K2 1000m. In the K2 500m Bowker teamed with Brendan Rice to win that event from Brodie Holmes and Steve Bird.
- In the women's team boat events Phoebe George and Jaymee Lee Martin won the K2 200m with Alana Nicholls and Shannon Reynolds winning the K2 500m.

March 2013

- GP3 at the Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC) was the selection event for the National U23 team to compete at the inaugural U23 Canoe Sprint World Championships in Welland Canada and strong performance from Todd Brewer, Jaymee Lee Martin and Phoebe George earn selection in the National team.
- Steve Bird without partner Jesse Phillips who was still on the comeback trail from post Olympics surgery records his first ever win in a K1 at a National Champs or GP with Brodie Holmes in 3rd. Daniel Bowker has a break through result coming 3rd in the K1 1000m beating several Olympic Gold medallists along the way and goes on to win the K1 500m and K2 500m with Brendan Rice and take 3rd with Reece Baker in the K2 1000m.
- Alana Nicholls in her comeback to National competition records an encouraging 2nd and 3rd Australian in the K1 200m and K1 500m respectively. Both events were won by Olympic Gold medallist Lisa Carrington from New Zealand.
- Shannon Reynolds has an excellent regatta in the U18 races winning well in both the K1 and K2 200m events.

April 2013

- At the National Championships at Champion Lakes from April 3 – 7 WAIS paddlers excel with Alana Nicholls recording a strong win in the K1 500m event and 2nd place in the K1 200m.
- In the men's events in his comeback to competition Jesse Phillips and Steve Bird record a PB in the semi-final on the way to winning the K2 200m. Brodie Holmes and Steve Bird were 3rd. Steve Bird went on to win the K1 200m in style also recording a personal best along the way.
- The event was a national selection regatta for athletes to be selected to the final selection event in June at SIRC. Eight paddlers from WAIS including

Alana Nicholls, Jaime Roberts, Steve Bird, Jesse Phillips, Brodie Holmes, Todd Brewer, Daniel Bowker and Reece Baker were among the final twenty seven athletes making the pool.

- At the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships held at Kirra on the Gold Coast in mid-April WAIS athletes and former WAIS athletes accounted for most of the medals won by WA competitors. Reece Baker teamed with former WAIS athlete Brendon Sarson and Dan Humble to win the Open Ski Relay and come 3rd in the single surf ski. Alana Nicholls narrowly misses a win in the single ski in coming 2nd and junior paddler Shannon Reynolds paddling with partner Phoebe George also narrowly miss the victory in finishing second to surf legends Naomi Flood and Candice Falzon in the open double surf ski.

June 2013

- The weed issue at SIRC unfortunately affected some results at the final Senior Selection Regatta from June 21 – 23, however it did not stop dynamic duo Bird and Phillips recording their most emphatic win at this level of competition by winning the K2 200m event by over a length. Brodie Holmes and Todd Brewer narrowly miss a WAIS quinella in coming third. In the K1 200m Bird also won this event with Jesse Phillips recording his best ever K1 result in coming 3rd with Brodie Homes 5th.
- Alana Nicholls held on to win a hard fought 200m and came third in the K1 200m.
- Nicholls, Bird and Phillips are joined by National team debutant Brodie Holmes in making the final team of 17 that will compete in the World Senior Canoe Sprint Championships in Duisburg Germany from August 28 to September 1.

Ramon Andersson

TID and NEDP Program

2012/2013 Surf to Kayak Program and Talent Identification Program

After testing in September we identified 8 athletes from surf and 3 through the Canoeing WA TID pathway that would start a six month program in October. Over the first month half of the surf athletes had dropped out of the program and although it seems like a high number it is quite a normal pattern for these programs. Another two surf athletes withdrew from the program just after States, both due to heavy schedules at Uni.

From the surf program we still have two athletes racing and training with my squad, with one of them being mentored as a future coach.

The three TID athletes from the canoeing pathway are all still in paddling, two with Andrew Hayden's squad and the other with me. All three raced States and Nationals this year and are progressing nicely.

NEDP- Australian Canoeing National Elite Development Program.

The National Elite Development Program running out of Bayswater is going strong, with Alex Graham making the Junior Worlds team and now progressing to be WAIS athlete and four athletes in the program making the Olympic Hopes team that travelled to the Czech Republic to compete in September. Anthony Carbone, a non NEDP athlete that has been training with my squad was also chosen for the Olympic Hopes team, making it six junior athletes to make teams from WA.

Guy Power