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1. Message from the Australian Sports Commission

The power of a successful sports system like Australia's lies within the many cooperative partnerships and relationships between its system partners.

As our sports system has diversified and increased in complexity over the years, so too has the nature of these relationships. Now, as ever, a critical ingredient for our system's continued success and sustainability is to ensure that we all remain on the same page—that our links between each other, our leading programs, our roles and relationships are clearly defined and understood by all.

Sport operates in a dynamic, demanding and rapidly changing environment. The sources of change include advancing technologies, new structures and systems, products and services, people concerns and rising international competition and benchmarks.

The Australian Government has flagged the need to address this change by reforming our sports system and has outlined its approach in the paper *Australian Sport: Emerging Challenges, New Directions*.

The Government has also appointed an independent expert panel headed by lawyer David Crawford to investigate ways to ensure both high performance and community level sport is prepared for those challenges.

The Australian Sports Commission has already taken steps to review and evaluate our strategic position and intent in active consultation with national sporting organisations and other stakeholders. These system improvements will provide a foundation for any changes emerging from the Government process.

Already we have identified a number of priorities. These include: the need to better align our high performance sport efforts with our partners; to work more collaboratively with state departments of sport and recreation in strategic approaches to growing participation in sport; to re-communicate the value of sport to the Australian community; and to retain and develop our best coaches.

Our efforts to act on these priorities are inherently intertwined with our partners. These partnerships represent a powerful tool in our ability to adapt to a changing environment, to share responsibilities, effectively communicate and continue to expand and strengthen sport.

Our work together will ensure that the Australian sports system is progressive, robust and sustainable for decades to come.

Matt Miller
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Sports Commission



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

2. Our Partners in Sport



The Australian Sports Commission is our principal funding partner, providing high performance and sport development resources for Australian Canoeing's major sports programs. We wish to recognise the ASC for its continuing investment in the sport of canoeing/kayaking in Australia, and for supporting Australian Canoeing in its rebuilding phase. We thank them for their support.



Australian Canoeing rests heavily on its Olympic profile to create participation and development opportunities. The ongoing funding and support of the Australian Institute of Sport's High Performance Program and the Australian Olympic Committee are vital to these disciplines.



Our relationships with the national sport academy and sport institute network is the foundation for providing elite paddling opportunities to talented athletes Australia wide. The reciprocal funding arrangements exist specifically to benefit paddlers who seek Olympic success in our sport as coaches, support staff and athletes.

Penrith Whitewater Stadium is the home of the slalom racing National Centre of Excellence and they proudly support the development of Australia's elite and developing slalom paddlers.

The support of state and local government can never be underestimated. Australian Canoeing appreciates the financial support of government organisations this year.



Australian Canoeing is proud to attract the support of industry partners through our 'Paddle Pals' scheme, suppliers and businesses who are focused on sport, paddling sport and the health and wellbeing of our members.

3. Our Year in Focus

3.1. President's Report

Australian Canoeing has worked hard this year on building stability in finance, governance and staffing as well as improved communication throughout the organisation. We have participated in reviews for the Australian Sports Commission the Australian Olympic Committee and the Crawford review.

A highlight for canoeing was the great achievements in our Olympic disciplines with five medals won at the Beijing Olympic Games. These results ensured Australian Canoeing's future funding in high performance with the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Institute of Sport.

The Board of Australian Canoeing has grown to include Interested Directors; Robbie Stewart and Shelley Oates-Wilding, Independent Director; James Rennell. Independent Director David Lunn retired from the Board during the year and I wish to thank him for his contributions over the past two years.

With Greg Doyle, firmly in place as CEO of Australian Canoeing we have seen an increase in staffing in the office to assist with our member requests to improve in areas including finance accountability, team tours, communication, information technology and coaching and development.

We have again been able to meet our obligations to the Australian Sports Commission and have retired our debt to Penrith Whitewater Stadium.

The year ahead will see the implementation of Australian Canoeing's Strategic Plan which has been compiled as a result of the strategic forum in November 2008, the Kidston recommendations and input from our key stakeholders. This will map the philosophy and direction of Australian Canoeing for the next five years.

Australian Canoeing is reviewing all policies and bylaws with a view to standardising templates to assist our disciplines and member associations. We will also see an expansion of Australian Canoeing responsibilities in areas such as ocean racing.

Australian Canoeing is in an exciting phase where we have the opportunity to become a leader amongst National Sporting Organisations in areas of; self funding, coaching, safety and education and best practice in high performance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Board of Directors, Shelley, Jim, Martin, Robbie and James for their support, Greg and his staff for driving the change and to all our members for maintaining the passion for a sport that is a true sport for all.

Danielle Woodward OAM
President



3.2. Chief Executive's Report

It gives me great pleasure to provide to you my Chief Executive's report for the year ended 30th June, 2009.

The trading outcome for the year shows a surplus of approximately \$132K. It is pleasing to note that this surplus has taken Australian Canoeing back into a positive financial position.

Of particular note is that our outstanding loans that are applying commercial interest rates will be retired during the ensuing year leaving only the ICF 'interest free' loan to be executed. This situation is due to the assistance and commitment of our Member State Associations in the timely payments of the agreed 'Loan Recovery Plan' and recent assistance from the ASC in reducing the applied interest rate of the ASC loan by half and making such retrospective.

The impact of these loans on the organisation over recent years has been significant; reducing the capacity of Australian Canoeing in both its operational effectiveness and ability to achieve key outcomes for the sport. The ability to divert funds from loan payments into improved liquidity will provide the foundation for increased future investment in the sport.

As Australian Canoeing continues to develop the business of canoeing it is imperative that we maintain prudent and responsible financial management of our activities whilst operating with sound business principles to achieve long term financial stability and independence. Such a framework will position the sport for future generations of paddlers and indeed 'make a difference'.

In the year, the Board and senior management undertook a review of the financial governance and systems of the organisation. A particular finding was the need for improved policies and associated systems in the financial governance of the Technical Committee disciplines to improve their operations. The review aimed to make sure that the Technical Committees retain autonomy and financial control of their discipline (subject to Terms of Delegation) in balance with the need for improved financial governance and transparency. I'm pleased to report that changes have been implemented in a measured, co-operative and collaborative manner for the betterment of the sport.

In any business the relationships formed between partners are the keys to success and this is the reason why Australian Canoeing is committed to a partnership approach with members and stakeholders as well as supporting the strategic intent, programs and efforts of the International Canoe Federation (ICF) to whom we are affiliated.

The ASC continues to provide tremendous support, assistance and direction as well as an ongoing commitment to improving the organisational capability of Australian Canoeing. Martin Roberts (Senior Sports Consultant) and Greg Nance (Director, Sport Performance and Development) have been tireless in their support of Australian Canoeing. Additionally, Australian Canoeing continued its close association with National Talent Identification & Development programs and initiatives.

The AIS and the SIS / SAS network ensures that our high performance athletes are prepared, serviced and able to perform to the best of their ability on national and international waters. Special mention to Mike McGovern (Senior Sport Performance Manager); as well as Richard Fox (National Performance Director) and his team who ensure that objectives and targeted outcomes are reviewed and a clear focus is maintained by athletes and coaches alike.

The year in review has been one of transition and change for the organisation. Significant highlights / activities being the:

- Securing of additional 'organisational capacity building' funding from the ASC and associated staffing appointments.
- Successful launch of ACAS 2008 and proactive national re-positioning of ACAS including representation on key peak safety / recreation authorities.
- Establishment of 'Paddle Pals' membership benefit program.
- Initiation of a 'Terms of Delegation' Technical Committee review.
- Initiation of a 'Team Selection' and 'Team Official' policy review.
- Involvement of Australian Canoeing in the Crawford 'Whole of Sport' Review.
- Board adoption of various policies re- 'Anti Doping', 'Member Protection', 'Photography'.
- After ongoing discussions, the interim affiliation of PaddleNSW to Australian Canoeing effective 1st July, 2009 for a twelve (12) month period.
- Conduct of Strategic Forum (14th – 15th November, 2008) and Executive Officer / Technical Committee Chair Forum (29th – 30th April, 2009).

Whilst the international achievements of our paddlers are outlined in other sections of the Annual Report, Australia's outstanding presence on the Olympic podium in Beijing was nothing less than sensational. It should be noted that the 2008 Beijing Olympic canoe / kayak team secured five (5) medals which represents the second highest medal tally earner behind Swimming. Following this result, Australia is now ranked second

(2nd) highest canoe / kayak nation in terms of medals won across both Olympic disciplines (Canoe Sprint and Canoe Slalom).

Congratulations to:

Ken Wallace (Gold K1 500M and Bronze K1 1000M), Jacqueline Lawrence (Silver K1 Slalom), Lisa Oldenhof, Chantel Meek, Lyndsie Fogarty & Hannah Davis (Bronze K4 500M), Robin Bell (Bronze C1 Slalom).



Your efforts have provided inspiration to those paddlers who aspire to achieve on the international arena as well as promoting canoeing to the wider community.

There are a number of acknowledgements that need recording.

The Organising Committees of national championships, the respective host State Member Associations as well as the officials and volunteers who ensured their successful conduct.

The essential contribution that the respective discipline Technical Committees and their Chairs make to our sport. Your task is in many ways thankless and time consuming, nevertheless critical for the conduct of our operations and appreciated by management and the Board.

The Presidents and Executive Officers of the State Member Associations and their affiliated clubs for their support and resolve in moving the sport forward at the local level.

Previous CEO, Kate Heeley and staff member Jan Hall, for their efforts and support; up to my appointment during mid October, 2008.

I would like to place on record my sincere appreciation to the Board of Directors who throughout the year provided vigilant corporate governance as well as support and advice to management. In particular, Danielle Woodward (President / Chair) for her wise counsel and ability to address complex issues in a simple and effective manner. It is a pleasure to work with a Board that is both truly professional in nature and keeps its

'finger on the pulse' of the members that they represent.

A personal thank you to 'Team AC'! In an environment where history has shown that it is difficult to retain good staff, special mention must go to Sam Lyons (Sport Services Coordinator), Ian Dewey (National Coaching and Education Coordinator) and Una McKay (Administration Manager) who have provided tremendous commitment, enthusiasm, expertise, professionalism and a willingness to 'get the job done' throughout the year. A special mention to Richard Roach (Financial Controller) who expertly handled our accounting functions ensuring that Australian Canoeing accounts are professionally managed and reported to the Board and the ASC in a concise, timely and transparent manner.

As our society is witnessing continuous social, economic and technological changes it is vital that Australian Canoeing remains customer focused and positioned to capitalise on identified opportunities and changing circumstances both domestically and internationally. The pending Board adoption of a new Strategic Plan 'GO Paddling!' provides a clear direction and platform for Australian Canoeing to grow, manage, promote and showcase the sport.



The ensuing year will provide numerous challenges and opportunities for the organisation as we begin to operate in a 'loan free' environment with a fresh Strategic Plan>

These will include the:

- Implementation of a 'Paddling Australia' framework to bring events (recreational / mass participation), commercial kayak / canoe suppliers, adventure tour organisers and corporate team building activities involving paddling under a collaborative structure.
- Continued challenges and national positioning of ACAS.

- Determination of an agreed 'post loan' affiliation fee for State Member Associations
- Alignment consideration of High Performance back to Australian Canoeing.
- Establishment of partnerships with SLSA including the conduct of a 'Surf to Sprint' program in partnership with NTID.
- Insurance considerations for members involved in adventure activities that are multi-sport.
- Implementation of Paddleability (ICF Disability Program).
- Delivery and improved showcasing of events including sponsorship considerations.
- Consolidation and expansion of Information Communication Technology (ICT) practices and systems that will improve communication and administrative efficiency.

The achievements of the past year will provide the platform for the continued provision of quality service, value and programs to our members whilst positioning our sport for the future. I look forward in anticipation of being part of this journey and I encourage all members to do the same.

Gregory P. Doyle
Chief Executive Officer



4. Our People

Board of Directors, Australian Canoeing Inc.

Chair and President	Ms Danielle Woodward OAM
Director	Mr. Martyn Clancy-Lowe
Director	Mr. David Lunn
Director	Mr. Jim Murphy
Director	Mrs. Shelley Oates Wilding
Director	Mr. James Rennell
Director	Mr. Robbie Stewart

Professional Staff

Chief Executive Officer	Mr. Greg Doyle
Administration Manager	Ms. Una McKay
Education and Coaching Coordinator	Mr. Ian Dewey
Sports Services Coordinator	Mr. Sam Lyons
Finance Officer	Mr. Richard Roach



Life Members (* denotes deceased)

*	Brownlee , Mr. Os	1972
	Brownlee OAM , Miss. Helen	1999
*	Chenoworth , Mr. Ross	1971
	Coles AM , Mr. Phil	1981
*	Gardner , Mr. Gary	1994
*	Hill , Mr. Max	1971
*	Hopkins , Mr. Albert	1971
	Howard , Mr. Arthur	1971
	Johnson , Mr. Graham	1985
	Morison OAM , Mrs. Joan	2003
	Murphy OAM , Mr. Thomas James (Jim)	2005
*	Savage , Mr. Harry	1971
*	Varcoe , Mr. George	1971
*	Whitebrook , Mr. Frank	1971

5. Our Award Winners 2007-08

Canoeist of the Year:	Ken Wallace
Junior Canoeist of the Year:	Danielle Polson
Coach of the Year:	Jimmy Owens
Team of the Year:	The 2008 Olympic Canoe/Kayak Team



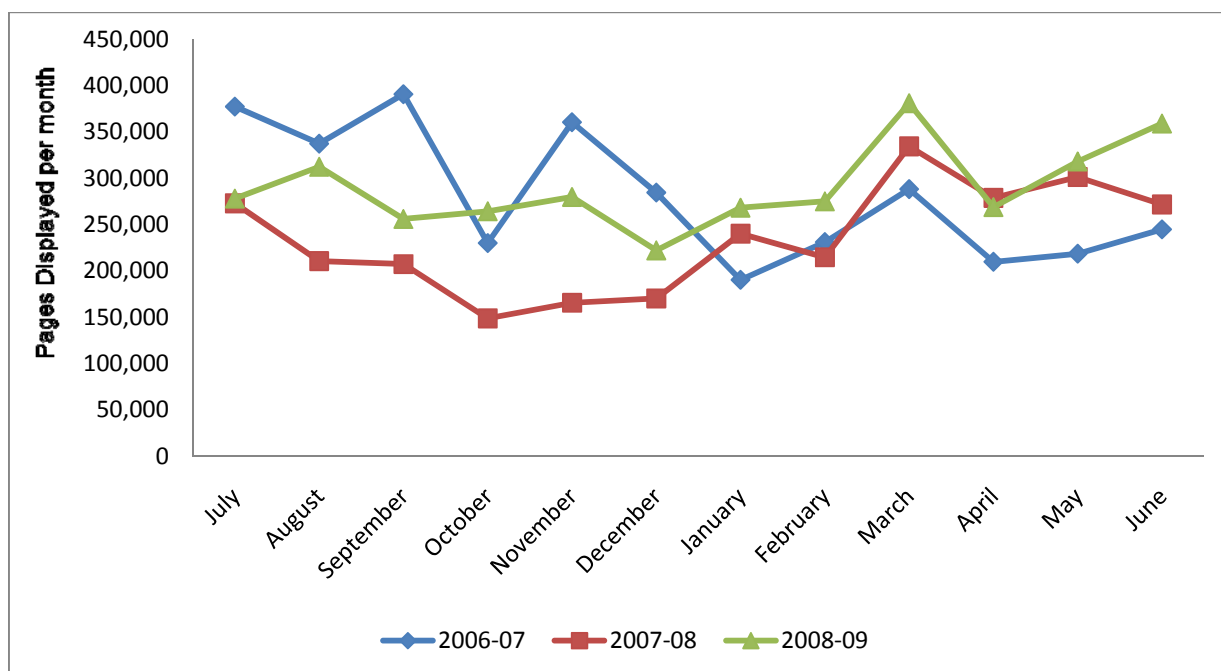
Jimmy Owens with Ken Wallace 2009

6. Our Website

The Australian Canoeing website is a valuable resource for our organisation at all levels. States, disciplines and clubs may all request websites as part of the overall IT support provided by Australian Canoeing.

Australian Canoeing Website – Total Pages Displayed Per Month

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
July	377,187	272,715	277,907
August	337,134	210,430	312,170
September	390,544	207,139	255,861
October	229,851	148,612	264,200
November	360,293	165,465	279,615
December	284,362	170,127	222,011
January	190,155	239,978	268,037
February	230,964	214,507	274,852
March	288,051	334,247	380,735
April	209,634	278,629	268,736
May	218,347	301,135	317,953
June	244,634	271,585	358,885



7. Our Teams

NTS Slalom Tour of New Zealand

Athletes:

Adam McNiell,
Adam Radjic,
Alan Robertson,
Alison Burrows,
Andrew Eckhardt,
Anton Ivkov,
Antra Svarcs,
Ashleigh Logan,
Ben Horlyck,
Emily Fegan,
Harry Ward,
Jack Currie,
Jackson Merritt,
Jessica Fox,
Joey Croft,
John Hardman,
Lauren Kluwer,
Lydia Thoms,
Maggie Webster,
Mark Rydd,
Natasha Jones,
Phil Kennedy,
Sebastian Ewing,
Tim Anderson,
Tim Hobbs.

Management:

Peter Eckhardt,
Yann Le Pennec,
Warwick Draper,
Ordetta Webster

Marathon-Senior & Junior World Cup Denmark

Athletes:

Daniel Jenkin,
Peta Wait,
Catherine McArthur,
Nicholas Dyason,
Marlena Ahrens,
Sophie Mebalds,
Sarah O'Connel-Brechin,
Kate McGrath,
James Campbell,
James Wallis,
David Ceddia,

Samuel Tom

Junior Slalom Team, Junior Pre-World Championships

Athletes:

Jessica Fox,
Natasha Jones,
Antra Svarcs,
Emily Fegan,
Alison Burrows,
Ashleigh Logan,
Jaxon Merritt,
Alistair Anderson,
Tim Hobbs,
Joey Croft,
Sebastian Ewing.

Management:

Myriam Fox,
Warwick Draper,
Yann Le Pennec,
Colin Borrows

Under 23 Sprint Team, Germany & Poland

Athletes:

Mitchell Thompson,
Daniel Bowker,
Luke Haniford,
Nicholas Dawe,
Michael Beaver,
Dean Blanch,
Mark Farrugia,
Hayley McGinty,
Sarah Dehey,
Elizabeth Le Coultre,
Julia Tyrell,
Ivana Kanyitur,
Christie Pickup

Management:

Dagmar Kopecek,
Terrence Hutchings,
Peter Petho,
Katrin Borchert

Canoe Polo Senior Men and Women, World Games, Chinese Taipei

Athletes:

Mathew Moore,
Nathan Moore,
Craig Hutchinson,
Anton Holmes,
Duncan Cochrane,
Josh Holmes,
Chris Heard,
Ian McIntosh,
Cassandra Sims,
Elizabeth Anderson,
Siobhan Goble,
Ailsa Enting Hawke,
Amy Dawes,
Sarah Cartwright,
Rebecca Jennings,
Vivienne Maxwell.

Management:

Carolyn Cochrane,
Brett Houghton,
Kate Abbey,
John Moore

Junior Sprint Team, ICF Junior World Champs, Russia

Athletes:

Fiona Kidd,
Madison Prior,
Jackie Beaver,
Danielle Polson,
Alyce Burnett,
Kate Ferguson,
Heleena Ethell,
Glenn Rypp,
Jeremy Petho,
Laurence Fletcher,
Wayne Dunbar,
Zac Ryan,
Adrian Laub,
Henry Laws,
Nick Bolton.

Management:

Christine Duff,
Craig Pickett,
Vince Fehervari,
Katrin Borchert

Senior & Junior Freestyle Team, World Championships, Switzerland

Athletes:

Sam Andrews,

Tanya Faux,
Sean Bozkewycz,
Lachlan Carracher,
Anthony Yapp,
James Rowlinson,
Declan Czajkowski.

Slalom Team 22, Pro Series, Europe

Athletes:

Ethan Hodson,
Jaxon Merritt,
Phillip Gibbons,
Jessica Fox,
Natasha Jones,
Heather Caesar,
Chris Guinea,
Scott Guinea

Management:

Danielle Woodward,
Yann Le Pennec,
Glen Hodson

Senior, Junior & U23 Marathon Team, ICF World Champs, Portugal

Athletes:

Michael Leverett,
Trevor Murray,
Sophie Mebalds,
Kate McGrath,
Ivor Morgan,
Mark Rantell,
David Cole,
Andrew Stimpson,
Peta Wait,
Sarah O'Connell-Brechin,
Simon Baird,
Dale Thomson,
Reid Coutts,
Travis Dodd,
Gina Heidke,
David Ceddia,
James Campbell,
Marcus Whittaker,
Damian Ewart,
Catherine McArthur,
Marlena Ahrens.

Management:

Cameron McGill,
Andrew Coutts

8. Our Members

8.1. Canoeing Western Australia

What a way to get involved in the Board of Canoeing WA (CWA). Next time I'll have to remember to step back with everyone else when they ask for nominees to step forward. I make it out to sound much worse than it really is. I have had a good year, meeting loads of new people and even attempted paddling a plastic ski without a rudder while the wild water committee laughed heartily at me at the Bells Sprints.

Australian Canoeing Liaison

The past season has been an excellent experience and steep learning curve for me. Every time Ash, our EO, went away something seemed to come up. Within weeks of taking on the role of President I was off to Sydney to participate in the Australian Canoeing (AC) AGM, strategic forums and annual presentation dinner. AC had recently appointed a new CEO and since then we have noticed a positive change at AC with various targets being set and reached. On the back of the most successful Olympic Games ever for Australian Canoeing there was a lot of positive things come out of the strategic forums and most issues faced by CWA are common throughout the country. I raised a number of issues including member benefits, insurance, membership cards and online membership renewals, all of which some progress has been made on. Western Australia continues to be represented on the AC Board through Martyn Clancy-Lowe from the Ascot Kayak Club who I have nominated for the Board for the coming season.

Strategic Forums

Earlier in the season we conducted a number of strategic forum meetings allowing a variety of members to attend and provide input. Thanks must go to Ascot Kayak Club and Swan Canoe Club for allowing us to use their facilities for the planning sessions. As a result of these sessions CWA has reassessed its goals and objectives with the main aim being to reconnect with the clubs and disciplines and plan for facilities. As a result we conducted our first presidents and discipline chair meetings and received some good feedback and directions forward. We will continue to conduct these meetings on a quarterly basis and keep communication lines open to all club and committee representatives.

Canoe Trails

Throughout the past several years CWA has been working with various stakeholders including the Department of Sport

and Recreation, the Department of Environment and Conservation to develop some canoe trails throughout the southwest. I had also been working on the Peel Region Maps through my position with the City of Mandurah. The maps are getting towards the final drafts and will be printed along the lines of the Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trail maps with expected release date being sometime in October. The Peel Region Canoe Trails also form part of the state top trails network

Facilities

This season saw the development of the Bayswater Paddlesports facility. This facility will be a joint storage facility for Bayswater, WAIS and some CWA craft. The club has already experienced membership growth to the point where we already need to look at expanding.

The Armadale Redevelopment Authority is the organization ultimately responsible for the management of Champion Lakes Regatta Centre at present. They were successful in gaining funding to improve competition facilities at the venue. I liaised with various representatives from Australian Canoeing and even received a letter of recommendation for start gate facilities from the International Canoe Federation. I attended a meeting with representatives from Armadale Redevelopment Authority and Rowing WA to identify needs. Tenders are currently being awarded for a finish tower and rowing start infrastructure and we will continue to liaise with Armadale Redevelopment Authority on sprint start infrastructure at the venue.

I have also liaised with the Mandurah Paddling Club and the Canning River Canoe Clubs to establish facilities. Mandurah has recently submitted a grant application for a combined paddle sports storage facility and the City of Mandurah has budgeted funds for the project as well.

We continued the push for the development of the white water park. Colin Thorpe has been doing some excellent ground work, getting in contact with the new government and many of the ministers already knowing who Colin is. It is vital to the growth of slalom and wildwater that we have access to sustainable whitewater all year round.

Events

This past season I believe we have had one of the most

successful seasons in terms of participation numbers in CWA sanctioned events. The various disciplines continue to raise the bar in event organization. A big thank you must go to all the volunteers who have assisted in the running of events over the past season.

A big congratulations must go to Christian Thomson and the Sprint Committee who did a sensational job getting the 2009 Sprint Nationals organized at Champion Lakes. The event largely went off without a hitch and I did not hear a bad thing mentioned about the running of the event. It is very refreshing attending an event that runs to schedule.

The major CWA events including the Paddle Challenge, the Bay to Beach and the Summer Dash continue to grow. The Summer Dash is showing less growth than the other events so we will be revisiting the format and promotion of this event next season.

The Doctor (Rottnest to Scarborough) Ocean Race continued to grow with some involvement from CWA. This event attracted some of the best ocean racers in the world to Perth. The event is set to continue with support from Eventscorp. This will raise the profile of paddling within Western Australia through associated media productions and internet promotion.

Looking to the future, the 2010 Canoe Polo National championships are to be held at Champion Lakes and we are also developing a proposal to host the 2011 National Slalom and Wildwater Championships.

Sponsors/Supporters of Canoeing WA

CWA is once again very grateful to the sponsors that have supported us over the past season for events and the paddle academy. Most recently, I would like to thank 'Finn Kayaks' who have agreed to supply and maintain a fleet of FINNATICS for the paddle academy and slalom development programs. I would also like to thank 'Mainpeak' for being the naming sponsor for the Bay 2 Beach. Other sponsors I would like to thank for supporting Canoeing WA over the past season include Canoeing Down Under, Spirit Paddle Sports, Precision Paddling, Waterboys, Carboshotz, City of Bayswater, Blue Chip Timing, RFDI Timing,

Canoeing Western Australia continues to grow through the support received from the Department of Sport and Recreation and Healthways (sponsorship arm of the Department of Health).

Clubs

This season saw the establishment of the Indian Ocean Paddlers as an affiliated club, the first ocean paddling club affiliated to Australian Canoeing. New clubs Champion Lakes Boating Club and the Mandurah Paddling Club continued to grow through the promotion of various paddle activities to new geographical locations.

Ascot continued to do a remarkable job in organizing events for members and non-members to enjoy. This season also saw Bayswater and Swan Clubs assisting CWA to host events. CWA will continue to support the other clubs to develop their own events and lighten the load of Ascot.

Disciplines

Many of the disciplines largely go unnoticed as event organizers with many of the volunteers also volunteering for their clubs. The disciplines continue to organize excellent events for their areas of interest and expertise. It is due to the enthusiasm and the disciplines ability to look outside the box that is one of the strongest attributes Canoeing Western Australia has over the rest of the country. Many of the disciplines encouraging non-technical craft such as plastic skis to participate in their events has increased participation and revenue for the disciplines. Many of the disciplines are saving this revenue to purchase junior craft and promote participation.

This season I accidentally paddled through the middle of a slalom event at Walyunga, unsuccessfully attempted a Wildwater event at the Bells Sprints (see the footage on you tube thanks to Simon Quick), paddled terribly in several sprint regattas and marathon races. I participated in most of the ocean series events with my goal for next season to participate in the state canoe polo championships and the Murray White Water Festival (if they'll let me).

Education

This season saw the release of a new Australian Canoeing Awards Scheme. I attended an information session hosted by Ian Dewey from Australian Canoeing at the Swan Canoe Club introducing the new scheme. As part of Ian's visit he ran a Level 1 Flatwater Coaching Course and an ACAS instructors and assessors course.

Avon Descent

The Avon Descent continued to be a major draw card for all forms of paddlers this year. Canoeing Western Australia has had minimal involvement in this event over the past several years. This season we have developed better working

relationships with the event organizers. The Board has decided to increase our involvement in this event over the coming seasons. We are currently working on proposals to take to the Avon Descent organizers to increase our presence, increase participation and ultimately benefit members who participate in this Event. Canoeing WA continued to run the Avon Junior Challenge with great enthusiasm shown by participants. The Avon Junior Challenge is promoted to likeminded clubs such as scouts to participate in a team's challenge. This ultimately raises the profile of canoeing in the community and attracts a new range of participants in events (although I did see a few teams stacked with junior CWA members).

Staff

The Canoeing WA staff continues to work well to progress the Association. The past season saw us employ Kylie Broad to job share with Jesse due to his national team commitments. Cate has completed some additional training to take a lead role in the administration of the organisation and Ash continues to access funding for additional programs. Overall there has been a noticeable increase in the output of the office and better access for the paddling community.

Looking to the Future

The past season has been a busy year, but I am not one to dwell on the past and always looking to the future. Some of

the key priorities over the coming season are to include:

- Working towards the development of storage facilities for all affiliated clubs
- The development of long term sustainable white water
- Increasing participation in CWA sanctioned events
- Broadening the range of training and education opportunities for members
- Strengthening CWA's involvement in the Avon Descent
- Increase canoeing presence in regional communities through clubs and events
- Stay connected with members, clubs and disciplines
- Ensure continued and improved access to waterways for canoeing

These are just some of the tasks on the agenda for the coming season. All of this will be done with a view of increasing membership, increasing volunteer numbers and promoting canoeing throughout the state.

Tony Bowman
President

8.2. Paddle NSW

Introduction

PaddleNSW has had a very successful first 15 months of existence. Not long after the dissolution of NSW Canoeing in March 2008, a new group of people decided to form an organisation from the ground up, dedicated to servicing the needs of all paddlers in the State of NSW.

In June 2008, the then fledgling management committee of PaddleNSW set itself some lofty goals, which some of us thought would be very difficult to achieve. I'm very happy to say that the board of PaddleNSW, with the help of volunteers and other organisations, has risen to the task and achieved much more than expected.

Membership and voting rights

The primary objective of PaddleNSW was to establish an organisation for ALL NSW paddlers. This brought about the current membership system comprising several different categories:

Single membership, which comprises two categories, Premium and Standard, with Adult and Junior memberships in both categories. There is no family membership category and children under 12 are free when included with their parent's membership. Club membership is not a prerequisite for membership of PaddleNSW.

Club memberships, which are no longer available directly from AC

Business and commercial memberships (which involve some retail and service providers in PNSW activities)

Special purpose (restricted) memberships

At 30th August 2009, single memberships had just topped 1000, which is just short of the total number of members from 2008-2009. We expect this number to grow at a healthy rate.

Business or commercial memberships, for retailers, coach/instructors, manufacturers etc.

Each member has one vote, which includes clubs, commercial members and single members. This policy has been adopted to ensure that all members with an interest in the progress of

the association have a say in the direction it is headed.

By making Club membership an option for membership of PNSW, we have been able to reach a far greater demographic and include services for those not wishing to progress through the club system. That said, the same policy has resulted in increased exposure to the club system, and club memberships have not suffered as a result.

Finances

During the 08-09 financial year, PaddleNSW received roughly \$20,000 in assets as a result of NSW Canoeing winding up. It has also received \$20,000 for 08-09, and \$20,000 for 09-10 in State grants from NSW DSR. Besides membership fees, this is the total major income stream available to PaddleNSW.

Though the current state of PNSW accounts may look healthy, this has been entirely due to the good management (and donation of services) of the PaddleNSW management committee. With future affiliation costs set to absorb a major portion of PaddleNSW funds, we must ensure that any permanent affiliation with AC is sustainable in the longer term, and determined by ability to pay, rather than a general national formula. A two-tiered membership fee structure has been implemented, which introduces a 'user pays' formula for some of the services supplied by AC. Where paddlers need access to National Selection, National Championship competition, or ACAS training, a 'Premium' grade membership is required, for adults a \$30.00 additional cost over the standard membership fee of \$50.00.

Some quite modest investments have been made in equipment in the past year, with more required at present to ensure PaddleNSW can conduct its events to required standards. Further income has been devoted to information services such as newsletters, however major expenditures have been withheld until PaddleNSW is firmly on its financial feet.

Paddlesports

Development of paddlesports has been a primary focus of PaddleNSW during its formative year.

The former NSW canoeing had a very successful Marathon 10 series under way when it wound up, which was continued

virtually without interruption by PaddleNSW. It now has a naming rights sponsor to contribute to the prize pool, and the continuing participant growth and broad improvement in results points to a rosy future. The Northern Marathon series continued on through the change of administration, and, barring floods and World Masters Games, should be back to its former 6 events next year.

Sprint has had a major boost in promotion with the introduction of the 'Sprint Series' of 4 regattas at Penrith S.I.R.C. Sprint has not been widely promoted in NSW in previous years, and this new initiative is assisting in

introducing many new and junior paddlers to the thrill of the event. Close racing is guaranteed by the formula of times based finals, regardless of age, sex, boat type etc.

Canoe Polo continues to be well supported, with Autumn and Spring series in Sydney, as well as several regional carnivals throughout the year. The new facilities at Penrith are being brought on-line for the World Masters Games, and should see an increase in daytime events in the Sydney region.

Tony Hystek
President

8.3. Queensland Canoeing

Queensland Canoeing reports an exciting year of business on behalf of the members and associates of our state sporting organisation. In a time when the economic climate forces relevance onto organisations such as ours, it has been compulsory that we remain robust on the growth and expansion programs of this sport and our business. In the period immediately following the last very successful Olympics for canoeing it has been imperative to take advantage of the profile and exposure gained, thanks to the hard work of our athletes. These overarching factors have made the larger contribution to our growth and successes.

In some detail, the engagement of the broadest possible market associated with canoeing has been a major focus. The ability to connect with the wider paddling public in addition to the traditional members offers greater advantages to the entire paddling industry. We have ensured that the more the public are exposed to the canoeing industry via the website, publications and associates the greater the business for the industry and in turn, increased support for our organisation.

Major Achievements

In 2009, Queensland Canoeing became a proud publisher of "Paddle Trips". This book collates the efforts of many people who share the passion of paddling in this beautiful state and the want to share this information with others. The book consists of over 100 different paddles, some beautiful photos and well informed commentary on each paddle and the region they are located.

Toward the end of 2008, we were fortunate to have Darren Bason, the multiple British, European and World Champion surf kayaker move to the Sunshine Coast from England. With Queensland Canoeing's support we have seen this relatively small sport go from a minnow to the world stage. Congratulations to Steve Farthing, the new World Surf Kayak Masters Champion and 5th placed open paddler. Darren came away with a semi final finish in the opens and led his English team to victory in the team's title. From this success and with our support, Queensland Canoeing has now commenced a major program of expansion of this exciting sport with support resources on the way to assist in the sports development around Australia. We are hosting Round 1 of the Surf Kayaking World Cup, the Australian Championships and we have proudly secured the 2013 Surf Kayak World

Championships.



Wave Ski Surfing Australia (WSA) has recently voted to amalgamate with Queensland Canoeing, securing the future of this discipline of "Surf Paddling" and complimenting the Surf Kayak discipline. WSA have existed for many years in one form or another, limited however by the volunteer status of the entire organisation. We identified the opportunities this sport can receive from recognition under the peak sports bodies of Queensland Canoeing and Australian Canoeing. This amalgamation brings together the two elements of Surf paddling offering an exciting front page to our national paddling landscape. We are currently working with the committee of WSA regarding the strategic planning and development of the sport throughout Australia and what roles we all can play in this development.

Financial Results

Queensland Canoeing reported a healthy surplus at the close of our financial and reporting year on December 31, 2008. Presenting to the members a surplus in excess of \$12,000.00 and exceeding surplus projections by 25%. We have seen memberships remaining steady and club affiliations also stable. In 2008/2009 we continued the expansion of the community and education programs

Education

The Education division continues to be self funding and provide a great deal of benefit to many areas of the paddling community. The inclusion of multiple day, skills expeditions

have proven to be a large success among the facilitators and participants. These include 5 day Whitsunday trips, 3 and 4 day Moreton Bay trips and soon a new series in The Keppel Islands. These have proven to be a valuable method for people to gain on the spot practical competencies and assessments at a relaxed pace while in idyllic locations. A rolling course on Whitehaven Beach is most notable as a pretty special location to improve this skill. Queensland still have some 830 registered instructors in this state and we are constantly seeking ways to increase these numbers all of the time.

The Education division also leads the planning, organising and operation of the National Sea Kayak Symposium. This, in its first year attracted over 100 participants, 13 industry manufacturers and retailers and entertained by Guest Speakers such as Justin and James, our intrepid kayakers who crossed the ditch to New Zealand. After two and half days of gear expo, entertainment, presentations and on water activities, the event was a resounding success and leads us to the 2009 event now in final stages of planning.

Special mention to Mark Thurgood for the hard work he places to the planning and facilitation of these courses. We must also mention the dedicated band of instructors who assist to make the training enjoyable and informative.

Community Programs

This is the secondary business unit of Queensland Canoeing and again is fully self-funded. Jointly operated by Kristen Buckby and Danielle Wallace, they each have contributed in a major way to expand the number of activities we are allocated or apply for, in addition to the market reach we are targeting. In 2008 these programs directly provided participation activities for over 3330 people for a 6% increase over the last year.

Recently we have secured an expansion of activities for women of diverse cultures and languages. The first program in 2008 was hailed as the most successful of those offered and has been the catalyst for expansion in 2009. All participants and instructors found it to be the most rewarding activity for everyone.

Instructor shortages in the some of the regional areas have been a small problem. Many qualified instructors are teachers and in regional areas, tend to move a lot. It has been challenging to retain instructors to conduct activities, and credit must go to Kristen and Danielle for the work they

do in sourcing and rostering instructors for these activities.

Events

Some new events on the horizon and stabilisation of others have presented a great year of racing and polo, demonstrating a 32% increase in participation. These numbers though exaggerate the difficulty in gaining volunteers placing a great deal of pressure on the state office and the regular few who help. With the advent of Surf Paddle and recent growth in Ocean Racing we expect to see this turn around as the culture infiltrates marathon and sprint events. Much work needs to be done though to attract many of the family and support network into event organisation and operations.



Our Traineeship staff member and Canoe Polo women's team representative, Libby Anderson, has now taken over the role of co-ordinating all sports events including every element of organisation, committee, entry and planning. This valuable assistance streamlines the process under a single person and allows for expansion as we conduct the new disciplines events into the future.

One of the key performance indicators and goals set for this organisation was the expansion of Canoe Polo teams. We pleased to now have teams in North Queensland around Tinaroo and Townsville, plus the continued expansion of the Boonah success story. Venues are a continual problem as they are not readily available and costly for this discipline.

Statistics

Following are some statistics of the Queensland Canoeing performance for the past 12 month membership year:

- 287 new instructors received training
- 3333 participants in community programs ages from 8 years to 84
- 1823 paddlers participated in sanctioned marathon and sprint events
- 1221 members chose 27 clubs to interact in canoeing and kayaking activities
- The Queensland Canoeing website now experiences in excess of 50, 000 page views per month
- 20 clubs have active linked websites under the AC template.

The Future

The 2009/2010 membership year and 2009 financial reporting year sees Queensland Canoeing continue of the expansion and development path. We will commit energies to Surf Kayak, Waveski and Ocean Racing to harness the potential of these disciplines and improve the exposure to be gained from these exciting front pages to our organisation. We will soon seek to liaise with our state counterparts to ensure they are able to take some advantage of the Surf Kayak and Waveski growth as strategic plans and events are determined by the committees.

Queensland Canoeing is now a registered exporter and has

begun the process of exporting the knowledge and skills we possess into the Pacific and Micronesia. In partnership with Austrade, Australian Canoeing, Oceania Canoeing Association, Queensland Government State Trade Office, Tradestart and Gold Coast Office of Economic Development. This project develops and sustains canoeing and kayaking across sport, junior development, coaching and education and sustainable tourism.

Ocean Racing will be a focus of late 2010 with the development and co-hosting of a 100km downwind Ocean Race from the Sunshine Coast to Redcliffe. In partnership with Surf Life Saving Queensland and The Australian Outrigger Canoe Racing Association, there is an expectation this event will attract a large, experienced and serious field of hardcore racers in an event we will build to be recognised worldwide.

I acknowledge one large omission thus far in this report. That of Rachel Wilks (Thomas) who has been the most valuable cog in the fast turning wheels of Queensland Canoeing. She is an amazing young woman and vital to this state's operations.

Mark Priestley
Executive Officer

8.4. Canoe Tasmania

Canoe Tasmania has continued a productive trend with an increasing participation rate in many sectors of canoeing. The 2009 winter has been very wet so the full rivers have allowed many white water paddlers to develop and refine their skills. Membership has continued to climb in all sectors despite some smaller clubs not affiliating with CT.

Canoe education has continued apace with Beginners' Courses, Instructor Courses and an Advanced White Water Instructor Course being held at various venues and times. There has been a marked increase in the number of new younger but highly skilled instructors to continue the process of developing both skills and safety. A highlight has been the running of the new ACAS River Rescue Course at Brady's Lake.

As at end of June 2009 Tasmania had 132 ACAS qualified Instructors, up from 84 in the previous year. The number of people undertaking the instructor awards has risen with the new ACAS introduction, vindicating the extensive reworking of the scheme. This increase can be expected to continue slightly but then plateau as we reach saturation point, although growth areas exist within the sea instructor and guide qualifications and to accredit a larger number of assessors.

Canoeing participation continues to increase in the broader community with an continuing increase in the number of people participating in sea-kayaking and estuary boating as well as in non-elite competition canoeing for multi-sport events such as the Freycinet Challenge, the Winter Challenge and others.

The growth in sales of sea, estuary and sit-on-top kayaks poses a challenge – how to increase awareness of safe and responsible paddling and deliver education to this vastly growing group to increase their skills and enjoyment of the sport. Australian Canoeing has made some steps in catering for this group as has Canoe Tasmania, but our limited

resources are a restraint which will require some innovative responses to service this area.

In the coaching area, a highly successful Junior Development program and TIS supported Wildwater program have seen significant high quality coaching in the state. To support this further, a slalom coaching course has been run in late 2008. The absence of a nationally accredited curriculum means these people have not received formal qualifications.

In December 2008, the Tasmanian Slalom Championships formed part of the Southern Cup and was highly successful with significant numbers of participants. In January 2009, Canoe Tasmania hosted 3 national championships, the Australian All-Schools, the National Slalom Championships and the National Wildwater Championships.

Tasmania has also seen excellent performance from local paddlers at the elite level particularly in Wildwater Racing where Tasmanians dominate the Australian Wildwater Racing Team. Also in flat water and slalom we have very successful young paddlers.

Tasmania has now uploaded to the web, its guide book to local river canoeing – Paddle About Tasmania. This is hosted through Australian Canoeing's web facilities. The resource covers 135 river trips with general descriptions, grading, access and egress points, lengths, Tasmapi references and so on. It will be progressively expanded to include sea and estuary touring. It is open to feedback and comment. <http://www.paddletasmania.canoe.org.au>

Canoe Tasmania is currently heavily engaged preparing for the World Cup later in the year with negotiations between all parties including the ICF creating a lot of stress with some of the demands. The number of paddlers indicating that they are coming is high and support from various government agencies including Events Tasmania, Hydro Tasmania and Forestry Tasmania will ensure that this is a success.

8.5. Canoeing Victoria

Overall

Canoeing Victoria is into its second year of a three year Strategic and Operational plan and we are pleased to have moved out of a consolidation phase and into a sport developmental and investment phase which is great news to all our members.

Finance:

Canoeing Victoria continues to strengthen its financial position by posting a net surplus of \$18,001 from a total income of \$390,705.

Across our 5 competitive disciplines, the major increase in income can be attributed to increased participation in marathon and slalom plus the strong participation in the Australian Masters Games held in Geelong. Slalom posted a large surplus due to compensation for the flood damage to the Goulburn River slalom site. While it was reasonable compensation, it will only partly fund the future restoration and repair bill.

State Office/Administration fared well during the year with an additional major grant from VicHealth and the continued support of Sport and Recreation Victoria. An increased membership base is reflected in the increased income but was buoyed due to 1/12th carried over from the previous year. As the membership year has been aligned with the financial year, this will not occur in the future. A major expense for administration was the payout to Australian Canoeing for a disputed GST charge on affiliation fees. This debt was able to be paid in full.

Disciplines:

Canoe Polo had a successful year as player numbers are stabilising. A range of competitions aimed at all ages and abilities were held to encourage existing players to continue and to entice new players into the sport. The junior development program concentrated on running several short, well attended, weeknight competitions targeting specific school groups. Canoe Polo was included in the Australian Masters Games with a great new venue in the form of the Sea Baths at Eastern Beach in Geelong. At a high performance level, Victoria was represented in all categories at the Australian Interstate Championships, and a strong Victorian contingent contributed greatly to the national team at the World Championships held in Canada. Development of

coaches continued with the development and running of a Level 1 Canoe Polo Refresher course and a Level 2 Coaching course.

Marathon had a very successful year with increased participation and a greater than budgeted surplus. Competitions were held throughout the year including the Winter Series of races throughout Victoria culminating in the Victorian State Championships, the Schools Championships, a Summer Series was sanctioned, and marathon was included in the Australian Masters Games. At a high performance level, Victorian paddlers accounted for 17 of the 23 athletes selected to represent Australia, and all team managers were from Victoria. A Level 1 Marathon Officiating course was held, three Level 1 Flatwater/Marathon Coaching courses as well as the Level 2 Flatwater/Marathon Coaching course (held with support from the National Technical Committees).

Slalom too had a successful year. A successful TID camp was once again held on the Goulburn river around 60 paddlers and 11 coaches with great support and management from CKEA again. With the support of our canoe clubs, key competitions were held including the Victorian Slalom Championships, the Australian School Championships, and a successful Yarra Series and Country Series throughout the year.

Around 50 paddlers and parents attended the Tasmanian Championships/Southern Cup 1. The Bendigo Bank Academy of Sport program continues to grow and results at the National Carnivals highlighted the programs benefits and ability to produce high level athletes. The development of two new venues for slalom training on the Yarra River are under consideration, our efforts to develop a whitewater park in Melbourne continue and work commenced on the Goulburn River redevelopment.

Sprint faced a year of review and planning for the future. The focus was on identifying the resources and infrastructure required to build a strong foundation for sustainable sprint racing programs from grassroots to high performance. As a result, a Sprint Development Plan including an Athlete and Coach Development model is now being implemented. The aim is to build long term capacity within our sprint racing clubs. Three Level 1 Flatwater/Marathon Coaching courses were held as well as a Level 2 Coaches course. While we are yet to see the majority of these participants complete their accreditation requirements, the results of our 2007/08 coach development efforts are seen in the number of accredited

Level 1 Flatwater Coaches which increase from 7 in June 2008 to 24 in June 2009.

Wildwater continues to persevere as the low Yarra river water levels take a heavy toll. A small number of races were held over the winter/spring period on low water, and the Victorian Championships were cancelled. The Australian Nationals were held on the King River where a small but very talented group of paddlers welcomed the return to the King and competed on the low but technical course.

State Office:

Instructor Training & General Education: Our education arm has been working on delivering professional and consistent education programs. Our key instructors were involved in the review of the AC 2008 Award Scheme and as a result we are now delivering to these awards and redeveloping our training guides and course materials. We have a number of education markets that fall under this banner including Industry, Schools, the Public, and the Corporate market that is currently being developed. We are well on the way to achieving one of our major objective for Industry and Public courses which is to reduce the number of course cancellations through better calendaring of courses to meet the needs to the community. New products for these markets, particularly schools, are being investigated as pool hire continues to be a major barrier to participation and providing opportunities to corporates.

Coach and Official Development: With continued support from Sport and Recreation Victoria we continued the implementation of the CV Coach and Official development model that is having a positive and measurable impact on the number of accredited coaches and officials in Victoria.

Membership Services: There was a 3% increase in membership, however this was not uniformly spread across canoeing. In the last 6 months we have noticed our large clubs getting larger, and our small clubs are getting smaller. We are currently investigating the reasons behind this but suspect that it may be a result of the drought, particularly in regional Victoria. This year we aligned our membership year with our financial year and identified a number of issues to streamline the realignment in the coming year. We are working with AC to develop a new membership category for major events, e.g. the Murray Marathon, and to be able to clarify insurance coverage for our existing members. This year saw all clubs receive pre-printed member renewal forms which has dramatically increased the receipt and processing

of memberships and reduced the overhead on club membership management. For the new year, we will be trialling a paperless membership renewal process.

Club Development: With Sprint racing clubs as the flagship, we are piloting a discipline based club certification process to facilitate development programs for both athletes and coaches from grassroots to high performance. Branded as a CV Discipline Certified Training Club, clubs will be able to identify themselves as committed discipline clubs and attract both resources and future members, as well as offer quality services to existing members. With support from Sport and Recreation Victoria, and in conjunction with the Yarrawonga Mulwala Canoe Club, we have developed a successful template for clubs to increase membership.

Community Development: We have commenced work to resurrect the Eildon Triathlon and envisage running the event in late 2009. With support from VicHealth, we continued our project to develop and pilot a model that will establish sustainable opportunities for Indigenous communities to participate in canoeing. A new initiative this year was the development of the Paddle Victoria website which focuses on the non-competitive aspects of canoeing.

Corporate Governance, Representation & Advocacy: The State Office is now managing several of the discipline accounts which has and will enable an improved streamlined approach to our chart of accounts, reduce workload for the discipline committees and better association reporting at any point in time. Our Asset Management system has been reviewed and updated with processes in place to ensure they remain up to date and assets properly insured. We have been actively lobbying local government and Parks Victoria to provide better river access along the Yarra River as well as snag identification. We also continue our pursuit of a Whitewater Park. With the YMCA taking over as event organiser for the Murray Marathon, CV was invited to partner the organisation and currently sits on the Management Committee for the event.

Marketing & Communications: We continue to focus on improving communications with our clubs, disciplines, members and special interest groups utilising the functionality of the AC/CV website package, e.g. targeted e-news. Our website hits increased by 60%, with the largest proportions to the news and calendar pages.

Andrea Boothroyd & Sharon Swoboda
Co-Executive Officers

8.6. Canoe South Australia

Overview:

Changes in personnel in the Canoe SA Office with Siobhan Goble leaving in late February to go back to study. Ian Heard commenced as Development Officer.

Board meeting on a regular basis, Education Committee being formed after some years without a committee structure

Discussions with SA Government commenced in Nov over changes to recreational boating regulations.

SA continues to have competition officials and Committee in Polo, Marathon and Flatwater sprint at National level

Strategic and Operational Plan

Office of Recreation and Sport 3 year (2005 -8) Operational Plan under review

New funding cycle commencing in 2010

Planning discussions commenced with members

Education and Training, ACAS

3 Flatwater Skills courses held in Adelaide, Regional flatwater courses have been held in Pt Augusta, Riverland & Murrayland with a course for the South East planned for later in 2009

3 Lifeguard courses also held

Sea Skills weekend held in March with over 25 attending and new Sea Skills trainee Instructors

12 Basic Skills Courses held by Canoe SA. Over 200 Basic Skills certificates awarded.

Membership administration

Clubs provided with training day to assist with administration of membership and development of club websites

Volunteers assisting with membership administration

Events and Competition

Canoe Polo continues to have strong competition at local level with 3 seasons held Spring 08 (Sept – Nov) Summer 09 (Feb – April) Winter (June – Aug)

SA had 5 players in World Games Canoe Polo Men's Team & 3 in Women's Team

Over 200 students, teachers, volunteers, local community group participants at 2009 Team Paddle Challenge

Flatwater - 1 national GP plus 6 regattas and 5 LD races held

Sport Performance

SA Canoe Polo medals at 2009 Australian Championships held at Penrith over Easter:

- Gold in Under 21, Men's Open, Women's Open, Masters
- SA Sprint medals at 2009 Australian Championships held in WA
- Total of 51 medals
- 24 Gold (8 Snr, 16 Jnr)
- 18 Silver (5 Snr, 13 Jnr)
- 9 Bronze (3 Snr, 6 Jnr)

Facility Development

Olympic quality course nearing completion for Rowing, Dragon-boat and canoeing at West Lakes

Plans being developed to make better use of Building being leased from City of Charles Sturt

Canoe Polo field (goals and sidelines) now located at Mawson Lakes (temporary fields in place, permanent moorings being manufactured)

Ian Heard
Development Officer

9. Our Performance

9.1. Olympic High Performance Report

Outcome

Enhanced athletic performance so that Australian Canoeing achieves the best possible results at an international level.

Overview

The highlight of 2008 was the outstanding performance of our Olympians at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games where Australia won a record five medals across two canoeing disciplines.

In 2009 Australian Canoeing saw continued international success with the next generation of athletes emerging on the podiums at World Cup and other international competitions.

Beijing Olympic Games – Beijing, China 8-24 August

Ken Wallace achieved outstanding success at the 2008 Olympic Games, winning a Bronze medal in the K1 1000m and a day later Gold in the K1 500m. He was also named AIS Athlete of the Year for 2008.

Lisa Oldenhof, Hannah Davis, Chantal Meek and Lyndsie Fogarty combined forces to bring about a memorable team success for Australia, winning Bronze in the Women's K4 500m behind Germany and Hungary.

On the slalom course, Robin Bell won a Bronze in the men's C1 slalom with a strong display while Jacqui Lawrence produced the surprise of the Olympic canoeing events winning Silver in the women's K1 behind Elena Kaliska of Slovakia.

In other events on the sprint course, Hannah Davis and Lyndsie Fogarty placed 6th place in the K2 500m final, David Smith, Tony Schumacher, Tate Smith and Clint Robinson finished 10th in the men's K4 1000m, and Chantal Meek was a semi finalist in the K1. Clint Robinson and Jacob Clear finished 7th in the K2 semi final. Torsten Lachmann made the semi finals in both the C1 1000m and 500m.

Warwick Draper produced a personal best to finish in 5th place in K1 slalom and Mark Bellofiore and Lachlan Milne also improved on their Athens performance to finish 7th in the C2 event.

Australian Canoeing would also like to thank the Australian Olympic Committee for its preparation and successful team organisation for the Beijing Olympic Games.



The Hon. Kate Ellis MP and Robin Bell

Sprint Teams – Event Highlights/Results

The senior sprint team competed in World Cup events in Racice, Czech Republic, Poznan, Poland and Szeged, Hungary, in May and June, 2009. U23 and Junior teams also represented Australian Canoeing at events in Europe during 2008/9.

In 2009, Australia emerged as a strong contender in K2 events with Murray Stewart & Jacob Clear and Luke Morrison & David Smith featuring strongly in the finals at World Cup meets. The highlight was a gold medal from Morrison and Smith in the World Cup meet in Szeged ahead of Stewart and Clear who finished fourth. It was a major breakthrough for the Australian men.



Ken Wallace recovered from an early season injury to win silver in the K1 men's 1000m event at Szeged, his first individual World Cup medal. 20 year old Matt Goble sprung onto the world scene winning silver in the K1 200m event in Szeged and moments later claimed a fifth place finish with Jesse Phillips in the K2 200m. Alana Nicholls also performed well in the 200m finishing 5th.

The World Cup tour also saw Jo Brigden Jones establish herself as Australia's leading lady with strong performances in K1 500m finals in Poznan and Szeged. In the K4 events, Lisa Russ, Hannah Davis, Alana Nicholls and Lyndsie Fogarty placed 4th in the Women's K4 500m and Chad Alston, Chris Alagich, Reece Baker and Matthew Urguhart placed 5th in the Men's K4 1000m at the World Cup event in Szeged.

Slalom Teams – Event Highlights/Results

Slalom athletes featured prominently in World Cup competition achieving medal winning performances and personal bests. Junior and Under 23 teams toured Europe in 2008/9 and Australia achieved success in the new women's C1 category.

Robin Bell and Kate Lawrence achieved a double for Australia winning the final World Cup of 2008 in Augsburg as well as their respective overall titles in C1 men and K1 women. Will Forsythe achieved a personal best, finishing 7th in the K1 event.

Australians also featured prominently in three out of four finals at the Pre World championships in La Seu d'Urgell, the last major event ahead of the Beijing Olympic Games, the highest placing coming from Warwick Draper, 4th place in K1 men.

Kate Lawrence won a silver medal in Bratislava at the second of the 2009 World Cup series where Sarah Grant continued to progress by also featuring in the final. Leanne Guinea and Rosalyn Lawrence maintained a strong showing for the Australian women with medal winning performances in Pau and Bratislava World Cups in the C1 women's event.

An Under 23 tour to world ranking races in Europe provided valuable exposure to tough European racing as a stepping stone to the senior team and junior teams toured Europe

twice during this period, once to the Czech Republic for the 2008 junior world championships in July 2008 and then to Italy, France and Spain in June 2009. In addition, a junior NTS tour was organised to New Zealand in April 2009.

Amongst the juniors, Ethan Hodson finished in 12th place in men's C1 at the 2008 world championships; Jaxon Merritt was ranked in the top 10 junior K1s at an ICF ranking race in Foix; Jessica Fox won bronze in an ICF ranking race in Merano and gold in C1 women in Foix where Alison Borrows also stepped onto the podium.

High Performance Program

The main focus of the high performance program during 2008/9 was the preparation of athletes for the 2008 Olympic Games and subsequently the transition of athletes to a new four cycle.

The Australian Institute of Sport continues to manage the Australian Canoeing high performance program and work in partnership with AC the State Institutes and Academies of sport and the National Talent Identification and Development Program (NTID) to provide high quality training and competition opportunities for elite and emerging athletes.

In 2009, with extensive support from the AIS, Australian Canoeing established an overseas base for sprint canoeing and undertook intensive training at the European Training Centre in Varese, Italy.

The AC high performance program continued its partnerships with the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS), New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS), the Western Australian Institute of Sport (WAIS) and the South Australian Institute of Sport (SASI) in the Sprint Program and its partnership with NSWIS for the Slalom Program.

AC thanks its principal funding partner, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Institute of Sport, the State Institutes and Academies and the numerous volunteers and officials for their continued support and contribution to the success of our athletes.

Richard Fox

Director of High Performance

9.2. Canoe Polo Technical Committee Report

2008-2009 was again a year of growth and development for Australian Canoe Polo, with many regions around the country increasing their player numbers through development programs in schools in conjunction with the state associations.

The committee continues to be very active with Australian Senior team matters. This year we had both the Senior Men and Senior Women representation in the worlds, and for the first time, Under 21 men competing at the world championships in Edmonton, Canada in July. All teams fought hard throughout the competition to achieve great results. Our U21 team placed 8, a respectable introduction to international polo for all the players on the team. This placing will also qualify them for the 2010 World Championships in Milan, Italy. The Senior Women placed 5th with a very exciting finish to the competition, beating the Dutch Women in a penalty shoot out, after golden goal extra time. This placing qualified the team for the World Games in Kaohsiung, Taipei in July 2009. The Senior Men achieved their best result since 1998 at a World Championship placing 4th, just outside the medals, but gaining much needed experience in the final rounds of a major international competition. This placing also qualified them for the World Games. So it has been a very successful year in all categories.

The Australian Championships were held at the Penrith White Water Stadium in Sydney, continuing our push to create world class outdoor venues around the country. With the absence of a NSW State body, ACT Polo put together an excellent event with the aid of the local Sydney players, utilising two fields for most of the Easter weekend. Players from all main land states were represented at the championships. Queensland continues to improve in the Junior and U21 divisions taking Gold and Silver respectively and having many of their players selected for the age group National teams. South Australia was strong in the Open Men and Women, also having many of their players selected for the Oceania and World Games teams.

The Canoe Polo Summer Series was held again over 4 weekends between October and February with competitions held in Canberra, Sydney, Adelaide, and Melbourne. Continued strong support for this series by both division 1

and 2 teams is seeing strong development of our younger players, and strengthening of our senior teams. Our stronger women are now entering in to division 1 teams to further their own development. With our improving world rankings across the board this shows that our series is certainly increasing the depth and quality of our players for the future.



Another key focus of the committee has been to facilitate the annual junior and youth development camp. The AC Polo players levy directly funds this event to allow the best available coaches to mentor players from the newest beginners, to our up and coming U21 players. The camp is open to all players wishing to develop their skills with a focus on players under the age of 21, and is held each January at Mawson Lakes in Adelaide. The number of players and coaches attending this camp is increasing steadily year by year.

The 2009-2010 year is off to a strong start with Oceania and World Masters Games being a huge success, and looking forward to another busy year in 2010 with the National Championships being held at Champion Lakes in Perth, the World Championships in Milan, and the continued development of our outdoor venues around the country.

All in all it was a fantastic year for Australian Canoe Polo and we are looking forward to more exciting times ahead.

Anton Holmes
Chairperson.

9.3. Wildwater Technical Committee Report

2008-2009 has seen a consolidation at senior elite competition level as well in Junior competition and entry level junior paddling.

2009 saw the Australian Junior Wildwater Team compete at Buochs, Switzerland, at the Junior World Championships. The team comprised Ruby Hodgetts (TAS), Shaun Wilson (NSW), Alex McIntyre (NSW), Robert McIntyre

(NSW) and Jake Pearce (TAS). Shaun Wilson's 15th in the Sprint and Ruby Hodgett's 19th (Classic) and 20th (Sprint), coupled with a 9th by the MK1 Sprint team (Alex & Robert McIntyre and Shaun Wilson) were the best results.

The Australian Wildwater Championships were again held on the upper Mersey course in Tasmania. In a very competitive field, Carol Hurst and Dan Hall, once again took out the Women's and Men's Australian Championships in both the Sprint and Classic formats. Competitors from WA, NSW, VIC and TAS took part in the championships and associated selection events (including a sprint event at the Bradys course). Stand-out junior performances were from Ruby Hodgetts and Shaun Wilson, which saw them gain Senior qualifying times for World Cup selection and Robert McIntyre, who won the Australian Junior Championships in Classic.

Selection races have seen a large Australian Team, selected to compete in the 2009 World Cup series. The Men's K1 Team comprises Dan Hall (TAS), Ben Maynard (TAS), Matthew French (TAS), Stewart Bennett (TAS), Andrew Maynard

(TAS) and Matt Dalziel (TAS). The Women's K1 Team comprises Carol Hurst (TAS), Susie Wharton (NSW), Andrea McQuitty (TAS), Ruby Hodgetts (TAS) and Alayne Bonney (TAS).

After strong showings in the Australian Championships, Ben Maynard went on to compete in the pre-Worlds in Sort, Spain as part of the preparation for the 2010 World Championships.

Preparations are well underway for Australia's hosting of the 2009 Wildwater World Cup Series and the Wildwater World Masters event. The Wildwater World Cup will be run from October 20 to November 8, in Tasmania and is expected to draw between 100 and 200 paddlers and their support crews, from around the world, to compete.



Photo: Rick Eaves

This is the first Wildwater World Cup to be held in Australia and only the second time a World Cup has been held in the Southern Hemisphere. The six races which form the World Cup, are to be held on the Mersey River below Rowallan Dam, the Meander River below the Meander Dam, Cataract Gorge in Launceston and at the Brady's Lake canoe course.

Looking forward, there is much focus on the upcoming world cup in terms of competition and organisation, as there is with paddlers preparing for the 2010 World Championships and Masters World Championships. Junior programs and local level events remain strong and represent the basis of the sport, into the future.

David Gray
Chairperson

9.4. Canoe Slalom Technical Committee Report

The 2008-2009 season was a great year for canoe slalom in Australia. Culminating in Robin Bell winning a bronze medal in the C1 class and Jacqui Lawrence winning a silver medal in the K1W class at the Beijing Olympics. Only Slovakia won more medals in canoe slalom than Australia at the Beijing games.



Young Australian paddlers had an opportunity to get a feel for international competition in January at the Youth Olympics, which were held at Penrith. In one of the most successful Youth Olympic meets for an Australian team, Jessica Fox won gold in K1W, Jaxon Merritt silver in K1M, Ethan Hodson silver in C1 and Ben Horlyck and Gage Harrison silver in C2. This all fares well for the future of the discipline.

Other event highlights of the year included: very successful Schools and National Championships in Tasmania in January; hosting a World Open event in February at Penrith; and a very competitive series of selection races for all representative Australian teams. These events were made possible through the enormous voluntary effort so much so that they even drew praise from national and international visitors. The hosting of the events in Tasmania brought the sport together for a celebration of what can be achieved by dedicated volunteers.

The Technical Committee met throughout the year and was delighted to receive the news that Sue Natoli had been nominated and accepted to join the ICF Slalom Technical Committee in December at the ICF Congress. At the same meeting Richard Fox was appointed Second Vice President of the ICF. Our Technical committee was also expanded to include a paddling representative, Kate Lawrence. Thanks also to Sam Lyons for taking the minutes for some of the meetings. This helped us to keep in touch with the elite end of the sport.

Over the past few years the area that has been the most difficult to address has been the development of new paddlers in our discipline. NTID has helped in both Melbourne and Tasmania but we need to focus on assisting clubs and States in encouraging more youngsters into canoeing in general and slalom in particular. The competition of the slalom coaching awards will contribute to this aim.

Sue Lyons
Chairperson

9.5. Canoe Marathon Technical Committee Report

Many thanks to the organising committee from Queensland Canoeing for hosting the 2009 Australian Canoe Marathon Championships that were held at Lake Kawana on the Sunshine Coast. A challenging course was set that provided spectators the opportunity to watch a large percentage of the racing. Competitors, spectators and officials were faced with changing weather conditions as there were numerous passing showers with moderate wind affecting the course.

Of the 220 plus competitors, five came from Singapore to compete. Listed below are the results of the trophies contested at the championships and the annual awards recognising achievements in marathon competition.

Thanks also to the Sunshine Coast Kayak Club, Brisbane Canoeing, Indooroopilly Canoe Clubs, Kawana Waters Swimming Club, Redcliffe Junior Rugby Union Club for their assistance with the provision of many and varied resources used for the championships.

Thanks to the Team Leaders from each of the states for their assistance and cooperation throughout the championships. Finally I would like to recognise and thank to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, GHD, Maroochy Surf Club and Competition Kayaks for their support for the championships.

At the conclusion of the championships teams were announced to attend a World Cup in Copenhagen, Denmark in June and the World Championships in Crestuma, Portugal. The team leaders of Cameron McGill and Andrew Coutts were also appointed. Tom Hirschoff officiated at both the World Cup and the World Championships.

Trophies

Interstate Challenge Trophy

1. Victoria
2. Queensland
3. New South Wales
4. South Australia
5. Western Australia

VACA Trophy

1. Queensland
2. Victoria

3. New South Wales

Frank Whitebrook Trophy

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|----|-------------------|-------|
| 1. | Victoria | 779.5 |
| 2. | Queensland | 377 |
| 3. | New South Wales | 153 |
| 4. | South Australia | 51.5 |
| 5. | Western Australia | 16 |

Coulthart Trophy

Male Jeremy Petho, South Australia
Female Coco Howcroft, Queensland

Marathon of the Year

Senior Female	Lani Belcher, Queensland
Junior Male	Nicholas Byrne, Victoria
Junior Female	Amy Peters, Victoria
Veteran Male	Cameron McGill, Victoria
Veteran Female	Lisa Newton, Victoria

The World Canoe Marathon Championships took on a new format this year following the introduction of the Under 23 age group in all age groups. Racing was held over 3 days rather than the previous 2 day format.

World Championships

K1 Junior Men - Travis Dodd and Reid Coutts 14th and 19th
K1 Junior Women - Gina Hedieke 18th
K1 Men Under 23 - Dale Tompson 15th, Simon Baird 20th
K1 Senior Women - Sophie Mebalds 16th, Kate McGrath 20th
K1 Senior Men - Michael Leverret 12th, Trevor Murray 17th
K2 Junior Women - Catherine McArthur / Marlena Ahrens 12th
K2 Junior Men - Marcus Whittaker / Damion Ewart 19th, David Ceddia / James Campbell 24th
K2 Senior Women - Peta Waite / Sarah O'Connell-Brechin 12th
K2 Senior Men - Ivor Mogan / Mark Rantall 13th, David Cole / Andrew Stimson 17th

Jerry Dunn
Chairperson

9.6. Sprint Technical Committee Report 2009

After two years operating as an interim Flatwater Technical committee, Australian Canoeing appointed a new Flatwater Technical committee at the end of 2008. The committee has since been able to involve its members in a broader range of activities which had not been possible in previous years. The first event for the season was the Grand Prix 1 regatta held at west lakes in South Australia in December. Although there was a strong competition in open ranks, the primary focus of the regatta was selection for the Under 19 team to represent Australia at the 2009 Australian Youth Olympics held in Penrith in January. The second GP regatta was held in Penrith in February and despite not being a selection event, was well attended by the elite competitors from all states.

The 2009 National Championships were held for the first time in Perth at the newly established course at Champion Lakes. Thanks to the management staff at the course and the work of the Western Australian Flatwater committee headed by Christian Thompson, the course was well prepared and set up in a professional manner. Although we had few competitors from the eastern states, we had a large number of Western Australian athletes from Under 10 to Veteran 65 who competed at National level for the first time. Thanks to their committee and the work of WAIS head coach, Ramon Andersson, Western Australia is developing at all levels in the sport.

The Nationals proved to be a very successful and well run regatta for the selection of our overseas teams. The selection policies were reviewed at the end of 2008 by a small selection group consisting of Richard Fox, Shelley Oates-Wilding and Martin Marinov. After ratification by the Flatwater Committee and the AC board, selection panels were formed for each of the teams. Senior, under 23 and Junior teams. These panels attended the nationals and announced the teams at the end of the championships. Richard Fox will report on the success of the teams overseas.

Shelley Oates-Wilding also oversaw the National Talent Squad Program in 2009. This program has been running for the last three years and is designed to give talented junior athletes who have not made the national team the chance to participate in national training camps with our top coaches. After a mini selection regatta in July, a team from this squad was selected to attend the Olympic Hopefuls regatta held in the Czech Republic.



In June, a new chairman was appointed to the Flatwater Technical Committee, Greg Kaeding. He brings a wealth of experience including being a past President of Australian Canoeing, and has kindly offered his experience in overseeing the developments started in 2008/9.

I would like to thank Jim Murphy for his work as Board Liaison with the committee and his untiring efforts as a technical official at the various regattas and training camps. Shelley Oates-Wilding has given the new committee great impetus through renewed selection processes and the further development of national coaching strategies for Junior Athletes. Jan Hall has made a great effort in taking over the role of Competition organiser and has mastered the intricacies of JRaceman, scheduling, on-line entries, seeding, results and the myriad of organisation that goes behind national regatta organisation. Thanks also to Martin Finn who, as our treasurer has been proactive in budgeting for the regatta programmes and helped in the planning and organisation of the Perth nationals. The continued cooperation between this committee and Richard Fox and his team has been critical to the development of a national strategy for the development of Flatwater and we especially thank him for that. We are also grateful for the support of our State and National coaches who are critical for the development of our athletes and the sport in Australia.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the work of our technical officials from all over Australia who help us to run our regattas. Each year they give their time and energy to officiate at our regattas. The Nationals in Perth put a great strain on our officials both financially and with the pressure of running a big event at a new venue. We thank all our officials and volunteers for their continued support and commitment to the sport.

Mark O'Brien
Committee Member

9.7. Freestyle Technical Committee Report

Australia has been represented well at Freestyle competitions around the world once again this year. Prominently in September at the World Championships 5 Australian paddlers proudly wore the green and gold.

I would like to congratulate all participants who attended and competed, with a special mention for James Rowlinson who made the top five in the Juniors K1 and Tanya Faux who clinched third place in the Women's K1 – a great effort.

The event attracted thousands to the small Switzerland city of Thun and the atmosphere could only be described as electric. A stadium was constructed above the river to allow a large crowd to really feel close to the action. The event was broadcast live worldwide through the internet and shown in the US and Europe on primetime TV.

While it seems that this canoeing discipline has a small following in Australia, those that represent us do extremely well on the world stage. This is possibly due to the fact that the top Australian freestyle paddlers train year round, often sharing their time between the Northern Hemisphere and Australia. I would like to personally congratulate these paddlers for their commitment and dedication as, unlike many disciplines, they do not get any financial incentives.

This year we are holding our Nationals at Penrith, and have purchased a sound system that we can use for these events.

Lastly, if on reading this it has sparked your interest in trying out freestyle paddling, let myself or Australian Canoeing know and we can point you in the right direction for support.

As we push on to another year, I wish to once again thank those that have helped the discipline of freestyle canoeing in Australia and wish everyone safe year on the river.

Jeremy Blanchard
Chairperson



Tanya Faux

9.8. The National Talent Identification and Development Program Report

Witnessing the culmination of many years of hard work from four of the Talent Search/NTID athletes at the Beijing Olympics has been one of the highlights of the 2008/09 year. Lisa Russ (nee Oldenhof) from the 1994 CWA Talent Search Program, Lyndsie Fogarty from the 1999 QAS Talent Search Program and Hannah Davis from the 1999 SASI Talent Search Program together with Chantal Meek collected a bronze medal in the women's K4 1000. Jacob Clear came through the 2006 Gold Coast NTID program and paired up with Clint Robinson in the K2 500 to finish 7th in the semi-final. This is a wonderful achievement for these athletes, most of whom had not kayaked before being identified by the Talent Search/NTID Program. Congratulations to athletes and coaches.

Following the success of the inaugural Sprint National Talent Squad (NTS) in 2007, the program was continued in 2008/09, capably coordinated again by Kevin Crisp. A squad of 30 athletes, aged 13 – 17 years old including three canoeists was selected from 69 applicants. Athlete development camps were conducted to offer athletes the chance to improve their team boats skills and work with sports psychologists, physiotherapists, dieticians and strength and conditioning coaches. A NTS team of 12 athletes and three coaches was selected to travel to Hungary to contest the Olympic Hopes Competition. This invaluable development opportunity saw six Australian paddlers compete in finals against a strong field of 15 countries. Thanks to coaches Kevin Crisp, John Newton, Graham Bendeich, Christine Duff, Peter Petho, Kate Barclay and Craig Pickett for providing their time and coaching expertise to the NTS this year.

It has been a busy year for the Slalom National Talent Squad with five camps conducted. The camps have focused on technical coaching, testing, goal setting, team bonding and exposure to a variety of whitewater. A tour to New Zealand in April provided an opportunity to compete in the New Zealand Schools and National Championships which for many of the athletes was their first exposure to international competition. Thanks to coaches Warwick Draper, Peter Eckhardt, the National coaching staff and volunteer coaches who have provided the NTS athletes with valuable development opportunities this year.

To expand on the success of the first intake of athletes in the Sunshine Coast NTID Program, a second search was

conducted which encompassed the testing of more than 200 athletes. The top 10 senior athletes and the top 22 juniors were selected to join the squad under the guidance of coach, Peter Petho. A senior squad camp in Canberra provided athletes with the opportunity to experience the AIS training environment and pick up new tips from the sports scientists to aid their development. The hard work of Peter and the squad has started to pay dividends with seven athletes selected on National teams this year only 18 months after the program launch.

John Newton and Graham Bendeich have continued their tireless work with their Gold Coast based NTID squad this year. NTID collaborated with a number of local schools in 2008 to test over 100 students from which the best 19 athletes were selected to commence paddling with the Gold Coast squad in January 2009. A NITD junior camp was conducted on the Gold Coast to offer 38 junior athletes the chance to work with a range of top coaches and gain valuable experience in team boats.

The Queensland Talent Squad (QTS) is a combined initiative of the Queensland Academy of Sport, NTID and Queensland Canoeing. The QTS has been established for the first time in 2009 to offer up-and-coming junior athletes additional development opportunities in preparation for smooth and successful transition into the open ranks in the coming years. 14 junior paddlers have been selected for the squad based on their performance at National Championships and are taking part in a series of camps-based development opportunities.

As the NTID Program continues to grow, there are plenty of new initiatives planned for the year ahead with sprint kayak programs due to launch in Sydney, Cronulla, Perth, Victoria and Adelaide. Continued support for slalom programs in Penrith, Tasmania, Perth and Victoria will enable the ongoing development of identified athletes in these regions.

Thanks to Australian Canoeing and the AIS High Performance Program for their ongoing support.

Elissa Morley
National Talent Identification and Development,
Australian Sports Commission

9.9. Coaching and Education Report

This year saw the reinstatement of a Coaching and Education Coordinator for Australian Canoeing. The coordinator works for 3 days a week, and has been operating for the last 5 months of this year. The position was vacant since 2005 and there was a large backlog of issues to be addressed.

Ian Dewey returns to the position after leaving the Sport Development and Education role back in 2005. To date his achievements include the review and update of the sprint and marathon officiating courses and the competition safety checklists. During the period we were also able to secure access to a Certificate III in coaching for practicing flatwater and whitewater coaches.

The Australian Canoeing Award Scheme was reviewed and a major rewrite undertaken in mid 2008. Much of early 2009 was spent in the implementation phase. This has been highly successful with accreditation numbers nearing previous maximum figures. The Outdoor Recreation Training Package is again under review and late 08-09 was spent in the early review stage with the major work to be completed in early 2009 – 2010 season.

The Coaching and Education area continues to grow and remains the largest non-membership income stream.

Ian Dewey

National Coaching and Education Coordinator

9.10. Education and Safety Technical Committee Report

Throughout 2009 the Education and Safety Committee introduced and rolled out ACAS 2008 throughout Australia. Feedback has been very positive with only minor amendments required and an excellent uptake of awards. This has generated a much greater independent income for Australian Canoeing.

Given the lack of controversy of the new Award Scheme, members of the Education and Safety Committee have been involved with trying to confirm the place of the Australian Canoeing Safety Guidelines across Australia as the standard for outdoor canoeing programs regardless of the program, operator or State.

While South Australia and Tasmania unreservedly accept ACSG for canoeing, other states have a variety of interests and

localised guidelines sometimes based on ACSG but at other times not even mentioning their existence. This confusion makes it hard for operators across different states. Given that any coronial enquiry relies on AC guidelines and expertise, it is sometimes difficult to see why others would wish to reinvent the wheel.

A state by state project called the Adventure Activity Standards is cause for some concern. The intention was to produce a voluntary code for the outdoor industry across all activities. In Victoria the AAS has been implemented by the regulatory bodies as a set of fixed operating rules giving no allowance for individual nuances. At all levels it constrains operators to systems rather than safety.

In Tasmania and SA the ACSG has been adopted as the canoeing AAS. This is a great step forward since the ACSG allows for risk management based systems rather than adherence to fixed rules.

It has come to the Committee's attention of the increasing problem of visibility at sea, in harbours and on inland waters. The use of PFD type 3 and fashion has lead to the disappearance, indeed non availability of high visibility equipment, either manufactured here or imported from overseas. This includes helmets and paddles and waterproof clothing for canoeing. Black gear in black water looks cool but surely lowers the chance of rescue in an emergency. The Education and Technical Committee would like AC to bring the problem to the attention of ICF to seek an international solution.

Most recently, PaddleNSW inc has prodded the Committee to look more carefully at the retail/new paddler interface with a proposal called "Start Paddling". This proposal has jolted our complacency and started a debate on the area. As the details become clearer, we will present them to AC and possible incorporation to the overall scheme. As they stand, they fit well the overall directives of AC including the need to enlarge AC's profile.

I should like to thank the efforts of the Committee, their time and positive input. This time also I would like particularly to thank Brock Flowers for going to seminars and meetings on our behalf promoting the Safety Guidelines where Ian has not been available.

Jason Dicker

Chairperson

10. Financial Statements

Australian Canoeing Committee's Report

The Board of Management submit the financial report of the Australian Canoeing, for the financial year ended 30 June 2009.

Board of Directors

The names of directors who were members of the board throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Jim Murphy
Danielle Woodward
Martyn Clancy-Lowe
Shelley Oates-Wilding (appointed 30/07/2008)
Robbie Stewart (appointed 15/11/2008)
James Rennell (appointed 07/07/2009)
David Lunn (retired 25/05/2009)

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

- The provision of national leadership and a national framework for harnessing the energies of the many canoeing people and organisations throughout Australia with the aim of building the business of canoeing for the benefit of all.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The Profit after providing for income tax for the year ended 30 June 2009 amounted to \$131,989 (2008 \$43,703).

Auditor's Independence Declaration

Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 requires the company's auditors, Astims & SWM Financial Services Pty Ltd, to provide the directors with an Independence Declaration in relation to the review of the financial statements. The Independence Declaration forms part of the financial statements.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board.



Robert Stewart



Danielle Woodward
Dated: 9th November 2009

Australian Canoeing
ABN 61 189 833 125
INCOME STATEMENT
For the Year ended 30 June 2009

	Note	2009	2008
		\$	\$
Revenue		1,470,253	1,069,646
Interest Received		4,212	4,351
Administration Expenses		(54,148)	(74,489)
Marketing Expenses		(1,280)	-
Occupancy Expenses		(14,959)	(11,977)
Finance Costs		(1,232)	(16,977)
Other Expenses		(1,270,857)	(926,851)
Profit from Operations		<u>131,989</u>	<u>43,703</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 June 2009

	Note	2009	2008
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	2	434,828	551,451
Receivables	4	167,475	157,705
Inventories	5	-	1,418
Other	6	1,909	161,084
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>604,212</u>	<u>871,658</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	7	7,414	6,229
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>7,414</u>	<u>6,229</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>611,626</u>	<u>877,887</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	8	78,024	47,607
Provisions	9	47,114	77,100
Other Current Liabilities	10	465,506	864,188
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>590,644</u>	<u>988,895</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>590,644</u>	<u>988,895</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>20,982</u>	<u>(111,008)</u>
EQUITY			
Retained profits		20,982	(111,008)
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>20,982</u>	<u>(111,008)</u>

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Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year ended 30 June 2009

	Retained Earnings
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2009	
Balance at 1 July 2008	(111,007)
Profit/(Loss) for year	131,989
Balance at 30 June 2009	<hr/> 20,982 <hr/>
2008	
Balance at 1 July 2007	(154,710)
Profit/(Loss) for year	43,703
Balance at 30 June 2008	<hr/> (111,007) <hr/>

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Cash Flow Statement
For the Year ended 30 June 2009

	Note	2009	2008
		\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from Customers		1,460,483	850,683
Payments to Suppliers		1,577,939	703,687
Interest Received		4,212	4,351
Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities	3	<u>(113,244)</u>	<u>151,347</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Purchase/ of Property, Plant & Equipment		(3,380)	-
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities		<u>(3,380)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held		<u>(116,624)</u>	<u>151,347</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1 July 2008		551,450	400,103
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 30 June 2009		<u><u>434,826</u></u>	<u><u>551,450</u></u>

Australian Canoeing
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30 June 2009

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (ACT). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

(b) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at reporting date.

(c) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(d) Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

The cost of fixed assets constructed within the association includes the cost of materials, direct labour, borrowing costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Motor Vehicles	30%
Office equipment	30%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

(e) **Income Tax**

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(f) **Leases**

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

(g) **Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is measured at the value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which, for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Revenue from the provision of membership subscriptions is recognised on a straight line basis over the financial year.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(h) **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the

expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

(i) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(j) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

Key Estimates - Impairment

The association assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

(k) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The AASB has issued new, revised and amended Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods and which the association has decided not to early adopt. The association does not anticipate early adoption of any of the reporting requirements would have any material effect on the association's financial statements.

Australian Canoeing
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30 June 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at Bank	434,828	551,451
	<u>434,828</u>	<u>551,451</u>
	<u><u>434,828</u></u>	<u><u>551,451</u></u>

Reconciliation of Cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the cash flow statement is reconciled to items in the balance sheet as follows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	434,828	551,451
	<u>434,828</u>	<u>551,451</u>
	<u><u>434,828</u></u>	<u><u>551,451</u></u>

3. Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income Tax

Profit after Income Tax	131,989	43,703
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Adjustments for Non-Cash Components in Profit:

Depreciation	2,195	2,670
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	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade and Other Receivables	(9,770)	(98,138)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	1,418	1,562
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets	159,174	(49,217)
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade and Other Payables	30,416	(40,079)
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	(29,985)	10,196
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities	(398,682)	280,650
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Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	(113,244)	151,347
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 4. Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Accounts Receivable	195,004	220,866
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	(27,529)	(63,161)
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	167,475	157,705
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Total Trade and Other Receivables	167,475	157,705
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 5. Inventories		
Current		
Stock on Hand	-	1,418
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	-	1,418
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Total Inventories	-	1,418
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6. Other Assets

Current

Prepayments - Insurance	1,909	5,408
Prepayments - Tour Expenses	-	155,676
	<u>1,909</u>	<u>161,084</u>
Total Other Assets	1,909	161,084
	<u><u>1,909</u></u>	<u><u>161,084</u></u>

7. Property, Plant & Equipment

Plant & Equipment

Motor Vehicles - at Cost	20,000	20,000
Less Accumulated Depreciation	18,082	17,260
	<u>1,918</u>	<u>2,740</u>
Office Equipment - at Cost	23,668	20,288
Less Accumulated Depreciation	18,172	16,799
	<u>5,496</u>	<u>3,489</u>
Total Plant & Equipment	7,414	6,229
	<u>7,414</u>	<u>6,229</u>
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	7,414	6,229
	<u><u>7,414</u></u>	<u><u>6,229</u></u>

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
8. Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Trade Creditors	32,062	14,909
American Express	-	159
Superannuation Payable	12,800	974
PAYG Withholding Tax Payable	3,272	1,526
Provision for GST	29,890	30,039
	<u>78,024</u>	<u>47,607</u>
Total Trade and Other Payables	<u>78,024</u>	<u>47,607</u>
9. Provisions		
Current		
Provision for Audit Fees	10,000	10,000
Provision for contribution to be paid back to Athletes	22,500	37,654
Provision for Legal Fees	3,000	22,610
Provision for FBT	3,949	-
Provision for Annual Leave	7,665	6,836
	<u>47,114</u>	<u>77,100</u>
Total Provisions	<u>(47,114)</u>	<u>(77,100)</u>

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
10. Other Liabilities		
Current		
Accrued Expenditure	6,346	73,641
Funding for Events/Tours received in advance	105,880	427,522
Other Creditor	14,100	-
Amount due to Australian Sports Commission	54,108	126,933
Amount due to International Canoe Federation	60,000	75,000
Amount due to Penrith Whitewater Stadium	-	33,438
ASC Sports Development Support	-	21,500
ASC TID Support	-	20,761
AIS Funds in Trust	-	85,393
Marathon Committee Carried forward	6,931	-
Australia Sports Foundation Ltd	4,741	-
ASC Funding	91,750	-
ASC High Performance Funding	66,000	-
Australia Sports Commission Surf	55,650	-
	<u>465,506</u>	<u>864,188</u>

11. Contingent Liabilities

A contingent liability exists for the repayment of input credits claimed on Tour expenses. Australian Canoeing Incorporated acts as an agent between tour participants (principle) and the provider of the tours and as such no GST is payable by Australian Canoeing Incorporated and no GST is claimable on any input credits for the cost of such tours. A contingent liability exists for the repayment of input credits claimed in previous years, although the amount repayable to the ATO

has not yet been determined, and has been disclosed as a note to the accounts rather than a full provision.

12. Auditors Remuneration

Astims & SWM Financial Services Pty Ltd were the auditors of Australian Canoeing

Auditor's Remuneration	10,000	10,000
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

13. Association Details

The registered office of the company is:

Australian Canoeing

2nd Floor Sport House, 6 Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush, 2128

The principal place of business is:

Australian Canoeing

2nd Floor Sport House, 6 Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush, 2128

Australian Canoeing
ABN 61 189 833 125
Profit and Loss Statement
For the Year ended 30 June 2009

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Revenue from Ordinary Activities		
Operating Activities		
Membership Subscriptions	-	8,269
Event Income	132,349	101,434
Insurance Fees Collected	-	(169)
Sponsorship Funds	-	6,818
Grant Administration	450,140	275,478
State Affiliation Fees	201,446	229,097
Education Programs	74,416	80,191
Others	23,711	(6,845)
Touring Teams	588,191	375,373
Non-operating Activities		
Interest Income	4,212	4,351
Total Revenue from Ordinary Activities	1,474,465	1,073,997
Expenses from Ordinary Activities		
Cost of Sales	1,418	9,109
Accountancy Fees	6,154	34,846
Advertising & Promotions	1,280	-
AGM Expenses	8,955	-

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Auditor's Remuneration	10,000	10,000
Bad Debts Written Off	23,211	61,011
Bank Charges	4,753	5,039
Catering	-	8,623
NSWIS AIS Coaching Expenses	34,925	-
Coaching & Education Fees	24,134	5,409
Computer Software & Maintenance	-	684
Consultancy Fees	5,000	-
Course and Seminars	-	26,754
Depreciation	2,195	2,670
Donations	-	400
Education Expenses	48,390	39,391
Entry /Accreditation Fees	-	856
Event Expenses	138,842	106,662
Freight & Cartage	-	5,391
General Expenses	(2,226)	(2,917)
Gifts, Medals, Trophies	-	3,331
Grants	-	2,200
High Performance Equipments	-	10,304
Insurance	42,533	53,153
IT Expenses	31,771	31,856
Interest Paid	1,232	16,977
Legal Costs	13,572	15,758
Lodgement fees	2,230	-
Membership Fees	-	858
Membership Benefits	-	3,795

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Motor Vehicle Expenses	4,573	2,507
Planning fees - Boatshed Development	9,905	-
Operating Lease Expense	9,319	9,319
Printing, Stationery & Postage	16,223	7,103
Repairs & Maintenance	-	394
Resource Materials	-	50
Salaries & Wages	182,856	117,276
Staff Training Expenses	10,481	-
Staff Costs	1,412	9,256
Fringe Benefits Tax	3,949	-
Recruitment Costs	12,882	-
Superannuation Contributions	11,541	10,555
Provision for Annual Leave	830	6,836
Telecommunications Expenses	5,640	2,658
Travelling Expenses	36,238	37,423
Touring Team Expenses	599,880	373,603
Technical Committee Expenses	33,176	-
Venue Hire	-	318
Meeting Expenses	5,202	836
Total Expenses from Ordinary Activities	1,342,476	1,030,294
Profit before Income Tax	131,989	43,703
Income Tax Expense	-	-
Profit from Operations	131,989	43,703
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	(111,007)	(154,711)
Retained profits as at 30 June 2009	20,982	(111,008)

Australian Canoeing Statement by Board of Directors

In the opinion of the directors the financial report

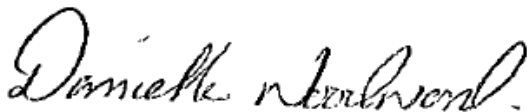
1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Australian Canoeing Inc. as at 30th June 2009 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Australian Canoeing 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 and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



Robert Stewart



Danielle Woodward

Dated : 9th November 2009.

Australian Canoeing Independent Audit Report

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Australian Canoeing (the association) which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2009 and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and directors report.

Director's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act (ACT). This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and

fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit

procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Australian Government

Australian Sports Commission

WINNING PARTNERSHIP



The Australian Sports Commission proudly supports Australian Canoeing

The Australian Sports Commission is the Australian Government agency that develops, supports and invests in sport at all levels in Australia. Australian Canoeing has worked closely with the Australian Sports Commission to develop canoeing from community participation to high-level performance.

Australian Canoeing is one of many national sporting organisations that has formed a winning partnership with the Australian Sports Commission to develop its sport in Australia.

Paddle Pals



The Board of Australian Canoeing would like to acknowledge the efforts and commitment made by all coaches, officials, volunteers, administrators, management and staff for the benefit of the sport and in particular, the paddlers throughout Australia

