



Australian Canoeing

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1 Message from the Australian Sports Commission



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

Australia, for its small population and remoteness of location, continues to confound the world with its achievements on the international sporting stage. This position has been reached by the development of a comprehensive and effective national sport system that encourages sport and structured physical activity for all Australians and creates opportunities to enable those who are talented and motivated to reach their potential. This system has evolved with the strong support of the Australian Government, State/Territory and local governments, the private sector and sporting organisations at all levels.

At the national level primary responsibility for developing and directing sport lies with national sporting organisations. On behalf of the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission plays central leadership, co-ordination, funding and advocacy roles in the operation of the Australian sport system, largely through the national sporting organisations. Indeed the Australian Government, through the Commission, is the major investor in Australian sport.

In 2007-08 the Australian Government, through the Commission, allocated Australian Canoeing funding of more than \$ 2.7 million for the development of the sport, the Australian Institute of Sport canoeing program and canoeing's continued enhancement at the grass-root and elite levels. The Commission also allocated a further \$ 108,000 under the Australian Government Sport Training Grants programs. This program provided targeted direct financial support to Beijing Games medal potential athletes.

The Australian Sports Commission recognises that Australian Canoeing has continued its positive work aimed at enhancing its capacity as a national sporting organisation. Australian Canoeing is committed to quality governance and management reform and continues to work closely with the Commission in line with the major review completed at the end of 2007.

On behalf of the Commission, I look forward to working with Australian Canoeing in future for the betterment of Australian sport.

Mark A Peters

Chief Executive Officer

Australian Sports Commission



2 Our Partners in Sport



Australian Government Australian Sports Commission

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.



The Sydney International Regatta Centre is a proud supporter of Australian Canoeing and we thank them for their continuing support. 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 these government organisations this year.



Canoes Plus

Kayaks Plus

Southern Adventures

Men's Health

Dagger

Finn Kayaks

Canoeing Down Under

Ocean Paddler

Australian Canoeing is proud to attract the support of industry partners, suppliers and businesses who are focused on sport, paddling sport and the health and well-being of our members.

3 Our Year in Focus

3.1 President's Report

In April 2007 the Interim Board of Australian Canoeing handed the reins of the sport to the new board, consisting of Ian Muir (President), David Lunn, Martin Clancy Lowe, Jim Murphy and myself.

In March 2008 Ian Muir resigned as President and as result I was appointed as Chair of the Board..

The year in review has been a challenging one with

- the resignation of the president;
- the ongoing commitment to the repaying of loans to the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), International Canoe Federation (ICF) and Penrith Whitewater Stadium;
- the dissolution of NSW Canoeing;
- the selection of athletes and preparation for the Olympic Games and
- the retirement of the incumbent CEO.

Australian Canoeing has been able to meet its obligations through the ongoing contribution made by the State Associations whilst being able to implement a number of the recommendations made in the addendum to the Kidston Report (The Delivery of the Sport of Canoeing in Australia).

The Addendum to the Kidston Report was released in August 2007. A number of changes were made to the original report including the move towards a hybrid model rather than a unitary model as first recommended by Dr Kidston.

The Board responded to the Report's recommendations to the ASC in June 2008 and through this report AC has been able to show a significant improvement in its operations as well as implementing a large number of the recommendations made.

Australian Canoeing has again finished this year with a positive financial audit and the next year should see the realization of the ASC loan. This has been achieved through the hard work of the State Associations, Australian Sports Commission and Australian Canoeing staff.

The year ahead will see continued stability and growth with the board and stability with the staff of AC including the appointment of Greg Doyle as CEO.

The Board of Australian Canoeing is committed to the financial recovery of the sport and to see it grow in all areas including education, recreation, development and elite.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow directors for their support Jim, David and Martyn. Also I express my sincere thanks to all the volunteers, administrators, Australian Canoeing staff, NTPs, educators, officials, high performance staff and paddlers that have supported Australian Canoeing during the past year. We look forward to working with you to move our sport to a exciting and sustainable future.

Danielle Woodward,
Chair of Australian Canoeing

3.2 Chief Executive's Report

As I sit writing this report for the 2007-2008 financial year, I have had time for reflection on the state of our sport in Australia. I have completed my contract with AC, finished my fourth Hawkesbury Canoe Classic after a twelve year break, bought a farm, and spent some time with my family.

It strikes me yet again that the most fundamental key to our sport of paddling in Australia, at all levels and in all disciplines, is the support of the people that love it. Not just the fantastic staff around the country and the participants, but the many, many volunteers, educators, event organisers, club members and officials. It is the passion of all of those people that has seen us come through the most trying times, and it is the passion of all of those people that will see our sport and organisations grow in the future.

There have been many changes in the last few years, and there are still many to come. However, if we all work together, support each other, and strive for the common goals that we share, there will be shared success for all. Community is paramount to our sport, whether it be formal or informal, and that community strength is our organisational strength. If we continue to build on that we can only grow and become more successful, where success will be seen and measured in more than financial terms.

Thank you to all the people that I have worked with over the last two years, especially to the state EOs, the AC Board, and staff in the office – I wish Australian Canoeing and all its members wonderful things for the future. Enjoy reading about our collective successes in the rest of this annual report, and keep paddling ...

Kate Heeley



3.3 Awards for 2006-2007

It gives us great pleasure to formally recognise the efforts of the small number of people below. However, we would also like to acknowledge the tremendous work of all the athletes, coaches and administrators who aren't on the list – we don't have a sport without your support and hard work, so a big thank you to you too ...

Canoeist of the Year	Robin Bell (Olympic disciplines) Tanya Faux (Non-Olympic disciplines)
Junior Canoeist of the Year	Lani Belcher
Coach of the Year	2006 – Andrea McQuitty 2007 – Peter Petho
Team of the Year: 2006 – Men's Wildwater K1	Dan Hall Ben Maynard Matthew French
Team of the Year: 2007 – Junior C1 Slalom	Ethan Hodson Jonathon Davies Ian Borrows
Team of the Year: 2007 – Women's K4	Chantal Meek Hannah Davis Lisa Oldenhof Lyndsie Fogarty
Service to Canoeing	Jerry Dunn Geoff Jones
Coach Education Merit Award	Mike Druce
Excellence Award	Tom Hirrschoff Sue Lyons
Award of Merit	Sue Natoli Ken Sullivan
President's Award	Ian Hume

4 Our People as at July 2008

Board of Directors, Australian Canoeing Inc.

Chair and President	Ms Danielle Woodward
Director	Mr. Martyn Clancy-Lowe
Director	Mr. David Lunn
Director	Mr. Jim Murphy

Professional Staff

Chief Executive Officer	Mrs. Kate Heeley
Administration Officer	Mr. Michael Thorn
Education Officer	Mr. Sam Lyons
Team Coordinator	Ms. Jan Hall
Finance Officer	Ms. Sandra Philpot

Life Members (* denotes deceased)

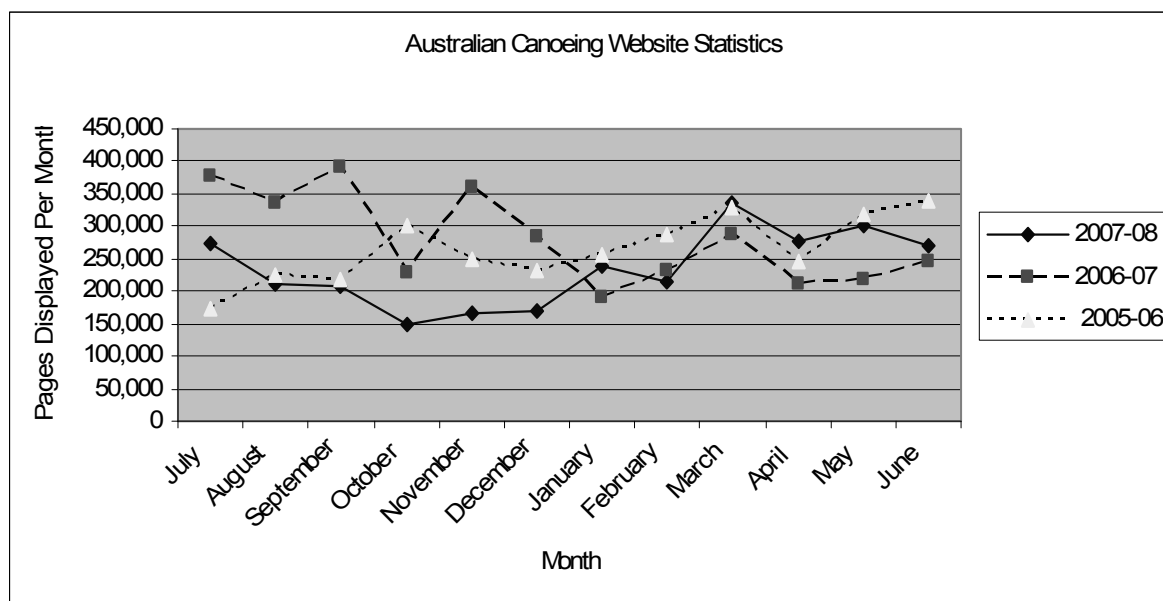
* Brownlee, Mr. Os	1972
Brownlee OAM, Miss. Helen	1999
* Chenoworth, Mr. Ross	1971
Coles AM, Mr. Phil	1981
* Gardner, Mr. Gary	1994
* Hill, Mr. Max	1971
* Hopkins, Mr. Albert	1971
Howard, Mr. Arthur	1971
Johnson, Mr. Graham	1985
Morison OAM, Mrs. Joan	2003
Murphy OAM, Mr. Thomas James (Jim)	2005
* Savage,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

5 Our Website

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

Australian Canoeing Web Site - Pages Displayed Per Month

Month	Total Pages Displayed per Month		
	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06
July	272,715	377,187	173,873
August	210,430	337,134	223,509
September	207,139	390,544	217,975
October	148,612	229,851	299,950
November	165,465	360,293	250,439
December	170,127	284,362	230,460
January	239,978	190,155	254,623
February	214,507	230,964	286,067
March	334,247	288,051	327,564
April	278,629	209,634	245,069
May	301,135	218,347	319,864
June	271,585	244,634	339,206
Average	234,547	280,096	264,050



6 Our Members

6.1 Canoeing Western Australia - State Report

Overview

2007/2008 was an "excellent" year for Canoeing in WA – this word was used repeatedly in the discipline reports, all submitted independently – it must be true! Certainly membership continues to increase; we have the addition of 3 new paddling clubs and the construction of new facilities at 2 venues. Our financial position remains strong. Our elite paddlers have performed well at National and International level, with Bronze medals at the Olympics for WA's Lisa Oldenhof and Robin Bell – Congratulations, excellent indeed!

Governance

Business Management:

In October 2007, Lindsay Wiland (Executive Officer) moved to take the position of Facility Manager at Champion Lakes, where he continues his involvement with paddling and we see him quite frequently. His position was filled by Ashley Nesbit, whom we welcome to the role. Cate Jackson (Admin Officer) and Jesse Philips (Sports Development Officer and Volunteer Coordinator) continued on the Canoeing WA staff.

We were fortunate to recruit an independent director with financial expertise (Lance Miller) to replace our previous advisor, Chris Casale. Lance has helped our new EO, Ashley Nesbit, to become familiar with the chart of accounts etc

Unfortunately, no one chose to stand for the position of President of Canoeing WA at the last AGM. I guess that none of us felt we could perform even close to the standards set by John Mulcahy, the retiring President. As a result, I have been standing-in temporarily over the course of this year, performing a mere shadow of the role in comparison to the previous incumbent, and providing only intermittent support to Ashley when in the country. I thank the rest of the Board for supporting Ashley during my absences.

Financial Viability:

Canoeing WA returned a surplus again this year. Again, the budget forecast for next year is only break even, extra income from increased membership being offset by the increase in costs.

Insurance:

Canoeing WA was proactive in highlighting gaps in the insurance cover which AC procured in October 2006. Working directly with the insurers over an extended period we were able to close most of the gaps. Up to date insurance details are available on the Canoeing WA website.

Access to Water

Construction of the extension of the Rowing Shed at Maylands to accommodate Bayswater Paddlesports Club has started. We are very grateful for the efforts of John Mulcahy (our not so retired president) and Ashley Nesbit for keeping the momentum going on this activity.

Thanks to Lindsay Wiland, there are new clubhouse facilities at Champion Lakes, together with a new boating club formed around a nucleus of Canning River Canoe Club paddlers, who are obviously getting close to their source.

Colin Thorpe continues to doggedly pursue a White Water Park at Champion Lakes with a view to appropriate access for our members in order to nurture future Olympians, and the change in State government may favour us.

Canoeing WA continues to work with statutory authorities (DEC, DSR, Department of Water, Local Shires et al) to ensure that we are included in developments that will affect paddler's access to water. This is exemplified by the mapping scheme, initiated by Lindsay Wiland, which was completed this year, with the maps hopefully available as Christmas presents.

Stakeholder Relationships

Canoeing WA continues to receive a great deal of assistance from DSR, Healthway and our Sponsors. We recognise the importance of this to our association and are extremely grateful for this support.

Member Services

Membership numbers as at the end of September 2008 were approximately 1,300, showing an increase of over 10% compared to 2006/2007.

The Canoeing WA online services continue to expand and now include online race entry.

Participation and Development

The Paddle Academy had over 1,100 participants for the year. The fleet of boats now includes polo bats, which are being used to encourage schools' competition.

Canoeing WA's public events: the Avon Junior Challenge, the Bay 2 Beach and the Paddle Challenge continue to be well supported. The new format for the Summer Dash was reasonably well patronised despite the conditions.

Julie Morgan, President

6.2 New South Wales Canoeing - State Report

New South Wales Canoeing Inc.

Canoeing in NSW has had a turbulent year with the winding up of New South Wales Canoeing Incorporated. (NSWCI). This was endorsed by the Board of Australian Canoeing in May 2008 and passed by special resolution by the clubs in NSW.

As a result of the dissolution of NSWCI, members within NSW were faced with a situation where there was no longer a State Body affiliated with AC. Some of the issues that arose included;

- National Pathways
- Inclusion in National Teams
- Athlete scholarships with the NSW Institute of Sport
- Insurance
- Eligibility to compete interstate.

These issues were temporarily resolved by direct affiliating with AC for NSW paddlers and clubs that required the above.

Throughout this process a new Incorporation was founded in March 2008 and named PaddleNSW Inc. This association has stated that its aim is to become the peak body for the administration of the sport of canoeing in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

PaddleNSW is in the early stages of building a member/club base and developing and implementing a governance framework and associated policies. AC and PaddleNSW have had a number of meetings to look at progressing the association to its full potential with a view to affiliating with AC at some time in the future.

This will not be a process that AC will act quickly or lightly on due to the financial difficulties faced by NSWCI prior to wind up and the future sustainability of PaddleNSW. In saying this, we look forward to PaddleNSW becoming a vibrant and sustainable association and actively pursuing affiliation to AC.

Danielle Woodward

Chair of Australian Canoeing

6.3 Queensland Canoeing - State Report

Queensland Canoeing is again reporting a successful year in all areas of the organisation. The income streams have continued growth through expansion and diversification, supported by a solid and hard working board of governance. The organisation has engaged a greater number of the community through increased links and partnerships with industry, governments and local communities, all with the dual purposes of increased membership and income streams.

The latter part of the 2007 trading year largely involved our application for the next 3 year funding under the state government development program (SRDP). The information package was somewhat delayed due to the changes to the sports ministers appointment and alterations to eligibility. Once in hand the submission time was also reduced in an effort to fund the applications by close of business prior to Christmas. Like all sports organisations in Queensland, we received a real reduction in the SRDP funding, being allocated \$100k per year for the next 3 years. In addition we were successful in securing "Priority Initiative" funding for the expansion of community programs in regional cities over the next 3 years (\$37k/yr) and the publication of the Queensland Canoeing "Paddle Trips" book (\$11k). In overall terms we have increased our grants income from this program. It must be noted however that these funds only contribute 25% of the states gross income.

The organisation has continued on the path of diversification, varying its operation and engagement to the industry. The establishment and firming of links to organisations that can provide a return on ours and their investments into the sport has been paramount. The assistance of Zupps Gold Coast has been the living proof of this strategy. The sponsorship reduction on the vehicles replaced through this organisation has not only reduced our overheads, they

have committed to ongoing benefits for the organisation and members.

Finance:

The organisation has achieved the complete removal of the excessive deficit, apparent upon my appointment. The strategies taken to capitalise on the strengths the organisation possessed and ensure they have continual benefit have succeeded. The gross turnover of the organisation has increased in line with the target business units within Queensland Canoeing. These results presented show a second year of solid growth, cost control and expansion at the close of our reporting year December, 2007.

We present overall trends of growth in participation at events, community programs, education and grants income. We were successful in also securing state gambling fund contributions of \$27,500. This funded the purchase and extension of the education and community programs craft fleet and related equipment. Again allowing for increased income from more diverse initiatives.

Community Participation:

This facet of the business we operate has undergone expansion, forging closer links with the clubs for additional income and into regions not yet at anywhere near potential. This is one of the strongest income providers to the organisation contributing up towards \$90,000 gross revenue for this past financial year and expected to increase to well over \$100,000 gross revenue for the next and doubling from 2008.

Disciplines:

Some exciting developments continue to bubble away, offering greater opportunities for member growth and far more crossover of competitive participation.

There is very strong growth in junior programs and the results are building for the upcoming years. The state was represented in Marathon (22 in the state team), Flatwater (36 in the state team), Canoe Polo (junior and open teams). In addition 19 Queensland athletes were selected to represent Australia at World and Oceania competition during the past financial year.

Congratulations to every athlete who was selected in 2006 for state, national and international competition. We applaud and appreciate the efforts and sacrifices you have made and the personal achievements you have gained from the experience.

We are at the cusp of the development of Ocean Racing as an affiliated and regulated discipline under Australian Canoeing. This will allow a greater crossover between kayakers, Surf Lifesaving and Ocean Racing and should



see an increase in the numbers competing at events. It has also forged a closer relationship between Surf and Queensland Canoeing.

Education:

This, one of the business units of Queensland Canoeing has expanded its operations into aligned, but diverse activities. The number of overall programs planned and run has increased. Promotion of ACAS through the Education sector has ignited greater interest and bookings. We do suffer from over compliance under Education Queensland's qualification requirements which are currently under negotiation.

This unit have expanded activities into 4 day Sea Kayak trips which combine expedition, fun and skills. The group dynamics allow for various levels of training and assessment. It is further planned to undertake two 7 day Whitsunday trips of similar nature. The income to be derived from these types of activities can be substantial and is identified for further growth.

Mark Thurgood (Education Officer) and the team here at QC are deep into the planning of the National Sea Kayak Symposium set down for the 21st to the 23rd of November 2008. This is a further opportunity to engage this very important and growing sector of the paddling community. It will also bring the sea kayak industry into direct contact with the paddlers to further enhance the weekend experience.

We have conducted 40 calendar programs and 4 non-calendar, to just over 400 participants in the period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Community Programs

The second business unit contributing to the organisation, this unit has undertaken a large amount of expansion throughout the state. The successful programs facilitated in and around Brisbane for the community and on behalf of local governments, have been applied to new programs in the north.

Under the State Government Priority Initiatives we have secured funding for 10 programs per year in each of Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and Maryborough for the next 3 years. This utilises the Instructors we have qualified in the regions above and delivers community participation opportunities to meet healthy and active initiatives.

This expansion is supported by the establishment of a 1300 free call number for participants to make bookings. This will also allow for the ease of transition as we expand the community activities throughout the state and also for the future "customer education programs" planned in partnership with a major retailer for 2008/2009.



Member Benefits and Sponsorship

We have continued to attract new member benefit providers and increased sponsorship to the organisation. Our member benefits package is predominantly aimed at lifestyle products and services. We are now offering incentives for members for holidays, accommodation, vehicles, phones, craft and equipment, insurances, motor finance and rental vehicles. This has given greater value to the membership of the organisation as very real benefits can be derived.

We were extremely grateful to receive sponsorship support from Zupps Motors on the Gold Coast, Mission Kayaking, Anaconda, River City Kayaks, Rosco's, Delfin Varsity Lakes, Robina Woods Golf Course, Choice Hotels and True Sport Lives Here (Sport & Rec Queensland).

Our tactic is and always will be to ensure the benefit to the member and sponsorship or support for the organisation is the price to pay for access to the members. We encourage the sponsor or supporter to be proactive in how they continue to attract the members and non-members to purchase their goods and services.

Disciplines

Canoe Polo continues to gain strength and profile through the commitment of several key persons and clubs. The strength of the junior program is underpinned by the Broken Paddle Canoe Club, who have for the last two years formed the nucleus of the Queensland Junior team. They have continued to play in the open games with the senior competitors, offering valuable game experience.

The Southbank Winter series remains the greatest exposure although this year's events were moved to a suburban facility as Zest Springwood due to the clo-

sure for maintenance of Streets Beach, Southbank.

The junior team travelled to Adelaide for the nationals and held ground well to finish high in the competition. We were also very pleased with the selection of the Libby Anderson into the Australian Women's open team, who continues to set and meet the goals she sets.

The NQ Kayakers Inc Club program in Townsville is gathering momentum with 20 people showing for training each Thursday. Queensland Canoeing with the support of the Air force were able to transport our trailer of Bats and gear to assist the development of the program and will continue as they move to take on schools program in 08/09.

With a full and committed committee in place we have no doubt the growth of Canoe Polo will continue and see more teams playing.



Photograph: Rebecca Jennings

Recreation and Sea Kayaking has seen an increase in support and development of these activities. With the growth of Sea Kayaking, we have moved to ensure events; programs, education support, organisational support and industry networks are enhanced. The club activities are now calendarised and publishing to attract paddlers from other like minded clubs to join in the social activity of Sea Kayaking. This has resulted in the likes of Sandgate Canoe Club, Queensland Sea Kayak Club and NQ Kayakers in Townsville grow in numbers and activities. Many members have begun joining other club paddles and expand the social structure of the sport.

Flatwater and Marathon event participation is on the upward trend with recent club level activities toward the close of this financial year beginning to attract record numbers. With a combination of trophies and points score levels, there are far more opportunities for competitors to gain value from the events. These two disci-

plines have gained from increased publicity in the written press in this state supporting the growth of interest in the sport. This is in some way off the success of the Olympic lead up and the continued contact with print and visual media.

External Partnerships

Queensland Canoeing continues to seek new partnerships and markets. The intention of this organisation is to facilitate open discussion toward the assimilation and or amalgamation of paddle sports activities. Negotiations have continued on a state basis with Wave Surfing Australia (Wave Ski) with a view to increasing the exposure, profile and participation in this discipline. It is also intended to bring together Surf Kayaking and perhaps even freestyle in future comps. We will have a small role in the upcoming World Championships in 2009 at Coffs Harbour.

The changes to the AOCRA structure and board of management have seen stronger and defined leadership roles, each with an eye to the future and possible amalgamation or at worse assimilation. Initially this will be for the cross sanctioning of events, standardised safety regulations for Ocean Racing, expanded opportunities for competitors, major events and education resources.

Club development has seen many clubs now attracting increased membership through come and try activities with structure and purpose. There have been reports of waiting lists of people wishing to take up the activity with a view to club membership. In addition several clubs have been involved in the facilitation of Community activities on behalf of Queensland Canoeing or in their own right. This continues to attract valuable club and member income streams and the opportunity of increased memberships. It also allows for closer links between the SSPO and the affiliated clubs.

At this juncture, I pay tribute to the Board and committees of Queensland Canoeing who continue to give of their own time to build the sport and support the organisation. I also pay a great deal of respect for the hard working staff of Queensland Canoeing. We operate at a fast and furious pace with a great number of diverse projects and future growth initiatives underway. They have performed exceptionally under some high pressure occasions and I am eternally grateful for their support.

The future

Queensland Canoeing have undertaken many projects

across several disciplines that will come to fruition in 2008/2009

The National Sea Kayak Symposium is moving toward a very successful event. The confirmation of James and Justin (Paddling the Ditch) as Friday nights special guest speakers and Mark Jones on Saturday has lifted the profile higher. The Industry Expo is full and registrations are coming in each day. The event is capped at 270 participants and we look like we will achieve this number.

We are working on two projects involving Sea or Ocean paddling. The first is a mass Moreton Bay Paddle to be known as "Island Hop" and is receiving large support from Brisbane Marketing. This is a social recreational paddle ending on island each day with festivities at each stop. The second is a 100 kilometre downwind Ocean and bay race from Redcliffe to the Gold Coast. The potential for entries and exposure is enormous and is planned for October 09.

This coming year will see Queensland Canoeing move into community programs for ethnic groups following successful trials recently. The success of the Regional Community programs will also see an expansion further into Cairns and other markets as the opportunities arise.

We have also commenced discussions on a 200m flatwater series for the Gold and Sunshine Coasts. We believe this is a great way to engage the general public and to keep the paddlers interested by holding fast fire events over within a morning.

Overall we intend growing and innovating in the sports industry. We will continue to add value to members who choose to be involved in the club structures. We will continue to seek ways of engaging the community in our sports and activities to grow the base of canoeists. And finally we will continue to assist the paddling industry to grow and support those attracted to our activities.



6.4 Tasmanian Canoeing Report

It has been another busy year for canoeing in Tasmania with Canoe Tasmania and all clubs being very active in growing the sport.

Membership and Growth in Paddler Numbers

Membership of clubs has continued to climb. At 31 December 2007 there were over 200 active memberships of affiliated canoe clubs. Club memberships expire at 30 June for two of our clubs and 30 Sept for one other club, meaning that memberships will continue to climb through the year until renewals again fall due. Derwent Canoe Club in particular has had sustained growth over the last 3 years and has now over 80 members.

Canoeing participation continues to increase in the broader community with an ongoing 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.

These mass participation events continue to attract an increasing number of paddlers, many of whom are joining clubs to access quality canoeing instruction and other participation options.



Photograph: Andrea McQuitty

The growth in sales of sea, estuary and sit-on-top kayaks is very obvious, with more and more kayaks visible on top of cars and in use on rivers, estuaries, bays, beaches and in the open sea. Sit-on-top kayaks are more regularly being seen undertaking white-water trips as well. The explosion in these areas of canoeing 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. Without this, the chances of safety incidents occurring increases disproportionately with the increasing number of paddlers.

Fortunately, an increasing number of canoeists whose main experience has been in sea kayaking or estuary paddling, are attending Canoe Tasmania's education weekends both to increase their sea kayaking skills or to learn cross-over whitewater paddling skills. This demonstrates the value and effectiveness of the education program, which we nonetheless need to expand to meet growth and demand. The challenge is to tap the groups of paddlers currently not accessing education or skill development through the club network.

Junior Development

Junior development has continued with 2 formal development groups operating in the state, guided by former Olympic Slalom Canoeist; Peter Eckhardt. This program provided both group and individual coaching sessions for junior paddlers.

Canoe Tasmania also linked this slalom development plan with the Tasmanian Institute of Sport (TIS) through the Rapid Slayer Squad – a joint initiative of Canoe Tasmania, The TIS and the Australian Sports Commission's National Talent Identification program. Five talented young paddlers are part of this squad, with a further group of similar size and talent in a target group.

State-wide Junior Development camps were held in 2007, as well as regular local coaching sessions. Eight Tasmanian junior paddlers competed at Australian Championships in January 2007 and three Tasmanian junior paddlers competed in to New Zealand at Easter 2007 as part of the Junior Wildwater Racing team.

Membership Benefits

During this year, Canoe Tasmania has also worked at enhancing benefits for members of affiliated canoe clubs. For example, in its education program events, Canoe Tasmania offers cheaper course fees for affiliated club members, subsidised by Canoe Tasmania.

Also, In November 2007 Canoe Tasmania organised a "Clubs Weekend" – a social paddling weekend exclusively for club members from all three Tasmanian clubs. This highly successful participation event enabled greater recreational paddling access for parents of young paddlers and free skills coaching through the weekend.

Clubs have also been better represented at Canoe Education Weekends, with participants being given information on the clubs and being encouraged to contact their local club and participate in club events.

Canoe Tasmania has also delivered IT training to clubs to improve their web-site management and to help them gain greater benefit from the Australian Canoeing provided content management system.

Enhancing Safety and Increasing Skills and Enjoyment

Canoe Tasmania also continued to enhance safety in canoeing. The 2007 River Rescue course was more comprehensive than previous courses and covered river first aid and evacuations. A number of participants in earlier River Rescue courses completed the 2007 course to brush up on their skills and favourable comment on the enhancements was received. This course also attracted SES personnel and the like, demonstrating its value to the community. Again, members of affiliated canoe clubs attended this course at subsidised rates.

The Education program has continued to grow in popularity and professionalism with greater emphasis on quality and variety to meet a broader range of paddler needs. Sea kayaking skills were again offered and in 2007 the Education Program introduced a "Coaching in River Paddling" module which provided coaching in white-water stroke technique as a basis for advanced river paddling. Excellent feedback was received and it will be repeated in 2008. Additionally, Xtreme Racing skills were supported by a highly successful Lea River Coaching Day in Sept 2007 which met a specific need within clubs for skill development on grade 4 rivers.

This year Canoe Tasmania also customised Instructor Courses specifically for teachers which allowed a focus to be provided on the style of activities for the groups with which they will primarily work.

Canoe Tasmania also provided specific skills courses for targeted groups including for young members of the aboriginal community and paddling session for older adults as well as for bushwalking clubs whose members are increasingly interested in sea, lake and estuary paddling. These sessions have been included in the Canoe Tasmania Canoe Education program to provide advice on safety and efficient technique for using touring kayaks and to enhance safe enjoyment of the sport for a wider section of the community.

During 2005/6 Canoe Tasmania developed a schools based program for career pathways in outdoor recreation

(kayaking). This commenced as a trial in 4 schools in the 2007 school year. It is continuing in 2008 and will be evaluated to see if can be disseminated more widely.

Instructors, Assessors and Skills Shortages

There are now 84 qualified instructors in Tasmania. This enables canoeing to be safely and competently taught in clubs, schools and through the recreation industry, although with the growth in canoeing, there is room for many more.

Canoe Tasmania's excellent working relationship with Drysdale Institute of TAFE continued. They provide the essential assessment service for Outdoor Recreation Certificate 3 and Cert 4 courses.

However, across Australia, skill shortages are being felt and canoeing is also affected. Whilst Canoe Tasmania is currently able to deliver sufficient training to meet canoeist's needs, there is nonetheless still a shortage of qualified assessors who are crucial for assessment and granting of qualifications, especially for those needing formal instructor qualifications for their employment.

We have been working to address this, but this is partly a structural issue arising from the link between the Australian Canoeing Award Scheme and the VET system. Consequently Australian Canoeing is now moving away from this the VET system for its Award Scheme, but this will take some time.

Aligned with the move from the VET system, Canoe Tasmania is instrumental in a current project to re-write of the Australian Canoeing Award Scheme. We have two key officials on the National Education and Safety Technical Committee, including Jason Dicker in the position of Chair and Andrea Mcquitty as a committee member. This re-writing will make the scheme more user-friendly and relevant, and hopefully help address the issue of insufficient qualified assessors mentioned above.

Coaching

Whilst Canoe Tasmania has been providing quality coaching to the development squads, and to the elite TIS athletes, there is a shortage of qualified coaches. Australian Canoeing still does not have NCAS accredited coaching courses for most disciplines, impacting on those volunteers and officials wishing to gain appropriate qualifications. Consequently Canoe Tasmania uses the most recently accredited package when running coaching courses, but these participants have been unable to get

their skills recognised and gain their formal coaching qualifications. Canoe Tasmania has raised this issue with Australian Canoeing on a number of occasions.

Finances

Canoe Tasmania continues to be financially viable. Our finances run in roughly three-year cycles with peak income and associated bank balances associated with the years in which we conduct the National Slalom and Wildwater Racing Championships. Surpluses generated through entry fees to these major events are then used over the following years to subsidise our development activities and off-set our national affiliation fees which presently inequitably impact upon Tasmania.

Essentially the current national fee structure means a larger share of each Tasmanian membership fee gets paid to Australian Canoeing than for other states. Australian Canoeing is aware of this affiliation fee inequity and is working to change this situation, but issues in other states are delaying a satisfactory resolution. In the meantime, we run at a deficit for two years out of every three.

During the year, Treasurer Arthur Alexander, and Board Member John Bonney, reviewed our finance systems. With the assistance of Bonney, Hortle and Partners accountants, our statement of accounts will be reformatted to hopefully give a clearer picture of our income, expenditure and statement of financial performance.

Instructors, Assessors and Skills Shortages

In 2007 we again received a Development Grant from Sport and Recreation Tasmania (SRT). This Grant has enabled Canoe Tasmania to grow and improve its education and development activities and ensure a higher quality of service to the paddling community, enhancing safety and participation in our sport. Canoe Tasmania greatly appreciates this support and looks forward to maintaining its good relationship with SRT. Additionally - for 2008 SRT are providing extra Grant funds to assist Canoe Tasmania with the re-write and production of the Paddle About Tasmania canoeing guide.

National and International Competition

In April 2007 Canoe Tasmania again hosted two National Slalom Team selection races at Brady's Lake. These events were run by the Derwent and Tasmanian

Canoe Clubs on behalf of the National Slalom Technical Committee. The events ran smoothly and successfully and again demonstrated the ability of Tasmania to host significant and high level competitions.

Canoe Tasmania expects to be granted the 2009 National Slalom and Wildwater Championships and All Schools Slalom and Wild Water Championships. This will require considerable volunteer time and planning through 2008, however, Canoe Tasmania is looking at an arrangement with Australian Canoeing, through its relevant technical committees, which will hopefully see more of the preliminary and time-consuming organisational aspects delivered by volunteers in the more populous states with us concentrating on the on-the-ground local logistics.

Canoe Tasmania is expecting to be granted the 2009 Wild Water Racing World Cup (October/November 2009) but considerable planning and preparation will commence in 2008. The International Canoe Federation are expected to make a final decision in April 2008.

Elite Competition Performance

The 2007 year saw some fantastic performances from local paddlers across a range of disciplines.

In June 2007 Dan Hall of the Derwent Canoe Club, became the first Australian to finish on the podium in a World Cup Wildwater race. His 2nd place in the 2007 World Cup Race 5 in Ivrea, Italy is the best ever performance ever by an Australian; as is his 7th place in the World end of year ranking.

This and continued strong performances by Tasmania's other wildwater paddlers, including Ben Maynard, Stewart Bennett, Carol Hurst and Matthew French confirmed the states dominance in this discipline.

At the 2007 Australian Canoeing Award ceremonies, Dan and fellow Tasmanian's, Ben Maynard and Matthew French were named Australia's "Team of the Year" for 2006 for their 5th place in Wildwater Teams at the 2006 World Championships.

Their performances have been strongly supported by their coach, Andrea McQuitty, who does this in a purely voluntary capacity on top of her Development Officer role. At the same award ceremony, Andrea was awarded Australian Canoeing's "Coach of the Year" for 2006 for her contribution over a number of years, to the improvement of the Australian senior and junior wildwater teams.

In Slalom, Katie Mollison continued her climb up the

national rankings and during 2007 travelled and competed in Europe as part of the Australian under 22 team. She is currently living and training at the Penrith whitewater stadium in NSW. Her parents; Andrew and Margaret Mollison, also travelled and officiated at Competitions in Europe during Kate's competition travels.

In Flatwater, Sam Norton continued to be a force in the junior ranks with strong wins and placings at a range of national events. Father Jeremy continued his strong coaching performance and the younger Norton paddlers are now coming through the state and national rankings.

In Marathon, Angus Sprott won the 2007 Red Cross Murray River Marathon beating a strong field of over 700 competitors and in the process setting a new race record. Averaging over 13kph for over 30 hours of paddling, Angus was the fastest single (solo) full distance competitor and took 3.5hrs off the unrestricted class record. Incredibly he also finished ahead of all the K1 Teams, K2 Teams and the K4 Teams!! Only two K2 pairs were faster than Angus.

And also in another marathon effort, Stewart Bennett paddled strongly to 2nd place in the Avon Descent, one of the largest multi-day whitewater races on earth.

Canoe Tasmania congratulates all our competitive paddlers on the results they have achieved, and is glad to be able to have supported a number of these through our partnership with the Tasmanian Institute of Sport and its Elite Squad program. My sincere apologies to any paddlers missed off my list.

Support for Wildwater Racing

Wildwater racing, as a non-Olympic sport, attracts little, if any funding support. During 2007 a number of Wildwater racing paddlers proposed, and Canoe Tasmania agreed in principle, that a development fund be established for this element of the sport with a portion of race funds seeding the fund which is to be used primarily to assist junior development in Wildwater racing.

The details of the fund and its management are quite advanced, but yet to be finalised. We will report on this once it is fully implemented.

Representation

Canoe Tasmania has also been continued its involvement in the Tasmanian Trails strategy, suggesting improved facilities for canoeists at other State or Local Government owned sites in Tasmania, and in lobbying against increasing barriers to access to Tasmania's

rivers.

Canoe Tasmania is monitoring the situation in relation to new dam proposals in Tasmania in case any appear to adversely affect canoeing access and amenity, and has maintained its close partnership with Hydro Tasmania to coordinate water releases to maximum advantage for all whitewater paddlers.

In conclusion, I'd like to thank my fellow Board members; John Bonney, Jason Dicker, Jackie Benson and Arthur Alexander; our Development Officer, Andrea McQuitty; Hydro Liaison Officer, Andrew Mollison; and all of the officials, volunteers and supporters of Canoe Tasmania and the Canoe Clubs in Tasmania for helping canoeing to grow as a safe, enjoyable, environmentally friendly, life-long recreation and competitive sport.

John Borojević

Chair – Canoe Tasmania

4 April 2008



Photograph: Andrea McQuitty

6.5 Canoeing Victoria - State Report

The Victorian State office set the task to consolidate, review processes and develop strategies for the future during 2007/8. This we did very successfully with the development of an extensive Strategic plan that provides clear direction and invoked discussion with members on what our priorities should be.

Financial

While our financial statements this year showed a small loss, the budget showed a surplus while still delivering key objectives. Our hardworking Board continued their fundraising efforts to make up for any shortfall. A major financial hit was an incorrect accounting issue relating to the misalignment of the financial year and our membership year. In 2008 we will be aligning these so alleviate the accounting issue, be in-line with all the other states and Australian Canoeing and streamline the club membership processes. In addition, all disciplines showed a small loss which is indicative of the decrease in competition participation during the year and increase costs in asset management and maintenance.

Membership

Our Membership showed a growth of 5% from 2006/07 but the demographics have changed in regards to the type of membership. We showed a decrease of 12% in full adult membership and an increase of nearly 60% in recreational adult membership. This is consistent with the decrease in competition participation in the disciplines including Canoe Polo, Wildwater and Flatwater. 32 Clubs affiliated in Victoria during the year.

Disciplines

The major event for Victoria this year was Canoe Polo hosting a fantastic National Championships at Essendon. However, along with the drought reducing our water flows in the rivers, in particular the Yarra River, all the disciplines with a few exceptions are suffering from a lack of competitors and volunteers. This is reflected in participation rates at the events across the board.

Major Projects

Our major projects, aside from the Strategic plan, have included the continuation of our Coach Development and Masters Participation projects. These continue to be strongly supported by Sport and Recreation Victoria and are key areas to increase participation in all disciplines. As a result we have delivered Level 1 Coaching programs, Coaching Workshops and other supporting programs including powerboat courses and First aid courses. In addition with the support of Vichealth we have been developing an Indigenous program to provide opportunities to the community to participate and engage in the sport of Canoeing. We look forward to this developing further in the New Year.

Marine Safety Victoria has also been a huge supporter of Canoeing in Victoria with the support of well a patronized River rescue course (despite it being delivered on the coldest day of the year including snow), safety equipment and great advice and direction in the area of water safety.

Education

Our Education department underwent a review this year as well. With a new quoting and confirmation process we are providing improved and competitive products. We continue to deliver school programs including our Kayaking a Pool program however, with skyrocketing pool costs the need for subsidies to enable this to be a viable program is a challenge in the new year. Our Instructors remain busy delivering the ACAS Training and Assessment programs and next year we will be concentrating on delivering more of the skill based courses and feeding into our club structure.

Summary

In 2008-09 Canoeing Victoria looks forward to moving out of the consolidation phase and into a growth phase concentrating on issues important to the membership including participation opportunities, major facilities such as the Whitewater course, the continuance of the Murray Marathon and other membership benefits.

6.6 Canoe South Australia - State Report

2007 – 2008 has been a year of change and growth for Canoe South Australia. We have seen changes in the office with Administration Officer Emily Arbon leaving us in February 2008 to pursue further study in Sport and Recreation management. Emily has been a great asset to the office especially as Event Coordinator for the Canoe SA Team Paddle Challenge.

John Hazel is now working in the Administration / Development role. John has recently completed a Bachelor in Outdoor Recreation Management and has previously worked for Canoe SA on the Canoe Guides project. John is also a keen sea kayaker and was influential in establishing the Uni SA Canoe Club in 2006.



KEY RESULT AREAS

Education

We continue to run our regular SACE programs in term 1 and have expanded the Flatwater Skills/Lifeguard courses. Courses were conducted in Port Augusta, Wellington, Murray Bridge and two in Adelaide. We have continued the Indigenous Youth Program in partnership with the City of Playford and are looking to expand this program to enable students to gain SACE units through the course. Our Basic Skills program over the summer months has continued to prove popular and this year expanded from West Lakes and some sessions were conducted on the Onkaparinga River. The Sea Kayak Education Weekend in Victor Harbor was a success with participant numbers increasing from last year. Many thanks to our education staff especially Peter Carter, Derek Stevens, Steve Ellis, Scott Polley and John Hazel.

High Performance

Our U18 high performance program has also seen changes in 2007. Peter Petho, who has been junior

squad coach for a number of years, and produced many highly competitive athletes, left SA for the warmer waters of the Sunshine Coast in November 2007 and is now NTID Head Coach. The huge boots of Peter were hard to fill and a new structure was devised. The Canoe SA Junior Flatwater Squad provides coaching for new paddlers selected through TID with 2 squads at West Lakes and Onkaparinga. This role is currently shared by Jim Murphy and Mark O'Brien at West Lakes and Neil Thomson at Onkaparinga, we are looking to employ someone part time to take over the West Lakes position. JETS (Junior Elite Squad) was developed as a bridging squad for athletes before joining the SASI senior squad. Kate Barclay, ex Olympian, was employed as coach for JETS, which is managed by David Foureur through SASI. This structure, in its infancy, is looking successful as it provides athletes with clear benchmarks to move into the next squad.

South Australian Hannah Davis was selected in the Ladies K4 500m for the Beijing Olympic Games and the crews amazing efforts brought home bronze for Australia. In Canoe Polo SA was well represented on the Australian teams competing at the World Championships in Canada in July 2008. The Men's team with brothers Anton, Josh and Luke Holmes, Chris Heard, Matt Schar and Ian McIntosh, coached by South Australian Carolyn Cochran, finished 4th and the Women's team with Stephanie Sullivan, Ailsa Enting-Hawke, Siobhan Goble and Megan Holmes finished 5th, both teams securing places at the World Games in 2009.

Participation

We continue to run a variety of programs for the public, schools and organisations such as eskimo rolling sessions, holiday programs for kids, a ladies paddling group and canoe polo schools programs and competition. We have also continued close links with Wheelchair Sport and Paraquad SA with canoeing now a regular activity in their recreation program. This year we also held senior 1st Aid courses for members which we were able to offer at a discounted rate through our not for profit status. In 2008 we became an active8 service provider for Enfield High School and have run regular kayaking and camp skill sessions culminating in a 2 night camp in the Riverland. We will look at extending this to other school in 2009. The challenge we face is to turn these one off participants into club members and active paddlers. We need to offer continued service through club activities and long term participation programs.

Events

South Australia played host to the Australasian Masters Games in 2007 and Canoe SA ran the Canoe/Kayak Sprint, Marathon and Canoe Polo events. Held at West

Lakes in October more than 100 participants from over Australia and Asia gathered to met and compete. The weather added to the trials of those participating in the marathon events but volunteers had a warm cup of soup waiting for them at the end.

The annual Canoe SA Team Paddle Challenge was held in October 2007. This year a new location was sought, due to low water levels below Lock 1 causing the backwaters and creeks to dry up, so Blanchetown became host to 200 school kids, teachers and officials. This major event provides a great service to schools across the state wanting a safe organised kayaking and camping activity for students. We are now looking to relocate again in 2008. I must take this opportunity to thank Emily again for organising this event.

Administration/ Finances

Our 3 yearly funding agreement with the Office for Recreation and Sport finishes at the end of this financial year and we have just been granted the same level of funding for the next three years. This funding allows us to employ 1.5 fulltime staff and supports a number of our programs and events.

Our goal with finance administration is to move to an accrual accounting system rather than the current cash based system to allow us to accurately reflect the

position of the association and our profitability. We are also looking to move to an accounting software package and to adopt a similar chart of accounts to Australian Canoeing. With Ian as Executive Officer Canoe SA remains financially stable ensuring the viability of our sport for the future.

Volunteers, Staff, Strategic Partners

I would like to thank all our volunteers who give up their own time to assist the association in areas of office admin and events and especially to the Board who have supported me in the Development Officer position. Thanks to our team of skills coaches who put in many unpaid hours and our casual instructors.

I must also thank all of our strategic partners and sponsors in particular the Office Recreation and Sport and Mission Kayaks Australia. The support from all of these groups enables us to continue serving our members and the wider community.

Siobhan Goble

Development Officer



6.7 Northern Territory - Club Reports

Darwin Canoe Club

Darwin Canoe Club remains active with 12-15 core member and about the same who attend on a semi regular basis, our clubs primary focus is canoe polo played weekly at Casuarina pool with an emphasis on social gathering and new comers more so than a formal completion.

The club has a keen interest in white water paddling as well, and makes an annual trip to north Queensland where a lot of club members have been able to experience white water for the first time, and while there is limited opportunity for whitewater in the NT we are planning a couple of small expeditions this wet season.

In all Darwin is a small club with people who truly enjoy paddling, but due to the transient nature of the population our biggest challenge remain maintaining membership numbers, which is why new comers will always be welcome.

Happy paddling,

Scott Mathews
President



7 Our Performance

7.1 High Performance Report

Outcome

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

Overview

- Robin Bell won bronze in Brazil at the Slalom World Championships and in doing so, qualified Australia's C1 spot for Beijing. Kate Lawrence's 19th place at the World Championships also secured a spot for the Ladies K1 at the Games.
- In flatwater, Australia successfully qualified 3 Olympic boats, securing representation in the men's K1 1000m & K4 1000m, & the women's K4 500m.
- Australia secured additional Olympic berths in the Men's K1 and C2 slalom and men's K1 500m and men's C1 500 sprint after finishing ahead of their New Zealand counterparts at the Oceania Championships in March taking the team size to 16 athletes across both disciplines.
- Robin Bell continued his medal winning form with a silver medal at the 2008 Prague World Cup.
- Ken Wallace continued to impress on the world stage, narrowly missing a medal at the 2007 World Championships finishing fourth in the K1 1000m and winning silver in the K1 500m at the Olympic Test Event and a bronze at the 2008 World Cup in Poznan in the same event.. The men's and women's team boats demonstrated improved performances ahead of the Olympic Games, the men picking up a bronze and silver medal in K4 1000m during the 2008 World Cup series in June, the women a bronze in K2 500 at Duisburg and a 4th place in the K4 at the same regatta.
- Matt Goble showed he is a bright prospect for the future winning a bronze medal at the junior world championships. Australia also qualified for the final of the women's K2 500m, finishing 7th.
- Natasha Jones was the best performed athlete at the slalom pre world championships finishing 11th.
- Successful surf to kayak transitions continued with the selection of Jacob Clear to the Olympic team in K2 500m and the medal winning performances of Murray Stewart in U23 events in Europe.



Photograph: AIS High Performance

Senior Flatwater Teams - Event Highlights/Results

Good Luck Beijing Olympic Test Event – Beijing, China 23-26th August 2007

Ken Wallace produced an excellent performance to claim a silver medal in the Men's K1 500m at the Beijing Test Event in China. Wallace underlined his consistency when he finished in fourth place in the Men's K1 1000m to help Australia claim third place overall on points behind Hungary and Russia. Australia finished with a ranking of second overall in the kayaking class.

Oceania Championships – Penrith, Australia 12-16th March 2008

Chantal Meek won the Women's K1 500m before teaming up with Lyndsie Fogarty, Lisa Oldenhof and Hannah Davis to win the women's K4 500m.

Hannah Davis & Lyndsie Fogarty found further success in the LK2 500m taking the win narrowly ahead of their K4 compatriots Meek & Oldenhof.

Ken Wallace guaranteed himself an Olympic berth after a sensational win in the much anticipated Men's K1 1000m final at the Oceania Olympic Qualifying Championships. Wallace backed his K1 1000m performance with a strong win over the 500m distance to reinforce his dominance in the K1. Wallace almost completed the trifecta, taking silver in the K2 1000m with David Smith behind New Zealand combination Ben Fouhy and Troy Burbidge.

Clint Robinson kept joined forces with David Smith (NSW), Tony Schumacher (NSW) and Luke Michael (NSW) to win the K4 1000m event

2007 ICF Flatwater World Championships – Duisburg, Germany 8-12th August

Ken Wallace went in to the men's K1 1000m with high expectations after finishing fifth at the 2006 World Championships. Wallace continued his rise as a potential Olympic medallist producing another strong trademark finish to move through the field finishing fourth in the coveted K1 1000m.

The men's K4 crew of Luke Morrison, Luke Michael, David Smith and Glenn Singleton showed character and determination to secure the qualification of the men's K4 and four precious athlete quotas at the Beijing Olympics by finishing second in the B final of the 1000 metres.

2008 World Cups (Szeged 6-8th June; Duisburg 13-15th June & Poznan 27-29th June)

Ken Wallace further demonstrated his consistency taking bronze in the Men's K1 500m final in Poznan and narrowly missing medals in the Duisburg and Poznan World Cups, taking 4th at both in the K1 1000m events.

The Men's K4 crew of David Smith, Tate Smith, Tony Schumacher & Clint Robinson were steady improvers finding form internationally. The crew were fifth at the first World Cup in Szeged, but improved to take bronze in Duisburg, and finishing with silver at the Poznan World Cup.

Senior Slalom Teams - Event Highlights/Results

Good Luck Beijing Olympic Test Event – Beijing, China 16-19th August 2007

Kate Lawrence produced her best result to date in a major competition to finish sixth in the final of the ladies K1 final.

Anthony Brown finished a credible ninth in the Men's K1 final. The result was the first top ten performance by an Australian in the K1 class at a major competition in two years and a promising sign leading into the world championships and Olympic Qualification.

2007 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships – Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil 19-23rd Sept

Robin Bell added to his collection of world championship medals with a bronze at the slalom world championships. On the final run, Bell picked up a two-second penalty but controlled the rest of his run to take the lead and ensure a medal with only Martikan and Estanguet to follow.

2008 Oceania Championships – Penrith, Australia 15-16th March

Australia secured a berth in the Men's K1 slalom in sensational style after all three Australian representatives finished in front of New Zealand's Michael Dawson at the



Oceania Olympic Qualification Championships. The Australian's did not disappoint in the high pressure final with Warwick Draper narrowly finishing second by 600ths of a second, Will Forsyth fourth and Anthony Brown in sixth place.

Robin Bell took silver in the Men's C1 final and ensured crucial selection points as the best placed Australian. Kynan Maley returned from injury to place fourth whilst Matt Gabb won the B final.

Mark Bellofiore & Lachie Milne secured their Olympic spot finishing third in the C2 final and best of the Aussies.

2008 World Cups (Prague 21-22nd June; Tacen 28-29th June & Augsburg 4-6th July)

The Australian slalom team produced their best ever results at the Slalom World Cups as Robin Bell and Kate Lawrence won their first World Cup events with two fantastic performances in the final of the C1 & Women's K1 at World Cup 3 in Augsburg, Germany.

Bell had already won the silver medal at World Cup 1 in Prague whilst Lawrence produced the upset of the event with a stunning performance in the Women's K1 to claim her best ever international result. Both Bell and Lawrence added the title of World Cup champion to their list of accolades in what capped off an extraordinary day for the Australians.

It is the first time in Australian history that two gold medals have been won at an international event and resulted in Australia being the number one ranked nation across all the Slalom World Cups.

In other results, Will Forsythe finished seventh in the final of the Men's K1. The result is a great reward for Forsythe

on debut in the senior team and competing at his first World Cup, and shows that the young Australian has a bright future ahead of him. Kynan Maley struggled for rhythm in the Men's C1 semi-final finishing in 21st whilst Sarah Grant recorded her highest World Cup finish after 13th place saw her narrowly miss the women's K1 final

Junior Flatwater Team - Event Highlights/ Results

2008 ICF Jnr Flatwater World Championships - Racice, Czech Republic 27-29th July

Matt Goble finished best of the Aussies, winning a bronze medal in the men's K1 500 metre event at the Junior World Championships in Rasice, Czech Republic. The South Australian finished was turned in an impressive performance finishing 1.627 seconds behind the German gold medallist.

Megan Rose and Amy Peters produced an encouraging performance to finish seventh.

The women's K4 crew of Lauren Smith, Lani Belcher, Sarah Dehey and Bernadette Wallace placed second in the 500m B Final after narrowly missing the A final.

Over the 1000m distances, Dane Wilkinson placed second in the Men's K1 B Final and Bernadette Wallace was fourth in her B Final in a very close finish. Lauren Smith and Lani Belcher were fourth in the K2 B Final in another close contest. In other 1000m races, the Men's K2 crew (Luke Hanniford and Sam Norton) and the Men's K4 crew (Chris Sirote, Haydn Boon, Rhys French and Matt Goble) both finished eighth in their semi final.

Junior Slalom Team - Event Highlights/ Results

2007 ICF Jnr Pre-World Canoe Slalom Championships – Roudnice, Czech Republic 28-29th July

Ethan Hodson was dogged by penalties which cost him a medal in the first C1 event, relegating him to 11th in the *Race of Olympic Hopefuls* in Roudnice, Czech Republic.

Natasha Jones performed strongly finishing best of the Aussies in 11th at the semi-final only just missing the women's K1 final. Jones was closely followed by Rosalyn Lawrence in 14th and Ashleigh Logan in 15th whilst Alison Borrows was 21st and Madeline Toms further back in 31st. Joshua Williams was 32nd in the Men's kayak.

In the men's C1 semi-final, Ian Borrows was quick through the course, however finished 17th after incurring several penalties and Jonathan Davis rounded out the field in 40th.

High Performance Program

The main focus of the high performance program was the

preparation of athletes for the 2007 world championships and the all important Olympic qualifications.

The Australian Institute of Sport and Australian Canoeing, continue to work together toward managing the High Performance Program. National Performance Director, Richard Fox directly oversees the High Performance Flatwater and Slalom programs working in conjunction with the Australian Canoeing CEO and technical committees..

Tahnee Norris joined the HP Program as the Sprint NCE Manager on the Gold Coast in October 2007

The NTID programs in flatwater and slalom continue to pay dividends as our next generation of paddlers are identified for development and fast tracked for the London 2012 Olympics. Several talent id athletes have already emerged successful including Jacob Clear, Hannah Davis, Lyndsie Fogarty & Lisa Oldenhof who were all selected to the Olympic Flatwater team.

The State Institute and Academy programs continue to provide effective support to the national high performance structure through access to training facilities, sports science and medicine and high performance coaching for elite and emerging athletes.

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 Flatwater Program and its partnership with NSWIS for the Slalom Program.

The effectiveness of the national network of high performance centres is best demonstrated by the successful women's K4 crew which is made of athletes from QAS, NSWIS, SASI and WAIS.

National Centre of Excellence (NCE) Programs

The NCE programs aim to maximise the collective expertise and resources of the program partners, Australian Canoeing, the AIS, NSWIS and the QAS to achieve medal winning performances and sustainable international success. The Canoe/Kayak NCE programs were critical in ensuring the successful High Performance outcomes.

As a result of government initiative funding in 2007/8 the NCE programs were also able to support additional overseas training camps in flatwater and slalom and increase the level of athlete support in the build up to the Beijing Olympics.

7.2 Canoe Polo Technical Committee Report

2007-2008 was a year of continued growth and development for Australian Canoe Polo, with many regions around the country increasing their player numbers through school and development programs in conjunction with various state associations.

The committee was again very active with Australian Team matters this year, with both the Senior Men and Senior Women and for the first time U21 Men competing in the World Championships in Canada in Early July 2008. All teams were selected during the various Summer Series events and over the course of the year had numerous training weekends.

The Australian Championships were held in Melbourne at Essendon Canoe Club- continuing the shift to outdoor venues. VCA polo put together an excellent event with three fields running for most of the weekend with teams from all main land states competing. South Australia domination of these championships is under increasing pressure on many fronts with the ACT taking out the Veterans category for their first ever national title and Queensland continued its climbs up the junior ranks.

The Canoe Polo Summer Series was held again over 4 weekends between October and February with competitions held in Canberra, Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne. The series was one of the closest ever with teams swapping results and final positions each weekend. The closeness of the teams was a reflection of the number of players training and competing for positions in the various national teams and the resulting increase in depth of players is a good omen for the future. The 2nd division was again well supported especially by the junior teams from South Australia, Queensland and Victoria

The AC Polo players levy raised significant funds for development purposes this year with assistance committed to Victoria for facilities development, Queensland for a junior development camp and funds held in reserve for the Penrith venue. The biggest project on the development calendar partially funded by the polo committee continues to be the junior/ youth development camp held in Adelaide in January. The camp this year involved 6 coaches and assistants and almost 30 participants and provided a great opportunity for our future players to learn new skills, refine old skills and meet and get to know their interstate peers.

Preparations are well under way for a busy 2009 with

Australian Championships, Oceania Championships and World Masters Games all being held in Sydney. Significant progress has been made towards a permanent polo facility being created adjacent to Penrith White Water Stadium for training and competitions. It is hoped that this facility will become part of a multi discipline development approach to increase all numbers in canoeing and provide a cross training facility for the AIS Talent ID participants. Ultimately it is hoped that this facility can be used in school and development programs to boost canoeing participation as a whole and then feed athletes into the various Australian Teams including polo. Other similar permanent facilities are also being planned for Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane.

All in all it was a great year for Canoe Polo and we are looking forward to the many exciting times ahead.

Duncan Cochrane

Chairperson.



Photograph: Rebecca Jennings

7.3 Wildwater Technical Committee Report

The 2007-2008 Season was a momentous one for Wildwater in Australia. The year saw strong performances, by Australians internationally as well as the awarding of major international Wildwater events to Australia, to be hosted in 2009.

The Australian Wildwater Team competed in the World Championships in Ivrea, Italy and the World Cup Series in the Czech Republic and Austria, throughout June 2008. Dan Hall didn't capitalize on his silver medal in the 2007 World Cup on the Ivrea course, but went on to gain a 4th place finish at the World Cup Sprint Final in Lofer, Austria. Stewart Bennett became only the 5th Australian to finish in the top 10 in a World Cup race, with a 9th place in the World Cup Classic Final in Lofer. All members of the team achieved individual top 20 placings, including National coach Andrea McQuitty who gained a silver medal in the Women's Masters World Championships. The teams events included the running of the inaugural Teams Rapid Sprints event. Australia produced solid results in the MK1 Teams, with Matthew French, Ben Maynard and Stewart Bennett finishing 5th in the MK1 Classic Teams and Dan Hall, Ben Maynard and Stewart Bennett finishing 9th in the MK1 Rapid Sprint Teams events.

Australia hosted its maiden designated international race, in Tasmania in December 2007. The event earning world ranking points for 2008 season. Australia dominated the results with Dan Hall, Ben Maynard and Matthew French taking the top 3 places in the Men's K1 class with Carol Hurst and Ruby Hodgetts taking 2nd and 3rd places behind New Zealand's Anne Cairns in the Women's K1 class.

Preparations were progressed for the 2008 Wildwater Australian Championships and 2007 Australian All Schools Wildwater Championships, to be held on the King River, in Victoria, during September 2008. The movement of these events to winter, from their more traditional summer time slot has enabled Victoria to host the events, with winter being the time of highest probability sufficient river levels being available during the prolonged period of drought.

In May 2008, the ICF Board, awarded Australia the running of the 2009 Wildwater World Cup Series. 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.

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, will be held on the Mersey River below Rowallan Dam, the Fisher River below Lake Mackenzie, the Meander River below the recently completed Meander Dam, Cataract Gorge in Launceston and at the Brady's Lake canoe course.

For Australian athletes to be able to train and compete on their home courses, without the cost, time, logistics and time-zone impacts of having to travel to Europe, as is typical in most years, is a huge benefit. The World Cup, we will provide the opportunity for Australia to field its largest team ever and the chance for local paddlers to see the worlds best in action. This next year also provides significant opportunities for Australian paddlers, both Junior and Senior, in all boat classes (MK1, WK1, C1 and C2) with World Cup events, Junior World Championships, Australian Championships in Victoria in September 2008 and again in Tasmania in January 2009.

This has been a momentous year for Australian Wildwater and has provided the foundation for what promises to be our biggest year for Wildwater paddling.

Dave Grey, Chair



Photograph: Andrea McQuitty

7.4 Canoe Slalom Technical Committee Report

2007-2008 was a busy season for canoe slalom in Australia. The pre-Olympic year has enormous significance for the sport.

The Australian senior team competed in the World Cup races in 2007 and in the World Championships in Brazil. Robin Bell won a bronze medal at these championships.

The team qualified two boat classes (C1 and K1W) for the Beijing Olympics at the World Championships. The remaining two boat categories (K1M and C2) were qualified at the Oceania Championships held in Penrith in March 2008.

The Australian Junior team competed at the Pre-World Championships in Roudnice in the Czech Republic. Natasha Jones finished eleventh overall at these Championships.

Younger paddlers had a busy year in the Rapidly to London and Beyond Squad and in the National Talent Squad. A number of training camps were held throughout the year under the leadership of Victoria Milne.

Event highlights of the year in Australia included a very successful National Championships at Penrith in NSW in January, a World Open event on Australia Day and the Oceania Championships. These events were made possible through an enormous voluntary effort and drew considerable praise for national and international visitors. During this period the Australian Olympic team was selected from entrants in the most competitive selection series seen in recent years.

The Technical Committee invited the canoe slalom community to give its views about the sport in April. A comprehensive report was produced and discussed at a workshop held in May. Significant changes have occurred in the work of the Technical Committee as a result of this consultation process and have been reported back to the canoe slalom community.

The reporting year ended with the Senior Team competing in the 2008 World Cup races. Robin Bell and Kate Lawrence won gold medals at the final World Cup race in Augsburg and both became World Cup Champions on an historic day for the sport.

In next year's report we have some wonderful news to share about the 2008 Olympic Games!

Sue Lyons, Chair



7.5 Marathon Racing Technical Committee Report

The Australian Canoeing Marathon Racing Committee has had another interesting year. The ACMRTC continues to develop procedures which are being implemented in the management and administration of the discipline. Currently, the ACMRTC has undertaken to finalise the re-accreditation of the Level 1 Officiating Course, to work with Australian Canoeing staff in the development of a current Team Management handbook for overseas tours, to further develop the Selection Policy for World Cups and World Championships and other representative tours, to oversee the 2009 Australian Marathon Championships to be held in Queensland, and to finalise the procedures for the administration, management and organisation of national championships in the future.

Australian Canoeing has given the ACMRTC greater responsibility in managing the finances required by the committee. With this in mind the ACMRTC organised the 2008 AC Marathon National Championships that were held in Penrith, NSW. The event was a huge success with over 230 competitors. The spirit of the participants was extremely high with many of the classes having closely contested finishes. But, none were more so than the JU18K1 and K2 and the open men's K1 and K2. With selection as an incentive, these paddlers were keen to impress the selectors and provided the spectators with considerable excitement.

The World Championships were held in Gyor, Hungary on the 8th and 9th of September, 2007. This is usually a time of mild autumn weather in this region of Europe. However, in the week prior to the racing the weather turned nasty with a severe cold snap and torrential rains. This resulted in rising river levels across the whole region. The racing was conducted under flood conditions with the portage area completely inundated, removing this skill from racing tactics, and the course was altered considerably. The competition between countries remained at a high standard. The Australian paddlers were competitive in these conditions and raced to the best of their abilities and were proud to represent Australia. Lani Belcher, J1K1, remained a consistent performer with a 4th place. She has now been 2nd, 4th, and 5th in three years of Junior racing at the World Championship level and will certainly be a competitive force as she enters open classes. Dane Wilkinson, in the JK1 class, finished a very creditable 6th in a very strong class and Michael Leverett and David Cole finished 9th in the very strong K2 class.

Results from Skanderborg Marathon cont.

JK2 Arthur Alger/ Mitch Kowarzik (11)

JK2 Eric Alger/Nick Byrne (8)

JWK2 Casey Leo/Stacey Higgins (11)

WK2 Megan Braithwaite/ Lisa Munro (8)

WK2 Kristina Jenkins/Sandra Burwood (9)

K2 Ben Poole/Cameron McMullan (6)

K2 Mark Rantall/Nick Woodward (10)

K2 Bret Murray/ Daniel Jenkin (dnf)

To gain further racing experience, many of the senior paddlers continued to Portugal the next week where they raced at Crestuma.



Photograph: Richard Fox

Further to this point, all our athletes need to be aware that the level of competition in Europe is getting stronger. Paddlers from Australia must be prepared to train and compete in Europe to gain the experience and gain better results at world level.

Results are as follows:

Dane Wilkinson JK1- 6th

Matt Goble JK1- (dnf)

Arthur Alger/Mitch Kowarzik JK2 - 18th

Lani Belcher JWK1 – 4th

Eric Alger/Nicholas Byrne JK2 – 21st

Megan Rose JWK1 – 10th

Lani Belcher/Megan Rose JWK2 – 10th

Erin O'Keeffe WK1 – 14th

Erin O'Keeffe/Manuela Tzvetanova WK2 – 13th

Kristina Jenkins WK1 – 10th

Kristina Jenkins/Sandra Burwood WK2 – 14th

Michael Leverett K1 – 18th

David Cole/Michael Leverett K2 – 9th

David Cole K1 – 16th

Mark Rantall/Nicholas Woodward K2 – 19th

The Hungarian Federation and the canoe club in Gyor are

to be commended on their organisation of the World Championships under extreme conditions. No task was too difficult for any of the volunteers or the officials as they had to move equipment and infrastructure to see that the Championships ran efficiently.

As chairman, I wish to thank the other members of the ACMRTC, Paul O'Keeffe, Martin Finn, and Dianne Chellew for their efforts in making another successful year for Marathon Canoeing. A special thankyou to TyrePower and John Rose for their sponsorship at the Australian Marathon Championships. The support from Ian Muir, Jerry Dunn (competition secretary), Yvonne Standsfield (Chair - selectors), Erin O'Keeffe (selector), Robin Belcher, Jan Hall, Sam Lyons, Kate Heeley, and Ann Murray (Team Manager) who have all made significant contributions and made the challenges easier. Marathon Canoeing has many people involved in the discipline who are willing to volunteer and to officiate and assist with the administration of events. These people are the strength of this discipline and I send a big THANK YOU to them all.

Thomas Hirrschoff, Chair



Photograph: <http://www.kajakkenusport.hu/>

7.6 Flatwater Technical Committee Report

Soon after the 2007 National championships the chairman and only remaining member of the Flatwater Technical committee resigned. This left the planning for 2008 season in jeopardy.

At the 2007 AGM, Jim Murphy as the board representative for Flatwater convened a meeting with Peter Heeley and Mark O'Brien to form an interim committee to ensure that the 2008 regatta season went ahead and the Oceania Olympic selection regatta was well planned.

The elite program of the sport continues to be managed by Richard Fox. A successful tour of World cups culminating in the world Championships saw the men's and women's K4's qualify boats for the Olympics and an impressive performance in the K1, 1000 by Ken Wallace gave Australia a berth in that event as well.

Australian Juniors also had a successful tour of Europe with a stunning performance by Matthew Goble to win the Bronze medal in K1 500.

We are also grateful to Kevin Crisp who with several other coaches and the support of AC and Richard Fox, established a national junior Talent squad. He conducted 2 successful training camps for these emerging talents. Kevin also organized and managed a team of Under 17 junior to tour Europe and attend the Olympic Hopefuls Regatta at Szeged in Hungary. These initiatives are helping us to prepare athletes for London 2012 and beyond.

As part of an ASC funded National Talent Identification Program, SA-based coach Peter Petho was appointed to run a Kayaking squad on the Sunshine Coast in December, drawing talented junior and Senior paddlers from the Surf Lifesaving clubs in the region. This along with similar state programs in SA and strong junior training squads in NSW, Queensland and WA is helping to increase the number and depth of talent in Flatwater.

Although it was planned to have only one GP regatta for the season, Peter and Kate Heeley planned and ran a very successful December GP1 in Canberra on a windy Lake Burly Griffin that coincided with a national training camp for the senior athletes.

GP2 was always destined to be an important regatta as it was an Olympic year. The event was held at SIRC in Penrith in February. The open ranks were well attended as athletes and coaches were keen to measure their performances prior to the Olympic Selection events. The regatta was conducted over three days and also saw a strong field of Under 18 girls and boys.

The Australian Flatwater Canoeing Championships in March was actually three events in one. It was the first ICF Oceania Continental Championships and included five Olympic qualification races for Beijing. New Zealand, Guam and Samoa competed against Australia for these five places. Unfortunately after a protest from NZ and an appeal to an ICF Jury, two of the events had to be re-run

at a later time. In the end Australia qualified a C1 berth as well as a K1 500 spot. The other 3 countries qualified one place each.

It was also the first selection event for choosing Australian athletes to go to Beijing to fill the boats we had qualified. The championships attracted over 270 athletes from several countries who competed in 300 events over five days. Although some events were marred by the same weed problem we experience in the lead up to the Sydney Olympics in 2000, the heavy racing program ran mostly to schedule. The huge growth in the junior ranks was again apparent especially Junior girls. We also welcomed large numbers of Veteran, Canadian and under 12 paddlers on the week-end. It was great to see Under 14 Canadian and Open C4 races on the program.



I would like to thank Peter Heeley and Jim Murphy and over 50 volunteers who helped make the 2008 regatta season so successful. Special thanks to Graham Halford who, as Chief Official at the Nationals did an outstanding job in difficult circumstances. Thanks also to Kate Heeley and AC staff for their support and behind the scenes work, especially the Oceania Championships. The continued cooperation and support from Richard Fox, his staff and the NTC coaches has helped to make the work of the interim committee much easier in times when there are very limited resources. We are also fortunate to have the support of Kevin Flynn and his staff at SIRC. Without the outstanding venue and resources at Penrith we would not be able to conduct the high standard regattas that attract competitors from all over the world. The continued development of the JRaceman regatta software by Jim McBeath in the USA has enabled us to run our regattas in a professional way. The system he developed is now networked and fully integrated with the Lynx timing equipment and the new colour results screen at SIRC. His modifications to the software allowed us to deal with the huge number of entries and events and the complex seeding and progressions required at this level.

Next year we look forward to a newly elected Flatwater Technical committee which will take a longer term view of

the development of all aspects of the sport to build on the success of the established regatta program. It is vital for the sport that we work to develop coaches, officials, regattas and ITC's and junior programs in all states of Australia if Flatwater is to retain its prominence as an Olympic discipline.

Mark O'Brien, Chair



7.7 National Talent Identification and Development Program Report

2007/08 has been a chance for the NTID program to build on existing programs, initiate new programs and follow the international success of former NTID and Talent Search athletes.

The announcement of the Australian Olympic Team to contest the Beijing Olympics provided an opportunity to celebrate the many years of hard work and dedication of numerous NTID and Talent Search coaches and athletes. 40% of the 2008 Australian Olympic Flatwater Kayaking Team were identified through the Talent Search and NTID programs with the following athletes selected:

- Lisa Oldenhof: identified through the 1994 WACF Talent Identification Program.
- Lyndsie Fogarty: identified through the 1999 QAS Talent Search Program.
- Hannah Davis: identified through the 1999 SASI Talent Search Program.
- Jacob Clear: identified through the 2006 NTID 'Surf & Kayak to London' Program.

A partnership between the NTID Program and Stockland Park was finalised in 2007. This partnership facilitated the launch of the Sunshine Coast branch of the 'Surf & Kayak to London' Program which is geared at offering talented surf ski paddlers an opportunity to combine their surf commitments with the chance for Olympic success in flatwater kayaking at London in 2012. A nationwide search was conducted for athletes with extensive training backgrounds, exceptional strength and outstanding endurance. Following three rounds of testing and a three month trial period, the top eleven seniors and nine juniors were officially inducted into the program. Under the guidance of coach, Peter Petho, the athletes are preparing for the 08/09 competitive season at the Sunshine Coast's premier sport, leisure and entertainment precinct, Stockland Park.

Following the success of the Gold Coast based NTID Junior Kayak squad in 06/07, the program was expanded this year to include a second group of identified athletes. Coach John Newton has been joined by co-coach Graham Bendeich and together they are working with eleven athletes towards national and international competition. The 07/08 year was a productive one for the Gold Coast based NTID Junior Kayak squad which saw several athletes collect gold medals at National Championships after only 8 months in kayaks and other athletes selected on the NTS.

The NTID Melbourne-based 'Rapidly to London' and Tasmanian Institute of Sport-based 'Rapid Slaying' programs continue to develop athletes in slalom under the guidance of Victoria Milne in Melbourne and Andrea McQuitty in Tasmania. In addition to a number of camps, the athletes are competing at National Championships and participat-

ing in a range of testing and athlete development opportunities to develop competition experience and all are progressing promisingly.

The Sprint National Talent Squad (NTS), coordinated by Kevin Crisp attracted considerable interest from athletes this year which resulted in excellent representation from around Australia with 28 athletes selected from six states. Athletes participated in several training camps in Qld and NSW, regional training days in their home states and various competitions with the highlight being the trip to the Olympic Hopes Regatta in Poland. Following their involvement in the 2007 NTS Sprint Program, six athletes were selected on Australian Junior Teams in 2008. Thanks go to Kevin Crisp, John Newton, Dasha Kopecek, Christine Duff, Katrin Borchert, Guy Wilding, Peter Petho, Craig Pickett and Graham Bendeich for their many contributions to the NTS Program this year.

2007/08 has also been a busy year for the Slalom NTS Program. Under the coordination of Victoria Milne assisted by a range of coaches, the NTS squad have participated in six camps and attended four separate competitions in Australia and New Zealand. In addition to development camps and competitions, athletes were exposed to a range of support services in the form of ongoing testing, assistance with training programs and goal setting, access to nutrition services, theory sessions relating to recovery, biomechanics, psychology, strength and conditioning, cross discipline sessions and coaching from Australia's top paddlers and coaches. Athletes in Victoria and New South Wales were also provided with ongoing coaching sessions in addition to the national camps. Athletes outside of these training centres were given greater assistance with writing training programs.

Thanks to Australian Canoeing and the AIS High Performance Program whose ongoing support is invaluable in the identification and provision of development opportunities to our paddlers.

Elissa Morley

National Talent Identification and Development,
Australian Sports Commission



7.8 Education and Safety Committee Report

The Education and Safety has reviewed the entire ACAS and carried out a complete rewriting. Hitherto, the Award Scheme has been written in terms of the VET units, which, in turn, were derived from the ACAS revision of 1995. These were adopted originally because of the obvious advantages of linking with the National VET packages and the National standards.

Unfortunately VET packaging requirements and the attendant co requisites and prerequisites have ended up placing unnecessary restrictions on canoeing development despite their advantages. The initial rules and subsequent development of the package since SRO99 have ended up placing a heavy requirement on the delivery of topic areas without direct relevance to canoeing for those wishing to work through the ACAS skill and knowledge requirement. The lack of peak body benchmarks resulted in a failure to maintain developments in technique, efficiency, injury prevention and safety during the delivery of the package. The new assessor processes of the VET system were also felt not to be helping developing canoeing nationally.

At a meeting in Melbourne, it was decided by the members of Education and Safety to recommend to Australian Canoeing that a major rewrite of the Award Scheme should take place. This recommendation was accepted by Australia Canoeing at its 2007 AGM and the complete revision was undertaken.

The revision of the Award Scheme continues most of its earlier awards and continues also the idea of Skills and Instructor-Guide strands. However the new version, emphasises easily identifiable categories that must be addressed; skills, knowledge, prerequisites or co-requisites, experience, leadership and communication. These are broken down to clear statements that must be attained. The assessment structure now directly addresses these components.

Assessors are now to be completely associated with AC only, rather than the VET assessor process. Assessors must pass an appropriate AC course with much content adopted from the best of the VET processes.

All instructor awards retain a pathway for the acquisition of VET statements of attainment through an Assessment only RTO agreement.

The Education and Safety Committee also presented preliminary plans to the AGM to enact better moderation and auditing methods across Australia to ensure Instructors and the public have the best standards we can reasonably attain for all. The moderation and auditing system has started but it is a process that must necessarily develop as AC's finances improve and as the award scheme beds in.

The rewrite has been very exhausting for those in the thick of it. It has largely been written by Peter Carter and Ian Dewey, with Brock Flowers and Andrea McQuitty, providing expert assistance. Others have included John Wilde, Tim Trahern, Rob Mercer and Ian Hume and I thank them, others and Jim Murphy for their enormous efforts without which the rewrite would have been impossible.

Jason Dicker

Chairman

August 2008



8 Financial Statements

AUSTRALIAN CANOEING INC. ABN: 61 189 833 125 BOARD'S REPORT

The Board of Management submit the financial report of the Australian Canoeing Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2008.

Board Members

The names of Board members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Jim Murphy
Danielle Woodward
David Lunn
Martin Clancy-Lowe
Ian Muir (retired 19/03/08)
Shelley Oates-Wilding (appointed 6/08/08)

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 amounted to \$43,703 (2007 \$160,513).

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



Danielle Woodward



David Lunn

Dated this 13th day of November 2008

**AUSTRALIAN CANOEING INC.
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
AUSTRALIAN CANOEING INC.**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Australian Canoeing Inc. which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008 and the income statement, statement of recognised income and expenditure and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by the board of directors.

Director's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the association are 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 1991 (ACT). This responsibility includes establishing 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 directors, 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.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion:

The financial report of Australian Canoeing Inc. is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT) including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2008 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT).

Name of Firm: Astims & SWM Financial Services Pty Ltd

Name of Partner: Bill Murphy



Address: 14 Waters Road
Neutral Bay NSW 2089

Dated this

13th

day of

November

2008

AUSTRALIAN CANOEING INC. ABN: 61 189 833 125
INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Note	2008	2007
		\$	\$
Sales revenue	2	-	3,414
Cost of sales		-	(3,245)
Gross profit		-	169
Other revenues from ordinary activities	2	1,042,610	1,110,964
Marketing expenses		-	(7,773)
Administration expenses		(42,301)	(54,120)
Finance costs	3	(16,977)	(28,018)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(939,629)	(860,709)
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense		43,703	160,513
Net profit from ordinary activities after income tax expense attributable to members of the company		43,703	160,513
Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners		43,703	160,513

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

AUSTRALIAN CANOEING INC. ABN: 61 189 833 125
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	551,451	400,104
Trade and other receivables	6	157,705	59,567
Inventories	7	1,418	2,980
Other current assets	8	161,084	111,867
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>871,658</u>	<u>574,518</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	6,229	8,899
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>6,229</u>	<u>8,899</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>877,887</u></u>	<u><u>583,417</u></u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	594,305	311,828
Current tax liabilities	11	31,565	40,200
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>625,870</u>	<u>352,028</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	363,025	386,100
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>363,025</u>	<u>386,100</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>988,895</u>	<u>738,128</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>(111,008)</u></u>	<u><u>(154,711)</u></u>
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		(111,008)	(154,711)
TOTAL EQUITY		<u><u>(111,008)</u></u>	<u><u>(154,711)</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

AUSTRALIAN CANOEING INC. ABN: 61 189 833 125
STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2008

	Retained Earnings	General Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2006	(315,224)		(315,224)
Profit attributable to members	160,513		160,513
Balance at 30 June 2007	(154,711)	-	(154,711)
Profit attributable to members	43,703		43,703
Balance at 30 June 2008	<u>(111,008)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(111,008)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

AUSTRALIAN CANOEING INC. ABN: 61 189 833 125
CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		935,837	991,595
Payments to suppliers and employees		(703,687)	(713,777)
Interest received		-	3,262
Net cash provided by operating activities	16	<u>232,150</u>	<u>281,080</u>
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payment of borrowings		(80,803)	(75,764)
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(80,803)</u>	<u>(75,764)</u>
Net increase in cash held		151,347	205,316
Cash at beginning of financial year		400,104	194,788
Cash at end of financial year	5	<u>551,451</u>	<u>400,104</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

AUSTRALIAN CANOEING INC. ABN: 61 189 833 125
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

Note 1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report covers Australian Canoeing Inc. as an individual entity. Australian Canoeing Inc. as an association incorporated in The Australian Capital Territory under the Associations Incorporations Act 1991.

Basis of Preparation

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Associations Incorporations Act 1991.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in a financial report containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this financial report are presented below. They have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

(a) Income Tax

The Association is a non-profit organisation formed for the development of canoeing and is exempt from income tax.

(b) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(c) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

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 (with the exception of high performance equipment) are depreciated on a reducing balance method 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.

The directors have decided to write-off the cost of all high performance equipment regardless of cost, and all other items of equipment acquired for a cost at less than \$1,000, in the year of purchase. This is considered to be more appropriate in the light of rapid technology changes which results in high turnover of equipment and the likelihood of loss and damage due to constant transporting of high performance equipment to various locations for meets. Purchase of equipment is predominately funded by Government grants which are brought to account when received. This matching of the purchase cost against the relevant income recorded is deemed appropriate in the circumstances of the associations operations.

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.

(d) 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.

(e) Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

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(f) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. These cashflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows.

(g) 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. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(h) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement in those goods.

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).

(i) 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 Australian 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.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

(j) Comparative Figures

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

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Board members evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information.

Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the association.

Key Estimates - Impairment

The association assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the association that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

Note 2 Revenue

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Operating activities		
- Sales of publications	-	3,414
- Member subscriptions	8,269	1,659
- Sports income	445,420	496,138
- Insurance fees collected	(169)	3,216
- Sponsorship funds	6,818	59,333
- Grant administration	275,478	151,348
- State affiliation fees	229,097	235,501
- Education programs	80,191	80,801
- Others	(2,494)	79,706
- interest received	-	3,262
	<u>1,042,610</u>	<u>1,114,378</u>

Note 3 Profit

	2008 \$	2007 \$
(a) Expenses		
Cost of Sales	-	3,245
Finance Costs:		
- Interest Paid	<u>16,977</u>	<u>28,018</u>
Total finance costs	<u>16,977</u>	<u>28,018</u>
Rental expense on operating leases		
- rental expense for office equipment	9,319	9,389
	<u>9,319</u>	<u>9,389</u>

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(b) Significant Revenue and Expenses

The following significant revenue and expense items are relevant in explaining financial performance:

Cost of seminars to promote activities of the association	26,754	2,634
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Note 4 Auditors' Remuneration

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Remuneration of the auditor of the association for:		
- auditing or reviewing the financial report	10,000	15,000

Note 5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Cash at bank	551,451	400,104
	<u>551,451</u>	<u>400,104</u>

Reconciliation of cash

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

Cash and cash equivalents	551,451	400,104
	<u>551,451</u>	<u>400,104</u>

Note 6 Trade and Other Receivables

	2008 \$	2007 \$
CURRENT		
Other receivables	220,866	77,717
Less provision for doubtful debts	(63,161)	(18,150)
	<u>157,705</u>	<u>59,567</u>

Note 7 Inventories

	2008 \$	2007 \$
CURRENT		
At cost		
Stock of publications	1,418	2,980
	<u>1,418</u>	<u>2,980</u>

Note 8 Other Current Assets

	2008 \$	2007 \$
CURRENT		
Prepayments - insurance	5,408	-
Prepayments - tour expenses	155,676	111,767
Cash Advance	-	100
	<u>161,084</u>	<u>111,867</u>

Note 9 Property, Plant and Equipment

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Office Equipment:		
At cost	20,288	20,288
Accumulated depreciation	(16,799)	(15,303)
	<u>3,489</u>	<u>4,985</u>
Motor vehicles		
Motor vehicles - at cost	20,000	20,000

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(Accumulated depreciation)	(17,260)	(16,086)
	<u>2,740</u>	<u>3,914</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>6,229</u>	<u>8,899</u>

Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year

	Motor Vehicles \$	Office Equipment \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2006	7,738	5,592	13,330
Additions			-
Disposals	(1,797)		(1,797)
Depreciation expense	(956)	(1,678)	(2,634)
Balance at the beginning of year	<u>4,985</u>	<u>3,914</u>	<u>8,899</u>
Additions			-
Disposals			-
Depreciation expense	(1,174)	(1,496)	(2,670)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2008	<u>3,811</u>	<u>2,418</u>	<u>6,229</u>

Note 10 Trade and Other Payables

	2008 \$	2007 \$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	14,909	41,369
Employee benefits	6,836	-
Provision for audit fees	10,000	10,000
Provision for contribution to be paid back to athletes	37,654	26,904
Provision for legal fees	22,610	30,000
Funding for tours/events received in advance	427,522	197,438
Superannuation payable	974	6,117
American express	159	-
Accrued expenses	73,641	-
	<u>594,305</u>	<u>311,828</u>
NON-CURRENT		
ASC funding AIS passthru	-	9,000
ASC high performance funding	-	18,563
ASC sports development support	21,500	38,090
ASC TID support	20,761	-
ASC coaches workshop	-	4,273
AIS funds in trust	85,393	-
	<u>127,654</u>	<u>69,926</u>

Note 11 Financial Liabilities

	2008 \$	2007 \$
NON-CURRENT		
Amount due to Australian Sports Commission	126,933	165,986
Amount due to International Canoe Foundation	75,000	90,000
Amount due to Penrith Whitewater Stadium	33,438	60,188
	<u>235,371</u>	<u>316,174</u>

Note 12 Tax

	2008 \$	2007 \$
(a) CURRENT LIABILITIES		
ATO Integrated client account	-	15,537
Provision for GST	30,039	22,367
PAYG withholding tax payable	1,526	2,296
	<u>31,565</u>	<u>40,200</u>

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Note 13 Capital and Leasing Commitments

Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
(a) Operating Lease Commitments		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements		
Payable - minimum lease payments		
- not later than 12 months	9,388	9,388
- between 12 months and 5 years	1,691	11,079
	<u>11,079</u>	<u>20,467</u>

Note 14 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Estimates of the potential financial effect of contingent liabilities that may become payable:		
Brazilian Canoe Federation	22,000	-
	<u>22,000</u>	<u>-</u>

On the 19th August 2008 a claim for payment was received by the Brazilian Canoe Federation for payment for cargo importing fees for boats at the 2000 Canoe Polo World Championships in San Paulo. The total claim was Brazilian Real 28,624.62. This represents approximately \$22,000 Australian Dollars. The Board of Australian Canoeing have discussed this matter and are uncertain whether there is in fact a liability. Australian Canoeing is currently seeking further information and advice on this matter.

Note 15 Events after the Balance Sheet Date

There were no events likely to have a significant impact on the association after the balance date and to the date of the Board's report

Note 16 Cash Flow Information

	2008 \$	2007 \$
Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income Tax		
Profit after income tax	43,703	160,513
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit		
Depreciation	2,670	3,814
Equipment write off		617
Provision adjustments		1,904
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment		
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and term debtors	(98,138)	(22,511)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets	(49,217)	151,635
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	1,562	9,961
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	340,205	(19,397)
Increase/(decrease) in current tax liabilities	(8,635)	(5,456)
	<u>232,150</u>	<u>281,080</u>

Note 17 Accounting Policy Amendments

The following Australian Accounting Standards issued or amended are applicable to the association but not yet effective and have not been adopted in preparation of the financial statements at reporting date.

AASB Amendment	Standards Affected		Outline of Amendment	Application date of standard	Application date for Group
AASB 2007-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	AASB 101	Presentation of Financial Statements	The revised AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements issued in September 07 requires the presentation of a statement of comprehensive income and makes changes to the statement of changes in recognised income and expenditure.	1 Jan 2009	1 July 2009
AASB 101	AASB 101	Presentation of Financial Statements	As above.	1 Jan 2009	1 July 2009

Note 18 Association Details

The registered office of the association is:
 Australian Canoeing Inc.
 First Floor, Sport House
 8 Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park
 Homebush, NSW, 2124

The principal places of business is:
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008


	2008 \$	2007 \$
REVENUE		
Operating activities		
Sales of publications	-	3,414
Sports income	445,420	496,138
Insurance fees collected	(169)	3,216
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Grant administration	275,478	151,348
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Education programs	80,191	80,801
Others	(2,494)	79,706
Non-operating activities		
Interest	-	3,262
	<u>1,042,610</u>	<u>1,114,378</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Cost of Sales	-	3,245
Accounting	34,846	30,244
Administration expenses	42,301	54,120
Audit	10,000	15,000
Bank charges	5,040	5,047
Finance costs		
- Interest Paid	16,977	28,018
Depreciation and amortisation expense		
- Motor vehicles	1,174	-
- office equipment	1,496	3,814
Marketing	-	7,773
Rental expense on operating leases		
- Office equipment	9,319	9,389
Seminars	26,754	2,634
Superannuation	10,555	9,649
Wages	117,276	109,642
Provision for doubtful debts	61,011	-
Education expenses	39,391	25,019
High performance equipments	10,304	5,827
Insurance	53,153	80,473
Legal costs	15,758	37,060
Travelling expenses	346,145	391,357
Staff costs and uniforms	42,749	57,075
Provision for annual leave	6,836	-
Membership expenses	4,653	2,233
Event expenses	106,662	23,401
Other expenses from ordinary activities	<u>36,507</u>	<u>52,845</u>
	<u>998,907</u>	<u>953,865</u>
Profit before income tax	43,703	160,513
Income tax expense	-	-
Profit after income tax	<u>43,703</u>	<u>160,513</u>


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STATEMENT BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the opinion of the Board the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Australian Canoeing Inc. as at 30 June 2008 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.

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

Chairperson 
Danielle Woodward

Director 
David Lunn

Dated this 13th day of November 2008



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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.

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