



# Australian Canoeing 61st Annual Report 2010



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## 1. Message from the Australian Sports Commission

It is an honour to serve as the new Chair of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Board at this challenging and exciting period for our national sporting system.

The ASC and national sporting organisations (NSOs) have long spoken of a shared ambition to strengthen relationships between all system partners involved in Australian sport.

Aligned with this ambition, the Australian Government is now encouraging a whole-of-sport reform agenda, aimed at establishing a more collaborative, efficient and integrated sports system.

Through new direction for sport '*Australian Sport: the Pathway to Success*', the ASC will work closely with sport to achieve its main objectives; boost sports participation and strengthen sporting pathways while striving for international success.

The reform agenda seeks for the ASC to assist to provide stability and support for all sporting organisations in their pursuit of a shared, common purpose; creating a better sporting pathway for all Australians, from the grassroots up.

The ASC will implement the new direction, and this includes collaboration with all NSOs to allocate a record amount of new sports funding – committing an extra \$195 million over the next four years.

This funding is in addition to the current ongoing baseline funding for NSOs. Also, the ASC will assist sporting organisations with access to coaching and officiating programs, governance support, planning and education opportunities and assistance with becoming more inclusive – particularly in the areas of Indigenous sport, sport for people with a disability, sport for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and women's sport development programs.

This is the first time key sport partners, such as state and territory institutes and academies of sport and state and territory departments of sport and recreation, have collaborated on a Commonwealth funding decision in the interests of Australia's sporting future.

This is an exciting time for all of us involved in Australian sport. With significant new funding from the Australian Government, sports will be better positioned than ever before to lead the drive for higher participation levels and strong success on the sporting field by promoting the unique nature of their sport, creating a legacy and a lasting impression for communities across the country.

The ASC will continue to work with all NSOs, the state and territory institutes and academies of sport and state and territory departments of sport and recreation, reinvigorating access to, and participation in, sport across the community and driving Australia's continued sporting success.

**The Hon. Warwick Smith AM**  
**Chairman**  
**Board of the Australian Sports Commission**



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**Australian Sports Commission**



## 2. Our Partners in Sport



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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.

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

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



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

## 3. Our Year in Focus

### 3.1. President's Report

Australian Canoeing (AC) has continued to build its position within sporting community this year with implementation of the five year strategic plan, building on the operational stability within the office and the progression of modeling for the high performance realignment to AC.

AC has also stabilised its position within the Outdoor Education and Recreation Industry through the hard work of its staff and technical committees and will now look to building on this platform.

The year in review saw the Federal Government release its response to the findings of the Independent Sport Panel led by David Crawford that conducted a review of Australian Sport entitled 'Australian Sport – The Pathway to Success'. The report outlines the Australian Government's new direction and features a whole of sport approach being driven by National Sporting Organisations. As a result of new Federal funding, AC has forwarded submissions to the ASC for additional funding consideration in the areas of Participation and High Performance.

AC's aim this year was to build a sound transparent financial model and this has been achieved through good financial governance led by our CEO Greg Doyle and Financial Controller Richard Roach. As a result AC was able to reduce the member association affiliation fees by 18% to bring them in line with the pre-loan affiliation fees. The Board wanted to recognise the significant contributions made by our member associations to AC over the past five years and now look forward to building independent income streams over the next five years.

Some of the highlights over the past year have been the World Masters Games held in Sydney and the World Cups for Wildwater held in Tasmania. Both events were extremely successful from both a participation level and media coverage and I would like to make special mention of the tireless contribution made by our technical committees, our volunteers and Canoe Tasmania in the running of these events. Without the humble volunteer our sport could not function and AC, as part of its strategic plan, is looking to invest back into our volunteers.

Our athletes of all disciplines continue to perform at a high level and their achievements are outlined later in this report. I would like to make special mention of the success of our junior and young athletes over the past year. The strength and depth shown in our disciplines indicates a bright future for Canoeing.

**Danielle Woodward OAM**  
**President**

The landscape of membership is changing and the notion of formal membership to a club or an organisation is not at the forefront of the minds of the "now" generation. Whilst AC will always continue to have formal membership through our member associations, we must now necessarily look at ways to capture the generation that "just wants to paddle". AC is already looking at ways to adapt to the changing environment with the inclusion of ocean racing as a discipline, marketing strategies and the forming of the Paddling Australia Framework. Input from our member associations and technical committees is paramount and we look forward to building our sport of canoeing together.

AC has secured World Cups for the new discipline of Ocean Racing for 2010 and 2011. This has been achieved through the exceptional work of the Board and Staff of AC. A partnership with Surf Life Saving Australia has been implemented in order to tackle this new discipline and our aim is to increase membership and revenue to start building independent income sources for the sport.

The Board this year welcomed the election of Interested Director Keith Lyons and the appointment of Independent Director James Rennell. We regrettably saw the departure of board member Shelley Oats Wilding in May as she followed her husband Guy to Hawaii to Coach canoeing in the States.

The Board has worked tirelessly this year forming working groups to look at issues such as the modeling of member fees for the future, ocean racing, marketing strategies, sport for all, education and safety and paddling for the disabled. This has stretched the board however I believe it has built a number of significant relationships with other paddle sports in Australia which will position AC as the leading paddle sports association into the future.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Australian Sport Commission for their continued guidance and direction, my fellow board members; Martyn Clancy-Lowe, Keith Lyons, Jim Murphy, James Rennell and Robbie Stewart for their support, their open and frank discussions and their ability to continue to move the sport forward.

My thanks to the staff of AC particularly to Greg Doyle, Richard Roach, Sam Lyons and Una McKay who have been the driving force and the backbone of the AC over the past year and to our high performance staff, volunteers, administrators, educators, officials, and paddlers who continue to support Australian Canoeing.



### 3.2. Chief Executive's Report

It gives me great pleasure to provide to you my Chief Executive's report for the year ended 30th June, 2010.

The trading outcome for the year shows a modest surplus of \$22,082. Of particular note is that the Penrith Whitewater Stadium loan was retired during this period and the long standing historical Canoe Polo 'boat' dispute with the Brazilian Canoe Federation was settled. Both the International Canoe Federation (interest free) and Australian Sports Commission (ASC) loans remain outstanding.

Australian Canoeing (AC) successfully lobbied the ASC in reducing the applied interest rate of the ASC loan by half and making such retrospective as well as extending the term of the loan to 2014. This decision provides AC with the flexibility to retire the ASC loan over the next several years whilst minimising the impact on cash flow and organisational capacity.

The impact of these loans on the sport over recent years has been to significantly reduce the operational capacity of AC and its affiliated State Member Associations. The future ability to divert funds from loan payments into improved liquidity will provide the foundation for increased future investment in the sport.

As AC continues to develop the business of canoeing, the greatest challenge will continue to be that we grow our revenue streams and maintain prudent and responsible financial management of our activities whilst operating with sound business principles to achieve long term financial stability and independence.

After extensive collaboration with members, the Board adopted (9th November, 2009) a new strategic plan 'GO Paddling! (2010–2014)' that provides a clear direction and platform for AC to grow, manage, promote and showcase the sport. A special thank you to both Sue and Keith Lyons for their invaluable contribution in the development and completion of the Strategic Plan. The next step in the planning process is for the respective disciplines to develop Operational Plans that dovetail the strategic plan. The Canoe Slalom Technical Committee has completed such a process.

AC continued to provide quality service, value and programs to registered members with open and transparent communication. Those members registered over the past year were covered by the AC Sport Injury & Personal Accident Insurance Scheme and eligible to compete in affiliated State Member Association and AC sanctioned events. All had access to a range of discounts and offers from participating 'Paddle Pal' partners and were kept informed by our website and

eNews as well as access to social networking sites Facebook, Twitter and You Tube.

In any business, the relationships formed between partners are critical and this is the reason why AC is committed to a partnership approach with members and stakeholders as well as supporting the strategic intent, programs and efforts of the International Canoe Federation.

As a result of ongoing discussions, PaddleNSW was granted interim affiliation status to AC (executed 20th July, 2009) for a period of twelve (12) months. It is pleasing that throughout this period PNSW have worked co-operatively with AC for the betterment of the sport in NSW. It is my belief that the sport is better positioned now in NSW than it was twelve months ago and this is largely due to the efforts and enthusiasm of Tony Hystek (Chairman) and his hard working Management Committee.

A major feature of the past year was the closer working relationship that developed between AC and SLSA. AC in partnership with SLSA and the ASC through the National Talent Identification & Development (NTID) established the National Surf & Kayak Talent Program (NSKP). A pilot program was established on the Gold Coast with a full time coordinator employed by SLSA (Lynda Lehman, appointed 19th October, 2009). The initiative aimed to fast track athletes from surf life saving clubs into National Centre of Excellence programs based on the Gold Coast. Under the initial agreement, the NSKP succeeded in raising awareness of surf and kayak pathways and opportunities amongst clubs, coaches and athletes and in providing some coaching and support to identified athletes in partnership with AC. However, the objective to develop a new targeted squad of talented surf athletes through a dedicated program on the Gold Coast was not reached. To gain maximum value from this partnership the program needs to sit within the pre-existing national High Performance (HP) pathway of AC and this will be the future direction.

AC and SLSA have agreed in principle to establish an Ocean Racing Australia (ORA) Framework that will incorporate an Australian Ocean Racing Series as well as providing development and pathway opportunities with a Deed of Commitment between both organisations to be executed during September 2010.

It should also be noted that initial discussions have begun with representatives from The Australian Outrigger Canoeing Association (AOCRA) for the possible inclusion of AOCRA events/activities within the ORA framework.



The ASC and the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), continue to provide tremendous assistance, support and direction for AC. In particular, Greg Nance (Director Sport Performance and Development, ASC), Gavin Hunt (Senior Sports Consultant, ASC), Peter Fricker (Director, AIS), Ian Rutledge (Sports Performance Manager, AIS), Jason Gulbin (General Manager, NTID) and Elissa Morley (Senior Manager, Sports Programs, NTID).

The AIS and the SIS / SAS network ensures that our paddlers are prepared, serviced and able to perform to the best of their ability on national and international waters. Richard Fox (National Performance Director) and his HP team ensure that objectives and targeted outcomes are reviewed and a clear focus is maintained by athletes and coaches alike. The achievements of our paddlers are well documented in other sections of the Annual Report. These efforts have provided inspiration to those paddlers who aspire to achieve on the international arena as well as promoting canoeing to the wider community.

AC entered into a Service Level Agreement with the Sydney World Masters Games Organising Committee for the delivery of kayaking / canoeing events at the 2009 World Masters Games (10th-18th October, 2009) in the disciplines of Canoe Polo, Canoe Marathon, Canoe Slalom and Canoe Sprint. In excess of seven hundred (700) competitors participated however the Games were unfortunately marred by the tragic fatality of an Argentinean competitor in the 21 km Canoe Marathon event conducted at the Nepean River, Penrith.

To facilitate the re-alignment of HP (currently with the AIS) to AC, a Strategic Advisory Committee (Danielle Woodward, Sue Lyons, Greg Doyle, Richard Fox, Gavin Hunt and Ian Rutledge) was established to work in collaboration with the Innovation & Best Practice Unit (ASC) and the AIS. Phase 1 (AC HP Plan through to London 2012) and a consolidated AC/AIS budget have been determined and agreed upon accordingly whilst Phase 2 (post London planning) will be completed by the end 2010. The simple aim for AC is to have a fully integrated and efficient organisational and staffing structure effective post London 2012.

AC continued to develop Paddling Australia ('GO Paddling!') that is a national framework developed to bring paddling events (recreational / mass participation / ocean racing) and kayak / canoe manufacturers and / or retailers under a collaborative structure. The three (3) principal aims of Paddling Australia being to:

1. Develop a structure for the industry that supports and more effectively services the hundreds of thousands of Australians participating in healthy, fun and organised physical activity via paddling.

2. Bring a heightened level of professionalism, risk management and safety to event organisers and the recreational market.
3. Provide increased opportunities for manufacturers / retailers to engage, align and communicate with AC and the Australian paddling community.

Subject to securing such additional participation funding from the ASC, this initiative will be a key priority for AC in the coming years in engaging the community to 'GO Paddling!'

Other key highlights achieved by the organisation over the past year included:

- ✓ The continued proactive national positioning of Education & Safety matters, particularly ACAS, amongst key peak safety / recreation authorities.
- ✓ To ensure effective, relevant and transparent governance, the Board adopted / amended several policies and Bylaws pertaining to Member Protection, Terms of Delegation, Selection Procedures, Team Officials, Anti-Doping (ASADA compliance).
- ✓ AC initiated discussions with AOCRA for the establishment of a Principles' of Partnership Agreement and subsequent Deed of Commitment that will be progressed in the coming year.
- ✓ In recognition and with the endorsement of the International Paralympic Committee, the ICF has created Paddleability as a declaration of its support for the development of canoe sport for persons with a disability. AC signed the ICF Paddleability Declaration (Accessibility for Canoeing Athletes with Disability) effective 16th September, 2009.
- ✓ The conduct of Paddle Power International Oceania Coaching Conference (15th-16th February, 2010) at the AIS that featured live online global streaming.
- ✓ The conduct of 2010 Oceania Open (12th-21st February, 2010) for Canoe Slalom and Canoe Sprint events at Penrith Whitewater Stadium and Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith.
- ✓ Hosting the Oceania Canoe Association Congress (17th February, 2010) in Penrith.
- ✓ The engagement of consultants Innovation Planning Australia in the production of a 'Penrith Canoe / Kayak Sport Development Feasibility Plan' (completed late December 2009).
- ✓ The conduct of a national Strategic Forum (14th – 15th November, 2009) in Sydney.
- ✓ The conduct of annual Awards Dinner at the Pullman Hotel, Sydney Olympic Park (14th November, 2009). The Awards Dinner also recognised the AC anniversary '60 Years of Paddling'. Congratulations to the organisers; Una

McKay, Marie Keating, Shelley Oates-Wilding (MC) and Helen Brownlee.

- ✓ Management identified that AC Events Ltd was four (4) years behind in ASIC mandatory lodgement compliance. Lodgement requirements were completed and AC Events was 'wound-up' (deregistered) accordingly.
- ✓ Management identified that AC is an Incorporated Association in the ACT under the Associations Incorporation Act, 1991 and was three (3) years behind in mandatory legislation compliance i.e. must have a Public Officer who is a resident of the ACT and must lodge an annual return with the Office of Regulatory Services. Legislation compliance was completed.
- ✓ The establishment of Board appointed Working Groups in the areas of 'Sport for All', 'Post Loan Affiliation Fees', 'Marketing', 'Ocean Racing', 'ACAS' and 'AOCRA'.
- ✓ The formation of an Ocean Racing Technical Committee.
- ✓ AC being granted the rights to host rounds of the inaugural 2010-2011 ICF Ocean Racing (Surfski) World Cup Series – Sydney (December, 2010) and Perth (January, 2011).

There are a number of acknowledgements that need to be placed on record.

- State Member Association Presidents and Executive Officers for your support and resolve in moving the sport forward at the local level.
- The Organising Committees of national championships, the respective host State Member Associations as well as the officials and volunteers who ensured their successful conduct.
- The essential contribution that the respective discipline Technical Committees make to our sport. Your task is in many ways thankless and time consuming, nevertheless critical for the conduct of our operations and appreciated by management and the Board. There were several new Technical Committee Chairs appointed – Jerry Dunn (Canoe Marathon), Peter Grant (Canoe Slalom), Chris Smidt (Wildwater), Dean Gardiner (Ocean Racing) and Jez Blanchard (Freestyle). A special thank you to outgoing

Chairs; Tom Hirschoff (Canoe Marathon), Sue Lyons (Canoe Slalom) and David Gray (Wildwater) for your outstanding contribution and sustained commitment over many years to your respective disciplines and AC.

- My sincere appreciation to the Board of Directors who throughout the year provided vigilant corporate governance as well as support and advice to management. In particular, Danielle Woodward (President / Chair), for her wise counsel and ability to address complex issues in a simple and effective manner. It is a pleasure to work with a Board that is both truly professional in nature and keeps its 'finger on the pulse' of the members that they represent.
- A personal thank you to 'Team AC' - Una McKay (Administration Manager), Sam Lyons (Sport Services Coordinator), Ian Dewey (Coaching and Education Coordinator), Daniel Pearce (Operations Manager) as well as casual employees Marie Keating, Andrea Bryce, David Evans (World Masters Games) and Ashley McMahon (IT Consultant). Each demonstrated commitment, enthusiasm, expertise, professionalism and a willingness to 'get the job done'. Unfortunately, Ian, Daniel, Marie and David have departed AC, however their legacy still continues. A special mention to Richard Roach (Financial Controller) who expertly handles our accounting functions ensuring that Australian Canoeing accounts are professionally managed and reported to the Board and the ASC in a concise, timely and transparent manner.

In conclusion, the achievements of the past year will provide the platform for the future growth and positioning of AC as we progress the re-alignment process of HP to AC and implement our new strategic plan 'GO Paddling! (2010–2014)'. To ensure ongoing organisational success we must continue to focus on addressing the need to combine both effective governance with strong organisational capability (financial strength and effective business strategy). Applying these principles, the biggest challenge for AC in the short term remains the absolute necessity for AC to continue to implement prudent and responsible financial management that fosters an environment of financial stability.

**Gregory P. Doyle**  
**Chief Executive Officer**



## 4. Our People

### Board of Directors, Australian Canoeing Inc.

Chair and President	Ms. Danielle Woodward OAM
Director	Mr. Martyn Clancy-Lowe
Director	Ms. Shelley Oates-Wilding (13th January 2010 - 12th May 2010).
Director	Mr. Jim Murphy OAM
Director	Prof. Keith Lyons
Director	Mr. James Rennell
Director	Mr. Robbie Stewart

### Professional Staff

Chief Executive Officer	Mr. Greg Doyle
Administration Manager	Ms. Una McKay
Operations Manager	Mr. Daniel Pearce
Sports Services Coordinator	Mr. Sam Lyons
Finance Officer	Mr. Richard Roach

### Life Members (\* denotes deceased)

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



## 5. Our Award Winners 2008-09

### Canoeist of the Year (sponsored by Chifley Hotels)



Ken Wallace



Rosalyn Lawrence

### Olegas Truchanas Canoeing Award

#### Junior Canoeist of the Year (sponsored by Epic Kayaks)

#### Excellence Award

#### Services to Canoeing

#### Team of the Year

#### Merit Award

#### Master Canoeist of the Year

#### President's Award

#### Coach of the Year (sponsored by PCK)

Andrew McAuley (posthumously awarded)

Jessica Fox

Duncan Cochrane

Anthea Courtney

David Smith and Luke Morrison K2 Sprint

Gill Milne and Kate Barclay

Richard Barnes

John Borojevic

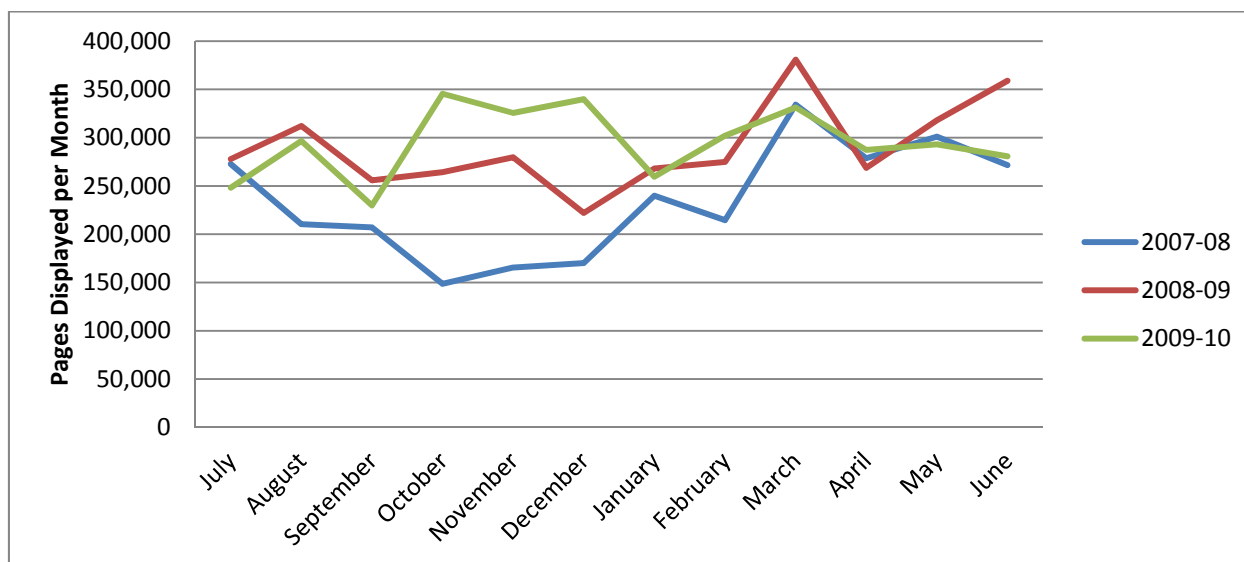
Guy Wilding

## 6. Our Website

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

### Australian Canoeing Website – Total Pages Displayed Per Month

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



## 7. Our Teams

### Wildwater

#### World Championships Sprint Team

Dan Hall (MK1);  
Ben Maynard (MK1);  
Stewart Bennett (MK1);  
Matt Dalziel (MK1);  
Andrea McQuitty (WK1);  
Susie Wharton (WK1);  
Shaun Wilson (MC2);  
David Gray (MC2)

#### Management:

Rosalie Maynard

#### World Championships Classic Team

Dan Hall (MK1);  
Ben Maynard (MK1);  
Matthew French (MK1);  
Stewart Bennett (MK1);  
Andrea McQuitty (WK1);  
Susie Wharton (WK1);  
Shaun Wilson (MC2);  
David Gray (MC2)

#### World Cup Team

Dan Hall (MK1);  
Ben Maynard (MK1);  
Matthew French (MK1);  
Stewart Bennett (MK1);  
Matt Dalziel (MK1);  
Shaun Wilson (MK1);  
Peter Lockett (MK1);  
Andrea McQuitty (WK1);  
Susie Wharton (WK1)

#### Junior Development Team

Will Smidt (MK1)

#### Management:

Chris Smidt

### Slalom

#### Senior Team

Robin Jeffery (WA)  
Kynan Maley (WA)  
Ethan Hodson (NSW)  
Will Forsythe (NSW)  
Warwick Draper (VIC)  
Lucien Delfour (NSW)  
Sarah Grant (VIC)  
Jessica Fox (NSW)  
Kate Lawrence (NSW)  
Jessica Fox (NSW)  
Leanne Guinea (VIC)  
Rosalyn Lawrence (NSW)  
Kynan Maley (WA) / Rob Jeffery (WA)  
Phillip Gibbins (VIC) / Ben Hankinson (NSW)  
Chris Guinea (VIC) / Scott Guinea (VIC)

#### Management:

Natasha Welsh (De Paola)  
Mike Druce  
Myriam Fox  
Yann Le Pennec

#### Team 22

Ian Borrows (NSW)  
Jaxon Merritt (VIC)  
Phil Gibbins (VIC)  
Joey Croft (NSW)  
Rosalyn Lawrence (NSW)

Alison Borrows (NSW)  
Heather Caesar (NSW)

#### Management:

Mike Druce

#### Junior Team

Andrew Eckhardt (TAS)  
Tim Anderson (VIC)  
Seb Ewing (WA)  
Jessica Fox (NSW)  
Alison Borrows (NSW)  
Maggie Webster (VIC)  
Reilly Edwards (NSW)

#### Management:

Colin Borrows  
Warwick Draper  
Louise Natoli  
Myriam Fox

#### NTS

Alan Robinson  
Anton Ivkov  
Jess Fox  
Steven Lowther  
Jack Currie  
Chris Fegan  
Alison Borrows  
Nicholas Massey  
Max Myers  
Andrew Eckhardt  
Reilly Edwards  
Georgia Rankin  
Maggie Webster  
Daniel Watkins  
Brodie Crawford





Lydia Toms  
Tim Anderson  
Elsa Gales  
Ben Pope  
Loren Kluwer  
Adam Rajic  
Seb Ewing  
Ben Marriott

**Management:**

Mary-Jane Watkins  
Warwick Draper  
Mark Nicholds

## Sprint

### Senior Team

#### *Women's Kayak*

Jo Brigden-Jones (NSW)  
Hailey McGinty (QLD)  
Anna Haymes (SA)  
Rachel Simper (QLD)  
Bernadette Wallace (QLD)  
Alyce Burnett (QLD)  
Naomi Flood (NSW)  
Kristina Jenkins (NSW)  
Elysse Yardley (NSW)  
Hannah Davis (SA)

#### *Men's Kayak*

Ken Wallace (QLD)  
Luke Morrison (SA)  
David Smith (QLD)  
Jacob Clear (QLD)  
Murray Stewart (NSW)  
Chris Alagich (QLD)  
Brendan Sarsen (WA)  
Tate Smith (QLD)  
Joel Simpson (QLD)  
Steven Bird (WA)  
Jesse Philips (WA)  
Matt Goble (SA)

Matt Urquhart (QLD)  
David Rolfe (QLD)

#### *Men's Canoe*

Torsten Lachmann (NSW)  
Sebastian Marzcek (NSW)  
Ferenc Szekszardi (WA)

#### **Management:**

Tahnee Norris  
Martin Marinov  
Jimmy Owens,  
Katrin Borchert  
Nicola Bullock

### Emerging Athlete Team

#### *Women Under 23*

Lauren Smith (NSW)  
Christy Pickup (QLD)  
Maddison Prior (NSW)

#### *Open Women*

Mieke Boerema (SA)  
Rachel Dickinson (QLD)

#### *Under 23 Men*

Dean Blanche (NSW)  
Daniel Bowker (WA)  
Mitchell Crow (QLD)  
Mitchell Thompson (NSW)  
Dane Wilkinson (QLD)  
Nicholas Dawe (NSW)  
Michael Knauer (SA)  
Glen Rypp (SA)

#### *Open Men*

Sasa Vujanic (NSW)  
Zsolt Dallos (QLD)  
Michael Baker (QLD)  
Jacob Michael (NSW)

Luke Michael (NSW)

#### **Management:**

Lisa Gowthorp  
Peter Petho  
Jimmy Walker

### Junior Team

#### *Women*

Jacqueline Beaver (QLD)  
Emma Thomson (NSW)  
Danielle Polson (NSW)  
Alyce Burnett (QLD)  
Heleena Ethel (QLD)  
\*Coco Howcroft (QLD) Withdrawn  
Eliza St Hill (VIC) Replacement

#### *Men*

Wayne Dunbar (NSW)  
Nic Bolton (QLD)  
Kellen Mills (QLD)  
\*Jeremy Petho (SA) Withdrawn  
Matthew Gilliman (QLD)  
Nick Bulmer (SA)  
David Ceddia (VIC) Replacement

#### **Management:**

Christine Duff  
Vince Fehervari

### Olympic Hopes Team

#### *Under 17 Women*

Kirsty Higgison (NSW)  
Eliza St Hill (VIC)  
Allison Bryant (NSW)

#### *Under 16 Women*

Coco Howcroft (QLD) Withdrew  
Gabriella Tobitt (QLD)  
Jordan-Lee Jones (QLD)



Anne-Sophie Sullivan (QLD) Withdrew  
Rebecca Degnien (QLD)  
Reserve:  
Anna Hennessy (SA)

#### **Under 15 Women**

Tara McAleenan (QLD)  
Shannon Reynolds (WA)  
Kristy Mitchell (QLD)  
Monique O'Neill (NSW)

#### **Under 17 Men**

David Ceddia (VIC)  
Joshua Crouch (QLD)  
Neil Gardner (QLD)

#### **Under 16 Men**

Bill Bain (QLD)  
Ryan Anderson (QLD)  
Charlie Copeland (QLD)  
Stephen Giraud (QLD)  
Jordan Wood (QLD)  
Daniel Ross (QLD)  
Jake Donaghey – C1 (QLD)

#### **Reserve**

Mitchell Jenkinson (WA)

#### **Under 15 Men**

Joel McKitterick (QLD)  
Victor Gebarski (SA)  
Jordan Clark (QLD)  
Alexander Haas – C1 (QLD)

#### **Management:**

Graham Bendeich  
Julie Jenkinson  
Kevin Crisp  
John Newton  
Chris Alagich

#### **National Talent Squad**

#### **Boys**

Mitchell Jenkinson (WA)  
Jordan Bennett (SA)  
Jack Doyle (QLD)  
Ben McLean (NSW)

#### **U14 Boys**

Alexander Graham (WA)  
Josh Yeates (NSW)  
Isaac Lawrence (NSW)  
James Stuart (QLD)

#### **Girls**

Georgie Rowe (NSW)  
Anna Hennessy (SA)  
Carly Baque (QLD)  
Elise Schubert (NSW)  
Rebecca Mann (VIC)  
Madison Davies (SA)

#### **U14 Girls**

Josephine Bulmer (SA)  
Tanielle Basson (NSW)  
Bronwyn Martin (WA)  
Rachel Duncan (NSW)

### **Marathon**

#### **Open Men K1**

Michael Leverett

#### **Open Women K1**

Tegan Fraser  
Kate McGrath

#### **Under 23 Men K1**

Dale Thomson

#### **Under 23 Women K1**

Marlena Ahrens  
Jennifer Stevens

#### **Under 18 Men K1**

David Ceddia  
Travis Dodd

#### **Under 18 Women K1**

Catherine McArthur  
Eliza St Hill

#### **Open Men K2**

Bennett Maxwell / Dale Thomson

#### **Open Women K2**

Peta Wait / Tegan Fraser  
Larissa Horsnell / Jennifer Stevens

#### **Under 18 Men K2**

David Ceddia / James Campbell  
Marcus Whittaker / Travis Dodd

#### **Under 18 Women K2**

Catherine McArthur / Emily Bews

#### **Management:**

Mark Coulter  
Letitia Quick Harrington

### **Canoe Polo**

#### **Men's Open**

Chris Heard  
Anton Holmes  
Luke Holmes  
Craig Hutchinson (Captain)  
Ian McIntosh  
Matthew Moore  
Matthew Perrin  
Matthew Schar  
Robert Sims  
**Management:**  
Ken Sullivan  
John Moore  
Stephen Gibson

#### **Women's Open**

Sarah Cartwright (Captain)  
Ailsa Enting-Hawke (Vice Captain)  
Siobhan Goble  
Elizabeth LeCoultre  
Nicole Lee  
Louise McIntosh  
Cassandra Sims  
Stephanie Sullivan  
**Management:**  
Matthew Heard

#### **Men's Under 21**

Shaun Creighton  
Andrew Goodison  
Matthew Greaves  
Sam Holt  
Stephen Hubbard  
Jeremy Lee  
Andrew Merrifield  
Nathan Watson  
**Management:**  
Chris van Genderen  
Rob Watson

### **Youth Olympic Games**

Jessica Fox (NSW)  
Scott Smith (NSW)  
**Management:**  
Myriam Fox (NSW)

## 8. Our Members

### 8.1. Canoeing Western Australia

The past year has seen participation and growth in all disciplines in Western Australia. The state association membership now stands at 1182.

Each of the discipline report indicated growth in all areas of participation which is an excellent result over the 2009/10 season. Ocean paddling is developing as a genuine discipline incorporating a wide variety of craft. The disciplines continue to grow the sport in the state at a phenomenal rate with increasing participation in marathon series and Sprint series.

There has also been significant infrastructure developed at Champion Lakes Regatta Centre and a solid commitment from government towards the development of a White Water Park.

We have also seen the establishment of National Talent Identification Programs for sprint and slalom and continued growth and participation in the state run talent identification programs. The clubs have also been extremely active in all junior programs.

The paddle academy have increased bookings for paddle sessions and established education courses. There has also been many partnerships developed with various government agencies and non-government organisations resulting in the establishment of several paddle trail maps, increased funding for the office and the development of infrastructure for clubs and the association.

CWA Membership numbers for 2009 -2010 were down on 2009 by nearly 400;

Senior	575
Junior	225
Pensioner	52
WA Club Event Members	330

Canoeing WA again struggled with some of the clubs creating their own membership categories for recreational members. In 10/11 we will again promote our recreation category in the hope the clubs and the membership choose to use this. Canoeing WA has also done the same thing for more country clubs to encourage membership growth.

Canoeing WA has recently had talks with Mandurah Outriggers WA and they have become a part of the association in the upcoming season. It is great to see all the outriggers competing at our WA events.

Canoeing WA awaits the new online membership system from AC.

Canoeing WA ran through its disciplines and office upwards of 30 separate paddle events in WA, some ranging from 10 – 30 people others 200 – 300 people. This work largely is done by the canoeing volunteers and it reflects the great growth and great people we have here in WA.

Future plans in WA include; Facilities for clubs, developing further education and awards structure. We also will work with clubs to help further develop strong Junior and Guppy programs. We hope to promote Canoeing in WA running workshops in schools and education pathways. Development of a new Strategic Plan and Business plan is also in progress and should be finished by November 2010.

Canoeing WA looks forward to the upcoming season and welcomes our new president Rosalie Evans as she steps up from director to President.

Kind regards and happy Paddling

**Ashley Nesbit**  
Executive officer

**Tony Bowman**  
President





## 8.2. Paddle NSW

### History

PaddleNSW has just completed its first year under interim affiliation with Australian Canoeing. While there are several matters still to be resolved, the basic agreement has permitted PaddleNSW to extend its range of services to members to include education and competition access for members.

### Summary of Major Achievements

Looking back over this past year, PaddleNSW has achieved much of what it planned. Our hardworking committee and its many supporters have put PaddleNSW in a secure financial position, allowing it to employ casual staff in office administration and website maintenance, and to develop policies of financial support for essential activities including the promotion and funding of paddler education.

Because of the hard work and contributions from our committee, our association now has the capacity to undertake more ambitious projects, such as developing school-based paddler education, improving access to the sport for people with disabilities, and easier access to waterways for all.

While we all look forward to future initiatives, a brief summary of our achievements over the year past are:

We have moved on from a tenuous financial position to one where we have a relatively comfortable surplus that has been invested in two interest-bearing accounts. This has been largely possible through the savings made by donation of volunteer hours by the management committee, and by minimising some of our other outgoings. Our on-line newsletter publishing has also been moved in-house.

We set ourselves the task of formulating and documenting several important policies and operational guidelines, some of which have been implemented recently, and some which are still in the developmental stage. Representative Athlete Assistance, and our Education policy are two examples.

The provision of sponsored membership services over the past year has also been a great benefit to PaddleNSW. The committee would like to thank Roger Aspinall from Blue Earth paddlesports for his excellent service for the processing and mailing of membership cards over the past year.

PaddleNSW's interim affiliation with Australian Canoeing has meant that all members have the opportunity to partake in AC events if they have a PNSW Premium membership. This was a major additional benefit to the paddlers and clubs of NSW, and another reason why the paddling membership in 2009-10 has surpassed that of the former NSW Canoeing at its best.

Thanks must be given to the management committee, who have worked tirelessly to further the capacity of PaddleNSW. However, affiliation with Australian Canoeing is still in interim stage pending resolution of affiliation fee negotiations and constitutional parity.

Perhaps the most significant recent initiative has been the active renewal of paddler education and re-qualification in NSW. The first of what we plan will be Annual Professional Development Forums, was held a few months back at Penrith. The choice of venue, subject matter and resulting re-accreditation process for attendees was a brilliant focus for the new education initiative, that of providing cost-neutral education for club coaches, guides and instructors. Already, several courses have been conducted, with refund of participant costs promised for club-nominated attendees. The requirement that club nominees take their skills back to their clubs before refunds are granted means we have a degree of surety that both PNSW and participating clubs will see beneficial results.

PaddleNSW has recently been instrumental in introducing the first "Paddling Australia Event" sanctioning process. In conjunction with Australian Canoeing, documentation and procedures have been developed that will provide a template for future events that are run outside the usual club or SSO structure. It has enabled a very well-run event to have the stamp of approval of 'Paddling Australia', an analysis of Risk Management and Safety conducted independently of the organisers, and insurance for the organisers and every participant. Previous Ocean Racing events were often run in association with SLSC insurance; now AC and PaddleNSW are providing this service, and the results are very positive.

As a further incentive to increasing membership, PaddleNSW has incorporated boat insurance into its on-line membership process, where new members can take optional insurance in the same transaction. This has often been enough to sway undecided paddlers into taking membership of PaddleNSW.

### Future Direction

While we have been able to accumulate some valuable working capital through careful management of expenditure, the reliance on committee volunteer contributions is unsustainable in the longer term. The PaddleNSW management committee is faced with the responsibility to ensure longevity of the association through good business management practices, requiring the development of systems for our administrative activities, and hiring of staff to conduct them. In the short term, it has resulted in the employment of two valuable office staff to manage the website, and to look after office administration

and memberships. Between them, they account for 32 office hours per week, and their recruitment has brought much-needed relief for the management committee. However, more assistance is needed.

NSW receives the same relatively low level of government support that NSW Canoeing did for many years. If the state membership is to continue to grow, PaddleNSW must be in a position to address the needs of the membership and clubs, by having staff employed to deliver those services. We believe that these services are best managed at State level, where the focus of the development of paddlesports is at grass-roots level. If PaddleNSW is to employ staff with the requisite skills, it cannot be expected to contribute affiliation fees in line with other more well-supported States, especially when a state population-based formula is employed for the calculation of affiliation fees. PaddleNSW currently manages its own website and membership services very efficiently, something we are proud of and intend maintaining.

Our state government does provide access to grants for Sport development, and recently PaddleNSW was able to secure the maximum available funding for its education initiative, its application being cited as one of the best of the 400 or so presented. The grants address paddler education and remote area athlete travel support, and provide the financial resources for our education initiative.

#### **Paddlesports Development in NSW**

PaddleNSW has a broader definition of the sport than currently used in other states. We cater for all paddleable vessels, whether they are Kayaks, Canoes, Outriggers, Stand-up paddleboards, or any paddle-propelled vessel. While our involvement with dragon boats is minimal, we now have several Outrigger Clubs as members, and actively seek their participation in our events.

#### **Open Water Racing**

Our development of Open Water Paddling has resulted in the implementation of Open Water Coaching accreditation scheme, based on the existing recently developed syllabus. While the first developmental course has been delayed by the summer Open Water Racing season, we are preparing

the introduction of the course for early 2011. Participant course material will be provided by current leaders on Open Water Coaching and competition, and will be accompanied by visual content on DVD.

#### **Recreational Events**

PaddleNSW is continuing to develop its recreational series of events. A host club is invited to take paddlers on a known stretch of water, using local paddlers to add value to the experience with their knowledge of history and ecology. The series has great potential for expansion, and our recreational committee is hard at work putting new events in place. All trips are conducted using trained instructors.

#### **Sprint**

Our sprint Series for 2010 has been blessed with perfect conditions for all 4 events. However, the fourth event had to be cancelled when a major participating club withdrew its support. This is an unfortunate outcome for a sport that is short of opportunities for junior paddlers, yet has a world-class venue in its backyard. Hopefully, 2011 will bring better support from all paddlers for the 4 events of the series.

#### **Marathon**

Marathon is still the backbone of organised paddling in NSW. The continued support for the Marathon 10 series, Northern Marathon series and special events such as the Myall Classic and Hawkesbury Canoe Classic show that marathon has a healthy future in NSW. However, the lack of numbers in the junior ranks is a concern, and more development and promotion is required.

#### **Wildwater**

The lack of consistent rainfall has led to a decline in the participation levels in Wildwater. This is not likely to be addressed in the near future unless adequate releases from catchments, or substantial rainfall changes access to suitable water.

**Tony Hystek**  
**President**



### 8.3. Queensland Canoeing

Variety is the spice of life! The reality of this statement is true of the range of paddling disciplines available to the paddling community.

Queensland Canoeing has gained momentum in 2010, continuing to provide support for emerging and talented athletes across traditional and new paddling disciplines, and providing support for affiliated clubs and current and future members looking to involve themselves in the ever-expanding opportunities available to the paddling community.

Despite the recent departure of its Executive Officer, Queensland Canoeing has continued to seamlessly provide superior support and assistance to clubs and members. This is undoubtedly a testament to the professional integrity of each of the Queensland Canoeing staff together with the Queensland Canoeing Board and their contribution to the growth and success of canoeing in Queensland.

Queensland Canoeing recognises the achievements of the outgoing Executive Officer who, whilst working with the Board of Queensland Canoeing, has consolidated major achievements implementing aspects of the strategic plan, which will continue to be refined and delivered over the next few years.

Queensland Canoeing anticipates the appointment of the new Executive Officer during October 2010.

#### Major Achievements

In 2009 Queensland Canoeing reported on the rapid expansion of surf kayaking nationally, and the support provided to Wave Ski Association (WSA) in Queensland and the discipline of surf paddling.

This connection has continued to strengthen and develop throughout 2010 culminating in WSA's commitment to join Queensland Canoeing, which is currently underway.

Queensland Canoeing will offer a range of expert and procedural support for all WSA events and their members, and will continue to work with the WSA committee to explore best practice and development opportunities aligning with the goals of WSA and Queensland Canoeing.

#### Club Development

With growth and development a clear focus for 2010, Queensland Canoeing welcomes Brothers Canoe Club and Brisbane River Dragons, as additions to the fold of

Queensland Canoeing, now supporting twenty-eight (28) affiliated clubs.



Whilst all disciplines have experienced growth throughout 2010, the area to stand out has been the development of canoe polo, largely due to the efforts of clubs, officials and volunteers dedicated to the sport as well as junior talent scouts such as Kevin Crisp, from Brothers Canoe Club, spear-heading the introduction of a canoe polo program, which has encouraged participation from 30 to 40 new juniors. Tinaroo Canoe Club, has also added to the awareness of canoe polo with participation in the North Queensland Games.

Clubs such as Coomera Watersports and WSA, currently in progress to join with Queensland Canoeing, clearly highlights the variety of paddling disciplines seeking support from a state body representative all sharing support from the peak body of Australian Canoeing.

#### Membership Services

Queensland Canoeing's Events Coordinator, Libby Anderson, is currently working with new sponsors to further develop the benefits offered to its members and is proud to announce the addition of Mirvac Hotels and Resorts to the range of member benefits and opportunities supported by Queensland Canoeing.

The development and refinement of further member benefits will continue throughout 2010 and be available to all current members of Queensland Canoeing. Information on current member benefits is available at [www.qld.canoe.org.au](http://www.qld.canoe.org.au).

A new look member benefits brochure is currently being developed and intended for release by the end of 2010.





latter part of 2009 and earlier this year, the results for end 2009 were encouraging, with a higher surplus predicted by the 2010 calendars end.

The tally of membership subscriptions prior to end June 2010 were approximately 1,066, and are on a steady incline at 665 as at end August 2010, following the expiration of all memberships at June's end. Club memberships and affiliations have increased throughout 2010 and opportunities for growth and development are on the rise. Events such as the National Sea Kayak Symposium, Brisbane region community programs, the Brisbane Valley 100 and several events such as the Schools Sprint and Marathons continue to provide valuable exposure to paddling sport and income to the State body representing its members and affiliated Clubs. Other greatly valued support and sponsorship from government areas, such as the Department of Communities has allowed Queensland Canoeing to access ways to develop financial sustainability.

Queensland Canoeing's Finance and Administration Officer, Rachel Wilks, has implemented much of the processes to ensure the financial operations of Queensland Canoeing are administered seamlessly and her efforts are much appreciated.

### E-marketing & e-promotion

The Queensland Canoeing website continues to experience approximately 40,000 to 60,000 page views per month. Updated regularly and efficiently by Queensland Canoeing staff, or the selected club members allocated administrative access, the website holds a comprehensive library of information for each of its members and is an ultimate resource for promotion of current and future club events, providing the ability to rapidly post results following club and state competitions.

In addition to the website's cost effective promotion of paddling, other social network mediums such as Facebook and Twitter, with applications available via mobile technology, have encouraged the younger paddling community, and those adept to new marketing platforms, to 'stay tuned' to on line communication; keeping a 'buzz' amongst the paddling community.

### Financial Results

Despite the effects of the global economy threatening opportunities to effectively implement Queensland Canoeing's strategic plan, the majority of projects have continued to be administered throughout 2010.

Financial year ending 31 December 2009 resulted in a slight surplus of approximately \$1,500. However this followed a larger surplus in 2008, which exceeded expectations by 25%. Considering the instability of the economy during the

### Education

Over 150 people have participated in each of the formal education programs administered throughout 2010, from flat water to sea kayaking. According to Mark Thurgood, Queensland Canoeing's Education Officer, approximately 15 programs have been administered throughout 2010 with participation of 8 – 10 people per program. The popular multi-day sea kayak training programs have continued in and about the Whitsundays throughout 2010 and, by 2011, will start to include locations in New Zealand.

Demonstration days in Queensland's far northern regions continue to be administered throughout 2010 with good results in Townsville, Rockhampton and Mackay. Thanks to a state government grant to create awareness of paddling programs in the northern regions of South East Queensland, this program will continue to be administered until the end of 2010.

Special thanks to Mark Thurgood for organising, planning and facilitating the Third National Sea Kayaking Symposium to be held 22 - 24 October at the Tullubudgera Surf Club on the Gold Coast with all sponsorship opportunities sold out by the middle of 2010. Given the overwhelming success of the last two symposiums, 2010 shaping up to be another exceptional event with over 100 active participants expected from around Australia and more than 10 retailers. Guest presenters including Beau Miles (*expeditions through*



*Africa*) and Graham Charles, will attract participants prepared to enjoy a weekend of on water and off water presentations and workshops, amongst, arguably, the largest display of sea kayak and ocean craft in Australia.

Thanks also to the efforts of Mark Thurgood, Queensland Canoeing gained a further \$30,000 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund in 2009/2010, a state government initiative, to purchase new kayak craft and trailers to continue to support affiliated clubs and members and increase awareness beyond the greater paddling community.

### **Recreational - Community Programs**

Recreational activities and Community Programs offered by Queensland Canoeing remain an integral part of the organisation, providing opportunities for over 4,000 people to engage with Queensland Canoeing via these structured and facilitated programs.

As well as the traditional community programs, Queensland Canoeing has offered new programs in 2010 including:

#### **Paddleability**

Working closing with sporting wheelies to develop canoeing activities for people with disabilities. The next program commences 25 September 2010 and, weather permitting, will be a sell out program.

#### **Osprey House Environment Centre**

Conducted for school groups in the Pine Rivers region, this canoeing activity has proven extremely popular amongst the youth.

The most popular recreational and community programs continue to be the 'Chill Out' Program. Offered as part of the Brisbane City Council School Holiday Program, Queensland Canoeing runs at least 4 to 5 fully booked programs each school holidays.

The success of the community and recreational programs is largely due to the hard work of Queensland Canoeing's Activities Coordinator, Kristen Manning, who diligently and methodically responds to local council tender requests for organisations to administer the popular programs, and it is never guaranteed to be offered to Queensland Canoeing.

### **Events**

Special thanks to Libby Anderson for her continuous and tireless support to advocate and administer the Queensland Canoeing vision to all clubs and members.

While Libby reports that the Events Calendar is "full" and "hectic", increased activity across all paddling disciplines has certainly been measured in terms of the number of

events filling Queensland Canoeing calendar throughout 2010, in particular, but not limited to;

- Marathon and Sprint racing events
- Increased demand and participation of Ocean Racing events, including:
  - Think Kayak King of the Coast
  - Macleay Island Race
  - Introduction of the exciting Wave Break Island Race in 2010



#### **Coomera Lake – Sprint Racing**

Queensland Canoeing acknowledges the funding support from the Gold Coast City Council and the partnership with Rowing Queensland, to organize and activate the Sprint Course facilities at Coomera Lake. The new Sprint Course will become a primary venue for sprint events in the ensuing months.

#### **Brisbane Valley – BV100**

Queensland Canoeing is proud to announce the, much anticipated, return of the BV100, following a four year lapse due to weed infestation in the Brisbane River. The Brisbane Valley 100 is one of the premier iconic events of the Australian Canoeing Calendar. It has a proud history of engaging the community for 30 years, and the event has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for worthy causes and charities during this time.

Queensland Canoeing thanks many of the committee members who donate their time to support and reside on committees to ensure the smooth functioning of each event. In particular, we thank the committees of Marathon, Sprint, Canoe Polo and the BV100 for their time and continued communication to assist in facilitating all disciplinary events.

**Rowena Coghill**  
**President**

## 8.4. Canoe Tasmania

The highlight for 2008 was undoubtedly Canoe Tasmania, on behalf of Australian Canoeing, hosting the International Canoe Federation's 2009 Wildwater World Cup.

### Wildwater World Cup 2009

Held in October/November 2009, this was only the third time the World Cup had been held outside Europe and only the second time in the Southern Hemisphere. It was exciting, daunting, and exhausting for all closely involved, as we worked to ensure that the six race series was a high standard event which would both showcase Tasmania and give our local competitors an opportunity to shine on their home courses. I think we succeeded.

The event was a great sporting success with all races being efficiently conducted, running to schedule, and with race venues being well regarded by competitors and international officials. 72 competitors from 15 countries competed in the event, making it the largest World Cup to have been run outside of Europe to-date. Eleven of the 13 person Australian Team were Tasmanian, and the World Cup saw Australia win a Silver and two Bronze medals – our best performance ever.

The event was a resounding media success with extensive media coverage in all Tasmanian newspapers; on local radio; on local and national ABC television and radio news and sports; on WIN, Southern Cross and SBS TV networks news and sports; on Fox Sports and Sky Channel; and on ABC on-line news and sports and Yahoo7 on-line; as well as in a range specialist tourism and sports magazines. "Inside Sport" magazine gave us a 6 page spread!

The website, [www.wildwatertasmania.canoe.org.au](http://www.wildwatertasmania.canoe.org.au) – updated daily with event video, photographs, media releases, start lists and race results – achieved a very high hit rate with over 75,000 page displays between late October and early November 2009 alone, demonstrating strong national and international interest.

Naming rights sponsor, Hydro Tasmania, along with Forestry Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government, and a host of other smaller sponsors provided substantial support for the event – and it ran at a small profit thankfully! But ultimately it was the huge commitment of time and energy from a significant number of volunteers that made the event possible. A heartfelt thankyou is extended to all those who contributed in whatever way, large or small.

Through 2009 and into 2010, and despite the huge effort that went into the World Cup, Canoe Tasmania also made progress on a number of other fronts including continuing to increase training and education in canoeing; delivering

courses which increase safety within canoeing; further enhancing our on-line guide to Tasmanian rivers "Paddle Tasmania"; seeing further growth in club membership; maintaining and increasing our junior development program; and continuing with enhancements to the Australian Canoeing Award Scheme. These and other achievements are outlined in more detail below.

### Education

Education and training has continued to be at the forefront of Canoe Tasmania's development activities over the last 12 months with Andrea McQuitty implementing both an increasing range and number of courses, and a greater geographic spread. The redevelopment of the Australian Canoeing Award Scheme, in which Canoe Tasmania played a major role, has contributed to the success of the program.

Services to Sea kayaking have continued to improve with a number of Sea Kayaking courses conducted including Instructors and one Skills courses. We now have an increasing number of qualified Sea Kayaking Instructors in the state to spread good skills.



Instructor numbers have grown substantially over the year and we now have over 130 Instructors, Assessors and Guides, plus 17 qualified River Rescue personnel. A small number of Whitewater Instructors are now overdue for re-accreditation which will occur during 2010, increasing our instructor numbers. In all over 100 people went through Canoe Tasmania run Education Courses in the last year with many times that number receiving quality instruction and education through those qualified personnel trained and accredited by Canoe Tasmania.

### Junior Development

Former Olympic C1 Slalom paddler, Peter Eckhardt, continued (and continues) to lead a dynamic and successful junior development program, which is fostering a love of paddling for paddling's sake in a growing group of young paddlers – recreation, polo, flatwater, slalom, whitewater, surf – they do it all. And this approach is paying dividends with 100% retention, new intakes, as well as competition success - in Slalom in particular.

The program has NTID linkages and elements and also develops parents, involving them in paddling and in support, and introduces younger siblings and friends to the sport in a controlled, “building on success” approach. Through emphasising the family aspect of the sport it is building life-long paddling for participants and their families and supporting club growth and sustainability.

### Clubs

The three affiliated clubs – Tasmanian, Tamar and Derwent canoe Clubs, are all enjoying strong membership and have active programs for their members. Membership has grown slowly but surely and clubs are more viable and dynamic now than 5 years ago. We hope that Canoe Tasmania can support continued growth and encourage other clubs to affiliate.

### Competition

In addition to the Wildwater World Cup, in March 2010, Canoe Tasmania, through the Derwent Canoe Club hosted two National Slalom Team Selection Races at the Brady's Whitewater Course and the Inaugural Tasmanian Ocean Racing Championships in Hobart. The 2009 Tasmanian Slalom and Wildwater Champs (postponed from December 2009) were also successful held with high levels of junior and interstate participation. Competitive paddling through the three clubs – whether Slalom, Wildwater, Ocean, Flatwater, Extreme, Multi-Sport, or Polo – is in a healthy state with increasing levels of participation in all areas and a good crop of young paddlers coming through.

### Paddle About Tasmania – On-Line River Guide

Completed more than 12 months ago, this on-line guide to Tasmania's rivers is proving to be a heavily used and valuable resource. It has been progressively updated and expanded and this will continue in 2010-2011. Eventually it will cover classic coastal and estuary trips as well as the inland river paddling opportunities already documented.

### Wrap-up

Overall 2009-2010 has been an exciting, challenging and successful year and bodes well for 2010-2011.

**John Borojević**  
Chair





## 8.5. Canoeing Victoria

Canoeing Victoria is working within the Victorian Strategic plan that dictates pretty much every decision as to what the State Office should or should not undertake. It provides great focus when there is a mountain of ideas and issues that need to be prioritized. Due to financial constraints, this year has not seen as many KPI's met as had hoped and the forecast figures for membership for 2011 reflect the lack of sport development both in the junior and senior ranks in previous years. The focus to provide core services to membership, clubs and disciplines have also been compromised. With State funding becoming more and more project and minority focused, it increases the pressure on any remaining discretionary funding free to undertake core services.

### Disciplines

#### *Canoe Slalom*

Canoe Slalom had a buoyant year due to most successful running of the Nationals at Eildon in January. The much needed funds generated from this event will go back into the Goulburn river site redeveloping project after a water release incident last year washed many of the features away. Holding onto the mantle as the "Most successful State" again at the Nationals, Victoria still maintains a strong contribution to the Australian teams despite still not being successful in achieving a Whitewater stadium.

The Yarra Series, the CKEA TID camp, the Vic Schools Whitewater Championships and the Victorian Championships are still the main draw cards to the calendar with attempts to get back on the country rivers when the water levels improve. The Drought, as always, is playing havoc with best laid plans. The State had 3 successful individual VIS scholarships this year: Warwick Draper, Sarah Grant and Leanne Guinea, and with Warwick heading up the continuing Rapid Recruits NTID squad

After the appointment of Matt Webster as chair of the committee part way through the year, the State Office was able to step down from the position and took the preferred role as support to the committee.

#### *Marathon*

Marathon appears to be following the National trend of reduced participants to all events with a 25% drop in numbers. The Vic Schools also showed a decrease in numbers which is alarming from the grassroots development. The winter and summer series made up the competition calendar for the year and peaked at the Victorian Championships in October. Nationally, Victorians still make up for more than 50% of the National team with 13 of the 20 team being Victorians.

#### *Canoe Polo*

While the number of teams in Canoe Polo remains steady, there is no sign of growth at this stage despite a major push to regain the universities in to the competition. Pool hire and availability still remains the major hurdle for the sport, but the new canoe polo field at Yarra Bend Park is hoped to alleviate this situation slightly.

Both the spring and autumn competitions were conducted this year with a less formal summer series designed to encourage new and social paddlers to the pool.

Once again Victoria contributed significantly to the National team providing 6 members including 2 Coaches. Junior development still struggles to convert to full playing polo teams a trend that needs to be reversed with priority to ensure the continuation of the sport.

#### *Wildwater*

Still baring the full brunt of the long drought, Wildwater saw little participation and virtually no volunteers to continue the discipline. Chris Wharton valiantly implemented a calendar of events but due to river levels, the options of where to run races were severely limited.

#### *Sprint*

After several years of decreasing participation and volunteer numbers, this was a rebuilding year for the sprint discipline to lay the foundations for strong future growth. Our activities were guided by the strategies identified in the three year Sprint Development Plan that was developed late in 2008/09.

Due to the lack of volunteers, the State Office stepped in to support the sprint discipline to ensure its viability and opportunities continued for the sprint community to participate. The resulting sprint program resulted in increased numbers of participants and clear risk management and a slow but steady re-emergence of volunteer support. Highlights included a comprehensive calendar of events, an increase in club participation, improved communication utilizing web based tools and an increase in grassroots development.

#### *High Performance*

Victoria was in the position to have 2 NTID (National Talent Identification and Development) programs in 2009/2010. Warwick Draper headed up the Slalom program and Peter Gargiulo heading up the newly formed Sprint program.

The Rapid Recruits Slalom program headed up by Warwick began in Oct 2009 ending 2010 heading into phase 3 of the program and moving into the second year of the program. A squad of 30 athletes are now perfecting basic technique



and specific Canoe Slalom training while attending the local and interstate events to develop their competition skills.

Peter Gargiulo now heads up the new Victorian Sprint NTID program. A squad of 17 have been chosen from an initial keen group of 120 tested during programs hosted by 4 Victorian schools. The squad have begun training and recently attended a camp in Anglesea with guest speaker John Jacoby.

### ***Coaching***

The number of accredited and registered coaches and officials in Victoria continued to increase this year, particularly in the Sprint/Marathon disciplines thanks to the support of Sport and Recreation Victoria funding. Since June 2008 the number of coaches in these disciplines has increased from 8 to more than 30 and are now distributed across several regional clubs as well as the metro area. The number of accredited Coach Assessors has also increased from a zero base to ten, and our registered Marathon Officials has increased to 28.

With the Sprint discipline (suffering from a recent decline in experienced volunteers), the State Office piloted an alternative to the traditional way of training officials. The advantage of the pilot approach is that it encourages 'on-the-day' unqualified volunteers to contribute to the safe running of the event under supervision from experienced mentors. This approach will continue with the sprint discipline and review and assess its success in mid 2011.

### **Competition Development**

Facilities within Victoria continues to be a major issue for all the disciplines. From the cost of pool hire for Canoe Polo to the lack of a Whitewater Stadium, increase higher costs and pressure from drought and river bank conditions require both the disciplines and State Office to raise the priority on this issue for the viability of future competition. The latest Whitewater Stadium proposal has been unsuccessful so a new approach will be required to lobby the State and local councils to raise its priority and profile. While we don't have these types of facilities in the State, Victoria will continue to lose highly talented paddlers to interstate facilities and programs.

Victoria was successful in having a new Canoe polo ramp built on the Yarra River and permanent goal fixtures that will enable an affordable and convenient training ground for the Canoe Polo players into the future.

### **Education, Training and Safety**

The State office successfully ran 35 programs this year to a target audience of Industry Instructors and Guides, School and Corporate programs and the general public in the form of Basic Skills as well as activities such as river trips. The

income generated from running these courses goes back to subsidizing the general membership expenditure. In addition, Education resources are made available to the disciplines and clubs upon request, such as the Polo Bats being used for the Canoe Polo competition and supporting their junior program.



With a strong focus on safety the State office also developed and included into the risk management plans, policies such as a Blue Green Algae policy, a draft Bushfire policy, a lightening policy and others

### **Membership Services**

Victoria saw a membership drop of 5% in 2009/10 with a reduction in recreational adult and schools membership. A combination of one recreational club in particular struggling to survive and a general trend in the larger clubs listing reduced recreational members plus the lack of services provided to recreational paddlers accounts to some degree this disturbing trend. A membership review was initiated in 2009 but due to financial constraints had to be postponed to the new year. This is an extremely important initiative to determine what services need to be refined to encourage existing members to renew, new members to join and what services the recreational paddlers expect and what we can deliver.

### **Club Development**

#### ***Canoeing Victoria Certified Training Clubs***

After three years to establish the structure, processes and promote the concept, State Office, working with the Sprint discipline, certified its first CV Certified Training Club in May 2010 – Congratulations to Fairfield Canoe Club. The certification, which is discipline based, means Fairfield meets minimum requirements set by Canoeing Victoria to deliver quality coaching and training sessions to sprint athletes. Certification encourages the development of athletes, coaches and officials as well as improved safety risk management of coaching & training activities.

### State Office / Club Development Partnerships

The Mildura Canoe Club was (and continues to be) a supporting partner to Canoeing Victoria State Office in its efforts to build locally sustainable opportunities for Indigenous communities to participate in canoeing. To date, there have been several key flow-on benefits to the club through working with CV – two of its members have been up-skilled to achieve Flatwater Guide or Instructor accreditation, and the club was successful in receiving funding for the purchase of two new canoes.

### Non-competitive membership

#### Eildon Triathlon

2009 saw the reinvention of the Eildon Triathlon sponsored by Cannondale that Canoeing Victoria hosted many years ago. The course was redesigned to be a loop course based in the Parks Victoria boundaries and consisted of challenging run, ride and paddle legs. The response was great for the inaugural event with 70 competitors made up of solo and team entrants. Despite the weather playing havoc with race planning, the event went extremely well.

#### Paddle Victoria Website.

This website was a new development to meet the needs of the non-competitive / recreational member and is the evolution of the old Touring Committee. With the original funding for the site now no longer available, the challenge will be to keep the site up to date and relevant and ensure that the development continues.

[www.paddlevictoria.canoe.org.au](http://www.paddlevictoria.canoe.org.au)

### Community Development

#### Murray Marathon

2009 saw the first year of the YMCA running of the Murray Marathon. Along with prime sponsor – VicSuper, the event not only met the expectations of previous years, but also showed that the YMCA is committed to the event, positively impact on the local community and very supportive to the pastime of paddling as a whole. Canoeing Victoria sits on the Committee of Management and is engaged at a strategic level working on how more participants can be engaged not only in the event but to “paddle for life”.

#### Indigenous Program:

This year built on the 2008/09 activities in Robinvale with another community canoeing activity in July 2009 for around 30 youths. In Mildura, the project started to build a new partnership with the Mildura Aboriginal Corporation and delivered two community canoeing fun days in September 2009 for the corporation. There were around 30 on-water participants and over 70 attended the community days. There is strong interest from Mildura community in continuing the participation. As part of the strategy to build local sustainability, two members of the Mildura Canoe Club were up-skilled to achieve Flatwater Guide or Instructor accreditation, and the project assisted the club to achieve funding for two new canoes for community recreational paddling.

The focus during 2010/11 will be to up-skill key community leaders to achieve their Flatwater Guide/Instructor accreditation.



## 8.6. Canoe South Australia

### Overview:

Canoe SA has benefited from the continuation of grant funding from SA Government for 2010 – 2011 which supports our strategic and operational objectives including recreation and sport development programmes.

Education Committee members have taken on roles to co-ordinate and improve the delivery of education programmes with each member taking on an area of responsibility. In particular, assessors have commenced in-service training programme to increase communication and application of uniform standards for assessment of ACAS awards.

SA continues to have a high levels of representation of accredited officials and national committee members in Education & Safety, Polo, Marathon and Flatwater sprint.

### Strategic and Operational Plan

Office of Recreation and Sport is providing support in the development of a “Paddleability” programme in clubs. Local canoe clubs are working with state based disability organisations to introduce canoeing and kayaking to people who met the criteria

The Strategic & Operational Plan developed through consultation with members during 2009 has been aligned with AC Strategic Plan and is now endorsed by members.

### Education and Training, ACAS

3 Flatwater Skills courses have been held in Adelaide, as well as Regional flatwater and 2 Canoe/Kayak Lifeguard courses at Pt Augusta, & Murrayland with a course planned for South East to be held later in 2010

The Sea Skills weekend held in May had over 20 attendees. Also a Sea Skills and Leadership programme has been instituted with workshops held each month to provide a focus for a sea programme. There was strong attendance at all workshops (48 different individuals) with many working towards ACAS awards. An ongoing programme is being set up to provide opportunity to raise the overall skill level of sea paddlers in SA and provide a focus for sea paddlers and link them with clubs

9 Basic Skills Courses were held by Canoe SA over last 12 months.

A Review of Adventure Activity Standards is currently being undertaken by Recreation SA

### Membership Administration

Canoe SA has conducted training days to assist clubs with administration of the membership system and development of club websites.

Club membership growth is to be a focus for 2011

School holiday programmes have provided an opportunity for attracting new members to clubs and into junior development programmes

### Events and Competition

Canoe Polo continues to have strong competition at local level with 3 seasons held Spring '09 (Sept – Nov) Summer '10 (Feb – March) Winter (June – Aug)

SA had a total of 11 players in Canoe Polo World Championship Teams, 5 in Men's, 4 in Women's and 2 in U21.

Over 250 students, teachers and volunteers will participate in the 2010 Canoe SA Team Paddle Challenge over weekend of 23 & 24 Oct on the River Murray at Roonka.

Sprint competition has been strong with 1 national Grand Prix race plus 11 other regattas and Long Distance races held in SA over the last 12 months

### Sport Performance

SA Canoe Polo Team won Gold in the men's and women's open classes at the 2010 Australian Championships held at Champion Lakes, WA over Easter;

SA Clubs also had strong club performances at the Sprint Nationals along with SASI members who won a total of 28 medals, 7 Gold, 11 Silver, 10 Bronze

**Ian Heard**  
**Development Officer**

## 9. Our Performance

### 9.1. Olympic High Performance Report

#### Outcome

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

#### Overview

Australian Canoeing sent junior, under 23 and senior teams to sprint and slalom international events, including the 2009 world championships in sprint and slalom.

The highlights of 2009 were the two medals won at the senior sprint world championship by Luke Morrison and David Smith in K2 1000m and by Ken Wallace in K1 500m and the emergence of Australia as a force in the new slalom C1 women's category.

In 2010, Jo Brigden-Jones confirmed her arrival at the top level with a medal in 200m and world class performances in the finals of all three World Cups.

Young athletes came to the fore in both disciplines during the early part of 2010 with Alyce Burnett winning the prestigious Bochum International regatta in sprint while in canoe slalom Ian Borrows won double gold on tour in China and Jess Fox a World Cup gold.

#### Sprint Teams – Event Highlights / Results

An Australian junior team of 15 went to the 2009 ICF Junior World Championships in Moscow where Maddison Prior (NSW) and Glenn Rypp (SA) demonstrated their potential for the future making finals in the K1 events.

The senior team took part in the 2009 worlds in Dartmouth, Canada from 13-16 August and in May and early June 2010 competed in World Cup events in Vichy, France, Szeged, Hungary and Duisburg Germany.

Australia took home two medals from the World Championships, with David Smith and Luke Morrison winning silver in the K2 1000m and Ken Wallace winning bronze in the K1 500m. Jo Brigden-Jones finished 8th in her final of the K1 500m, a great effort for her first senior world championships. Jacob Clear and Murray Stewart finished 8th in the final of the K2 500m. Alana Nichols raced to a 6th place in the K1 200m, and finally the women's crew of Alana Nichols, Jo Brigden-Jones, Hannah Davis and Lisa Russ finished 6th in the K4 200m.

The World Cup in Vichy, France from 7th – 9th May 2010, saw further strong performances from Jo Brigden-Jones who placed 4th in the final of the Women's K1 200m, missing out a place on the podium by only a tenth of a

second. The men's team managed a 5th place in the K4 1000m in their first outing of the international season.

The Second World Cup in Szeged on 28th – 30th May 2010, saw a much stronger performance with the team taking home three bronze medals, Ken Wallace in the K1 1000m and the K1 5000m and Jo Brigden-Jones in the K1 200m, her first World Cup medal. Australia reached a number of other finals including Murray Stewart in the K1 200m, Jo Brigden-Jones in K1 500m, Luke Morrison and David Smith in the K2 1000m, Murray Stewart and Jacob Clear in the K2 500m and Steve Bird and Jesse Phillips in the K2 200m.



*Photo: Murray Stewart*

The final World Cup of the year took place in Duisburg, Germany from 5-6 June 2010, where Ken Wallace secured the elusive gold in the Men's K1 500m and Luke Morrison, David Smith, Murray Stewart and Jacob Clear took out silver in the Men's K4. Other finalists included Jo Brigden-Jones in the K1 500m (5th) Murray Stewart and Jacob Clear (4th).

In 2010, a junior team competed at the Bochum International and Auronzo International in Italy. Alyce Burnett confirmed her status as Australia's leading lady amongst the juniors winning gold in Bochum and silver in Auronzo over K1 500m.

An Under 23 and emerging athlete team also toured Europe training at the AIS facility near Varese and competing in Italy and Hungary.

#### Slalom Teams – Event Highlights / Results

The Senior Slalom team competed in the ICF Slalom World Cup 2 in Bratislava, Slovakia from 4-5 July 2009; the ICF Slalom World Cup 3 in Augsburg, Germany from 11-12 July 2009 and the ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in La Seu de Urgell, Spain from 8-13 September 2009.



In Bratislava, at the ICF World Cup 2, Australia took home two silver medals from Kate Lawrence in the Women's K1 and Leanne Guinea in the Women's C1. Robin Bell missed out on the medals finishing 8th in the Men's C1 final.

The following week, the slalom athletes won a further medal in Germany, with Rosalyn Lawrence winning a gold medal in the Women's C1. Leanne Guinea narrowly missed out on a medal finishing 4th in the same event.

The ICF Slalom World Championships took place in La Seu d'Urgell in Spain, with Australia having a clean sweep in the women's C1 demonstration event with Leanne Guinea winning a gold medal in the C1 and medals from Rosalyn Lawrence and Jessica Fox. Sam Lyons, Will Forsythe and Warwick Draper paddled strongly to place 7th in the final of the men's K1 team event.

In 2010, the Australian senior slalom team raced in Prague at World Cup 1, where Leanne Guinea finished 4th and Jessica Fox finished 7th in the C1 final. At World Cup 2 in La Seu d'Urgell, Jessica Fox took home gold and team mate Leanne Guinea claimed bronze in the women's C1 event.

Australian Canoeing continued to invest in the development of its athletes with a junior development team touring New Zealand in April to gain valuable experience on natural rivers and an under 23 team travelling to China. Ian Borrows was the shining star at the China Open and Asian Championships in Xiasi in May winning double gold while Phil Gibbins took bronze at the China Open.



*Photo: Ethan Hodson*

### **High Performance Program**

Australian Canoeing received a total of \$1.6m from the Australian Sports Commission for its high performance program in addition to the funding provided through the AIS for the National Centre of Excellence programs in sprint

and slalom and the funding provided by state institutes and academies of sport for the daily training environment and support from the Australian Olympic Committee for international competition.

Australian Canoeing athletes continued to gain attention, especially at the AIS Awards, held in Canberra on 12th November 2009. The canoe/kayak program had athletes and coaches up for an award in every category, with finalists including; Athlete of the year – Ken Wallace (Sprint), Coach of the year – Jimmy Owens (Sprint), Junior athlete of the year – Jessica Fox (Slalom), Program of the year – Sprint Canoe, Team of the year – Luke Morrison and David Smith (Sprint).

Jo Brigden-Jones and Murray Stewart were awarded the Physical Education Academic Excellence Award and the University of Sydney Academic Excellence Award at the NSWIS annual awards dinner in November. The awards signify the athletes' ability to exceed in their chosen sport, while maintain academic excellence.

In 2010, Australian Canoeing benefitted from a significant AIS investment and established an overseas base for sprint canoeing and undertook intensive training at the European Training Centre (ETC) in Varese, Italy. Teams utilising the facility included the men and women's senior teams, the U23 emerging team and the national junior team.

The AC high performance program continued its partnerships with the QLD Academy of Sport (QAS), NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS), the WA Institute of Sport (WAIS) and the SA Institute of Sport (SASI) in the sprint program and its partnership with NSWIS in the slalom program. The collaboration of partnerships has enabled Australian Canoeing to identify, develop and assist more athletes throughout Australia and assist in the employment of more international level coaches.

The National Talent Identification Program continued to feed quality athletes into Australian squads and teams from programs around the country and Australian Canoeing formed the National Surf and Kayak Program partnership with Surf Lifesaving Australia and NTID to further develop the connection and pathway with the surf lifesaving community.

AC thanks its principal funding partner, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Institute of Sport, the state institutes and academies of sport, the Australian Olympic Committee and the numerous coaches, volunteers and officials for their continued support and contribution to the success of our athletes.

**Richard Fox**  
**National Performance Director**

## 9.2. Canoe Polo Technical Committee Report

2009-2010 was a difficult year with numbers at the major competitions down a little and development needing a much greater focus for the year to come. Although some areas have come to the forefront as requiring work over the next year, there were certainly some very strong positives to come from the year also.

The committee continues to be very active with Australian Senior team matters, with both the Senior Men and Senior Women competing at the world games in Kaohsiung, Taipei in July. Both teams fought hard throughout the competition to achieve great results. The Senior Women placed 6th with a very nerve wracking finish to the competition, narrowly losing to the Chinese Taipei team in golden goal extra time. The Senior Men achieved their best result since 1998 at a World competition, narrowly missing out on a place in the final again (1-0 loss to France in the Semi final), placing 3rd in a nail biting bronze medal game against the Italians that went down to the last second in golden goal extra time. A superb finish to a very eventful competition.



*Photo: Men's Team on the Podium*

Oceania and the World Masters Games were contested on consecutive weekends at the Penrith White Water Stadium with great success. Teams from England, Denmark, Canada, New Zealand, Spain and Australia, with representatives from Holland and Sweden also attending, competed with fiercely and respectably, and enjoyed a friendly drink after the battles on the field were over. The competition was enjoyed by all and many compliments have been received from players and organisers alike, and great interest shown by a number of the Australian local players to travel to Turin in 2013 to compete at the games again.

Oceania was very strongly contested by both the Australian and New Zealand squads. New Zealand entered teams in every category, with a very strong showing in the U21 and U18 divisions, particularly in the U21 and U18 women's, areas that Australia must desperately do development in to keep the sport growing and alive, not to mention staying in touch with the rest of the world in the women's (and men's) competitions.

The Australian Championships were held at the Champion Lakes Regatta Centre in Perth, continuing our push to create world class out door venues around the country. The Perth Canoe Polo Committee put on a very successful and well run competition which was enjoyed by all that attended. Team numbers from the eastern states was down a little, however the local WA teams showed a strong support, utilising two fields for most of the Easter weekend. Players from all main land states were represented at the championships. The final teams were selected at the championships which again proved to be difficult for the selectors, with such strong and close squads.

The Canoe Polo Summer Series was held over 3 weekends between November and February with competitions held in Sydney, Adelaide, and Melbourne. Continued strong support for this series by both division 1 and 2 teams is seeing strong development of our younger players, and strengthening of our senior teams. Our stronger women are now entering in to division 1 teams to further their own development. With our improving world rankings across the board this shows that our series is certainly increasing the depth of our players for the future. The Canberra competition was not held this series as it was far too close to the Oceania and WMG competitions to ensure enough teams would enter to make it viable. It will return in 2010 to kick off the series.

Another key focus of the committee has been to facilitate the annual junior and youth development camp. The AC Polo players levy directly funds this event to allow the best available coaches to mentor players from the newest beginners, to our up and coming U21 players. The camp is open to all players wishing to develop their skills with a focus on players under the age of 21, and is held each January at Mawson Lakes in Adelaide. The numbers this year were slightly down on previous years, however with some new players joining the camp we have some very promising young players that will come through the local competitions and hopefully on to state and national teams in the future.

2010-2011 will be an important year in canoe polo with a focus on development a must. Local clubs and state associations will need to find new and innovative ways to attract young boys and girls in to the sport and keep them playing and enjoying the sport in order to rebuild numbers and grow the sport again.

**Anton Holmes**  
**Chair**



### 9.3. Wildwater Technical Committee Report

The 2009-2010 Season was a continuation of the past few noteworthy years for Wildwater in Australia. The year saw strong performances by Australians internationally as well as the conduct of major international Wildwater events in Australia.

The 2009 Australian All Schools Wildwater Championships were held on the Goulburn River, in Victoria, during January 2010. The conduct of this event coincided with the 2009 Australian All Schools Slalom Championships. Unfortunately, the river levels were well down on past races held here, with the Classic race being converted to a Rapid Sprint event to best utilise the available water.

The ICF Board awarded Australia the running of the 2009 Wildwater World Cup Series. The Wildwater World Cup was run from October 20 to November 8 in Tasmania. It drew a large number of international paddlers as was expected. This was 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 formed the World Cup were held on the Mersey River below Rowallan Dam, the rarely paddled Oose River and at the Brady's Lake canoe course, with the final being held at

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, proved a huge benefit. The World Cup provided the opportunity for Australia to field it's largest team since 1987 and the chance for local paddlers to see the world's best in action was not missed, with a number of these juniors travelling to Tasmania to not only watch but to paddle as fore-runners of the events themselves. Dan Hall was our best performing paddler, gaining both Bronze and Silver World Cup medals.

Will Smidt competed in New Zealand as a member of the Junior Wildwater Development Team during the Easter break. He gained credible 5th and 6th placings against the Kiwis who were up to two years older.

The Australian Wildwater Team competed in the World Championships in Sort, Spain and the World Cup Series throughout Europe, during May-July 2010 following selection races in held at various venues in Tasmania. Australian men made a strong start on the challenging river in the individual event with three top 20 placings. Matt Dalziel lead the way with an outstanding 17th place, 12 years after his last World Championships in which he



Cataract Gorge in Launceston- an amazing range of venues.

finished 14th. Stew Bennett celebrated his birthday with his best World Championships result of 18th, just 0.1 seconds

behind Matt. Ben Maynard showed his strong whitewater skills with his best World Championship result of 20th, with Mathew French not far behind in 24th place.

The Rapid Sprint team of Dan Hall, Ben Maynard and Stewart Bennett finished 5th in the Rapid Sprint Teams race after holding 4th place after first runs. This result was a huge improvement on their 9th placing in 2008.

The Classic Team race was finally held, having been postponed for two days due to flooding, resulting in two championship races on the same day for many paddlers. The team of Stewart Bennett, Ben Maynard and Matt Dalziel again finished 5th, but closed the gap on the leaders and stayed ahead of strong rivals Italy, Austria and Great Britain.

Australia continued its great performances on the water in the World Masters event. Matt Dalziel won the Men's Masters (35-44 years) with the fastest time of the day, while Andrea McQuitty won the Women's (45-54 years) and had the second fastest women's time overall. The large Masters field with 60 competitors from 12 nations showed the strength of the sport for all ages.

Robert McIntyre had excellent finishes in the Classic and Sprint legs of the Wildwater Junior Pre-World Championships in Opava, Czech Republic. In the rapid sprints Robert was placed 4th behind the overall winner Filip Kristan from the Czech Republic with two other Czech paddlers filling out the podium. In the classic race the river had dropped slightly and with the flat section, the last

500m made the race a very tough one. Robert was placed 6th behind the overall winner Richard Hala from the Czech Republic.

This current year also provides significant opportunities for Australian paddlers, both Junior and Senior, in all boat classes (MK1, WK1, C1 and C2) to race at Nymboida on the Goolang Creek course for the first time since 1998 as a lead-up to the 2011 Australian Championships to be conducted at the same venue in January.

2009/2010 has been a fantastic season for Australian Wildwater and has produced not only some excellent results, but has generated a significant interest in the sport among our developing paddlers.

**Australian World Cup Team 2009** - Andrew Maynard, Ben Maynard, Matthew French, Dan Hall, Stewart Bennett, Andrea McQuitty, Alayne Bonney, Carol Hurst, Ruby Hodgetts and Christopher Smidt.

**Australian Senior World Championship and World Cup Team 2010** - Andrew Maynard, Ben Maynard, Matthew French, Dan Hall, Stewart Bennett, Matt Dalziel and Andrea McQuitty

**Australian Junior World Championship Team 2010** - Robert McIntyre

**Christopher Smidt  
Chair**



## 9.4. Canoe Slalom Technical Committee Report

Canoe Slalom continues to build on the endeavours of previous years.

Our Senior and Junior teams delivered admirable results in Europe.

The Senior team came away with Final or Semi-Final positions at each of the three World Cups in C1W, C1M, K1W and K1M and medal winning results from our C1W athletes, Jessica Fox and Leanne Guinea. At the completion of the World Cup Series a number of Athletes had achieved World Cup rankings in the top 10 – C1W: Leanne Guinea (2), Jessica Fox (5) and Rosalyn Lawrence (6) and K1W: Sarah Grant (8).

This performance continued then into the World Slalom Championship in Slovenia with medal winning results in C1W: Leanne Guinea (2) and Jessica Fox (3); Rosalyn Lawrence finished in 17 in the Semis. The K1W team achieved a world first, taking the Nations Cup out of Europe for the first time ever, with Finals ranking by all three competitors: Jessica Fox (5), Sarah Grant (6) and Katrina Lawrence (9). Semi Final and Final results were achieved in K1M: Lucien Delfour (10), William Forsythe (29), Warwick Draper (32) and in C1M: Kynan Maley (20).

The Junior team competed in the Junior Slalom World Championships in Foix, France this year and have much to be proud of. Jessica Fox was a dual gold medallist at the event (C1W and K1W) with Finals/Semi Final performances by Alison Burrows (K1W: 22 and C1W: 4), Maggie Webster (C1W: 17) and Andrew Eckhardt (K1M: 34).

Our Team 22 Athletes travelled to China to compete in the Asian Slalom Championship, Xiasi, Guizhou Province with Ian Burrows achieving a Gold Medal in K1M, Jaxon Merritt (7), Phil Gibbins (10) and Joey Croft (11).

Australia performed well in the Oceania Championships at Penrith with Finals results in C1W: Jessica Fox (1), Leanne Guinea (3), Alison Burrows (4), Rosalyn Lawrence (5) and Lydia Toms (10); C1M: Ethan Hodson (8) and Christian Fabris (9), K1W: Sarah Grant (3), Katrina Lawrence (4), Rosalyn Lawrence (8) and Jessica Fox (9) and C2M: Robin Jeffery / Kynan Maley (7), Christian Fabris / Ian Burrows (8).

The final performance to mention would be Australia's achievement at the Singapore Youth Olympic Games where Jessica Fox took the Gold Medal in the K1W Slalom.

This year has also been noteworthy for the work done in the many development platforms that have been delivered with NTS and NTID activities in NSW, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia.



*Photo: Jessica Fox wins Gold at the YOG*

These programs protect the future of our sport and our thanks go out to the Organisers and Coaches that have worked to deliver these so well. The STC greatly appreciate the active involvement of Olympians and our High Performance Coaches and High Performance team members to support this work.

These programs build well on the successes from the Australian National Schools Whitewater Championship and Australian National Slalom Championships, held at Eildon, Victoria, earlier this year – hosted by the CV Slalom Technical Committee and with the support of some magnificent Sponsors (Canoes Plus / Dagger / Liquid Life). In the Schools alone, over 170 Athletes from over fifty schools competed, with representation from New Zealand and France to make it a memorable carnival. Supplementing the Carnival were Officiating and Coaching Workshops and a forum with representation from the EOs or Technical Committees of a number of the States.

The members of the Technical Committee have devoted a lot of time and effort to develop our sport and I cannot thank them enough. They have delivered on ambitious programs and events to budget and continue to set goals for the future that will ensure the sport continues to grow.

Much work remains to be done – particularly as we nationally come to grips with the external influences of things like the Crawford Report and the reliance this sport has on its many volunteers.

**Peter Grant,**  
**Chair**

## 9.5. Canoe Marathon Technical Committee Report

First and foremost I wish to acknowledge the members of the Australian Canoe Marathon Racing Technical Committee (ACMRTC) and the contribution they are making to canoe marathon racing at a national level. They are:

- Martin Finn – Treasurer
- Paul O’Keeffe – Secretary
- Tom Hirrschoff
- Matthew Coulter
- Letitia Harrington
- Gabrielle Hurley
- Bennett Maxwell
- Martyn Clancy-Lowe (AC Board)

I would like to further acknowledge the assistance and input provided by Robin Belcher for ICF Canoe Marathon related matters; the Team Officials for 2009, Cameron McGill and Andrew Coutts, and Team Officials for 2010 Mark Coulter and Letitia Harrington.

The ACMRTC has set its future directions for the 18 months to the end of 2011. Some of these objectives may only reach their infancy in this time however it will give future committees a platform from which to work. Our key planning areas are:

- Finance
- Marketing / Sponsorship
- Athlete Development
- Officials / Coach Training and Development
- Events
- Communications
- Paddleability

One of the major areas of concern for the ACMRTC is athlete development. To assist in achieving our goals a Higher Performance sub-committee was formed. The members of this sub-committee are Matthew Coulter, Letitia Harrington and Bennet Maxwell.

The Higher Performance sub-committee have organised and held two training camps in 2010 primarily for the 2010 Australian Canoe Marathon Team but were open to other members. Feedback from these camps is positive and extremely beneficial to the athletes. It is anticipated that these camps will be expanded in 2011.

The ACMRTC will continue to review the Selection Criteria for future Australian Canoe Marathon Teams to ensure that performances recorded at an international level will be of a high standard.

The ACMRTC will continue to review the attendance of Australian representatives at ICF World Cups. The potential to attend other high profile canoe marathon events leading into a World Championships is currently under investigation. It is understood that the World Cups are under review by the ICF Canoe Marathon Committee.



*Photo: Larissa Horsnell  
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### 2009 ICF World Canoe Marathon Championships

The ACMRTC appointed Cameron McGill and Andrew Coutts as Team Managers for the 2009 Australian Canoe Marathon Team and their efforts in coordination and organisation is acknowledged.

Cameron and Andrew reported that:

- 21 athletes in a total of 9 events represented Australia at the 2009 ICF World Canoe Marathon Championships in Portugal across a 3-day program (Sept 18 - 20).
- Australia did not field any competitors in Under 23 women’s kayak or any C events
- The majority of athletes attended a pre-World Championships training camp in the week preceding the Championships.
- The majority of athletes were overseas for a period of 3 weeks in total.
- The athletes were supported with 2 team managers. Two coaches – Rob Russell and Mark Coulter (self funded volunteers and additional to the official team support) - were available throughout the travelling, training and competition period. The team managers gratefully acknowledge their assistance.

### 2009 Australian Canoe Marathon Team

Open Men’s K1	Michael Leverett Trevor Murray
Open Women’s K1	Sophie Mebalds Kate McGrath

Open Men's K2	Ivor Morgan / Mark Rantall David Cole / Andrew Stimpson
Open Women's K2	Peta Wait / Sarah O'Connell- Brechin
Under 23 K1	Simon Baird Dale Thomson
Junior Men's K1	Reid Coutts  Travis Dodd
Junior Women's K1	Gina Heidke
Junior Men's K2	David Ceddia / James Campbell  Marcus Whittaker / Damion Ewart
Junior Women's K2	Catherine McArthur / Marlena Ahrens
Team Managers	Cameron McGill Andrew Coutts
ICF Officials	Robin Belcher Tom Hirschoff

### 2010 Australian Canoe Marathon Championships

The ACMRTC would like to thank Canoe South Australia for organising the 2010 Australian Canoe Marathon Championships. The efforts of Jim Murphy and Martin Finn are especially acknowledged.

The Competition Committee for the championships was:

- Martin Finn – Chief Official
- Brad Butler – Safety Officer
- Mark Murray – Technical Director

Competitor numbers were down however the level of competition remained high. Wherever possible courses for national championships endeavour to mimic those of the forthcoming world championships.

The trophies presented at the 2010 Australian Canoe Marathon Championships dinner held at the Glenelg Surf Lifesaving Club on the Sunday evening following the championships.

*Coulthard Trophy* - best performed Under 16 Boy and Girl.

- Anna Hennessy, South Australia
- Kieran Skewes, Victoria

*Board of Works Trophy* - highest point score for International Classes.

1. Victoria – 343
2. South Australia – 119
3. New South Wales – 23.5
4. Queensland – 9.5
5. Western Australia – 3

*VACA Trophy* - highest point score for Touring Classes

1. New South Wales – 24
2. South Australia - 19
3. Victoria - 17

*Frank Whitebrook Trophy* – highest point score across all classes.

1. Victoria – 360
2. South Australia – 137
3. New South Wales – 47.5
4. Queensland – 9.5
5. Western Australia – 3

*Interstate Challenge Trophy*

1. Victoria
2. South Australia

A number of categories for Marathon Paddler of the Year were also presented at the championship dinner. Those categories presented were:

### 2009 World Masters Games

The 2009 World Masters Games is one of the largest canoe marathon competitions held to date. Over 430 individuals had entered for the 2 days of racing on the Nepean River, Penrith.



*World Masters Games*

The weather was not ideal and provided a challenge for organisers and competitors alike. The conditions on the second day forced organisers to cut racing short. The



conditions also forced organisers to enact parts of the Risk Management Plan for the safety of the competitors. This included compulsory wearing of PFD's and shortening the lap to be paddled by some of the athletes.

The event will always be remembered as one of the overseas competitors died during racing. The efforts of the paramedic and first aid personnel are to be acknowledged along with the competitors who were first on the scene.

There are many to thank who ensured the marathon events ran as smoothly as possible. First and foremost there were the many volunteers who gave of their time as officials or filled other roles. All were important as the other. Some volunteers had no knowledge of the sport.

Others that must be acknowledged include:

Kate Griffith coordinated the canoeing events for the Sydney World Masters Games Organising Committee (SWMGOC).

Daniel Pearce, Operations Manager from Australia Canoeing.

Martin Finn – Chief Official and Organising Committee member.

Tom Hirrschoff – Safety Officer and Organising Committee member.

Paul O'Keeffe – Organising Committee member.

Gareth Baker – Technical Director and Organising Committee member.

Board and Staff from Australia Canoeing for their support and assistance.

All of the competitors and spectators

In closing I must thank the staff of Australian Canoeing in the support they have provided the ACMRTC over the past year.

**Jerry Dunn**  
**Chair**

## 9.6. Freestyle Technical Committee Report

Well another year has passed by with Freestyle and we have seen some great results both here and overseas. Tanya Faux has represented Australia well in the Colorado US at Teva games.

Strong development in Freestyle has continued this year with the main focus for this being around the Penrith Whitewater Stadium.

We have some strong freestyle numbers at Penrith with Freestyle attracting a number of kids every Saturday morning and the Nationals Championships being held there this December.

Congratulations to our National Champions

### Men's K1

- 1 Liam Corr
- 2 Sam Andrew
- 3 Nick Payne

### Junior K1

- 1 James Rowlinson
- 2 Morgan James
- 3 Yannick Westbury

### C1

- 1 Jez Blanchard
- 2 Aaron Mills
- 3 Liam Corr

### OC1

- 1 Liam Corr
- 2 Ben Cant
- 3 Jez Blanchard

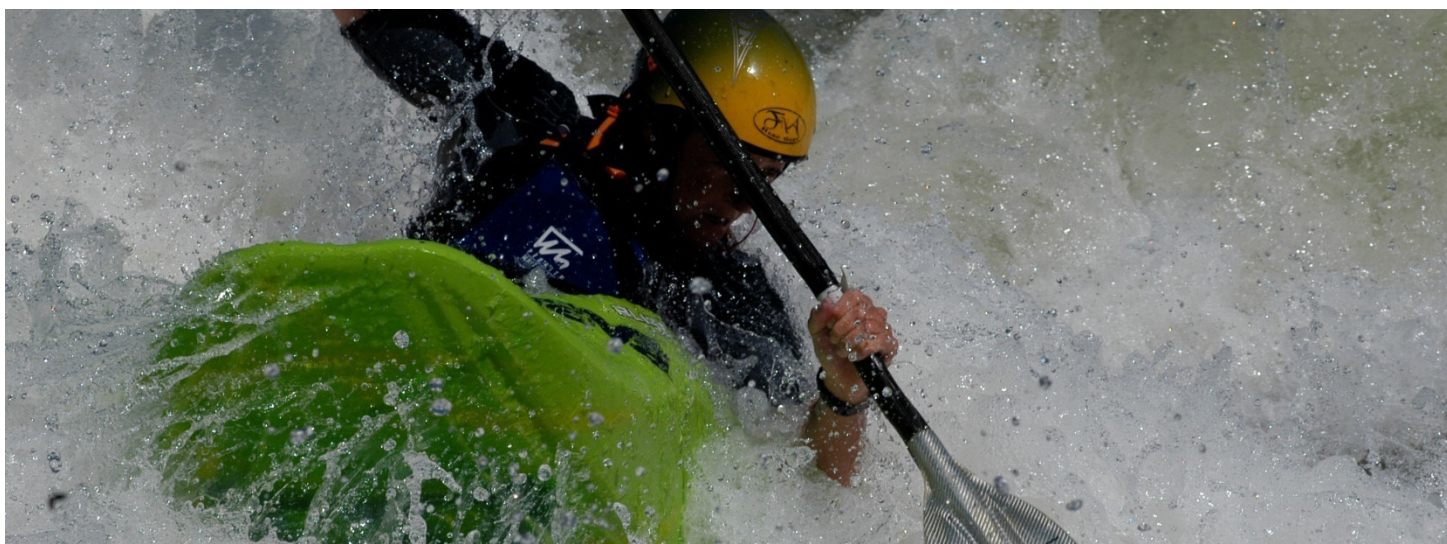
### Women's

- 1 Christine Haylock
- 2 Stacey

In exciting news, Cairns is looking to create a freestyle competition next year where we may hold Nationals for the first time ever.

See you on the water.

**Jeremy Blanchard**  
**Chair**





## 9.7. Sprint Technical Committee Report 2009

It gives me much pleasure to be able to report on sprint race committee activities for the 2010 season.

### Overview:

Since resuming my involvement with Committee in 2009, I have taken the opportunity to observe and reflect on the level of engagement and interdependence that exists between Australian Canoeing and the AIS High Performance Program in the delivery of the sprint competition program and the identification and delivery of elite athletes to the international canoe program.

Quite clearly without the financial and human resource support of the ASC and involvement of AIS, Australian Canoeing Sprint would not be able to afford the costs associated with the ongoing development and delivery of the competition program, nor the associated sport development requirements including the development of coaches, officials and a capable and committed volunteer base.

Over the last 12 months, our Committee has been focused on and has had to be particularly diligent in the conduct and delivery of the national event program being the GP Series, National Championships and associated selection events. This currently remains the 'core business' of the Committee and Australian Canoeing I believe is particularly fortunate that we have a small talented and committed group of individuals delivering quality managed competition events.

However the future of the competition program requires that we plan for the development of new officials and ultimately turnover of officials, and to do so we must, as we approach the 2012 – 2014 Olympiad, commence planning to deliver a range of officials and volunteer development programs.

### Nationals:

The nationals this year proved more than a challenge with the potential algae contact issue prevalent at the Penrith course right up until the commencement of the Championships on 10th March. Committee had discussed potential contingency provisions for the competition venue however, whilst athlete health was the pre-eminent concern, the potential costs and lost funds for travelling teams would have been significant if moved to another State venue, and a similar quality venue was not readily available in NSW. The location of the Nationals and the facilities of competition venues are now critical to maintaining our presentation and standard of our Olympic discipline competition in Australia and Committee is cognisant that whilst it is desirable for development

purposes to rotate the nationals across 'suitable' interstate venues, the number 1 pre-requisite is a 'fair' course unimpeded by disadvantageous winds or uneven water depths.

A total of 24 officials conducted the nationals which saw competitors from 40 Australian clubs represented as well as athletes from Japan, the Netherlands, Denmark and Italy.

For the first time the Nationals also incorporated 'Para-canoeing' events over 200 metres for athletes with disabilities. This followed the launch of the ICF PaddleAbility program in 2009. In addition the newly recognised Olympic 200m and traditional 500 and 1000m events were conducted. Long distance racing over 5000 metres also marked its return to the competition program having been introduced to the World Championship program.



### Results:

At Senior World Championship level, team results were not as impressive as expected. Ken Wallace secured a consolation Gold in the Men's 5000 metres after missing out on the medals in the K1 events having had his 2008 Olympic gold medal event removed from the Olympic program for 2012. Australia achieved an overall medal ranking of 22 out of 29 nations competing.

It is appropriate to note however, that a significant depth of male athletes now forms the base of the Australian Team for the 2012 Olympics, with several athletes still pressing for Australian Team representation. Depth in the women's squad remains a concern with the retirements from 2008 however there is no lack of commitment or coaching expertise in the team and a significant turnaround can be expected in 2011.

Far more optimism is present with our 'future Olympians' team, with the Australian results for 2010 at the Olympic Hopes Regatta in Slovakia very impressive with two medals on the final day of competition to make a tally of 8 for the

Championships with Australia finishing 5th out of 22 countries. Results in the canoe competition were also particularly impressive for a discipline with little depth currently in Australia.

#### **Committee:**

The Committee met in December, March and June and is scheduled to meet again in October this year. Whilst the focus has been on competition delivery, the Committee is cognisant of the need to develop a longer term strategic plan to take into account strategic and operational planning, financial due diligence, ongoing nomination of appropriately experienced selectors, officials development, event management & delivery, course selection and accreditation, sport development, marketing, merchandising and fundraising, and most importantly communications.

2010 / 2011 focus will be to engage the States to better understand their capability to contribute to the conduct of the national program and involve them further in sport development. Funding will however limit the ability of Committee to assist the States until such time as an alternative funding strategy is confirmed.

The Surf to Kayak program, a joint initiative of SLSA and Australian Canoeing is starting to deliver athletes into the competition program however conflicting schedules with respective State and National Championships has created some issues which will hopefully be eliminated through coordinated scheduling in the 2011/12 season. Committee agreed that enhanced competition opportunities could be achieved through rule relaxation to encourage standard 'sit on top' type craft meeting sprint discipline design rules participating in National Level competition. Whilst funding for an ongoing position was yet to be confirmed by the AC/SLSA Joint Management Committee, KPI's for performance and program management are as per the JMC 'agreement'. Coordinator Lynda Lehmann has been running workshops, training camps etc and producing education resources from seminars. A number of individuals are also running programs out of surf clubs. The Committee is not supportive of a centralised coaching program.

The Committee is keen to also appoint an athletes representative to ensure athlete viewpoint are considered in the planning & management processes and will seek to do so during the 2011 season.

#### **Development:**

The Committee recognises that National delivery of training programs for development & appointment of sprint race officials is required and needs to be reviewed in the light of Ian Dewey's departure from Australian Canoeing. The

Committee is to seek AC assistance to have the officials course placed on the AC website and qualified officials funded to provide delivery at state workshops.

Coaching coordination will also require some assistance; however the Level 2 course is current until the end of 2011. The Level 2 course whilst currently registered will require appointment of a 'qualified' technical review group of 3 people and the conduct of a 2 day workshop.

From a competition perspective, race scheduling is a time consuming task. The Committee has reviewed race scheduling systems and will be introducing a new race scheduling system which should enhance the functionality of race scheduling and minimise the problem of the existing system.

#### **Finances:**

AC has been required to produce a balanced or surplus 10/11 budget. Consequently, a revised budget has a number of expenditure cuts.

As a result, AIS will be increasing control of events through current HP staff and underwriting the financial risk associated with the conduct of events.

AC is committed to a strong domestic competition framework for sprint canoeing in Australia however until the status of HP funding submissions is known, the budget for the Sprint Technical Committees will remain very tight.

#### **Conclusion:**

In conclusion I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the competition organising committee members within the sprint committee. Clearly this remains the key technical function of the sprint race committee and requires committed planning, scheduling and budgeting and is administered by a select and small number of committed volunteers as well as some contract staffing support.

To fellow Committee members, thanks again for your tireless work: Jim Murphy, Mark O'Brien, Martin Finn, Dasha Kopecek, and Karl Russell. Also Shelley Oats-Wilding who retired to pursue ventures overseas. There needs to be recognition that these people are volunteers and NOT paid staff and that their ongoing commitment is out of the enjoyment of the sport and camaraderie. Thanks also to Richard Fox (AIS) and Linda Lehman (Surf to Sprint) who have worked closely with Committee. Thanks also to Sam Lyons for his support as Sports Services Coordinator.

**Greg Kaeding**  
**Chair**

## 9.8. The National Talent Identification and Development Program Report

The 2009/10 year was one of growth and partnership formation for the National Talent Identification and Development (NTID) program in which the goal of reaching all the prominent kayaking states was achieved.

### **National Programs:**

The National Talent Squad (NTS) programs continued into their third year of operation, building on their successes from previous years to cement their position as the first rung on the ladder of international representation for Australian sprint and slalom kayakers. Under the capable leadership of Graham Bendeich (sprint) and Peter Eckhardt (slalom), the NTS programs delivered six camps and coordinated two international tours to competition for the nation's top 44 sprint and 24 slalom up-and-coming paddlers. The sprint NTS recorded their best ever performance at the Olympic Hopes Competition in the Czech Republic qualifying for 17 A Finals and collecting two 5<sup>th</sup> placings. The slalom NTS performed strongly on their 12 day tour to the New Zealand National Championships.

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA), AC, the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and NTID formed a four-way association in 2009 to build the National Surf & Kayak Talent Program (NSKP). The NSKP was launched as a pilot program based at the AIS on the Gold Coast. Coordinated by former Olympic kayaker and surf life saver, Lynda Lehmann, the NSKP provides reciprocal benefits for the partner organisations. The NSKP pilot program was designed to establish a transportable and sustainable system to identify and develop athletes from surf life saving who have the potential to succeed at the international level in sprint kayaking.

### **Queensland:**

In a year of consolidation for the Queensland NTID Sprint Kayak programs, the fruits of the coaches and athletes labour started to come to bear with some outstanding results at a national level. 26 current and two former Queensland NTID athletes were selected on Australian teams from the Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast programs. The majority of athletes selected on national teams had been recruited into the sport of kayaking less than two years ago and have been working tirelessly with coaches Peter Petho, John Newton and Graham Bendeich to break into the national scene.

### **New South Wales:**

NTID moved into NSW this year to establish the NTID/Sydney Northern Beaches Kayak Club (SNBKC) Sprint Squad with coach Christine Duff. Through two intakes, a squad of 35 talented junior athletes were identified from

surf clubs and extensive testing in local schools. The majority of identified athletes have transferred from non-kayaking backgrounds and have quickly picked up the required skills to see five of the squad members selected in the NTS after only five months in their new squad.

Support in the form of talent selection, detection and recruitment was supplied to boost sprint programs in Manly Warringah and Cronulla together with provision of equipment and coaching support.

The Penrith Valley JETS slalom program was launched in October 2009 to recruit and up skill young athletes with the potential to excel on the whitewater. Senior paddler, Will Forsythe, coordinates the program with support from the AIS canoe slalom team. In excess of 40 athletes have been tested and accepted into the program that presents athletes with opportunities to develop their paddling skills in a range of disciplines aimed at honing their slalom ability.

### **Western Australia:**

In partnership with Canoeing Western Australia (CWA) and with support from the Western Australian Institute of Sport (WAIS), the NTID/CWA program was formed to identify and develop sprint kayakers in Perth with the ultimate goal of preparing athletes for entry into the WAIS program. Former Olympic and World Championship paddlers, Rob and Julie Jenkinson have successfully coached the kayakers, surf life savers and athletes from a range of other sporting backgrounds through their first six months in the program. NTID athlete, Lachlan Cooke, has already progressed to WAIS scholarship, blazing a path for the rest of the squad.

The WA Slalom Development Program received a grant from NTID that has facilitated the delivery of high performance coaching to the Perth-based slalom development athletes.

### **Victoria:**

Working with Canoeing Victoria (CV) in a push to revive the once vibrant sprint community in Victoria, the NTID/CV sprint program was launched at the National Water Sports Centre in May 2010. Former sprint and marathon paddler, Peter Gargiulo, has been appointed to coach the squad of 26 junior athletes who were identified following a rigorous testing and recruitment process through local schools and Deakin University.

Also in Victoria, Warwick Draper is coaching and coordinating the Rapid Recruits Slalom program which identified a squad of 45 predominantly novice slalom athletes through a community promotional campaign. The Rapid Recruits squad is being refined throughout three

program phases to develop athletes to become competitive at national and eventually international levels.

#### South Australia:

NTID has joined forces with the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) and Australian Canoeing (AC) to create the new position of SASI/NTID Performance Development Coach. Krzysztof Lepianka recently commenced in the role which is designed to provide coaching support to NTID athletes and SASI's underpinning athletes, working in close collaboration with SASI head coach, David Foureux.

#### Tasmania:

16 athletes were selected this year to join the NTID-supported Southern Slalom Stars program which is coordinated by Peter Eckhardt. NTID provides support to enable the Southern Stars access to interstate development camps. The squad has shown significant improvement in their on-water testing and performance throughout the year with six squad members gaining selection to the NTS

and one athlete, Andrew Eckhardt, contesting the 2010 Junior World Championships in France.



A snapshot of the QLD, NSW, WA and VIC NTID sprint programs is outlined in the table below:

	No. of new athletes tested	Total no. of athletes in squad as of 30/06/2010
NTID Sunshine Coast	11	32 (inc. 25 existing athletes)
NTID Gold Coast	16	26 (inc. 16 existing athletes)
NTID/SNBKC Juniors	110	23
NTID/Manly Seniors	33	10
NTID/Cronulla	132	14
NTID/Canoeing Victoria	152	26
NTID/Canoeing WA	57	20
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>151</b>

	Medals won at 2010 Nationals			National team/squad selections	AIS/SIS/SAS Scholarships
	Gold	Silver	Bronze		
NTID Sunshine Coast	43	28	20	18	3
NTID Gold Coast	17	24	21	9	0
NTID/SNBKC Juniors	3	20	5	5	0
NTID/Manly Seniors	1	6	0	1	0
NTID/Cronulla	4	5	3	1	0
NTID/Canoeing Victoria	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NTID/Canoeing WA	2	2	4	2	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>

Thanks are owed to AC, the AIS, State Sporting Organisations and clubs for their ongoing support of the NTID program. Sincere gratitude is also extended to the NTID coaches and volunteers who continue to give tirelessly of their time, expertise, blood, sweat and tears.

**Elissa Morley**

**Senior Manager - Sports Programs**

**National Talent Identification and Development**



## 9.9. National Surf and Kayak Talent Program Report

The Gold Coast Pilot Program of the National Surf and Kayak Talent Program got underway in mid-October 2009.

The program was initially set up to run out of the AIS Canoe Facility at Pizze Park, however space constraints at the AIS, coach availability and challenges in coordinating competitive schedules brought a change to the plans. Adapting to the situation saw two levels of athlete initially sign up by mid-January 2010. One group were surf lifesavers/established kayak paddlers who could already paddle a kayak well enough to join in with the AIS/QAS squads on the water. The other group comprised beginners who were allocated equipment and learnt to paddle a kayak under the tutelage of their surf ski coaches. The first group (13 athletes) competed at national kayak championships, some with only six weeks in the kayak (or back in the kayak) under their belts, winning a total of 18 medals. Key achievements saw Jordan Wood secure selection to the Olympic Hopefuls Team and Joel Simpson to the Senior Touring Team.



The NSKP paddlers all did well at the Queensland Surf Lifesaving State Titles, and all had progressed through the initial rounds at Aussie Titles as well. Some of the younger members of the NSKP had clearly improved their ski paddling through their kayak paddling—to the extent that winter enquiries for the NSKP came from many of their age group ski competitors looking to catch up!

The NSKP has held several seminars and clinics for the surf lifesaving and kayak paddling community on the Gold Coast and has created 3 professional DVD's, thanks to the help of Rob van Bommell of SportsceneTV. These DVD's are on Paddling Team Boats, Competition Survival (Preparation) and Technique Intensive, as well as the powerpoint presentations that go with them. The seminars and clinics have been very well received and will form a major area of the future of the NSKP going forward.

While the initial squad was formed for just two months (from mid January to Kayak Nationals in March) there are around 25 young paddlers currently involved in many aspects of the Program on the Gold Coast.

Time trials and mid-year testing were held in July with NSKP athletes. These athletes were joined by new paddlers from

various surf clubs interested in potentially trying out for future NSKP or NTID selections, as well as young paddlers from Dennis Green's Kurruwa SLSC/Gold Coast Canoe Club squad and Ben Hutchings' Byron Bay surf/kayak squad. For many of the paddlers the time trials/races were the first competitive run in their kayaks and there was a lot of potential on display. The testing saw some outstanding results and pointed towards a few new junior paddlers who will no doubt be vying for National Junior Kayak Team selection in 2011.



For the NSKP paddlers it was the second time they went through the testing process and it was interesting to see the relationship between improved testing performances off the water and the improvement in their kayak paddling.

The NSKP will be running a series of Paddling Expos in Queensland, NSW, Victoria, Tasmania, SA and WA between the start of October and the end of December, which will lead into a national development camp for talent identified young surf lifesavers who are currently paddling kayaks but not in NTID squads as yet.

The Paddling Expos will be a full day seminar/practical with leading local coaches and paddlers from both surf and canoeing. The aim of the Expos is up-skilling paddling coaches, raising awareness for the crossover between ski and kayak, encouraging the concept of paddling a kayak as a pre-ski skills development base within surf clubs, and motivating young paddlers to improve their ski/kayak performance. The events will each include a 2k kayak time trial as a selection basis for the national camp.

The NSKP Development Camp, to be held in January/February 2011, will be for around 20 athletes and will give young surf lifesaving kayak paddlers and their coaches an opportunity to further develop their paddling skills and knowledge.

The future direction of the NSKP is currently being refined. The relationship between surf lifesaving and kayaking is as exciting as ever, with programs such as the NSKP helping the development of paddling across both sports.

**Lynda Lehmann**

**National Coordinator Surf & Kayak Talent Program**

## 9.10. Education and Safety Technical Committee Report

The year from 2009 to present has been made somewhat difficult when our AC guru, Ian Dewey, found it time to move to fresh pastures. We miss his knowledge and wish him well in his new career.

Since our last report, we have noticed that the purpose of the Education and Safety Committee is often misunderstood even by those in AC. Many continue to believe that one of our purposes is to create and support competition through the training of officials and coaches. That is not our purpose, indeed, that is the domain of the discipline technical committees and always has been.

The purpose of the Education and Safety Committee is to develop canoeing amongst the general public and recreational canoeists by creating a safe framework of instruction based on best techniques and safety practices. The Committee does approach elite coaching staff of AC to provide guidance on best paddling techniques and ensure that common approaches take place.

As the Committee operates with outdoor operators, teachers, and general sea and inland paddlers, its operation is the public's view of AC rather than the competitive areas operations. Consequently, acceptance and recognition of ACAS and our Safety Standards is an excellent measure of the public's recognition of AC and its brand importance. The health of AC in the view of the public is directly proportional to the infrastructure supporting ACAS in a State.

It may be in the best interests of the sport to modify the name of the Committee to clarify its jurisdiction and remove any confusion about its role.

Of considerable interest has been our continued interaction with the Outdoor Council of Australia and the associated State bodies. This particular group is working State by State to overview all outdoor activities and getting outdoor groups to register with them. As State governments support to a greater or lesser extent this procedure and tacit support exists Federally, it is very necessary to ensure AC primacy when it comes to Canoeing in all forms and to ensure the AC Safety Guidelines are the source of information and that ACAS Instructors are duly recognised.

We have made significant progress in ensuring that this happens after discussions with major parties in this area.

However, we must continue to be vigilant and to promote our operations widely and strongly through significant and direct creation of ACAS courses at all levels and the promotion of ACAS. This should be carried out directly by State Boards in our view. The OCA guidelines for canoeing do indeed affect canoeing operations in Victoria where extra requirements that we consider unreasonable have been placed on canoeing events of all types.

We identified the number of Instructors at all levels who are registered State by State with some interesting data that could be interpreted as a measure of the health of general paddling and the strength of the AC brand State by State.

ACAS is under minor review as is the wording of the Safety Guidelines in some sections to ensure commonality of terms with the OCA formats. We need paddlers to read the same things no matter to which source they refer.

Queensland has created some excellent documents to go with craft sold over the counter and these are being looked at with modifications across Australia. We have restarted drafting the old "Green Handbook" for Instructors with Peter Carter leading the work.

We are redrafting the AC Assessors' program with a more detailed outline of content. Since we moved away deliberately from the VET Assessors' program, we find we are short of assessors, in some States particularly. We are exploring using assessors from across States to help moderate procedures in different environments. The infrastructure of each State to deliver ACAS to the public must be considered of major importance to Australia Canoeing.

I would like to thank all those who have worked assiduously for the Education and Safety Committee and call for experienced persons to nominate for the Committee to help. Mary Macaluso has worked very hard in coming up to speed in AC on Education and Safety operations and must be thanked highly for her efforts.

**Jason Dicker**  
**Chair**

## 10. Financial Statements

### 10.1. Directors Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2010

The Directors present this report on the association for the financial year ended 30th June 2010

#### Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Robert Stewart

Danielle Woodward

Martyn Clancy-Lowe

Robbie Stewart

James Rennell

Prof Keith Lyons (appointed 14 November 2009)

Shelley Oates-Wilding (retired 12 May 2010)

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

#### Significant Changes in State of Affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of the association's affairs during the financial year.

#### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the course of the 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.

There have been no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the year.

#### After Balance Date Events

No known matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the association's operations, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the association in subsequent financial years.

#### Future Developments

The association expects to maintain the present status and level of operations and hence there are no likely known developments in future financial years.

#### Environmental Issues

The association's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

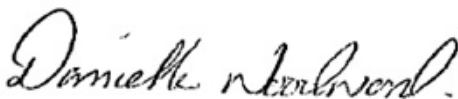
#### Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditors independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 follows this report.



Robert Stewart

Director



Danielle Woodward

Director

Dated 18 October 2010



## 10.2. Auditors Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To the Directors of Australian Canoeing

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of Australian Canoeing for the year ended 30 June 2010 there have been;

- a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Astims & SWM Pty Ltd  
Bill Murphy, FCA  
Suite 6, First Floor, 55 Grosvenor St, Neutral Bay, NSW 2089  
Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010

### 10.3. Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year ended 30 June 2010

	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
Revenue		1,963,678	1,470,253
Interest Received		3,126	4,212
Administration Expenses		(40,164)	(54,148)
Marketing Expenses		(4,320)	(1,280)
Occupancy Expenses		(43,414)	(14,959)
Finance Costs		(2,588)	(1,232)
Other Expenses		(1,854,290)	(1,270,857)
<b>Profit/(Loss) for Year</b>		<u>22,028</u>	<u>131,989</u>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income:</b>			
<b>Other Comprehensive Income for year</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for year</b>		<u>22,028</u>	<u>131,989</u>
Profit/(Loss) attributable to members		<u>22,028</u>	<u>131,989</u>
Total Comprehensive Income attributable to members		<u>22,028</u>	<u>131,989</u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.*

## 10.4. Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2010

	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash	2	319,861	434,828
Receivables	4	46,326	167,475
Other	5	1,956	1,909
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>368,143</u>	<u>604,212</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	6	<u>8,107</u>	<u>7,414</u>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>8,107</u>	<u>7,414</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>376,250</u>	<u>611,626</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables	7	30,144	78,024
Provisions	8	30,552	47,114
Other Current Liabilities	9	<u>208,739</u>	<u>420,506</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>269,434</u>	<u>590,644</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Other Non-Current Liabilities	9	<u>63,804</u>	<u>45,000</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>333,240</u>	<u>590,644</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>333,240</u>	<u>590,644</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>43,010</u>	<u>20,982</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained profits		<u>43,010</u>	<u>20,982</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>43,010</u>	<u>20,982</u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.*



## 10.5. Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year ended 30 June 2010

	Retained Earnings
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<b>2010</b>	
<b>Balance at 1 July 2009</b>	20,982
Profit/(Loss) for year	22,028
<b>Balance at 30 June 2010</b>	<u>43,010</u>
<b>2009</b>	
<b>Balance at 1 July 2008</b>	(111,007)
Profit/(Loss) for year	131,989
<b>Balance at 30 June 2009</b>	<u>20,982</u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.*

## 10.6. Cash Flow Statement for the Year ended 30 June 2010

	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts from Customers		1,111,716	1,460,483
Payments to Suppliers		(1,225,612)	(1,577,939)
Interest Received		3,126	4,212
<b>Net Cash Outflow from Operating Activities</b>	3	<u>(110,770)</u>	<u>(113,244)</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
Purchase/ of Property, Plant & Equipment		<u>(4,199)</u>	<u>(3,380)</u>
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		<u>(4,199)</u>	<u>(3,380)</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>			
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held		<u>(114,969)</u>	<u>(116,624)</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1 July 2009		434,826	551,450
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 30 June 2010</b>		<u><u>319,857</u></u>	<u><u>434,826</u></u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.*

**1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial report is a general purpose financial report and it has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001. The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values, or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. Unless otherwise stated the accounting policies have been consistently applied. The following is a summary of the material accounting policies used Australian Canoeing by in the preparation of the financial report.

**(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

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

**(b) Provisions**

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

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

**(c) Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. 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. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employees may not satisfy vesting requirements. These cash outflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows.

**(d) 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.

**Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised lease assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a diminishing value basis over the asset's useful life to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

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

Office Equipment	33.33 %
Motor vehicles	30.00 %

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

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

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

(e) **Income Tax**

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

(f) **Borrowing Costs**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to prepare for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in income in the period in which they are incurred.

(g) **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.

(h) **Revenue and Other Income**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. Any consideration deferred is treated as the provision of finance and is discounted at a rate of interest that is generally accepted in the market for similar arrangements. The difference between the amount initially recognised and the amount ultimately received is interest revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

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 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 statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows 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.

(k) **Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

Key Estimates - Impairment

The association assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the association that may be indicative of impairment triggers.

Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

(l) **Adoption of New and Revised Accounting Standards**

During the current year the association adopted all of the new and revised Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations applicable to its operations which became mandatory.

The adoption of these standards has impacted the recognition, measurement and disclosure of certain transactions. The following is an explanation of the impact of the adoption of these standards and interpretations has had on the financial statements of Australian Canoeing.

**AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements**

In September 2007 the Australian Accounting Standards Board revised AASB 101 and as a result, there have been changes to the presentation and disclosure of certain information within the financial statements. Below is an overview of the key changes and the impact on the association's financial statements.

**Disclosure impact**

**Terminology changes** - The revised version of AASB 101 contains a number of terminology changes, including the amendment of the names of the primary financial statements.

**Reporting changes in equity** - The revised version of AASB 101 requires all changes in equity arising from transactions with owners, in their capacity as owners, to be presented separately from non-owner changes in equity. Owner changes in equity are to be presented in the statement of changes in equity, with non-owner changes in equity presented in the statement of comprehensive income. The previous version of AASB 101 required that owner changes in equity and other comprehensive income be presented in the statement of changes in equity.

**Statement of comprehensive income** - The revised version of AASB 101 requires all income and expenses to be presented in either one statement, the statement of comprehensive income, or two statements, a separate income statement and a statement of

comprehensive income. The previous version of AASB 101 required only the presentation of a single income statement.

The association's financial statements now contain a statement of comprehensive income.

Other comprehensive income - The revised version of AASB 101 introduces the concept of 'other comprehensive income' which comprises of income and expenses that are not recognised in profit or loss as required by other Australian Accounting Standards. Items of other comprehensive income are to be disclosed in the statement of comprehensive income. Entities are required to disclose the income tax relating to each component of other comprehensive income. The previous version of AASB 101 did not contain an equivalent concept.

	2010	2009
	\$	\$

## 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at Bank	319,861	434,828
	<u>319,861</u>	<u>434,828</u>

### Reconciliation of Cash

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents	319,861	434,828
	<u>319,861</u>	<u>434,828</u>

## 3. Cash Flow Information

### Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income Tax

Profit after Income Tax	22,028	131,989
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### Adjustments for Non-Cash Components in Profit:

Depreciation	3,506	2,195
Cost of Sales	-	1,418

### Changes in Assets and Liabilities

(Increase)/Decrease in Trade and Other Receivables	121,149	(9770 )
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets	(47)	159,174
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade and Other Payables	(47,880)	32,873
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	(16,563)	(29,984)
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities	(192,963)	(401,139)
<b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>	<u>(110,766)</u>	<u>(113,244)</u>

## 4. Trade and Other Receivables

### Current

Accounts Receivable	52,188	195,004
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	(5,862)	(27,529)
	<u>46,326</u>	<u>167,475</u>
<b>Total Trade and Other Receivables</b>	<u>46,326</u>	<u>167,475</u>

## 5. Other Assets

### Current

Prepayments - Insurance	1,107	1,909
Prepayments - AGM Accommodation Deposit	849	-
	<u>1,956</u>	<u>1,909</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 30 June 2010 (continued)

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>1,956</u>	<u>1,909</u>
<b>6. Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		
<b>Plant &amp; Equipment</b>		
Motor Vehicles - at Cost	20,000	20,000
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>18,657</u>	<u>18,082</u>
	1,343	1,918
Office Equipment - at Cost	27,867	23,668
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>21,103</u>	<u>18,172</u>
	6,764	5,496
Total Plant & Equipment	<u>8,107</u>	<u>7,414</u>
<b>Total Property, Plant &amp; Equipment</b>	<u>8,107</u>	<u>7,414</u>
<b>7. Trade and Other Payables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade Creditors	5,826	32,062
Superannuation Payable	9,022	12,800
PAYG Withholding Tax Payable	1,325	3,272
Provision for GST	<u>13,971</u>	<u>29,890</u>
	30,144	78,024
<b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>	<u>30,144</u>	<u>78,024</u>
<b>8. Provisions</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for Audit Fees	11,000	10,000
Provision for contribution to be paid back to athletes	-	22,500
Provision for Legal Fees	680	3,000
Provision for Superannuation Claim	7,414	-
Provision for FBT	1,755	3,949
Salary Sacrifice Amounts Due	(2,142)	-
Provision for Annual Leave	<u>11,845</u>	<u>7,665</u>
	30,552	47,114
<b>Total Provisions</b>	<u>30,552</u>	<u>47,114</u>
<b>9. Other Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accrued Expenditure	15,089	6,346
Funding for Events/Tours received in advance	133,663	105,880
Other Creditor	-	14,100
Amount due to Australian Sports Commission<1 year	12,892	54,108
Amount due to International Canoe Federation	15,000	15,000
Marathon Committee Carried forward	15,286	6,931
Australia Sports Foundation Ltd	-	4,741



	2010	2009
	\$	\$
ASC Funding AIS Passthru	1,000	91,750
ASC High Performance Funding	-	66,000
Australia Sports Commission Surf	-	55,650
ASC Coaches Workshop	15,810	-
	<u>208,740</u>	<u>420,506</u>

**Non-Current**

Amount due to Australian Sports Commission 2 – 5 years	33,804	-
Amount due to International Canoe Federation 2 – 5 years	30,000	45,000
	<u>63,804</u>	<u>45,000</u>
	<u>272,543</u>	<u>465,506</u>

**10. Contingent Liabilities**

A contingent liability exists for the repayment of input credits claimed on Tour expenses. Australian Canoeing Incorporated acts as an agent between tour participants (principle) and the provider of the tours and as such no GST is payable by Australian Canoeing Incorporated and no GST is claimable on any input credits for the cost of such tours. A contingent liability exists for the repayment of input credits claimed in previous years, although the amount repayable to the ATO has not yet been determined, and has been disclosed as a note to the accounts rather than a pull provision.

**11. Auditors Remuneration**

Astims & SWM Pty Ltd were the auditors of Australian Canoeing

Auditor's Remuneration	11,000	10,000
	<u>11,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

**12. Association Details**

The registered office of the company is:

Australian Canoeing  
1st Floor Sport House, 6 Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush, 2124

The principal place of business is:

Australian Canoeing  
1st Floor Sport House, 6 Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush, 2124

## 10.8. Detailed Profit and Loss Statement for the Year ended 30 June 2010

	2010 \$	2009 \$
<b>Revenue from Ordinary Activities</b>		
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Event Income	137,958	132,349
Grant Administration	633,511	450,140
State Affiliation Fees	205,699	201,446
Education Programs	95,829	74,416
Others	25,447	23,711
World Masters Games	109,076	-
Touring Teams	756,158	588,191
<b>Non-operating Activities</b>		
Interest Income	3,126	4,212
Total Revenue from Ordinary Activities	<u>1,966,804</u>	<u>1,474,465</u>
<b>Expenses from Ordinary Activities</b>		
Cost of Sales	4,319	1,418
Accountancy Fees	-	6,154
Advertising & Promotions	1,471	1,280
AGM Expenses	12,303	8,955
Auditor's Remuneration	11,000	10,000
Bad Debts Written Off	7,555	23,211
Bank Charges	9,559	4,753
Consultancy Fees	-	5,000
Depreciation	3,507	2,195
NSWIS AIS Coaching Expenses	147,702	34,925
Education Expenses	101,832	72,524
Event Expenses	138,938	138,842
General Expenses	3,075	(2,226)
Insurance	44,010	42,533
IT Expenses	31,061	31,771
Interest Paid	2,588	1,232
Legal Costs	17,098	13,572
Lodgement fees	4,195	2,230
Membership cards	2,849	-
Motor Vehicle Expenses	6,636	4,573
Planning fees - Boatshed Development	-	9,905
Operating Lease Expense	3,414	9,319
Printing, Stationery & Postage	11,911	16,223
Rent	40,000	-
Salaries & Wages	324,586	182,856
Staff Training Expenses	-	10,481
Staff Costs	-	1,412
Fringe Benefits Tax	5,829	3,949
Recruitment Costs	-	12,882
Surf Initiative Expense	55,000	-
Superannuation Contributions	25,798	11,541
Provision for Annual Leave	4,180	830

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## Detailed Profit and Loss Statement for the Year ended 30 June 2010 (continued)

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Telecommunications Expenses	7,735	5,640
Travelling Expenses	31,566	36,238
Touring Team Expenses	759,087	599,880
Technical Committee Expenses	41,547	33,176
World Masters Games Expenses	76,542	-
Extraordinary Expenses	7,885	5,202
<b>Total Expenses from Ordinary Activities</b>	<b>1,944,776</b>	<b>1,342,476</b>
Profit before Income Tax	22,028	131,989
Income Tax Expense	-	-
<b>Profit from Operations</b>	<b>22,028</b>	<b>131,989</b>
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	20,982	(111,007)
<b>Retained profits as at 30 June 2010</b>	<b>43,010</b>	<b>20,982</b>

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## 10.9. Statement by Board of Directors

In the opinion of the directors the financial report

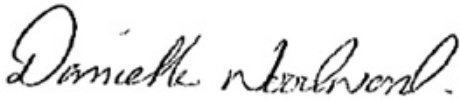
1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Australian Canoeing Inc. as at 30th June 2010 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Australian Canoeing Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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



Robert Stewart



Danielle Woodward

Dated 18 October 2010



## 10.10. Independent Audit Report to the Members of Australian Canoeing

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We have audited the accompanying financial report of Australian Canoeing, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2010, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration of the association at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

### **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 Corporations Act 2001. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are 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 the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, provided to the directors of Australian Canoeing on 15 October 2010, would be in the same terms if provided to the directors as at the date of this auditor's report.

### **Auditor's Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Australian Canoeing as of 30 June 2010, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and the Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations).



Astims & SWM Pty Ltd

Chartered Accountants

Bill Murphy, FCA

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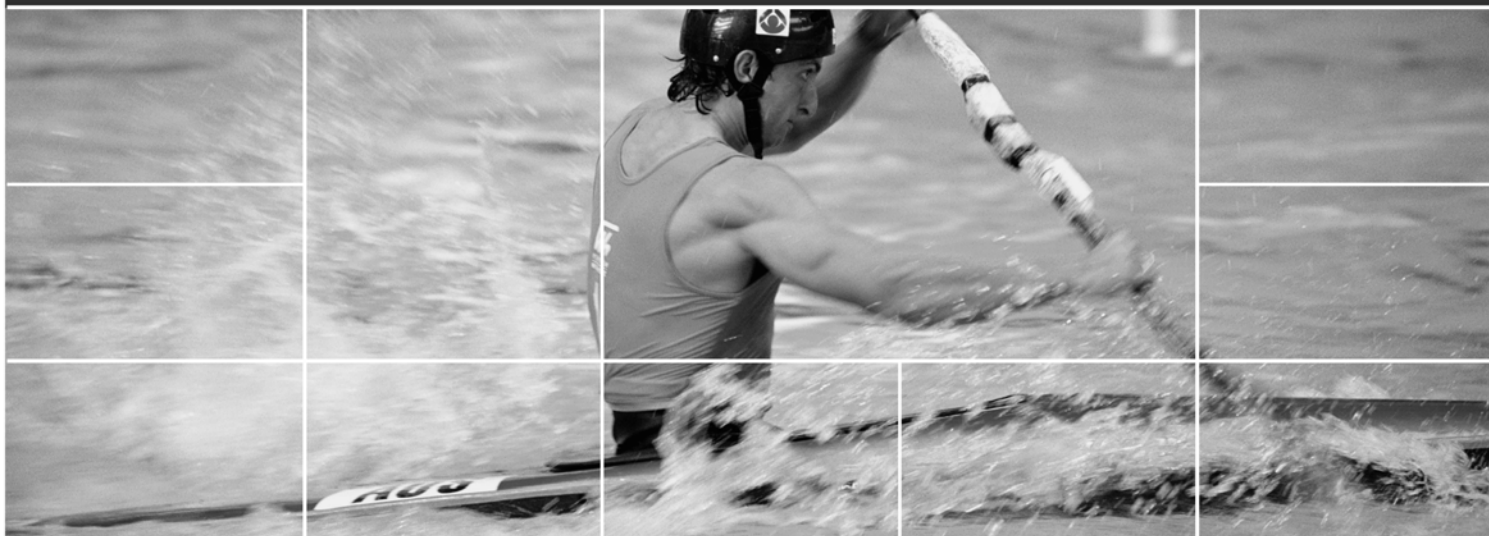
Dated this 15th day of October 2010



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## 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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