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Message from the Australian Sports Commission



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

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

In 2006-07 the Australian Government, through the Commission, provided Australian Canoeing with funding of more than \$3.0 million for the development of the sport and its continued enhancement at the grass-root and elite levels, including an allocation of more than \$1.1 million for the Australian Institute of Sport Canoeing program. In addition, the Commission also provided direct support of \$90,000 to targeted athletes under the Australian Government Sports Training Grant scheme to assist in their preparation for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

The Australian Sports Commission recognises that Australian Canoeing has undergone significant change throughout the reporting period, following the release in September 2006, of the Commission report entitled "Review of the Delivery of the Sport of Canoeing in Australia". Through the Australian Institute of Sport, the Commission has assumed management control of the Olympic high performance disciplines of flatwater and slalom, allowing Australian Canoeing to focus on rebuilding its organisational capability and financial stability without the considerable drain on resources that the management of a high performance program entails.

The Review's recommendations have been a catalyst for wide-ranging consultation within the sport and a complete reorganisation of operations of the national office, including its financial operating systems and reporting. It is pleasing to see that Australian Canoeing has improved its net equity position from negative \$461,073 in June 2005 to negative \$154,711 in June 2007.

A Review addendum, to be produced later in the year, will consider feedback to the Review since its release. This addendum will confirm, or revise, the recommendations of the review in the light of that feedback. The major challenge for the sport going forward is the need for the Board of Australian Canoeing to formulate its views on future priorities after assessing their affordability, to make an informed estimate of its income and expenditure over the next five years and to implement effective policies, systems and actions so that those priorities are realised.

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

Mark A Peters

Chief Executive Officer

Australian Sports Commission

Our Partners in Sport



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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 which is the foundation for providing elite paddling opportunities to talented athletes Australia-wide. The reciprocal funding arrangements exist specifically to benefit paddlers who seek Olympic success in our sport as coaches, support staff and athletes.



The Sydney International Regatta Centre is a proud supporter of Australian Canoeing and we thank them for their continuing support. Penrith Whitewater Stadium is the home of the slalom racing National Centre of Excellence and they proudly support the development of Australia's elite and developing slalom paddlers.



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



Canoes Plus	Kayaks Plus
Southern Adventures	Men's Health
Dagger	Finn Kayaks
Canoeing Down Under	Ocean Paddler

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

Our Year in Focus

Report from Ian Muir President of Australian Canoeing

It's my privilege to give the President's report for Australian Canoeing – it's only been three months since the new board has taken over from the Interim Board of Peter, Jim and Justin. Thanks to the efforts of that Interim Board, Australian Canoeing has come a long way from the dark days of early 2006. I wish to acknowledge the hard work of the Interim Board and CEO Kate Heeley – Australian Canoeing is well on its way to financial recovery.

Indicative of our financial recovery and the improvements in our processes is a positive financial audit for our year end in 2007, although there still work to be done to clear our current liabilities. We are indebted to Ross Stevens (Canoeing Victoria) for his work in helping restructure our financial accounts, and to Jan Hall, our Australian Canoeing administration manager, for both her tireless work and her sense of humour.

As part of our current recovery phase we have been working hard with the cooperation and support of our state colleagues to rebuild our sport into a stronger and healthier sporting organisation. In light of the Australian Sports Commission's review into the delivery of the sport of canoeing in Australia, the sport has acknowledged the underlying principles behind most of the fundamental recommendations. We have been working closely with the Australian Sports Commission to release an addendum to this report. This report will cover a number of governance options for our sport and for us to move forward.

During this year our athletes have been preparing for their overseas assaults on world championships with strong performances in all disciplines, with our Olympic disciplines preparing with a focus on Olympic qualifying places for Beijing 2008.

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



Report from Kate Heeley

Chief Executive, Australian Canoeing

2006-07 has been a year of consolidation for Australian Canoeing. It has been a year for sorting out systems, implementing procedures, detailed financial planning and frugality. It has been a year in which the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) published its comprehensive review of the sport of canoeing in Australia. It has been a year in which the sport has changed significantly, and the management has changed significantly as well.

From July 2006 until I commenced in the CEO's role in November there were some major highlights, and plenty of challenges. AC has a very good relationship with SBS television, and in August 2006 they did a national broadcast of the World Slalom Canoe Championships from Prague. This was negotiated with the AIS high performance group and the Interim Board, and was achieved for a very reasonable cost.

In September the Interim Board met with the ASC to discuss the circulation of their comprehensive review - this was initially released for public comment and circulation to the states in October 2006. Following the release of the review a consultation period commenced. Interim Board members and the ASC visited state capitals to receive direct feedback from the members and the states. Subsequently a planning workshop was held in Sydney in February, during which the fundamental goals for the restructuring of the sport were thrashed out. Key members of state associations drove the agenda, and were joined for the wrap up sessions by the ASC. The recommendations of the ASC review were considered in detail, and improvements and refinements agreed by all present. The level of commitment and co-operation of all state associations at this and later workshops has been a giant step for the sport. We are collaborating now at a level unknown in previous years, which is absolutely critical if we are to move forward.

November 2006 saw us having to relocate the office from our old premises in Wentworth Park to the new Sports House at Sydney Olympic Park at Homebush Bay. While it has lots of advantages it is a difficult site for commuters, with car access being the only real option.

Just after the move we regretfully accepted Michael Pfeffer's resignation - I would like to recognise all the

work he did during a difficult period for the organisation, and thank him for his support. I would also like to thank Karen Banks for her enthusiasm and support, as she assisted us for a few months. Michael's departure prompted a review of our staffing requirements and we were fortunate to find Jan Hall, who joined us in January as our accounting/administration manager. Jan has worked tirelessly to streamline the accounts for better management reporting, developing procedures and systems that are both robust and documented. Jan's dedication has been outstanding, and her enthusiasm and good sense of humour have been appreciated by all who come in contact with her.

Part of the systems adopted include assisting tour managers (on athlete-funded tours) to account for their income and expenditures. We have created separate accounting files and bank accounts for each tour to enable simple tracking and reconciliation, which is easier for all of us! Similarly technical committees now operate individual bank accounts. We can now help future tour managers develop accurate budgets, based on good documentation for all trips that occurred this year.

We have had a number of very successful tours already this year, particularly of the juniors. We have also had some incidents which have caused us to review our guidelines for both tour managers and athletes. Disappointingly we have found it necessary to increase the focus on athlete behaviour during tours, and this added focus will certainly make a difference to future trips.

One of the outcomes of our detailed planning and review processes has been the recognition by management of the importance of the Australian Canoeing Awards Scheme (ACAS). The scheme is a highly credible one, recognised by government regulators such as NSW Waterways as the most appropriate qualification for instructors of paddling. At CEO and Board level we are placing a much higher priority on the effective management and resourcing of the scheme, and plans are in place to improve the situation from the recent past.

Another part of the role of AC this year has been providing support for the high performance programs, run by the AIS. This encompasses a wide range of activities, from helping to organise national events, to reviews of such documents as the Anti-Doping By-Law. One such support area is the Oceania Qualification events planning. As part of the process to qualify boats for the Olympic Games, it has been successfully argued that the ICF should grant qualification status to some Australasian events. To that end a good deal of planning has commenced into the conduct of the Oceania Quali-

fication events in early 2008 in both flatwater and slalom.

Throughout the year we have continued to build our relationships with our stakeholders. In particular the Australian Sports Commission continues to support us with direct funding, as well as our ongoing loan agreement. We thank the ASC for this support and appreciate its interest and contributions to our reconstruction process.

You will see by a review of the audited accounts that our financial position has continued to improve over this year. The Board recognises the importance of applying sound business practices to our income and expenditure. In summary we will not spend anything that is not budgeted, or is not adequately recoverable from an external source.

We will no longer pay for things that “seem like a good idea” unless the funds for that purchase are clearly identified.

Not only is there a line item by line item budget for the next financial year, but a five year plan created the same way to enable us to continue our tight financial management strategy: all roads lead to our financial, sporting and organisational strength.

This has been a challenging year. There are never enough hours in the day to complete all the jobs that need to be done. Jointly with our states we are building a new and better framework that will be sustainable in the long term. But because there is always so much happening, please accept my apologies in advance if we aren't able to respond to your enquiry the same day.

One of the really great parts of this job though is talking with people who care passionately about the sport. Without those people, most of whom are volunteers, my job would be so much harder and so much less rewarding. I thank all those people whose enthusiasm is infectious, as they make it both possible and a pleasure to work hard on this rebuilding process.

I look forward to working with all of you throughout the next year, and to doing a little more paddling myself!

Kate Kelly

Cartoon - Tim Waters.
Labels - Ray Goldsmith.



"Are you sure this is how to make a K4?"



Australian Canoeing Awards for 2006-7

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

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

Our People

as at June 2007

Board of Directors, Australian Canoeing Inc.

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

Professional Staff

Chief Executive Officer	Ms Kate Heeley
Administration Manager	Ms Jan Hall

Life Members (* denotes deceased)

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



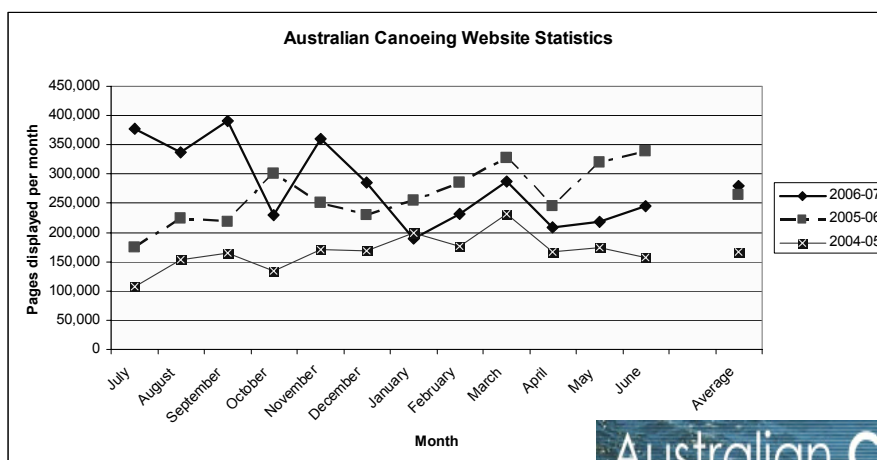
Our Web Site

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

Australian Canoeing Web Site Pages Displayed Per Month

Month	Total Pages Displayed per Month		
	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05
July	377,187	173,873	107,552
August	337,134	223,509	153,118
September	390,544	217,975	164,727
October	229,851	299,950	133,737
November	360,293	250,439	171,152
December	284,362	230,460	167,609
January	190,155	254,623	199,166
February	230,964	286,067	175,402
March	288,051	327,564	232,063
April	209,634	245,069	165,997
May	218,347	319,864	174,703
June	244,634	339,206	156,928

Average	280,096	264,050	166,846
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Our Members

Canoeing Western Australia - State Report 2006 - 2007

Overview

2006/2007 was an excellent year for Canoeing WA. The dedication of our volunteers, instructors, coaches, staff and Board of Directors has resulted in improved performance across a range of fronts:

- Membership continues to grow and reached 1203 on 19 September 2007.
- Clubs remain healthy and continue to be the engine room behind the consistent membership growth we've seen over the past 4 years.
- The Champion Lakes sprint facility is now online and Ascot Kayak Club's new facility was opened.
- The Champion Lakes Regatta and Kalbarri Festival were added to our event calendar.
- Our elite paddlers continue to be over represented (based on population) in National teams.
- Our elite paddlers achieved some impressive results at both National and International level.
- Disciplines have been active for 2006/2007 have made a large contribution to the sport.
- Support from government and sponsors remains strong and an essential part of our success.
- Our profit of \$24,422 was higher than forecast.
- Net assets at \$73,616, have returned to pre 2005 levels.

Canoeing WA remains well positioned for growth and continual improvement in 2007/2008 and following years.

Governance

Business Management:

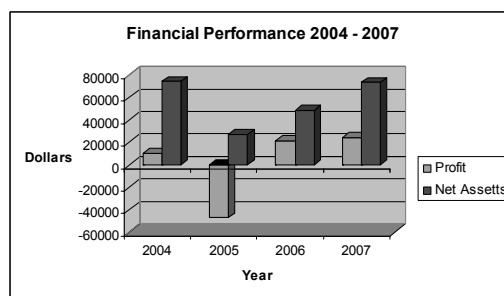
Operational effectiveness is at an acceptable level. Improvements have been made in relation to processes such as online entries, accounting and sponsorship policy.

The internal issues confronting Australian Canoeing appear to be causing some constraints. The financials pilot project to outsource Canoeing WA's book keeping and auditing to Australian Canoeing as the first step towards a National Performance Management System has stalled. This is unfortunate as it represented an income stream for Australian Canoeing and a business continuity risk

reduction strategy for Canoeing WA. Canoeing WA will continue to work with Australian Canoeing in an effort to run the pilot in 2007/2008.

Financial Viability:

Canoeing WA has recovered from the events of 2005. Careful management will continue to be required to ensure Canoeing WA's viability.



Insurance:

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

Access to Water:

Ascot Kayak Club's new facility was opened.

Plans for the construction of a canoeing facility at Hinds reserve in Bayswater have been submitted to the council for building approval.

The Champion Lakes, 2.3km Rowing/Sprint Kayaking course was opened.



Expressions of interest for the construction of a White Water Park at Champion Lakes have been received by the Armadale Redevelopment Authority. Canoeing WA is continuing its efforts to bring Watercorp to the negotiating table in order to increase the likelihood that a White Water Park will be constructed and to obtain appropriate access for our members.

Stakeholder Relationships:

Canoeing WA continues to receive a great deal of assistance from the Department of Sport and Recreation, Healthways and our Sponsors. Our association could not function without this assistance and we are extremely grateful for their support.

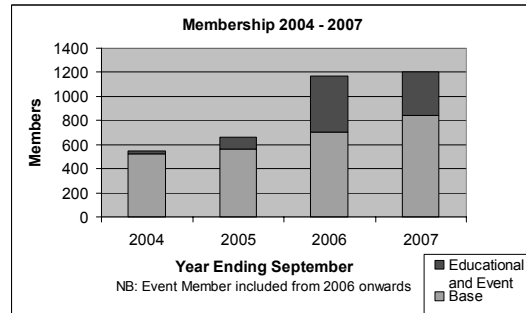
Delivery on our grant commitments has been acceptable for 2006/2007. New office processes related to tracking of grants are now operational.

A sponsorship policy has been put in place to help increase the value we deliver to our sponsors.

Member Services

Membership:

Membership continues to grow.



Our web site continues to be popular, with hits for 11 out of 12 months in 2006/2007, exceeding those in 2005/2006. Monthly web site hits peaked at over 30,000 in May 2007.

Participation and Development:

The Paddle Academy had significantly increased turnover this year, boding well for the next generation of paddlers. There were 139 sessions run, each with an average of 14 students, this totals over 1900 student sessions, up from 1100 student sessions in 2005/2006.

Canoeing WA's event calendar has grown and the events continue to be well patronised.



New South Wales Canoeing - State Report 2006 - 2007

Another eventful year has passed, with a very successful series of events in all disciplines.

Our State membership has decreased over the last few months, mainly due to the loss of one of our largest Clubs, however we have managed to start 3 new Clubs in Country areas. This over the next couple of years should assist to rebuild our numbers back to a healthy level.

Our Chairman, Peter Clark unfortunately resigned from the Board earlier this year, mainly due to work pressures and our Board has worked for the remainder of the year with only four members. We have strived hard in an attempt to rebuild our numbers as well as additional income as this is not an easy task in NSW.

On the paddling side of things NSW has had a very successful season.

The Ocean Series is now well established and this series is becoming extremely popular amongst paddlers, with thanks to the Technical Committee for their hard work.

Our Marathon series now extends to 10 months of the year including a Winter series and a Northern series, event numbers are growing at a steady rate. This year we had five paddlers launch themselves into the World scene attending the Yukon Race, and all coming home

with medals. Also a Silver medal in the Crestuma Cup in Portugal and two Golds and a Silver in the World Masters.

Canoe Polo has also started to gain momentum again due to a dedicated new committee, the future is looking positive to rebuild this discipline within our State.

Slalom and Wildwater have achieved excellent results at the Nationals, collecting several trophies at the Nationals. In summary it has been a very busy and highly successful on a number of fronts.

Wildwater unfortunately, is suffering from the ongoing drought and as a consequence, numbers are still low.

This year we have introduced Surf Kayaking, even though an older discipline it is starting to grow in popularity, especially with the lack of rainfall.

Being a Membership based organisation we are conscious of our services to our members and our focus over the next twelve months will be on Membership growth, and through the effort of our Clubs and Technical Committees we will grow in strength as an organisation.



Queensland Canoeing - State Report

2006 - 2007

Since my appointment to the role officially from May 2006, following a short term in a caretaking capacity, we have achieved a great deal. The fundamental operations and function of the office have seen some major changes in the way we interact with our clients and stakeholders. Most of this has been proven with the increase in member benefits, sponsorships, education and community programs in addition to a higher level of club and member communication.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful product and service at our disposal, which is widely accepted by the community and ever increasing in the numbers of participants. We have worked very hard to increase the opportunities for the community to interact with our organisation and with the clubs in this state.

Queensland Canoeing also experienced a period of governance compliancy problems which was the antithesis of change and a newly elected, invigorated and committed board. The boards support has allowed the organisation to move forward with the Strategic and business plan implementation.

The organisation can now proudly boast an increase in revenue and surplus through a greater engagement of the community, greater numbers in education programs, constant revue of income and expenses, increased sponsor support, new disciplines and a larger number of industry and government partnerships.

The progression has highlighted the very strong and forward thinking position Queensland Canoeing is in. We consistently offer exceptional levels of services and benefits to members. We have far greater contact with the members, clubs and the community than previous.



We enjoy a very close and open relationship with Australian Canoeing, contributing to Canoe Education, including influence over the delivery and syllabi across Australia. Our recruitment of a highly experienced Education Officer with course development and planning skills has assisted in an increase in courses and participants.

Finance:

We immediately introduced measures to reduce the deficit of 2005 from \$30,000+ standing at \$14,862.00 at the close of the FY2005/6. Although this is not as low as I would have liked, we have reduced expenditure significantly, increased income in some key areas and have addressed the balance of income shortfalls for 2007. Queensland Canoeing this day operates at a surplus with strategies in place to build this surplus and support further growth.

Community Participation:

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

Disciplines:

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

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

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

We are at the cusp of the development of Ocean Racing as an affiliated and regulated discipline under Australian Canoeing. This will allow a greater cross-over between kayakers, Surf Lifesaving and Ocean Racing and should see an increase in the numbers competing at events. It has also forged a closer relationship between Surf and Queensland Canoeing.

Education:

The appointment of Mark Thurgood has provided far more pro-activity to the planning of courses and a substantial increase in participants. With the swing toward more demand for Sea Kayak programs we are poised to alter the mix and number of programs provided. Thanks to the sponsorship by Mission, we will also have a company craft for use on the programs and to support the future purchase of a fleet of Sea Kayak training craft before the close of calendar year business in 2007.



Queensland Canoeing Staff

Mark Priestley – Executive Officer

Rachel Thomas – Administration and Marketing
Dynamo

Kristen Buckby – The Events and Community
Programs Co-ordinator expert

Mark Thurgood – Education Officer



Canoe Tasmania - State Report 2006 - 2007

Canoeing in Tasmania has continued its sound position and indeed has increased in strength with the ongoing assistance of continued funding support from Sport and Recreation Tasmania for our development program. Member and paddler numbers are increasing and Canoe Tasmania has continued to focus strongly on Education, Participation, Member Services and Junior Development as the prime vehicles for growing the sport in Tasmania.

Education, Accreditation, Coaching and Participation

Education and participation have continued to be the major focus for Canoe Tasmania. The October 2006 education weekend was the largest and most diverse held to date and significant other education programs were conducted through the year. In 2006 we offered new skills courses at Canoe Education Weekends to meet changing public needs for instruction and safety courses,

Sea kayaking skills formed a major part of the annual Canoe Education weekend conducted by Canoe Tasmania. This strengthens our focus on this fast growing canoeing segment which in the past has felt neglected as it does not have a competitive focus. This will continue in 2007.

Two successful Swift Water Rescue courses were held, enhancing river safety. There are over 70 AC qualified instructors and guides in Tasmania with re-accreditation ongoing.

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

During 2005/6 Canoe Tasmania has developed a schools based program for career pathways in outdoor recreation (kayaking) which commenced a trial in 4 schools in the 2007 School year. Early indications are that it is a good product.

Xtreme Racing skills were supported by a highly successful Lea River Coaching Day in Sept 2006 which met a specific need within clubs for skill development on Grade 4 rivers.

Membership Services, Community and Club Development

The focus on assisting club growth through services and community development has continued.

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

A very successful Come 'N' Try day was held to coincide with Cataract Extreme Race.

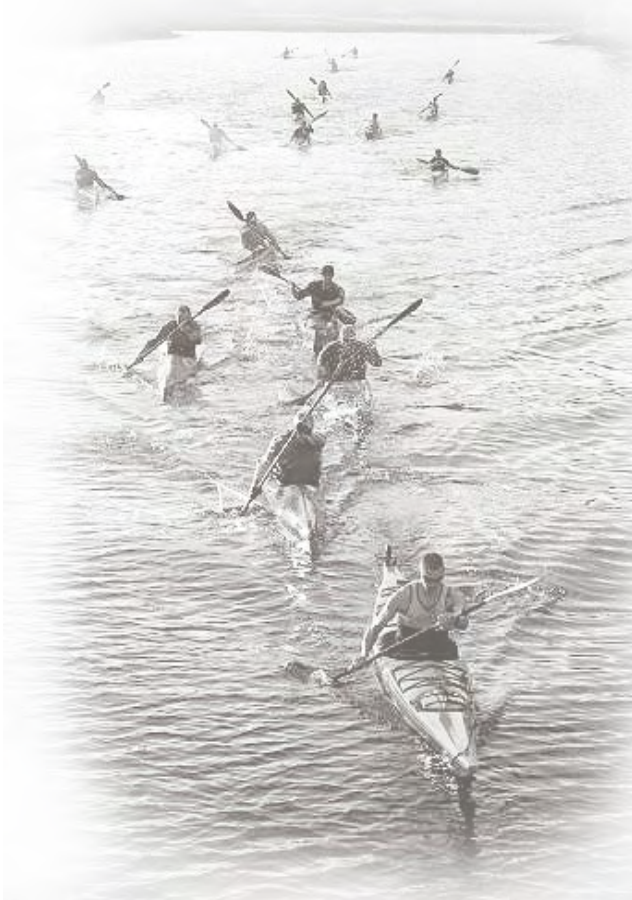
Successful teaching projects have been continued with bushwalking clubs whose older members are increasingly interested in sea, lake and estuary paddling.

IT training has been delivered to clubs to improve their web-site management and to better use the AC provided content management system functionality,

Junior Development

Junior development squads continued and increased with the implementation of the "Rapid Slayers" group in partnership with the Tasmanian Institute of Sport. This slalom Talent ID and development program commenced in late 2006 and has brought a core group of potentially talented athletes into the sport.

State-wide Junior Development camps were held, as well as regular local coaching sessions.



Eight Tasmanian junior paddlers competed at Australian Championships in January 2007 and a number of Tasmanian junior paddlers competed in New Zealand at Easter 2007 as part of the Junior Wildwater Racing team.

National Competitions

In April 2007 Canoe Tasmania again hosted two National Slalom Team selection races at Brady's Lake. These events were run by the Derwent and Tasmanian Canoe Clubs on behalf of the National Slalom Technical Committee. The events ran smoothly and successfully and again demonstrated the ability of Tasmania to host significant and high level competitions.

International Competition Performance

In June this year Dan Hall of the Derwent Canoe Club, became the first Australian to finish on the podium in a World Cup Wildwater race. His 2nd place in the 2007 World Cup Race 5 in Ivrea, Italy is the best ever performance by an Australian as is his 7th in the World end of year ranking. This and continued strong performances by Tasmania's other wildwater paddlers confirmed the states dominance in this discipline.

Representation

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

We have also provided an initial response to an invitation to host the 2009 Wild Water World Cup which will be followed by a formal bid later in 2007.

John Borojević

Chair – Canoe Tasmania



Canoeing Victoria - State Report 2006 - 2007

It has been a hard but rewarding year for Canoeing Victoria on all levels. With the uncertainty of Australian Canoeing, financial and membership pressures and a relatively new Board, many challenges were faced and conquered to the betterment of the sport.

The year did see the administration move into the new offices based at Westerfolds park along with other Outdoor Recreation Centre members and Parks Victoria. In addition to now working in a brand new office environment with some of the office luxuries (such as air conditioning and broad band) the administration is now physically closer to the education centre and can take full advantage of the Parks Victoria facilities such as a 70 seat conference centre.

Once again Canoeing Victoria has been generously supported by Sport and Recreation Victoria, Vic Health, Marine Safety Victoria as well as a number of other small grant providers. Without these government agencies supporting the paddling initiatives, a number of activities would not be possible.

Major Projects.

One of the major projects for 2006/07 was having a focus on Coaching and Coach Development. The original project set about training coaches at a club level, but developed into a general coaching infrastructure project that will lead onto other phases in the coming year. Other projects including the Healthy Environments (Vic health), Junior Development and Risk Management and Safety all with a focus on increasing the opportunities for safe and enjoyable paddling for all ages across the entire state.

Financial

Canoeing Victoria successfully achieved a minor profit this year (\$400) despite hardships as experienced by all other states. Administrative cutbacks and budget management still enabled key activities to be undertaken with a hardworking Board fundraising to make up any shortfall.

Membership

Membership decreased by 4.4% compared to last year with a decrease in both Recreational and Full Adults but an increase in Social members. One major factor for the decrease is the drought and access to available water plus the lack of "whitewater" which has hit the Wildwater discipline the hardest with very few participants at each event.

2006-07 saw 32 clubs affiliate with Canoeing Victoria including 2 new clubs from Kananook Creek and Bass Coast Kayak club. Both clubs have quite different motivations for affiliating and we welcome them both enthusiastically.

Governance

Due to the new Board being elected in early 2006, no changes to the Board occurred at the 2006 AGM therefore we had the same hardworking Board members providing strong leadership particularly in the area of Financial management

Disciplines

Canoe Polo and Slalom appeared to be the growth areas of the sport in Victoria during 2006/07. With the AIS Slalom Talent ID program in place – despite the scarcity of whitewater, the program has seen an incredible number of juniors join the discipline. Canoe Polo has also seen a surge in juniors with an under 18 competition proving particularly popular. With the drought still entrenched in Victoria, the Association sees Canoe Polo as a strong viable alternative to river paddling until such time the water returns to our waterways.

Victoria held three National events in 2006/07. The Slalom and Whitewater championships on the Goulburn in January and the Marathon Nationals at Nagambie over Easter. Both the Slalom and Marathon championships were a great success with large numbers of participants and professionally run events. As with all States, Wildwater is struggling for participants and volunteers, so while the Wildwater Nationals were a success, Victoria look forward to hosting a bigger and better event in 2007/08.

Education Programs

Canoeing Victoria continue to provide an education focus to both the general public and the schools. Our regular instructor training and assessment courses, plus other AC Award training has kept our education officer busy. Our kayaking in a pool program has also been a great success story. As a great vehicle to deliver kayaking to the schools in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere, schools regularly add it to their yearly calendar. It is envisaged that the program can become financially independent of government grants and can be offered to the broader community groups and corporate into the future.

In summary

Canoeing Victoria set about in 2006-07 to consolidate and re group. Taking on this consolidation, the Association is now financially viable and in control as well as having a clear focus as to how to develop and grow the sport in the future. Unfortunately this will not occur in the short term but with the support of Australian Canoeing, all the other States and selecting strategic partners, Canoeing in Australia can be developed to be a great pastime for even more Australians.

Canoe South Australia - State Report 2006-2007

In 2006-2007 Canoe SA has seen a change in its office administration staff. In September 2006 Development/Executive Officer, Ian Hume, resigned from his full time position taking on a job with Paraquid SA. Ian is still very much involved with Canoe SA on a volunteer basis as Executive Officer as well as overseeing a number of projects. Ian's Herculean efforts over his 6 year period as Development Officer has seen Canoe SA develop into a highly productive office conducting event, activities and partnership projects as well as being a source of support and information to its members, the industry and to the public. Ian's skills, knowledge and tireless work ethics has been a great attribute to the sport and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian very much for his contributions in growing the sport in SA and for his continued support as EO.

I, Siobhan Goble, took on the role of Development Officer in September 2006. I have been involved with Canoe SA since mid 2004, undertaking a traineeship in 2005 and gaining valuable experience in event management and administration. Being an active canoeist myself, mainly canoe polo and recreation as well as the odd Murray Marathon, I have an understanding of the canoeing community and have a keen interest in the future of canoeing in South Australia.

A part-time Administration Officer position was also developed and Emily Arbon has been with us since April 2007. Emily has taken on many of the office and course admin duties as well as the Canoe SA Team Paddle Challenge. Her time with Canoe SA has inspired her to pursue further study in the area of Sport and Recreation management in 2008.

During this year we have been working to continue the projects and initiatives set up by Ian Hume as well as taking on new opportunities to develop the sport. My report will focus on the key result areas from our 2004-2008 Strategic Plan as well as some additional material included for information.

KEY RESULT AREAS

Education

In the 2006 State Government Budget it was announced the Aquatics and Music Programs for all year 6 & 7 students would be cut from the curriculum. This meant a generation of school students would miss out on a canoeing experience not to mention over 100 canoeing instructors in 10 Aquatic Centres state-wide would be out of work. These announcements were met with resistance and anger from many community groups and with much rallying from the AEU and Aquatic Centres the decision was eventually over-

turned in June 2007.

We continue to run our regular SACE programs and three Flatwater Skills/Lifeguard courses this year with a regional course in Port Augusta and two in Adelaide. An exciting new program this year has been working with indigenous school students who participate in basic skills training culminating in a 3 day camp on the Murray River. This program continues to expand with regular courses and developing opportunities for students to gain SACE points. I must thank our education staff Peter Carter, Derek Stevens, Steve Ellis, Scott Polley and Jim Murphy as well as our new young instructors Sally Michel-More and John Hazel.

High Performance

The successes of our elite Flatwater athletes is driven by Head SASI Coach David Foureur, Emerging Squad Coach Bennett Maxwell and Canoe SA TID and Junior Development coach Peter Petho. This year in partnership with SASI we have expanded our TID squads to Onkaparinga with coaches Nick Tucker and Neil Thomson and Victor Harbor coached by Marc Brehin. These new squads are small but the athletes are developing well, competing at local regattas and with new influxes of paddlers each year we will see these programs flourish. This year David Foureur was selected as the National women's coach and athletes Luke Morrison and Hannah Davis selected on National teams to compete at the World Championships in August 2007. We also had a number of athletes selection on U23 and U18 National teams to compete in World Cup events and Junior World Championship later in the year.

In Marathon Matt Goble was selected to represent Australia at the 2007 World Marathon Championships and Matt Duggin to compete at the Marathon World Cup. In Canoe Polo SA was well represented on the Australian teams with Anton and Josh Holmes, Chris and Matt Heard and Matt Schar on the Men's team, coached by South Australian Mark Henwood, and Louise McIntosh, Stephanie Sullivan and Ailsa Enting-Hawke on the Women's team. The Canoe Polo World Championships will be held in Amsterdam in July.

Clubs and Participation

This year has seen two new clubs launched. Encounter Paddling Inc based at Victor Harbour is well placed to cater for the growing southern suburbs. The Encounter Bay area is known for its magic sea kayaking and club members also participate in Marathon and Sprint. The Uni SA Canoe Club was also formed and offers recreation, sea kayaking and canoe polo aimed at the 18-30's which has typically been a less active age group in the canoeing community.

We continue to see increase in the popularity of our

Basic Skills courses, Sea kayaking, water confidence and learn to roll programs and are looking to expand to more metropolitan and regional areas including Victor Harbour, Goolwa and the Onkaparinga in the next season. This year we also launched a Winter Program to encourage people to keep active during the cold months with pool sessions on water confidence and rolling. We have also formed close links with Wheelchair Sport with canoeing now a regular activity in their recreation program. The number of courses we run with the public and schools has seen a large number of people through our programs, the challenge though is to keep these people interested and active as many participate once and we don't see them again. We need to offer continued service through club activities and long term participation programs.

Events

The Canoe SA Team Paddle Challenge, formerly **active 8** Bronze Paddle, was again held in October 2006. This major event provides a great service to schools across the state wanting a safe organised kayaking and camping activity for students. The event does put some strain on staff and finance and we will be looking to source grant funding to support the event in future years.

March 2007 saw over 8,000 Police and Firemen descend on Adelaide with the World Police and Fire Games. Canoeing events included four days of Sprint and Marathon with competitors from around the world. A friendly rivalry between the Italian police and Spanish firemen made for great viewing for spectators although some officials would say the sunbathing Swedish policewomen made the best viewing!

Canoe SA also played host to the National Canoe Polo Championships and 3rd Oceania Championships which were held consecutively at the Patawalonga River in Glenelg. This was the first major event held here for Canoe Polo and committee members put in a lot of ground work to make the event happen. Teams from New Zealand and Singapore travelled over to compete and good feedback was received from visiting teams.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who put in many hours, some travelling from interstate, to make these events the successes they are, thank you.

Canoe Maps

Through a grant from the Office for Recreation and Sport Canoe SA has developed a three map series of the Coorong which are now available. The grant also included the development of a web based resource supporting the Canoe Guide Series which now includes 7 maps of popular paddling trail areas in SA. It

is available at www.canoesa.asn.au/canoeguides. The next stage of the project is to incorporate signage in the Riverland trails to make the areas more easily accessible for paddlers.

Administration/ Finances

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

Our goal with finance administration is to move to an accrual accounting system rather than the current cash based system to allow us to accurately reflect the position of the association and our profitability. We are also looking to move to an accounting software package and to adopt a similar chart of accounts to Australian Canoeing. With Ian as Executive Officer Canoe SA remains financially stable ensuring the viability of our sport for the future.

Volunteers, Staff, Strategic Partners

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

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

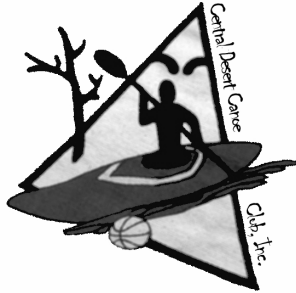
Siobhan Goble

**Development
Officer**



Northern Territory Clubs - Reports 2006-2007

Central Desert Canoe Club



Another year is beginning to wind up, just as the new 2007/2008 polo season starts to ramp up. After some usual low numbers for the start of the season, we are seeing an increase in both the temperature and the number of paddlers, always a strong correlation for the Central Desert Canoe Club.

During the year, the club updated some aging equipment by acquiring six new kayaks. These include four regular Dagers, and two larger boats. All have been received well, although could benefit from some finer tuning to cater for some of our taller members. We will continue to upgrade equipment over time, as our cash flow allows. Our next purchases will likely be for other equipment, such as spray decks, PFD's and helmets.

One of the biggest issues facing the Club during the year has been the proposed \$12M upgrade of the Town Pool. As regular users of the pool, our Club is an important stakeholder in the project. We have submitted our comments and suggestions regarding the proposal, both officially to the Aquatic & Leisure Centre Reference Group, and to the local printed press. Many of our views are echoed by other pool users and stakeholders; it is hoped that these views will be incorporated into any further planning.

From an operating point of view, the Club has continued to use a more structured approach to the game on polo nights, with umpiring and timed games, while still keeping the casual and relaxed Alice Springs-style that uniquely identifies our Club in Australia. We have also seen a steady influx of new attendees on game nights, particularly during the first few months of this 2007/2008 season. These new people have ranged in skill from first-timers, to white-water paddlers, and it has been great to be able to welcome these players and build our club numbers. On the other hand, this year will also see the club farewell some long-time members, and we wish these people all the best in their future endeavours, which will hopefully include as much paddling as possible.

As we conclude another administrative year, sincere thanks goes to the Committee, members and all those who have put so much time and effort into supporting our Club throughout the seasons.

Darwin Canoe Club

Another big year for the club – do check out www.nt.canoe.org.au for updates with stories and photos, but a summary below:

Fergusson River - March 2007

Pre-Queensland training day trip to the Fergusson River outside of Katherine. Participants: Brenton, Greg, Helge, Kelly, Mark K, Nigel, Roscoe, Sam, Scotty

Queensland - Easter 2007

Annual Easter 2007 6+ day trip to Queensland to paddle among other things, the Russel, Tully and Coachables creek. Participants: Brenton, Greg, Helge, Ian, Mark T, Nigel, Roscoe, Scotty (and some amazing photos on the web site of this trip – Editor)

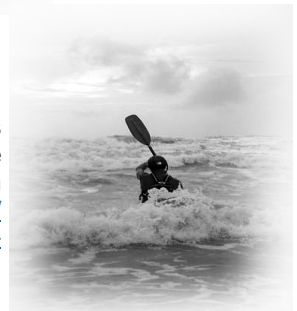
Katherine Ultra Challenge - June 2007

Annual multi-sporting event, boasts a 100km course including a 17km paddle along the Katherine River. Darwin Canoe Club members entered as both teams and individual entrants. Participants: Greg, James, Loren, Richard



Footnote: Even though it happened in August, this is really exciting and the way of the future:

Fist Full of Films - August 2007, where Darwin Canoe Club's "Stepping Up" short film became a finalist in a regional short film contest (check it out at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-56liuirbY>)



Our Performance

High Performance 2006-2007

Outcome

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

Overview

The 2006 world championships saw the emergence of Ken Wallace as a top flight performer in the men's K1 1000 metre event with a 5th place finish at the world championships in Szeged. The women's K2 and K4 combinations also showed promise finishing 9th and 6th in their respective finals. Robin Bell was the best placed performer at the slalom world championship in Prague, finishing 6th. Australian junior and Under 23 teams competed in Europe and Asia gaining valuable exposure to international competition.

Senior Flatwater Teams - Event Highlights/Results

2006 ICF Flatwater World Championships – Szeged, Hungary 17-21 August

Women's K4 6th and K2 9th over 500m. The K4 women remained in contention for the duration of the race, missing the minor medals by only 1.5 seconds.

Ken Wallace took 4th in the Men's 1000m B Final with a breakthrough performance, indicative of his hard work and massive improvements this year.

The women's team are in sight of medal opportunities and their overall competitiveness is a positive indication of future success. The Men's K4 team have shown early signs of promise following a strong performance to finish 8th overall in the K4 500m.

2007 World Cups (Szeged & Gerardmer)

The Ladies K4 team were the star performers across both World Cups, taking silver over the Olympic 500m distance at the Gerardmer World Cup and finishing 4th in the same event in Szeged.

Chantal Meek and Lisa Oldenhof added to their medal tally, taking silver in the K2 500m event in Gerardmer, reinforcing the steady improvement in Australian women's Flatwater paddlers.

Hannah Davis cemented her recent selection to the senior team, taking 7th in the Ladies K1 over the 500m Olympic distance, just 1 place ahead of fellow Aussie Andrea Wood in Gerardmer, France.

The Men's K4 crew of Smith, Morrison, Michael and Singleton kept their Olympic hopes alive following a 5th over the 1000m distance in Gerardmer and 9th place in Szeged.

Ken Wallace was the best of the Aussie men's contingent, taking 9th place in his pet event, the 1000m A Final in Szeged, whilst Clint Robinson marked his return to the national team with a 6th in the Men's K2 1000m with partner Reece Baker in Gerardmer. Simon Martin and Tate Smith placed 7th.

Torsten Lachmann and Silvio Richly (previously of Germany) teamed up to form Australia's first C2 crew and finished 9th in both World Cups.

Senior Under 23 Team - Event Highlights/Results

World Cup 3 in Guangzhou, China September 2006 WC 3

A strong Australian Under 23 team performed very well at the Guangzhou Flatwater World Cup, winning two gold and two bronze medals overall. Lyndsie Fogarty led the way winning gold in the Ladies K1 1000m before taking the bronze medal in the K1 500m.

K2 pair Luke and Jake Michael also won gold in the Men's K2 over 1000m before teaming up to narrowly miss the bronze in the Men's K2 500m final finishing less than a second behind the minor placings in fourth.



Lee Davey and Jesse Phillips finished 8th over 500m before joining the Men's K4 crew to finish in fifth-place over 1000m.

Reece Baker paddled strongly to finish 7th in the K1 500m final and was also part of the K4 500m and K4 1000m crews that finished fifth.

Europe June 07 Bochum and Bydgosz

Guy Wilding found great success in his initial tenure as coach of the U23 Team. New comer Murray Stewart established his potential as a serious contender narrowly missing gold to the powerful German in the K1 1000m in Bocchum. He exacted the perfect revenge in Bydgosz, taking gold in K1 1000m and silver in the K1 500m in a sensational performance.

The Men performed well across the board taking silver in the K4 1000m and bronze over 500m. Michael Baker and Jacob Clear came away with bronze in K2 1000m in both the Bocchum and Bydgosz regatta's as did Matt Goble in both Junior K1 500m events.

Joanne Brigden Jones and Anna Haymes managed bronze in the women's K2 500m.

2006 Slalom World Championships (Prague, Czech Republic)

Robin Bell finished the best of the Australians, making the final of the Men's C1 class at the Slalom World Champs in Prague. Bell went into the final in 4th position and began his run strongly, however he was unable to repeat his winning form of 2005 and dropped back to 6th. His close rival Frenchman, Tony Estanguet, claimed his first world championship title.

Kate Lawrence narrowly missed a finals berth in 13th place as did C2 pair Mark Bellofiore and Lachie Milne who also finished 13th. Anthony Brown was the best placed men's kayak in 28th position.



Junior Slalom Team - Event Highlights/Results

ICF Junior World Canoe Slalom Championships Solkan, Slovenia – 8-9th July 2006

The Australian Junior Canoe Slalom Team led by head coach Zlatan Ibrahimbegovic and manager, Geoff Jones, spent quality time training in Solkan and Bovec ahead of the ICF Junior Slalom World Champs in Solkan, Slovenia on the 8th and 9th July.

The C2 pair of Thomas Greaves & Talis Svarcs were the best placed of the Aussies finishing 18th in the C2 Semi-Final ahead of fellow C2 pair Horlyck & Hageman in 22nd.

Whilst the Juniors failed to qualify any final places, the Ladies K1 remained consistent, with all 3 finishing middle of the field in the Semi-final and Phillip Gibbins a respectable 21st in the Men's K1 Semi-final after a clean run.

The team also experienced training on the challenging Tacen course in Slovenia and an ICF competition in Ivrea, Italy.

Slovak Open, International Slalom Soca & Slovenian Slalom Cup - Slovenia June 2007

Ben Jones produced a strong performance narrowly taking silver in the Men's Junior K1 after consistent runs left him just two seconds off the gold medal in the Slovenian Cup in Tacen.

Rosalyn Lawrence recorded her best international performance to date finishing 7th just ahead of Amanda Pain in 10th at the International Slalom Soca race in May.

Both C2 boats also claimed a top ten finish at the event with Tim Feben and Tom Baker-Gabb 6th and Karl Hageman & Chris Horlyck just one place behind them.

Danubia Cup – Bratislava, Slovakia 9-10th September 2006

Amanda Pain easily qualified through to the finals of the Ladies K1, where she improved with two solid runs to comfortably take the bronze medal in Bratislava.

Christian Fabris and Craig Borrows finished 9th and 10th respectively in the Men's C1 final.

High Performance Program

The Australian Institute of Sport and Australian Canoeing, continue to work together toward managing the High Performance Program. National Performance Director, Richard Fox directly manages the High Performance Flatwater and Slalom programs whilst Australian Canoeing technical committees retain responsibility for national team selection and coordination of events.

New faces in the high performance staff during the year include Katrin Borchert who commenced a national coaching scholarship in January 2007 and Lauren Fitzsimons who commenced as high performance coordinator.

New initiatives in 2007 include the introduction of a National Talent Squad in slalom and flatwater. The NTS program run in partnership with the Sports Commission's National Talent Identification and Development program involves training camps for athletes below the national junior team.

The NTID programs in flatwater and slalom continue to develop identified athletes in the slalom and flatwater disciplines.

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

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



National Centre of Excellence (NCE) Program

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

The Slalom Program moved into the new NCE facility based in Penrith in April 2007. The new facility offers a gym, offices, meeting/function rooms and is conveniently located within the grounds of the Penrith White-water Stadium.

Martin Marinov was appointed AIS National head coach for flatwater in November 2006 and Myriam Fox took on the equivalent role for slalom in December replacing Mike Druce. Natasha De Paola commenced in a full time role as the national program manager for slalom in October 2006.



Canoe Polo Technical Committee Report

2006-2007 was a considerable year for Australian Canoe Polo, as our new committee was faced with a discipline that is developing rapidly around the country. Many state and regional committees are working closely with local associations developing the discipline with many excellent school and junior programs being run. This has led to a huge increase in numbers in some areas that is great not only for polo, but also for the sport of canoeing as a whole.

The committee was very active with Australian Team matters this year, with both the Senior Men and Senior Women competing in the World Championships in Amsterdam in August 2006. Both teams performed well, despite being in rebuilding phases. The final placings of 6th for both teams was a great achievement and does not indicate just how close their games were. The future of both these teams is very bright with the majority of players re-nominating for the World Championships in Canada next year.

The arrival of 2007 saw the selection of over 100 players in 11 Australian Teams to play against New Zealand in the 3rd Oceania Championships held in Adelaide over Easter. This event was held in conjunction with the Australian Championships and organised by CSA Polo and the AC Polo Committee. It was a massive success with over 50 teams competing from around Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. The event was held on 3 fields on the Patawolonga River at Glenelg and resulted in a huge amount of exposure for the sport. Australia won the Senior Men, U21 Men and Over 35 Men, whilst New Zealand completed a clean sweep in the Ladies classes winning the U18, U21 and Senior Women as well as the U18 Men and thus won the Julian Carter Cup for the most successful nation winning 4 categories to 3.

The Australian Championships were again dominated by teams from South Australia, however, Victoria has significantly closed the gap in all categories by winning the Women's category and placing second in most others. Special mention must be made of Queensland's sudden surge in the junior ranks- with most of the players making only second first trip to the National Championships and also representing Australia in the U18 and U21 classes.

The Canoe Polo Summer Series was again run between October and February with competitions held in Canberra, Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne. This year the series also included a 2nd division which was well represented by local teams in each event, some of them choosing to also travel interstate which is great for the more social and developing players. The series was once again a great success and well supported and there are plans for a Queensland event to be added in

the coming years.

Despite the Coaching, Referee and Official courses being under review and updated, several Level 1 courses were held around the country and these should lead to a boost in numbers in the coming year as participants complete their accreditation. Even more courses are planned for next year as is a Level 2 Coaching course to cover the demand from our more experienced coaches.

In the coming year, there are many ongoing activities to ensure the growth in canoe polo continues. Australian Senior Men and Women's Teams and hopefully U21 teams will travel to Canada next year to compete in the World Championships and if they qualify, to the World Games in Taipei in 2009. Also in 2009, the World Masters Games are being held in Sydney and we are advocating to retain Canoe Polo in this remarkable event with over 40 teams having confirmed interest. This would be a large boost for the many highly competitive and not so competitive playing our sport! There is also been preliminary talks to build a permanent polo facility for training and competitions at Penrith which would be tremendous for the long term growth and development of the discipline, especially in NSW.

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

Duncan Cochrane

Chair



AUSTRALIAN MEN'S CANOE POLO TEAM

Captain: Josh Holmes
Steve Harmer
Chris Heard
Matthew Heard
Anton Holmes
Craig Hutchinson
Matthew Schar
Robert Simms
Coch: Mark Henwood
Selectors:
Dunchan Cochrane
Aaron Fleet
Mark Henwood

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CANOE POLO TEAM

Captain: Cassandra Caldwell
Sarah Cartwright
Ailsa Enting-Hawke
Kate Graham
Louise McIntosh
Stephanie Sullivan
Traveling Reserve:
Amy Gluyas
Coch: Kate Abbey
Selectors:
Kate Abbey
Carolyn Cochrane
Jo Vartanian
Briony Turner

2007 AUSTRALIAN MENS OCEANIA CANOE POLO TEAM

Team A

Captain: Nathan Moore
Vice Captain: Anton Holmes
Stephen Harmer
Chris Heard
Josh Holmes
Craig Hutchinson
Ian MacIntosh
Nathan Rosaguti
Coch: Alan Lawson

2007 AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S CANOE POLO TEAM

Team A

Captain: Carolyn Cochrane
Vice Captain: Kate Abbey
Cass Caldwell
Amy Dawes
Ailsa Enting-Hawke
Heidie Philpott
Stephanie Sullivan

Team B

Captain: Kate Graham
Sarah Cartwright
Alice Ewing
Siobhan Goble

Jane Hillyard
Nicola Kennair
Lauren Ljiljak
Louise McIntosh
Coch: Juliette Cools

2007 AUSTRALIAN UNDER 18 MENS OCEANIA CANOE POLO TEAM

Team A

Captain: Andrew Merrifield
Vice Captain: Travis Tait
David Burdon
Alastair Fyfe
Andrew Goodison
Matthew Greaves
Gerard Roberts

Team B

Captain: Matthew Sneddon
Jake Campitelli
Shaun Creighton
Gareth Drabble
Dean Lynch
Matthew Lyons
Patrick Robb
James Todd
Coaches: Matthew Moore & Drew O'Shannasy

2007 AUSTRALIAN UNDER 18 WOMENS OCEANIA CANOE POLO TEAM

Captain: Kate O'Brien
Annika Spiridis
Elizabeth Anderson
Jessica Lewyski
Antonia Sheidmann
Jay Udorovic
Melissa Craig
Coaches: Amy Dawes & Sarah Cartwright

2007 AUSTRALIAN UNDER 21 MENS OCEANIA CANOE POLO TEAM

Team A

Captain: Luke Holmes
Vice Captain: Stephen Porter
Matthew Goble
Sam Holt
Matthew Perrin
Geoffrey Rosser
Ben Stark
Michael Taylor

Team B

Captain: TBA
Damien Hadjinicolaou
Peter Hubbard
Peter McKey
Adrian Porter
Josh Shannon
Rowan Steele
Nathan Townsend
Nick Wensel
Coaches: Chris Heard and Matt Heard

Wildwater Technical Committee Report

The Australian Wildwater Team competed in the Classic and Sprint races in the World Cup series in Europe in June/July. Races were held at Lofer in Austria, Karlovy Vary in the Czech Republic and Ivrea in Italy. Dan Hall achieved a Silver medal in the Ivrea World Cup race, being Australia's best International Wildwater result in the history of the sport. With 3 top ten results and 3 top 20 results, Dan finished with an overall World Cup ranking of 8th.

The Australian Junior Wildwater Development Team competed at the New Zealand National Championship and the New Zealand Schools Championship in April. The seven person team posted strong result as well as gained experience on challenging Wildwater.

Preparation work has been underway for a designated International event to be hosted in Tasmania, later this year as well as preparation for a bid for Australia to host the 2009 World Cup series.

David Gray, Chair



Canoe Slalom Technical Committee Report

The 2006-2007 Season was a very busy season for canoe slalom in Australia. The impetus given to the sport by the hosting of the 2005 World Championships was developed further in this reporting year.

Event highlights of the year included a very successful canoe festival at Eildon in Victoria, a Youth Olympic Festival and the first world Open event in Penrith. All three events showcased Australia's ability to host major events and gave further evidence of the volunteer spirit that imbues canoe slalom.

The Slalom Technical Committee places considerable

emphasis on volunteer recognition and support in its Strategic and Operational Plan. We are clear that our sport flourishes because of the dedication of volunteers. In a sport like canoe slalom it is noteworthy how whole families support the sport.

In 2006-2007 there was a strong link between talent development programs and participation in organised events in NSW and Victoria. The Carnival held in Victoria over the New Year period demonstrated the growth in participation of younger paddlers and the involvement of their parents.

The Slalom Technical Committee has worked to develop coaching and officiating and held a number of workshops during the year. One of the notable successes was an Officiating Workshop held at Eildon to coincide with the canoe festival in January.

January proved to be a busy month for the sport. Many of the volunteers who were at the carnival supported the Youth Olympic Festival held at Penrith. The 2007 event was the best-supported event in the history of the Festival. Eighty young athletes from nine countries competed in the qualification events. Phillip Gibbins won the K1M in great style. Phillip was the only paddler to go under 100 seconds on the Penrith slalom course in the semi-final scoring a 99.79 in his first run and a very fast 99.58 in the final to win the gold medal with a total time of 199.37, an impressive six seconds clear of his rivals. The performances of our young team augured well for the future of the sport.

The Slalom Technical Committee's overall aim in 2006-2007 was to grow the sport by building on changes brought about by the Australian Sports Commission and Australian Canoeing. We are grateful for the support we received from state technical committees during this period. We would like to thank Australian Canoeing for its guidance to and support of us during this period.

Sue Lyons, Chair



Marathon Racing Technical Committee Report

The Australian Canoeing Marathon Racing Committee continues with its efforts to put protocols and procedures in place for the administration and organisation of the discipline on a national basis. On an international basis it continues to provide officials at international events and to oversee the selection, management and assume financial responsibility for our teams at World Championships and World Cups. The committee has put the Level 1 officiating course forward to Australian Canoeing and the Australian Sports Commission for re-verification.

The change in funding for the ACMRTC and the responsibility to control its own finances through the management of the National Championships has proven to be a challenge. In the future, this should allow the ACMRTC to better manage the committee and to raise funds to supplement overseas teams.

The decision to introduce a new touring canoe design rule was a significant challenge in order to gather and condense the information provided by paddlers and other interested parties. On February 1, the minimum beam measurement for touring kayaks was removed. All other measurements remain. The result of this has seen manufacturers produce new designs and paddler response has been positive.

The ACMRTC has been ably supported by Paul O'Keeffe (Sec), Martin Finn, and Dianne Chellew whose input has been invaluable. As well, the committee has been advised by Ian Muir (selector – chair), Yvonne Stansfield (selector), Jeremy Dunn (IT and Competition Secretary), Robin Belcher (ICF) and Ian Hume (admin) and this enables it to function effectively.

The World Championships were held in Tremolat, France on the 20 – 24 of September. The management of the team was lead most ably by Marc Brehin and Ann Murray. Marc speaks fluent French, which was an asset when it came to communicating prior to the competition and while in France. Ann handled all the organisation of travel and accommodation in a most professional manner. This allowed for operational smoothness and minimised stress for the competitors.

The outstanding effort was that of Lani Belcher with a silver medal in junior women's K1. The other notable results were Amy and Emma Peters in junior women's K2, Ben Poole, K1, and David Cole and Andrew Stimpson K2.

List of results:

WK1 Erin O'Keeffe (12)	WK1 Skye Taylor (16)
K1 Ben Poole (11)	K1 Bennett Maxwell (32)
JWK1 Lani Belcher (2)	JK1 Dale Thomson (19)
JK1 Bret Murray (21)	
JK2 Bret Murray/ Simon Baird (19)	
JK2 Dale Thomson/ Michael Knauer (26)	
WJK2 AMY Peters/Emma Peters (7)	
K2 Andrew Stimpson/David Cole (11)	
K2 Bennett Maxwell/Luke Morrison (14)	
WK2 Kristina Jenkins/Skye Taylor (dnf)	
WK2 Jenni-Maree Bateman/Katie Brisbane (dnf)	

In June 2007 a group of selected athletes represented Australia at World Cup One in Skanderborg, Denmark. The pre-competition training camp took place in Malmo, Sweden ten days prior to the event. The Swedish members of the Malmo Kanot Klub were most willing to assist the Australian team. The use of the clubrooms, kitchen and gym were very adequate for a training program and there was plenty of room for accommodation of all paddlers.

As most athletes were on their first overseas competition trip it was a great opportunity to live and train in a foreign country. Most paddlers found it a highly rewarding experience. The younger paddlers found the competition very strong yet they gained considerable understanding of what racing in Europe is like. Although considered a development team by the selectors and ACMRTC, there were senior paddlers present who had a vast amount of experience and knowledge. Their advice and assistance to the inexperienced paddlers was invaluable. The management was ably led Liz Hirschoff and Terry Poole who acted in both coaching and team management.

Results from Skanderborg are as follows:

JK1 Nick Byrne (8)	JK1 Mitch Kowarzik (9)
JK1 Arthur Alger (11)	WJK1 Casey Leo (6)
WJK1 Stacey Higgins (8)	WK1 Sandra Burwood (8)
WK1 Megan Braithwaite (dnf)	WK1 Kristina Jenkins (dnf)
K1 Bret Murray (14)	K1 Nick Woodward (dns)
K1 Daniel Jenkin (12)	
JK2 Matt Duggin/ Michael Ray (10)	



Results from Skanderborg Marathon cont.

JK2 Arthur Alger/ Mitch Kowarzik (11)

JK2 Eric Alger/Nick Byrne (8)

JWK2 Casey Leo/Stacey Higgins (11)

WK2 Megan Braithwaite/ Lisa Munro (8)

WK2 Kristina Jenkins/Sandra Burwood (9)

K2 Ben Poole/Cameron McMullan (6)

K2 Mark Rantall/Nick Woodward (10)

K2 Bret Murray/ Daniel Jenkin (dnf)



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

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

Thomas Hirschoff, Chair



Freestyle Technical Committee Report

Freestyle kayaking is a white water sport where the paddler performs a range of acrobatic tricks and manoeuvres on a river feature (artificial or natural) such as a wave or hole. The discipline is enjoyed by many as a recreational sport and at the top level by those participating in competitions both nationally and internationally. The sport is constantly moving forward with paddlers developing new spectacular moves.

In September 2006, Tanya Faux (known as T-Bird) blew the field by 28 points to take first place in the first World Cup Event, held on the Graboretta Wave, on the Ottawa River located in Ontario Canada, where 21 nations participated in the first World Freestyle Cup Series ever. Jeremy Blanchard, a three time national champion, also placed 3rd in OC1. Continuing in the three race series, Jeremy came second in World Cup 3, and Tanya not only came second in WC2 but won WC3 to take out the overall event, an outstanding result.

This is the first time the IFC (International Freestyle Committee) has joined the ICF (International Canoe Federation), hoping to bring Freestyle Kayaking to the 2012 Olympics. At the 2007 World Championships there needed to be 50 nations present for consideration.

At the ICF 2007 World Freestyle Championships, held on the Ottawa River in Canada, Tanya continued her excellent performances on the world stage, coming second. Whilst hers was the best result at the world championships, there were several other top ten finishers. Lead-up events to the season were the Concrete Classic held at PWS in October 2006, and the team selections held in February 2007.

Australian team for World Freestyle Kayaking Championships May 2007, Canada

Womens K1

Tanya Faux (placed 2nd)

Sandy DiCiero

Mens K1

Anthony Yap

Sean Bozkewycz

Russ Boza

Adrian Kiernan

Lachie Carracher

Junior Mens K1

James Rowlinson (placed 9th)

Liam Corr (placed 7th)

Bryce Gibson

Flatwater Technical Committee Report

The 2006-7 season was another big one for the technical committee. It included 4 major national flatwater regattas conducted by the great team of officials from all over Australia, a small selection regatta in July 2006, and a junior camp and coaches conference at Nagambie the following September. The selection regatta (only 40 starters) helped to finalise the senior touring teams for 2006, and the camp included 19 junior paddlers from all around Australia as well as seven coaches and several parents.

The major events started with GP1 held in Adelaide from December 15-17, 2006. This was a selection event for the Australian Youth Olympics Festival (AYOF). The event was well supported with 126 starters. This was the first time that we have utilised the Finishlynx starting and timing system in South Australia. This is the same high tech equipment as used at SIRC allowing us to produce photo finish results quickly. It is possible to separate competitors down to 0.001 of a second with this equipment, and in one race the interval we measured was 0.002 seconds.

The AYOF was held at SIRC in mid January 2007 and included strong teams from China, Hungary, Great Britain, South Africa, USA, New Zealand and Japan. Dane Wilkinson paddled very well in the mens K1 to collect a gold medal.

Australian paddler of the meet had to be Nicki Rutland who took gold in the WK1 1000, and then backed up with Louise Davies for a bronze in the in WK2 1000. Great performances were recorded by all the Australian juniors in what has now developed into a highly competitive international event.

GP2, at the start of February 2007 was also held at SIRC. A bigger field this time of 203 competitors including a strong team from New Zealand made for a very high standard of competition. Notable winning performances included Paula Harvey (WK1 500m) and Clint Robinson teaming with Ken Wallace to take out the K2 500m. The men's K4 crew of Michael, Morrison, Smith and Singleton (2:57) held off a very hot crew of Martin, Rhodes, Wallace and Robinson (2:58) to record some of the best K4 times in Australia for several years.

The final domestic regatta for the season was the national championships, again held at SIRC from 7th to 11th March. The five day program included 322 races in 132 events ranging from under 12's to veteran 55 events. A total of 302 athletes from 39 clubs and countries participated in the championships. We welcomed athletes from all states as well as New Zealand, Italy, Canada, Germany and Samoa. Over 100 of the competitors were Open but we also had strong fields in the 14, 16 and 18 age groups. Entries in the junior women's events were the major increase for 2007.

Over fifty officials and volunteers, led by Chief Official Mr Graham Halford, ensured that the events ran on time and were conducted according to ICF and AC rules. Our sincere thanks go to these people who worked tirelessly for the five days to ensure that the regatta was a success. We also thank the junior athletes, parents and coaches who assisted in holding boats over the first three days.

Many officials commented on the sportsmanlike behaviour of the athletes and the way in which they coped with their busy race schedules. The efforts of the coaches, team leaders and team officials in supporting the athletes are also appreciated by officials and athletes alike. Glen Rypp from the West Lakes Canoe Club in SA was announced as the winner of the Raj award for Junior Canoeists. His outstanding performance in the 16 year kayak events and more importantly his sportsmanlike manner earned him this prestigious award. In the club rankings Manly Warringah was first in the tally with a total of 90 medals, West Lakes and Indooroopilly were equal 2nd with 68 medals and Holdfast bay came in fourth with 62 medals. West Lakes won the most Gold medals (42).

This year for the first time the JRaceman software was networked with the Finishlynx timing system so that all of the race data was transmitted electronically between systems. This is a huge step forward in allowing us to display entrant names on the scoreboard promptly. We also thank the Red Cross volunteers for their first aid services and the 1st Cambridge Park Scout group for their volunteers who held boats on the last two days. Thanks also to the event management staff at Sydney International Regatta Centre for the outstanding presentation of the Olympic standard course at Penrith.

Due to the large number of entries and a huge diversity of classes in the National Championships our stock of medals was inadequate to present to all of the Australian Champions on the Saturday and Sunday. Australian Canoeing apologised to those athletes who were presented with medals but had to return them after the presentation. Once the replacement stock was received, the outstanding medals were posted to each competitor's State Association.

To finish I would like to sincerely thank the small team of dedicated volunteers who make the management of these major events possible. The athletes appreciate the hard work that goes into these events, and it is a pleasure to be part of the team that pulls it all together.

**David Russell,
Chair**



Australian Sports Commission

National Talent Identification and Development Program Canoe/Kayak Program

Overview of 2006/07 Projects

SURF & KAYAK TO LONDON

Venue: Centre of Excellence, Gold Coast, Qld

Coach: Katrin Borchert supported with NTID funding

Targeted athletes: Males and females aged 18 - 25

Athletes tested: 43 athletes tested

Athletes selected: 14 athletes selected

Start Date: July 2006

Athlete servicing: Quarterly Talent ID testing, SSSM, annual development camp

GOLD & GREEN

Venue: Currumbin Creek Canoe Club, Gold Coast, Qld

Coach: John Newton supported with NTID funding

Targeted athletes: Males and females aged 13 - 17

Athletes tested: 46 athletes tested

Athletes selected: 9 athletes selected

Start Date: July 2006

Athlete servicing: Quarterly Talent ID testing, SSSM, annual development camp

NATIONAL TALENT SQUAD – SPRINT CANOE

Selection: Selection criteria and process co-ordinated by AC based on performance at Nationals

Athletes selected: 29 athletes selected including 3 C Boat paddlers

Coach/coordinator: Kevin Crisp

Development: Camps, international development tour and regional training sessions

Feedback: "Sam hasn't stopped talking about the camp – she was most impressed and thought it was great. Congratulations on a job well done!"

RESULTS FROM THE SURF & KAYAK TO LONDON AND GOLD & GREEN ATHLETES

- GP1, 2006 (~6 months into program) – 1 senior and 4 junior NTID athletes compete to win four gold medals.
- GP2, 2007 (~8 months into program) – 3 senior athletes and 4 junior NTID athletes compete to come away with 1 medal and 10 top 10 finishes.
- Jacob Clear awarded a QAS scholarship after 8 months in the program.
- 2007 National Championships (~ 9 months into program) – 5 senior and 4 junior NTID athletes compete to win 9 medals including two golds.
- Casey Leo-Litzow selected in the Australian Junior Marathon Team.
- Jacob Clear selected in the Australian U23 Flat-water Team

RAPIDLY TO LONDON

Venue: Melbourne Canoe Club, Victoria

Coach: Victoria Milne and casual coaches supported with NTID funding

Targeted athletes: Males and females aged 10 – 14

Athletes tested: 55

Athletes selected: 30 for phase 1, 15 for phase 2

Start Date: Sept 2006 (Phase 1), Dec 2006 (Phase 2), Sept 2007 (Phase 3)

Athlete servicing: Eildon Camp, Penrith Camp, nutrition consultations

Competition: 2006 Victorian Championships, 2007 Yarra Series





RAPID SLAYING

- Venue: Hobart, Tasmania, supported by the Tasmanian Institute of Sport
- Coaches: Peter Eckhardt, Justin Boocock, Dan Hall supported with NTID funding
- Targeted athletes: Males and females aged 13 – 18
- Athletes tested: 18 for TID squad, all Tasmanian slalom athletes assessed for target squad
- Athletes selected: 9 for TID squad, 2 for target squad
- Start Date: March 2007
- Athlete servicing: Monthly camps, sports science testing



NATIONAL TALENT SQUAD – CANOE SLALOM

- Selection: Selection criteria and process coordinated by AC based on performance and potential
- Athletes selected: 18 athletes selected in K1, LK1, C1, C2
- Coach/coordinator: Victoria Milne
- Development: Camps, nutrition consultations, international tour
- Feedback: "Loved the coaching, core stability sessions, theory sessions, nutrition and recovery sessions and sleeping away from home as a group"



NTID/QUAD PARK PARTNERSHIP

The ASC NTID Program and Quad Park formalised an official partnership arrangement endorsed by AC and AIS HP to establish NTID canoeing programs at Quad Park on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. The partnership provides the NTID Canoeing Program with approximately \$500,000 worth of support from Quad Park in the form of coaching, equipment, facility access, and subsidies for athlete travel to national and international competitions over a three year period.

ADDITIONAL INITIATIVES

Include equipment, support for national teams, support for state TID programs, support for coach development and talent transfer agreements with other sports.

Elissa Morley, co-ordinator

Financial Statements

Australian Canoeing Inc. ABN 61 189 833 125 Board of Directors Report

The Board of Management submit the financial report of the Australian Canoeing Inc. for the financial year ended 30th June 2007.

Board of Directors

The name of directors who were members of the Board of Management throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Current Directors

Ian Muir (appointed Director 5th April, 2007)
Jim Murphy (appointed Director 31st January, 2006)
Danielle Woodward (appointed Director 29th April, 2007)
David Lunn (appointed Director 29th April, 2007)
Martyn Clancy-Lowe (appointed Director 29th April, 2007)
Peter Heeley (retired 5th April, 2007)
Justin Quill (resigned 29th April, 2007)

Significant Changes

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

Operating Results

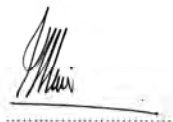
The association's total Profit/(Loss) after tax for the year ended 30th June 2007 was \$160,513 (2006 \$145,849)

Principal Activities


The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:
The provision of National Leadership and a National framework for harnessing the energies of the many canoeing people and organisations throughout Australia with the aim of building the business of canoeing for the benefit of all.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

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



Ian Muir


David Lunn
Dated 26.11.07

**Auditors Independence Declaration
Under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001**

To the Directors of Australian Canoeing Inc.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of Australian Canoeing Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2007 there have been;

- a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of 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.



Bill Murphy, FCA
Astims & SWM Financial Services Pty Ltd
14 Waters Rd, Neutral Bay, NSW 2089
Dated this...26...day of.....November.....2007

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INCOME STATEMENT

For the Year ended 30 June 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
Revenue from Ordinary Activities			
Operating Activities	2	1,111,116	1,885,457
Non-operating Activities			
Interest Received	2	3,262	9,578
Cost of Sales		(3,245)	-
Total Revenue from Ordinary Activities		<u>1,111,133</u>	<u>1,895,035</u>
 Expenses from Ordinary Activities			
Employee Benefits Expense		117,673	366,747
Depreciation		3,814	5,180
Grants		-	130,319
Insurance		80,473	94,570
Publication Costs		-	18,840
Operating Lease Expense		9,389	18,967
Seminar Expenses		2,634	1,205
Travelling Expenses		391,357	574,136
Other Expenses from Ordinary Activities	3	345,280	539,222
Total Expenses from Ordinary Activities		<u>950,620</u>	<u>1,749,186</u>
 Operating (Loss) Surplus for the year		<u><u>160,513</u></u>	<u><u>145,849</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 June 2007

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	4	400,104	194,788
Receivables	5	59,567	37,056
Inventories	6	2,980	12,941
Other	7	111,867	263,502
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>574,518</u>	<u>508,287</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	8,899	13,330
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>8,899</u>	<u>13,330</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>583,417</u>	<u>521,617</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	9	41,369	42,137
Tax Liabilities	10	40,200	45,656
Provisions	11	66,904	65,000
Other Current Liabilities	12	203,555	292,110
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>352,028</u>	<u>444,903</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other non-current liabilities	13	386,100	391,938
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>386,100</u>	<u>391,938</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>738,128</u>	<u>836,841</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>(154,711)</u>	<u>(315,224)</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated losses		(154,711)	(315,224)
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>(154,711)</u>	<u>(315,224)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year ended 30 June 2007

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Total Equity
As at 1 July 2005	(461,073)	-	(461,073)
Profit (Loss) for year	145,849	-	145,849
At 30 June 2006	(315,224)	-	(315,224)
Profit for year	160,513	-	160,513
At 30 June 2007	(154,711)	-	(154,711)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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CASHFLOW STATEMENT

For the Year ended 30 June 2007

	2007	2006
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Interest Received	3,262	9,578
Receipts from members, customers, sponsors & government	991,595	3,101,873
(Payments) to Suppliers & Employees	(755,685)	(3,373,839)
Interest Paid	(28,018)	(9,543)
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Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	211,154	(271,931)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
(Payment) for Property, Plant & Equipment	-	-
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant & Equipment	-	-
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Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	-	-
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from Borrowings	-	200,000
Repayment of Borrowings	(5,838)	(50,062)
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Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities	(5,838)	149,938
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held	205,316	(121,993)
Cash at Beginning of the Financial Year	194,788	316,781
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CASH AT END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	400,104	194,788
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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Reconciliation of Cash

Cash at Bank	400,104	157,744
Macquarie Bank	-	3,097
Interest Bearing Deposit	-	33,947
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	400,104	194,788
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CASHFLOW STATEMENT

For the Year ended 30 June 2007

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

**Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by Operating Activities to
Profit from Ordinary Activities**

	2007	2006
Operating Profit (Loss) after Income Tax	160,513	145,849
Add: Depreciation	3,814	5,180
Equipment Write off	617	
Provision adjustments	1,904	102,000
Changes in Assets & Liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in inventory	9,961	205,097
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(22,511)	9,996
(Increase)/decrease in advance/prepayments	151,635	161,064
Increase/(decrease) in payables	(768)	(280,884)
Increase/(decrease) in tax liabilities	(5,456)	(27,705)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	-	(191,708)
Increase/(decrease) in other current liabilities	(88,555)	(400,820)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	<u>211,154</u>	<u>(271,931)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year ended 30th June 2007

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (ACT). The financial report covers Australian Canoeing Inc. as an individual entity. Australian Canoeing Inc. is an association incorporated in The Australian Capital Territory under the Association Incorporation Act 1991.

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.

The financial report of Australian Canoeing Incorporated as an individual entity complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) in their entirety.

The following is a summary of material accounting policies adopted by the association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

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.

(a) Going Concern

The financial report is prepared on a going concern basis. While Total liabilities exceed Total assets by \$154,711, Current assets exceed current liabilities by \$222,490 and provided that the association has a trading result for 2008 similar to that of the past two years it should be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

(b) Income Tax

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

The association is registered for GST purposes, and Fringe Benefits Tax is paid in respect of benefits provided to senior management staff.

(c) Impairment of Assets

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

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

(d) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Current wage rates are used in the calculation of the provisions. The carrying amount of the provisions approximates net fair value.

Contributions are made by the association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(e) Cash

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand, at banks and on deposit.

(f) Property Plant and Equipment

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

Plant and Equipment

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

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

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

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

Depreciation

The depreciable amounts of all fixed assets are depreciated on a reducing balance method over the estimated useful lives of the assets with the exception of high performance equipment.

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

(g) Inventories

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

(h) 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.

(i) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

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

(j) Critical Estimates & Judgments

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the association.

Key estimates - Impairment

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

2. Revenue

	2007	2006
<u>Operating Activities</u>		
Sports Income	496,138	-
Sponsorship Funds	59,333	60,211
Grant Administration	151,348	-
State Affiliation Fees	235,501	-
Education Programs	80,801	-
Athlete Contribution	-	233,837
Donations, Sponsorships & Gov't grants	-	1,184,500
Membership Fee	1,659	206,093
Sales Revenue	3,414	10,153
Other	3,216	83,230
<u>Non Operating Activities</u>		
Interest Received	3,262	9,578
<u>Total Revenue from Ordinary Activities</u>	<u>1,114,378</u>	<u>1,895,035</u>

Income categories in the association's MYOB file have changed since the last financial year. It would have been difficult to re allocate these from the prior year and as such last year's description have been retained.

	2007	2006
3. Expenses		
Operating profit from ordinary activities before income tax has been determined after:		
Depreciation of Non Current Assets	3,814	5,180
Interest paid to other parties	28,018	9,543
Rental expense relating to operating leases	9,389	18,967
Other Expenses		
The following expense items are relevant in explaining the financial performance		
Loss on 2005 ICF Marathon World Champs	-	203,635
Loss on 2005 ICF Slalom World Champs	-	(35,925)
Audit Fees	15,000	15,000
Legal Costs	37,060	12,297
Other Operating Expenses	293,220	344,215
Total Other Expenses	<u>345,280</u>	<u>539,222</u>
4. CASH		
Cash at Bank	400,104	157,744
Macquarie Bank	-	3,097
Interest Bearing Deposit	-	33,947
	<u>400,104</u>	<u>194,788</u>
5. Receivables		
Accounts Receivable	77,717	37,056
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	(18,150)	-
	<u>59,567</u>	<u>37,056</u>
6. Inventories		
Current		
Stock on Hand	<u>2,980</u>	<u>12,941</u>
	<u>2,980</u>	<u>12,941</u>

	2007	2006
7. OTHER		
Current		
Cash Advance	100	38,453
Prepayments - Insurance	-	17,127
Prepayments - Tour Expenses	111,767	207,922
	<u>111,867</u>	<u>263,502</u>

8. Property, Plant & Equipment

Plant & Equipment

High Performance Equipment - at cost	-	487,013
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-	487,013
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Motor Vehicles - at Cost	20,000	20,000
Less Accumulated Depreciation	16,086	14,408
	<u>3,914</u>	<u>5,592</u>

Office Equipment - at Cost	20,288	29,196
Less Accumulated Depreciation	15,303	21,458
	<u>4,985</u>	<u>7,738</u>

Total Property Plant & Equipment	<u>8,899</u>	<u>13,330</u>
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Movements in carrying amounts

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

Office Equipment

Opening Balance	7,738	11,054
Additions	-	-
Disposals	(1,797)	-
Depreciation	(956)	(3,316)
Net Closing Balance	<u>4,985</u>	<u>7,738</u>

Motor Vehicles

Opening Balance	5,592	7,456
Depreciation	(1,678)	(1,864)
Net Closing Balance	<u>3,914</u>	<u>5,592</u>

9. PAYABLES

Current

Trade Creditors

41,369	42,137
<u>41,369</u>	<u>42,137</u>

10. CURRENT TAX LIABILITIES

ATO Integrated client account

Provision for GST

PAYG Withholding Tax Payable

15,537	51,415
22,367	(7,137)
2,296	1,378
<u>40,200</u>	<u>45,656</u>

	2007	2006
11. PROVISIONS		
Current		
Provision for Audit Fees	10,000	15,000
Provision for contribution to be paid back to athletes	26,904	50,000
Provision for Legal Fees	30,000	-
	<u>66,904</u>	<u>65,000</u>
12. OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current		
Funding for Events/Tours received in advance	197,438	288,992
Superannuation Payable	6,117	1,191
Other Creditor	-	1,927
	<u>203,555</u>	<u>292,110</u>
13. OTHER NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Amount due to Australian Sports Commission	165,986	200,000
Amount due to International Canoe Federation	90,000	105,000
Amount due to Penrith Whitewater Stadium	60,188	86,938
ASC Funding AIS Passthru	9,000	-
ASC High Performance Funding	18,563	-
ASC Sports Development Support	38,090	-
ASC Coaches Workshop	4,273	-
	<u>386,100</u>	<u>391,938</u>
14. LEASING COMMITMENTS		
Operating Lease Commitments		
Being for rent of office equipment		
Payable:		
Not later than one year	9,388	9,388
Later than one year but not later than five years	11,079	20,467
	<u>20,467</u>	<u>29,855</u>

15. Events Subsequent

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

16. Related Party Transactions

The directors in office during the year were:

Ian Muir (appointed Director 5th April, 2007)

Jim Murphy (appointed Director 31st January, 2006)

Danielle Woodward (appointed Director 29th April, 2007)

David Lunn (appointed Director 29th April, 2007)

Martyn Clancy-Lowe (appointed Director 29th April, 2007)

Peter Heeley (retired 5th April, 2007)

Justin Quill (resigned 29th April, 2007)

The directors did not receive any form of remuneration during the year.

17. Association Details

The principal place of business of the association is:

First Floor, Sport House

8 Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park

Homebush NSW 2124

Australian Canoeing Inc.

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 2007 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:



Ian Muir



David Lunn

Dated 23.11.07

AUSTRALIAN CANOEING INC.

ABN 61 189 833 125

Independent Audit Report

to the Members of

Australian Canoeing Inc.

Scope

The financial report and directors' responsibility

The financial report comprises the balance sheet, income statement, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in equity, accompanying notes to the financial statements and the statement by Board of Directors for Australian Canoeing Incorporated (the association) for the year ended 30 June 2007.

The Board of Directors of the association is responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT). This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

Audit Approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the association.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgment, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected. We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT), including compliance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report; and
- assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Board.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence

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

**Australian Canoeing Inc.
ABN 61 189 833 125
Independent Audit Report
to the Members of
Australian Canoeing Inc.**

Auditor's Opinion

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

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30th June, 2007 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act (ACT).

Bill Murphy, FCA



Astims & SWM Financial Services Pty Ltd
14 Waters Rd, Neutral Bay, NSW 2089

Dated this...26...day of...November...2007

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AUSTRALIAN CANOEING INC.

ABN 61 189 833 125

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

For the Year ended 30 June 2007

Revenue from Ordinary Activities	2007 \$	2006 \$
Operating Activities		
Operating Grants	-	1,184,500
Membership Subscriptions	1,659	206,093
Award Schemes	-	83,230
Athlete Contribution	-	233,837
Sales of Publications Merchandise	3,414	10,153
Sports Income	496,138	-
Insurance Fees Collected	3,216	-
Sponsorship Funds	59,333	60,211
Grant Administration	151,348	-
State Affiliation Fees	235,501	-
Education Programs	80,801	-
Entry Fees	-	23,061
Others	79,706	84,372
Non-operating Activities		
Interest Income	3,262	9,578
Total Revenue from Ordinary Activities	1,114,378	1,895,035

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

Expenses from Ordinary Activities	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Cost of Sales	3,245	-
Accountancy Fees	30,244	-
Advertising & Promotions	7,773	706
Auditor's Remuneration	15,000	15,000
Bad Debts Written Off	-	2,294
Bank Charges	5,047	12,082
Catering	5,912	47,029
Coaching Fees	7,718	-
Computer Software & Maintenance	3,999	28,040
Consultancy Fees	-	49,206
Course and Seminars	2,634	1,205
Depreciation	3,814	5,180
Education Expenses	25,019	-
Entry /Accreditation Fees	6,384	12,883
Event Expenses	23,401	-
Freight & Cartage	18,225	-
General Expenses	7,992	379
Gifts, Medals, Trophies	2,637	7,705
Grants	-	130,319
High Performance Equipments	5,827	11,827
Insurance	80,473	94,570
Internet Expenses	40,000	-
Interest Paid	28,018	9,543
Legal Costs	37,060	12,297
Loss on Foreign Exchange	-	772

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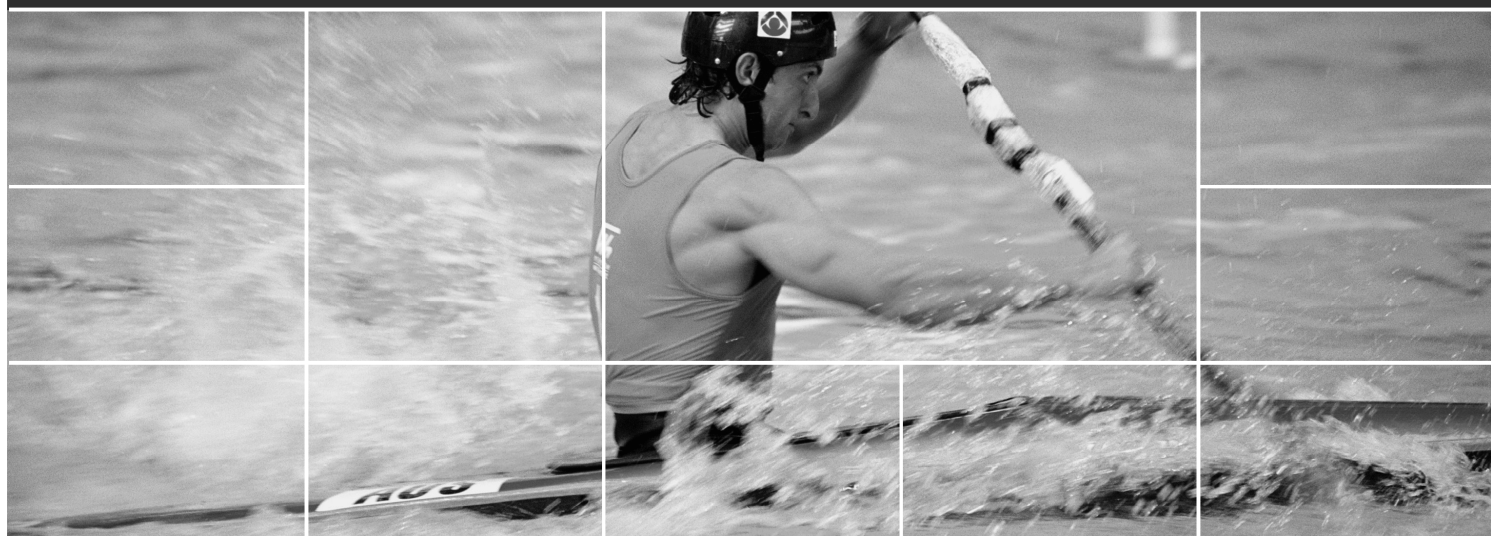
	2007 \$	2006 \$
Membership Fees	783	-
Membership Benefits	1,450	3,031
Motor Vehicle Expenses	2,341	-
Operating Lease Expense	9,389	18,967
Printing, Stationery & Postage	6,595	12,496
Publication Costs	-	18,840
Repairs & Maintenance	-	2,012
Resource Materials	1,120	-
Salaries & Wages	109,642	280,663
Sports Sciences/Medicines	(2,500)	-
Staff Costs	(1,618)	60,785
Superannuation Contributions	9,649	25,299
Telecommunications Expenses	3,526	27,942
Travelling Expenses	391,357	574,136
Uniforms	58,693	39,347
Venue Hire	14,653	30,550
Others	-	46,371
Extraordinary Expenses	(11,637)	-
Loss from ICF World Marathon & Slalom Champs	-	167,710
Total Expenses from Ordinary Activities	953,865	1,749,186
Profit before Income Tax	160,513	145,849
Income Tax Expense	-	-
Profit from Operations	160,513	145,849
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	(315,224)	(461,073)
Retained profits as at 30 June 2007	(154,711)	(315,224)

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

WINNING PARTNERSHIP



The Australian Sports Commission proudly supports Australian Canoeing

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

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

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