

July 2020



National Development Squad - 2020

NDS Meeting

When:

Thursday July 9, 2020

7pm – 8pm Eastern Australia Time

- Sydney

Joining info:

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"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them"

Walt Disney

2020 NDS Calendar:

26 - 28 September - Penrith, NSW

7 - 8 December - Bradys, TAS

From Mike Bruce

"It was disappointing to hear the news that the 2021 World Championships in New Zealand will be cancelled. We understand the reasons for the cancellation and it is good to have the decision made early as this allows us to plan for the team. It is hard for the athletes, especially considering they have had their World Championships cancelled this year already.

We are all very disappointed for our New Zealand friends who were hosting the event. It is always good to have World competitions in our region and I know the New Zealand organisers had put in a great deal of work already and would've hosted a fantastic event. I really hope that we can have a similar event in the region in the near future.

In the meantime we look towards what opportunities we have for training and racing coming up in these uncertain times. All our young paddlers are on the water training around the country and will be ready too take the opportunities for racing when the Covid-19 restrictions allow."

Athletes of the month

Name: Mark Crosbee

Club: Melbourne Canoe Club

State: Victoria

Favourite discipline: Either C1 or K1 depending on the day

What age did you start paddling: I have been in competing in Canoe Slalom from age 6-7.

Why and how did you start paddling: I have been in boats and around rivers my whole life because my parents both competed in and coached in the sport at an extremely high level. It is thanks to my mum and dad that I began Canoe Slalom but it is due to my love for the sport that I continue.

Your proudest moment: Proudest moment was being able to represent Australia at the 2019 Junior World Championships

Your most embarrassing moment: falling off the skateboard every few meters in Poland much to the amusement of Jack Choate.

Tell us something other NDS athletes might not know about you: In my spare time I play the saxophone.



Name: Dominic Curtin
Club: PVC
State: NSW
Favourite Discipline: K1

I started paddling from a very young age but I didn't get into kayaking properly until I turned 13.

I started paddling because my parents paddled and I always wanted to give it a go, but I didn't get into slalom until one of my dad's friends told us about slalom.

My proudest moment is not slalom but it is getting elected as captain of the ul6 Aus dragon boating team.

My most embarrassing moment is my 12th birthday when I was diving through pool doughnuts into the pool, and one time my foot got caught on the doughnut and I fell short of the water diving straight into concrete, breaking my nose and cheek.

Tell us something other NDS athletes might not know about you:
I can juggle three balls while riding a unicycle.



Name: George Pankhurst

Club: Ascot Kayak Club

State: WA

Favourite discipline: C1M

What age did you start paddling: I started paddling at the age of 9

Why and how did you start paddling: I started paddling because it was in my sisters school newsletter and myself have it a shot and I have been doing it ever since then.

Your proudest moment: My proudest moment would have to be making the 2020 junior team.

Your most embarrassing moment: My most embarrassing moment would be at my first time to Penrith it was the second session and we were just going down last drop. All the other kids in my session had never done it before but I had with Zlatan the day before so I volunteered to go and ended up pulling out of the Eddie falling in and bailing.

Tell us something other NDS athletes might not know about you: I hated and would not paddle whitewater until about 3.5 years ago

