



# Canoeing Western Australia Inc

Annual Report

2013 - 2014



Department of  
Sport and Recreation

**BE ACTIVE**



## Contents

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Canoeing WA Strategic Objectives | 3  |
| Canoeing WA Acknowledgements     | 4  |
| Canoeing WA Sponsors             | 6  |
| Presidents Report                | 7  |
| Executive Officers Report        | 9  |
| Events                           | 15 |
| Programs                         | 17 |
| Other News                       | 18 |
| Membership                       | 19 |
| Marathon Discipline Report       | 20 |
| Slalom Discipline Report         | 21 |
| Wildwater Discipline Report      | 23 |
| Sprint Discipline Report         | 24 |
| WAIS Report                      | 25 |
| TID and NEDP Program Report      | 27 |
| Recreational Report              | 28 |
| Financial Statements             | 29 |

**Canoeing WA**  
**Strategic Objectives**

1. Facility Development – To work towards the development of local and international standard facilities for affiliated clubs and disciplines.
2. Participation and Membership – To recruit and retain competitive, recreational and volunteer members through community events.
3. Community Development – Provide members and the public with skills and knowledge of all aspects of paddle sports through the provision of information and education courses.
4. Administration and Management – To effectively and responsibly manage the organisation for the long term vision of paddle sports.
5. Promotion and Marketing – Develop marketing strategies for events, membership drives and courses.
6. Governance – Ensure the principles of good governance.
7. High Performance – To maximise the success of Western Australia athletes, coaches and officials at State, National and International levels.

## Canoeing WA

### Acknowledgements

#### Contact Us

Phone: 9285 8501  
Fax: 9387 8018  
Postal: PO Box 57  
Claremont WA 6910

Office Address:  
Suite 4 Sports Lotteries House  
100 Stephenson Avenue  
Mt Claremont WA 6010  
Email: [develop.wa@canoe.org.au](mailto:develop.wa@canoe.org.au)  
Website: [www.wa.canoe.org.au](http://www.wa.canoe.org.au)

#### Administration Staff

Rosalie Evans, Executive Officer  
Jason Parker, Development  
Officer

#### Staff movement

Zac Acott, Development Officer

#### Board of Directors

Richard Lowther, President  
  
Neville Hine, Board Member  
  
Marion Ewing, Board Member  
  
Darryl Long, Board Member  
  
Lachlan Milne, Board Member  
  
Rob Jenkinson, Board Member  
  
Shayne Hamilton, Board Member

#### Affiliated Association

Stand Up Paddlers WA

#### Affiliated Clubs

Ascot Canoe Club  
Bayswater Paddlesports Club  
Canning River Canoe Club  
Champion Lakes Boating Club  
Denmark Riverside Club  
Indian Ocean Paddlers Club  
Mandurah Ocean Club  
Mandurah Paddling Club  
Perth Canoe Polo Club  
Perth Paddlers Club  
Sea Kayak Club of WA Inc.  
Swan Canoe Club

## Canoeing WA

### Acknowledgements

Canoeing WA formally acknowledge its Life Members. Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to each.

#### **Life Members**

Benny Bennion

Terry Bolland

Bevan Dashwood

William Davis

Peter Dear

Bill Hine\*

Greg Kaeding

Robyn Khorshid

Hetty Snowball\*

Leslie Taylor

Neville Hine

Peter Martin

John Mulcahy

Margaret Jeffery

*\*deceased*

**Canoeing WA**  
**Sponsors and Supporters**

**Canoeing WA Major Sponsors**

Department of Sport and Recreation  
Lotteries West  
Healthway  
Mainpeak Paddlesports  
Finn Kayaks  
Canoeing Down Under

**Event Sponsors**

Healthway  
City of Bayswater  
Mainpeak Paddlesports

**Other Sponsors and Supporters**

Aquatic Council  
Australian Canoeing  
Australian Sports Commission  
Department of Parks & Wildlife  
Fremantle Ports  
Fremantle Volunteer Sea Rescue  
Heart Foundation  
MTM Physiotherapy  
Northam Avon Descent Association  
Royal Life Saving Society of Western Australia  
Spirit Paddlesports  
Surf Life Saving Western Australia  
Swan River Trust  
Trysports  
Water Corporation  
Western Australian Institute of Sport  
Western Australian Sports Federation

## **Presidents Report**

I accepted the challenge of President / Chair of CWA Board in November 2013. These past nine months have been very active, but an enjoyable time for me as President of Canoeing WA, and I would like to start by thanking the Board and the paddling community for giving me this opportunity.

### **Major Achievements**

At last year's AGM the new constitution was voted in by the membership. Over the last few months Shayne Hamilton (past President) has been working on the addition of new By-Laws. These will complement the Constitution and provide guidance to the staff and Board on day to day matters, at both office and Association level. Board Members & office staff took part in a workforce development project; this was provided by Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR). This course will provide us guidance in our future direction and help towards the development of the strategic plan for the next 3-4 years. Shayne and I also completed the Advanced Not for Profit Governance course, which was also provided by DSR. This course should help us apply frameworks for board behaviour, decision making, board composition, structures and internal board processes, along with effective engagement & communication with membership.

Rosalie Evans, the Executive Officer and Zac Acott, Development Officer, have again provided a stable and high level of professionalism to the CWA office. Rosalie continues to develop excellent working relationships with Government departments, for example DSR and Swan River Trust. CWA have been liaising with these organisations in regards to the Hester Park Canning River Oxygenation Plant upgrade, new facilities for Bayswater Paddle sports & with Lend Lease- Water Bank Perth. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank them for their outstanding efforts.

The white-water park was given quite a substantial boost with the release of a two minute video, resulting in several newspaper articles. Congratulation and thanks to everyone involved in the white-water committee.

### **Events**

Canoeing WA has organised and run several successful paddling events in the last twelve months, these included, the Bay to Beach, Paddle Challenge, Northam to Toodyay and The Avon Challenge. Regrettably some events had to be cancelled, the Perth 100 was cancelled due to

extreme temperatures, and the World Record attempt has been postponed until next year. Also for the first time we will be taking on the running of the Classic Paddle.

### **Resignations**

Last month (August 2014) Zac Acott resigned to take up a position with the Fremantle Dockers. It was with great regret that the Board accepted his resignation; we wish him every success in his new position.

For the 2014/2015 year, Lachie Milne (Interested Director) will not be re-standing due to work commitments. Darryl Long (Director) whose period on the board is up under the new constitution (2 years x 3) will be ineligible to stand. Darryl has been a highly valued member of the Board over the six years. Both of these gentlemen have brought tremendous experience and expertise to the board, and we thank them for their service to the Association and the paddling community. My two year term of appointment (under the previous constitution) is also up; however I would like to re-stand for a further three years which is the term in the current constitution (3+3).

On behalf of the Board I would like to extend a very big welcome to our new Development Officer Jason Parker, we are all looking forward to working with you for many exciting & enjoyable years ahead. Finally I would like to thank Rosalie and the office staff, who have achieved so much this year, with so few staff in the office.

Also thanks to the Board Members, Neville Hine, Darryl Long, Marion Ewing, Rob Jenkinson, Shayne Hamilton and Lachie Milne for their interest and valuable time.

Thanks to our sponsors, DSR, Healthway, Mainpeak, Finn, and Canoeing Down Under.

Lastly, and by no means least, thanks to our volunteers, either as club members or serving members of discipline committees, and judges/officials.

Working together with continued commitment & enthusiasm, we can achieve. The future is looking very bright for paddling in Western Australia.

*Richard Lowther*

President



## **Executive Officers Report**

2013-14 was another very busy and exciting year for CWA, with only two full time office staff Rosalie Evans (Executive Officer) and Zac Acott (Development Officer), an Administration Officer Dione Anthony who comes in on an as need basis and our Bookkeeper who comes in once a fortnight, there is always plenty to keep us busy.

### **MEMBERS**

Canoeing WA has twelve affiliate Clubs, based in regional and metropolitan areas of the State, this year saw our membership numbers grow to 2216 at the time of writing this report.

This year we have worked very hard to build our relationship with all the Clubs and Disciplines, by attending their meetings and having regular meetings with them organised by CWA, with Board members in attendance.

### **OUR EVENTS**

CWA run five events throughout the year these being the Kayak Symposium; Be Active Paddle Challenge; Be Active Northam to Toodyay; Avon Challenge and Mainpeak Bay to Beach; with an excess of eight hundred paddlers taking part, not all of these are CWA members but from surf clubs and the general community and include all craft such as dragon boats, SUP's, skis and outriggers.

### **Classic Paddle**

After 17 years of RLSSWA running this event, Canoeing WA will now be delivering the event, liaising with Royal Life Saving WA to run the '2014 Classic Paddle'.

The Classic Paddle is a community event that was organised by the Royal Life Saving Society WA with the aim to help create greater awareness of the importance of aquatic safety at the start of summer and to raise funds for the Keep Watch toddler drowning prevention program.

More information about our events follow in the Annual Report.

### **OUR DISCIPLINES**

Here in WA we are so lucky to have so many amazing volunteers and these are the incredible people that run our disciplines, between the disciplines they run 45 events during our calendar year, with ever increasing participation numbers.

I have listed the Chairs of our Disciplines below, who pull together so many well-run and well organised events:

Sprint – Sara Trown

Marathon – Peter Martin

White-water – Pat Irwin

Slalom – Kate Vyvyan

Ocean Paddling – Dean Beaumont

I would also like to add that many of those volunteers help us out at our own events also.

## **GOVERNANCE**

### **Board**

We welcomed to our Board at the last AGM, Marion Ewing and Rob Jenkinson, they joined long time stalwart Neville Hine, Shayne Hamilton, Lachie Milne, Darryl Long and Richard Lowther who was voted by the Board to be President of CWA.

### **Constitution**

We also saw our Constitution passed at our AGM in October 2013, which came together with much input from the Board and help from DSR which was greatly appreciated.

### **Workforce Development Project**

CWA also undertook a program provided by DSR which was the Workforce Development Project, which comprised of several workshops for the Board members and staff of CWA, these were run by a very professional company employed by DSR JGC Group Pty Ltd; this was a great opportunity to review everything that CWA does which is fundamental to the efficient operation and sustainability of our Organisation.

### **Strategic Plan**

CWA's strategic plan is due to be redone by the end of 2015; the Board is in the throes of starting the process, which will involve meeting with our Clubs, Disciplines and stakeholders.

## **PROGRAMS**

CWA has run many varied but successful programs this year, they included:

### **Women of the Avon**

This is a fantastic program which is run only for women although it is run for all levels of participants it is also geared to the ladies who love the challenge to train and ultimately compete in the iconic Avon Descent.

The price is kept very low and the program is run over four weeks with a total of 12 hours on the water, there are so many benefits offered to ladies who take part in the program.

### **Kalbarri Canoe and Cray Festival**

CWA were approached to help out at the KCCF over the long weekend in June, the EO and DO drove up to Kalbarri and helped organised the paddle events and did the timing for all of the events over the weekend.

### **Outdoors October**

CWA has been fully involved as a stakeholder with this initiatives, the idea is to get people outdoors doing things that they have not done before during the month of October, we have gone to our clubs and disciplines to get them to put on events for newbies to experience paddling activities throughout the month.

### **Paddle Academy**

Paddle Academy has been running well throughout the year and still remains the prominent program at Canoeing WA. Over the past 2013-14 year we have had close to 1000 students participate in our Program, through their 18 schools.

Our main Paddle Academy instructors this year have been:

- Jerry Alderson
- John Di Nucci
- Leonie Cockman
- Geoffrey Palmer

We are very thankful to our instructors who are so professional, obliging and make our Program so successful.

### **Education**

Throughout this past year we have run four Level 1 Flat-water Instructors Courses and one White-water Level 1 Coaching Course (still to be completed).

## **White-water Park**

This initiative has seen so much momentum this year with CWA producing a two minute video; this video was disbursed by USB and electronically to over 200 politicians, land developers, local governments, media and other parties that we felt should see what an exciting facility a white-water park would be for WA and Perth in particular.

A group consisting of Steve Mueller, Margie Jeffery, Lachie Milne, Stewart Cranswick and Rosalie Evans have made presentations to many local government bodies as well local councils, there is still a long way to go but this is the closest we have ever been to making this a reality.

## **OTHER INITIATIVES**

This year has seen us organise/assist other initiatives such as:

**Developing Champions** this has been organised by DSR and WAIS and CWA was offered the opportunity to have some of our outstanding young athletes attend several workshops which cover areas such as: nutrition, training, sleep, life balance, stress and a myriad of other areas that young athletes have to contend with. The athletes are then monitored by Curtin University.

**First Aid Course** – CWA organised a first aid course run by Sports Medicine Australia, this was offered out to our Clubs and Disciplines to get anyone who wished to attend up to speed with their first aid, and we had twelve members take up the offer.

**University of WA** contacted CWA to have a meeting to discuss a partnership going forward as paddling has become so popular for the sports division of UWA, CWA has supplied names of accredited instructors to help out their paddling programs, CWA are identifying top level paddlers attending UWA and going forward CWA will be involved with helping introduce new courses in their Recreate Program.

In return they will use our Instructor Courses to get their instructors certified and will market CWA to their students. There are many opportunities for CWA to develop with UWA which will be progressed.

**Recreation Committee** this year saw a recreational committee formed, this came about from our many forums and discussions with our members in getting our Constitution correct.

This has been a great initiative as CWA has found it difficult to engage our recreational members, we have tried to give tangible benefits to them such as the Shoprite discount card, but we have always felt that it was

not enough, so with the newly formed Committee they have taken it upon themselves to organise paddles and indeed this is one of the main reasons that CWA has become involved with the Kayak Symposium in Albany as this is a perfect platform for recreational paddlers to come along and paddle in a safe environment with competent paddlers with them at all times.

CWA sincerely thank the Committee for assisting in making all our members inclusive.

### **Summary**

This year has been so positive and so much has been achieved and what I think is the most outstanding feature of the year is that all the clubs and disciplines are all coming together as one.

I also wish to acknowledge the continuing support of the Department of Sport and Recreation, Healthway for our significant funding that allows the ongoing operation of CWA.

Furthermore I would like to acknowledge our Board who give up many hours to manage all governance issues that control our Association.

I would to personally thank Zac Acott who has been with me in the office since I took the position in November 2012, together we have been an absolutely fantastic team and sadly I accepted his resignation on the 19 August, he kindly gave CWA a months' notice which was fantastic as it gave us time to advertise, interview and employ a new Development Officer Jason Parker who started with CWA on the 8 September, which gave Jason a nine day hand-over.

It goes without saying how much I will miss Zac but I also know how much the members will miss him.

Finally I would like to thank the hundreds of volunteers at club, discipline and board level across the West Australian paddling community that without your tireless input Canoeing Western Australia would not be in the enviable position that we find ourselves.

Rosalie Evans

Executive Officer



Year in Review

## Events

### **Kayak Symposium**

Which has been held in Albany for the past two years, it is held over the long weekend in March but to get the most benefit from the symposium it is preferred that you stay for the whole week the event is designed to educate and inspire recreational kayakers that come from all part of the country and showcases the WA coastal environments.

### **Paddle Challenge presented by Be Active**

After a week of continually checking the Bureau of Metrology weather forecasts for the Paddle Challenge event. The weather gods showed some signs of compassion, providing us with a sunny day with a few light showers, but clear weather for registrations and presentations.

Sunday 25 May 2014, turned out just over 165 participants racing in the 2014 'Be Active' Paddle Challenge commencing and finishing at AP Hinds Reserve, where there was a family fun atmosphere with a bouncy castle, helium balloons and face painting.

Rosalie Evans, Darryl Long and the City of Bayswater's Mayor Cr Sylvan Albert opened the event at 9am, providing the athlete briefing before the paddlers headed out on the water at 9.30am.

The mass start of 93 crafts in the second wave for the 18km course was spectacular and provided a spectacle for all on-lookers.



### **Be Active Northam 2 Toodyay**

With decent water levels and no forecasted rain, Canoeing WA ran the 'Be Active' Northam to Toodyay race on a Sunday 13 July, 2014.

93 crafts negotiated down the Northam Weir, Glen Avon Rapid and Extracts on the first leg of the Avon Descent. Competitors were treated to a delicious sausage sizzle, a bottle of water/juice and fruit to finish off this fantastic event catered by the WA Slalom Technical Committee.

### **Be Active Avon Challenge**

The 'Be Active' Avon Challenge was run on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August, in perfect conditions, starting at Middle Swan Reserve before finishing at Riverside Gardens, Bayswater. The race consisted of just fewer than 100 participants, which included not just junior kayak paddlers but Dragon Boaters, and Stand up Paddlers.

The Avon Challenge is used as a grooming ground for future international and Avon Descent competitors. 2012 London Olympian's Jesse Phillips and Robin Jeffery have participated in the Avon Challenge, as well as Joshua Kippin, Coran Longwood, Bronwyn Martin, Alexander Graham and Shannon Reynolds whom were selected in respective national teams competing at an international level this year. We also had competitors competing this year, who will be heading to Europe to compete for the Australian Olympic Hopes team.

### **Mainpeak Paddlesports Bay 2 Beach**

The 2013 Mainpeak B2B was run on the 24 November, 2013 in trying weather conditions, with the Bureau of Meteorology predicting strong Westerly's, and they did not disappoint. Nonetheless we believe the event was a great success.

156 craft entered this year, which included four (4) outriggers and many doubles.

The conditions were trying for some once they got through the Harbour and had to make their way around North Mole where they were met by a choppy ocean.

We cannot thank our major sponsor Mainpeak enough for their wonderful and ongoing support to CWA and our events, so please if you are after any paddling or outdoor equipment make sure you support Mainpeak

CWA must thank many individuals for all their hard work to ensure the event ran smoothly. Without your involvement we could not of run this successful event.



## Programs

### **Be Active Paddle Academy**



Did you know Canoeing WA runs the Be Active Paddle Academy for schools, councils and local organisations?

The Be Active Paddle Academy allows people opportunities to experience the river or ocean in new, fun ways that are safe. By enrolling into Paddle Academy you will learn basic paddling skills that can ultimately lead to a white water camp or paddling expedition. This program is available all year round and highly recommended from Year 6 to Year 12. We offer summer courses based on flat-water paddling and winter on flat-water or white-water if desired, testing skills on different courses.

Canoeing WA supplies all equipment required including kayaks, paddles, PFD's (Personal Flotation Devices), spray decks, and qualified instructors.

Over the 2013-14 year we have had close to 1000 students participate in our Program, through their 18 schools..

### **Be Active Women of the Avon**

This is a fantastic program which is run only for women although it is run for all levels of participants it is also geared to the ladies who love the challenge to train and ultimately compete in the iconic Avon Descent.

The price is kept very low and the program is run over four weeks with a total of 12 hours on the water, there are so many benefits offered to ladies who take part in the program.



### **Outdoors October**

CWA has been fully involved as a stakeholder with this initiatives, the idea is to get people outdoors doing things that they have not done before during the month of October, we have gone to our clubs and disciplines to get them to put on events for newbies to experience paddling activities throughout the month.

## Other News

### **Whitewater Park**

This initiative has seen so much momentum this year with CWA producing a two minute video; this video was disbursed by USB and electronically to over 200 politicians, land developers, local governments, media and other parties that we felt should see what an exciting facility a white-water park would be for WA and Perth in particular.

A group consisting of Steve Mueller, Margie Jeffery, Lachie Milne, Stewart Cranswick and Rosalie Evans have made presentations to many local government bodies as well local councils, there is still a long way to go but this is the closest we have ever been to making this a reality.

### **Kalbarri Canoe and Cray Festival**

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May, Canoeing WA departed on the seven hour journey to Kalbarri for the Canoe and Cray Festival, which was being run over the Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May, in front of an enthusiastic crowd, witnessed the 6km river sprint followed by three teams competing in a 3 leg relay.

James Morfitt won the 6km river race with the fastest time of 28:57.1 in his K1, a solid 2 minutes ahead of Geraldton Surf Paddlers Nathan Cross and Trent Morley.

The team relay was a highlight of the day with a Le Mans start and bib changeover, controversial handicapping (cheating), swimming, which resulted in an all-round fun paddle race that can only be strengthened by more teams and paddlers involved.

The Kalbarri Murchison 16km River Dash was the premier paddling race over the Kalbarri Canoe and Cray Festival, starting at the Murchison House Station and finishing near Sally's tree on the beach, with a shotgun fired signifying the start of the race. Race veteran and three time winner Peter Tomczak raced again in 2014, in a hotly contested field with James Morfitt, Brendan and Shaun Rice in the first grid.

James Morfitt and Brendan Rice both collected the \$1000 prize money after paddling neck and neck through the course and landing on the beach together to record a dead heat in 1:15:27.2 which could have well been a race record.

This year, 19 craft were involved including one double ski.

## Membership

### By Membership Category

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Adult                     | 1,141        |
| Aged Pensioners           | 85           |
| CWA Life Member           | 18           |
| Educational               | 471          |
| Event Licence (per event) | 108          |
| Junior                    | 205          |
| Regional Club Senior      | 83           |
| Second Club               | 41           |
| Volunteer/Social          | 64           |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>2,216</b> |

### By Club

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Ascot Kayak Club         | 724 |
| Bayswater Paddlesports   | 93  |
| Canning River Canoe Club | 85  |
| Champion Lakes Boating   | 58  |
| Denmark Riverside        | 18  |
| Indian Ocean Paddlers    | 149 |
| Mandurah Ocean           | 22  |
| Mandurah Paddling        | 39  |
| Perth Canoe Polo Club    | 17  |
| Perth Paddlers           | 13  |
| Sea Kayak Club of WA     | 80  |
| Swan Canoe Club          | 331 |

## Marathon Discipline Report

Marathon has had a successful season, averaging 90 to 100 craft at each event and ending the season with money in the bank to continue to build our sport. A very successful Dinner was held at the end of the season at Swan Canoe Clubs upstairs clubhouse. Medals from all Championship Events were presented, Paddler of the Year awards and the various trophies.

At the start of the season we went to online entries and using i-pads with the Web Scorer timing app allows provisional results to be available on-line that day.

Marathon runs seven Events each season using different courses and start points around the Perth metropolitan area. As well we run the 10 km State Championships at Champion Lakes between Christmas and New Year, this year supporting Beyond Blue. The State Marathon Championships was run out of Ascot Kayak Club in March over 2 days, joining with Stand Up Paddle WA to have a wider event. Once again we used our pontoon to provide one end of the portage.

A large group of Junior, Open and Master paddlers attended the National Championships in Ballarat over Easter. The trip was quite successful with many medals being bought home. The Technical Committee decided to fund the cost of transporting a trailer load of boats across the country.

Tess Watson was selected as part of the Open Women's K2 to attend the World Championships in the USA while Mark Lawson gained selection to the Masters Events. Bronwyn Martin was asked to go to South Africa as part of the Emerging National Team in June where she won Silver medals in U18 Ladies K1 and K2.

Marathon Committee this season consisted of:

|                            |              |               |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Peter Martin – Chair       | Jamie Ingram | Mark Lawson   |
| Trevor Longwood– Secretary | John Tomczak | Barry Feasey  |
| Cathy Fry – Treasurer      | Daniel Smee  | Joshua Kippen |
| Russell Miles              | John Bowen   | Adrian Quick  |

We have had during the season quite a few excellent helpers on our Registration tables, Start and Timing Teams and Turn Spotters. The committee members have put in many hours of work to ensure the events ran smoothly. Quite a few parents and relatives of the Guppy and Junior paddlers went out on the water to escort the youngest members of our paddling community. Several people took photos during the year and made them available for use in media presentations.

Peter Martin Chair – WA Marathon Canoe Racing Technical Committee.

## **Slalom Discipline Report**

### **Committee Members:**

Kate Vyvyan – Chairperson  
Shirley Go – Treasurer  
Jenny Vogel – Secretary  
Cindy Coward – Race organiser  
Lucy Williams  
Charlie Collin  
Wendy Burdett  
Joel Nevin  
Steve Mueller  
Zlatan Imbrahimbegovic – Head Coach

### **Events/Paddles Hosted in 2013-2014 Season:**

Summer Race series (4)  
Winter Race series (6)  
Brevis Choate Memorial Race (Family race)  
Bevan Dashwood Dash (fund raiser – marathon race)  
3 Collie weekend training camps (one with visiting coach Nick Smith)  
3 day NTS camp (visiting coach Warwick Draper)  
Wind Up dinner with presentation  
Sites used: Swan Canoe Club, Ascot Kayak club, Hester Park, Walyunga National Park and Wellington National Park (Collie River) and Canning River

## **Outstanding Athletes**

Robbie Jeffrey (Australian team)

Georgia Rankin (Junior National team)

Brodie Crawford (Junior National team)

Steven Lowther (Junior National team)

Ben Pope

Izzy Choate (Champion junior girl – National Schools Championships)

## **Key Volunteering Personal for Discipline:**

Cindy Coward (race organiser)

Shirley Go (treasurer, sponsorship and NTS camp organiser)

Jenny Vogel (secretary and facebook)

Steve Mueller (White Water Park committee)

Leesa Collin (compiling)

Lucy Williams (AC rep and Nationals team manager)

Richard Lowther (schools team manager and CWA board)

Marion Ewing (chief judge in WA and judging at international competitions)

Wendy Simpson (and family, delicious catering for slalom meals and thereby raising money.)

## Wildwater Discipline Report

### Committee Members:

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Chair               | Patrick Irwin                               |
| Treasurer/Secretary | John O'Sullivan                             |
| Committee           | Robyn Khorshid                              |
|                     | Alan Moreby                                 |
|                     | Dave Worthy                                 |
|                     | Spencer King (boat bending; Deadly Mistake) |
|                     | Mark Lawson (home improvements)             |
|                     | Laurent Palmero (mustering in Pilbara)      |

### Events Hosted in 2013/2014 Season:

- 1 Bouys Race;** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at Ascot Kayak Club.
- 2 Drain Race;** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June at Upper Swan
- 3 Upper Swan Ti Tree race;** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June from Bell's, to Amiens
- 4 Walyunga to Bells race;** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June Walyunga to Bell's
- 5 Bells Sprint;** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August at Bell's Rapid
- 6 Geegelup Cup;** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August

### Outstanding Athletes:

Ben Pope  
Dave Worthy  
Sue Quick  
Darryl Long  
Josh Kippin only appeared for State Champs and won by 2 minutes!

### Key Volunteering Personnel for Discipline:

John O'Sullivan; movies, timing, cash box, graphics, T shirts.  
Robyn Khorshid & Sue Walker; timing generally  
Alana & Greg Murphy; timing Geegelup Cup  
Warren Southwell; starter generally, and sweep  
Richard Lowther; starter Geegelup Cup.

## Sprint Discipline Report

### Committee Members:

Sara Trown (Chair)  
 Tania Pongratz  
 Callum MacDougall  
 Louise Carbone  
 Mary Smee  
 Leanne Ashby  
 Taitiarna Brown  
 Judith Thompson

### Events/Paddles Hosted in 2013-2014 Season:

Regattas 1 – 6  
 State Sprint Titles

### Outstanding Athletes (NA for Recreational Discipline)

In the 2013/14 season a record 16 WA Athletes made Australian Sprint Kayaking Squads & teams

| Australian Senior Team<br><b>Worlds</b>   | Australian 23's Team<br><b>Junior Worlds</b> | Australian 18's Team<br><b>Junior Worlds</b> | Australian 17 & under Team<br><b>Olympic Hopes</b>  |
|---|--|--|---|
| Alana Nicholls<br>Jaimee Roberts<br>Jesse Phillips<br>Steve Bird<br>Brodie Holmes<br>Brock Ingram<br>(Para) | Shannon Reynolds                             | Alexander Graham<br>Nick Pond<br>Sam McTigue | Yale Steinepreis (U17)<br>Monique Carbone (U15)<br>Demi O'Brien (U15)<br>Ben Harris (U17)<br>Anthony Carbone (16)<br>Luke Morton (U15)<br>Toby Digney (U15) |

### Key Volunteering Personal for Discipline:

All Sprint Committee members  
 All Sprint Coaches  
 Sandy McTigue (BBQ Coordinator)  
 Fiona Harris (Race Schedules)  
 Brock Ingram (Wind up Coordinator)  
 Ali Bushby (Coordination @ Nationals)  
 Ken Ringrose (Trailer repairs)  
 Leslie & Mark Stillman (Sprint Trailer)



## **WAIS (Western Australia Institute of Sport) Report**

### **Program Summary**

The WAIS Canoeing Program had four athletes competing at the 2013 World Championships in Germany and a further five athletes competing at the inaugural Junior and U23 World Championships in Canada.

Olympians Jesse Phillips and Stephen Bird combined in the men's K2 200m at the World Championships in Germany, setting a personal best time to win the B Final, 10th overall.

Alana Nicholls qualified for two finals at the World Championships, finishing ninth in the A Final of the women's K1 500m, and seventh in the Australian women's K4 500m crew.

Brodie Holmes made his world championship debut, competing in the men's K1 200m relay, alongside Bird, Phillips and Lachlan Tame. The team finished fourth in their heat, missing out on a spot in the finals.

At the Junior and U23 World Championships hosted in Canada, Shannon Reynolds qualified for the final of the junior women's K4 500m, with the Australian team finishing eighth. Reynolds also contested the K1 200m, but didn't progress past the semi final stage.

Todd Brewer – competing in his first Australian World Championship team – raced in the U23 men's K1 200m event, but missed a finals berth, and being eliminated at the semi final stage.

Jaymee Lee Martin and Pheobe George combined to compete in the women's U23 K2 500m event but like Brewer and Reynolds in the K1 200m, bowed out at the semi-final stage.

Jesse Phillips and Stephen Bird won a fifth national championship, winning gold in the men's K2 200m at the 2014 Australian National Sprint Championships in Adelaide. Alana Nicholls won a fourth women's K1 500m title, and also claimed a women's K4 500m title as a member of a composite boat.

The results earned Phillips, Bird and Nicholls selection for the 2014 World Championships, with fellow WAIS kayaker Jaime Roberts also earned selection in what will be her world championship debut.

Four WAIS athletes earned selection for the Junior and U23 World Championships, with Alex Graham, Nick Pond, Sam McTigue and Shannon Reynolds all receiving national team call ups.

The WAIS kayak program attended an altitude camp in perisher earlier this year and has also experimented with simulated altitude exposure (altitude tents) in an attempt to find new innovations that support the athletes' progress.

### **WAIS Program Athletes**

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Stephen       | Bird     |
| Alana         | Nicholls |
| Jesse         | Phillips |
| Daniel        | Bowker   |
| Brodie        | Holmes   |
| Todd          | Brewer   |
| Brendan       | Rice     |
| Shannon       | Reynolds |
| Alexander     | Graham   |
| Phoebe        | George   |
| Jaime         | Roberts  |
| Samuel        | McTigue  |
| Nicholas      | Pond     |
| Jaymee<br>Lee | Martin   |

### **Australian Representatives**

Jesse Phillips – 2013, World Championships, Germany

Stephen Bird – 2013, World Championships, Germany

Alana Nicholls – 2013, World Championships, Germany

Brodie Holmes – 2013, World Championships, Germany

## **TID and NEDP Program**

The 2013/2014 NEDP squad had a great season with the guys having a successful Nationals campaign. Two of our under 18 athletes made the Junior Worlds Team and have progressed into the WAIS squad and are now coached by Ramon Andersson. Ben Harris and Anthony Carbone were also selected for the Olympic Hopes Team, Ben with his Year 12 commitments decided not to travel this year and have a serious go at making the Junior Worlds Team next year.

The 2014 Nationals in Adelaide also saw five additional athletes from WA named in the Olympic hopes squad, Toby Digney, Luke Mortoin, Monique Carbone, Demi O'brien and Yale Steinepreis. All of these athletes have now made the NEDP squad training at Bayswater.

NEDP and the depth of junior paddlers is growing stronger every year and this is reflected in the amount of WA paddlers making national teams. I would also like to make mention that Monique Carbone u16 and Yale Steinepreis u17 made 200m finals at Olympic Hopes this year a fantastic effort and a great indicator of things to come from junior women paddlers in WA.

Looking forward to another great year.

Guy Power

National Elite Development Coach

## Recreational Report

### **Committee Members:**

Sarah-Jane Whittaker, Katrina Fyfe,  
David Brown, Paul Harding.

### **Events/Paddles Hosted in 2013-2014 Season:**

Clubs have been following their own program of training and events from their published calendars, promoting non-competitive, social paddling as befits each clubs' individual needs.

Participating recreational clubs have been unable to hold another combined event this season due to their own full schedules.

### **Key Volunteering Personal for Discipline:**

Sarah-Jane Whittaker, Katrina Fyfe,  
David Brown, Paul Harding.