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NEWSLETTER & MINUTES

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Note: All positions are declared vacant at the AGM so don't be coy, put up your hand.



What are they waiting for
it's lovely in here.
How long does a photo take.

21/06/2014

The Winter Solstice swimmers: Left to Right: Charlie the Lab, Joanne Davis, Ben Savage, Garry Mahony, Kevin Johnson, Graeme Williams Eddie Hughes, Garry Phil Savage. In the water Neil Tattersall & Alan Opie. Unfortunately someone has to take the photo. Dianne Savage (Inset) performed this duty before taking the plunge.. Missing in pic are Andrew Morrison he was late as he was doing his daily "Iceberg" thing at Mentone. He did join us though and Cheryl Scott who arrived late to give morale support, Phils story Page 12

The next Club Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Friday the 18th of July at 7.30.p.m.

MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING PATTERSON LAKES CANOE CLUB Inc
17th June 2014

MEETING OPENED: 7.50 p.m.

WELCOME:

ATTENDANCE: Alan Opie, Joanne Davis, Neil Tattersall, Mark Heggie, Kevin Johnson, Cheryl Scott

APOLOGIES: Chris Alger, Cameron McGill, Craig Pickett.

MINUTES: The minutes of the General meeting held on the 19/05/14 to be read and passed for acceptance if found to be true and accurate. Moved: Phil Savage Sec Kevin Johnson

CORRESPONDENCE: **IN:** nab Bank Statement, Bunnings account, Various memberships & e-mails. Various intending memberships enquiries, 2014/15 Aust Canoeing membership declarations & fees, Canoe Vic Affiliation fees 2014/15. Letter from Debbie Bennett MLC, AGL, South East Water, "Woodleigh School" donation letter, Letter from past member Tony White re membership. Letter from "Woodleigh" School Ex Kayaking Coordinator stating that the kayaking program has been discontinued and currently the fleet of kayaks are being liquidation with three craft being donated to PLCC..
OUT: Bunnings account payment, Invoice to Sprint training squad not sent (Awaiting paddlers list). Alan Opie responded to the offer of the IRB, Moved by Joanne Davis Sec Neil Tattersall

REPORTS: Clubhouse & Compound

Marathon: Neil Tattersall, suggested that the people who set the marathon courses should trial the course before the race and ensure that the course is safe and functional. i.e. the finish line was on the wrong side of the river and kayakers going through the finish line were confronted head on with kayakers heading down river through the gates.

Results are misrepresented when we entered in a TK2 and the entry results were based on a K2 giving inaccurate results.

Entry for the races should be user friendly to encourage new race paddlers.

Three day. Murray Riverland 200. Sth Aust: Neil Tattersall, John Lisica, Andrew Morrison paddled the 208kms distance as a relay team. Alan Opie paddled the 100kms course.

Para A.J. Amanda Jenkins. is our star performer with lots of potential.

Monica Galavic is only 11 and performed so well in the Marathon races at Wesley. Great to see her on the podium winning a first.

Emily Rykan is back. Michael is also paddling really well too.

Sprint: Australian Canoeing are diversifying Sprint to Canoeing Victoria. PLCC has been selected as a discipline mentor club.

Touring. Portarlington paddle: With many families with extensive waterfront at the caravan park frontages and views of the city.

Werewolf paddle : With a full moon on Friday the 13th 10 paddlers & three wellwishers. Set out from Frankston pier Paddling down to Davey Bay.

Saturday 21st Winter Stolstice swim: For all the thick skinned!

Social. Christmas in July canceled.

Renewal memberships to be sent out this week.

Moved Joanne Davis

Sec Mark Heggie

From Previous page:

FINANCIAL REPORT: Banked 16/06/14 Account \$798.17 Term deposit \$11.800. General maintenance \$155.93

Moved Joanne Davis

Sec Cheryl Scott.

General Business.

1. **AGM DATE:** Friday 18th July
2. **Club Web site/ Face book page:** Gen meeting Minutes for Website minus financial status sent.
3. **Clubhouse Licence:** Ongoing.
4. **Para paddlers:** re Jetty installing and disability parking. Update.
5. **Survey Progress.** Come & Try held, Extra info newsletter, New Web site and info stream, Time Trials, Clubhouse Calendar implemented to date. Still no one available for vacant Committee person or communications officer.
6. **Painting:** Others to prepare walls for painting & refurbishment of change rooms, new matting for floors, mirrors. (Painting Bee).
7. **I.R.B purchase:** from Anglesea S.L.S.C. Alan e-mailed Greg Goulet re club decision re not purchasing.
8. **Lights/Security:** Notices were placed in newsletter.
9. **Coaches/Instructor:** Club to assist with costs of 50%. Gary Porter others. Damien in charge.
10. **Go pro:** Still missing?
11. **Stolen monies:** A \$60 cash voucher sent to person effected. Catering staff at Marathon races are told of incident and warned about cash security.
12. **50th Anniversary:** Alan has lists will circulate copies shortly.
13. **Clothing:** Mark to get a sample of the required Lycra singlet for Cheryl to get quotes.
Other: Tony White letter and reply.
14. Nomination forms distributed to committee.
15. Canoeing Australia Members cards not received?

Meeting Closed 9.50 p.m.

Next meeting is our ANNUAL GENERAL LMEETING 18th July

CLUBHOUSE SECURITY:

It's your club, your responsibility!
Switch off the lights, make sure the
doors are closed. If someone is still inside
ask them to lock up.
Don't assume that they will.



Aust Marathon Championships 18,19 & 20th April 2014:

Lake Wendoree behaved for the two days of racing which is always a bonus. As all who have paddled upon her water know she can be a nasty & cold lady at times.

Another bonus was the very large marquee set up and left behind by the rowing fraternity. They had competed there a few day's previously. Thank you very much Rowers.

Not a big crew from PLCC but those who competed managed to do quite well.

Saturday

Mens Open K1 2nd. David Cole PLCC, . Unfortunately Trevor Murray had to pull out.

Mens Para K1: 1st. Dean Garo.

Mens Vet 55 TK1: 2nd. Neil Tattersall

Mens Vet 65:K1 4th. John Lisica

Mens Vet 70 TK1: 1st Alan Opie Andrew Morrison 2nd both from PLCC.

Womens vet 50 k1: 5th Joanne Davis .

Sunday

Mens Open K2: 4th Trevor Murray PLCC/ Andrew Hoskin Sherebrooke/Knox.

5th. David Provan PLCC/ Bennett Maxwell S.A.

6th .David Cole/Cameron McGill both PLCC.

Mixed Vet 55 TK2: 1st Steve Vegh/Maggie Vegh 3rd Neil Tattersall/Cheryl Scott all PLCC.

Mens Vet 70 TK2: 1st Andrew Morrison/Alan Opie. both PLCC.

Unfortunately some of the clubs paddlers were not around when we finally found a camera.



Some of our paddlers line up for a group photo shoot
Top L-R Andrew Morrison, Alan Opie, Steve & Maggie Vegh, Neil Tattersall and Cheryl Scott.

Top Right. Steve & Maggie Vegh with 2nd place getters.

Left: Andrew Morrison & Alan Opie congratulate 2nd placed paddlers from N.S.W.



Australian Champs Con't.

Oh Dear: Welcome to Victoria. This pair from NSW gets to know how cold Lake Wndoree waters can be.

Far right: Neil Tattersall in action.

Bottom: Andrew Morrison & Alan Opie try to keep their Craft going in a straight line without a rudder and a strong cross wind.



Don't you just love watching those paddlers from up North hit our cool waters.



All three photos courtesy of Ballarat Courier.

Touring: Portarlinton trip: By Phil Savage.



Sat 24th May

Touring traveled to the other side of the Bay to checkout the view from the opposite side.

Portarlinton has the biggest Caravan Park I have ever come across. With about 1 km of beach frontage it was a perfect place to launch on this still Sat afternoon.

Paddling we had Roz Buzza, Eddie Hughes, Andrew Sonnenberg, Maggie Mc Pherson, Gary Mahoney and Phil Savage.

We set off in the direction of Geelong on a beautiful calm sunny day turning back just before Clifton Springs. for Indented Head, St Leonards and Queenscliff

A clear view of the Melb City skyline was impressive but spectacular come night fall.

Dinner was at the local Pub with our family members Bringing the total to 14.

Sunday we walked along the Esplanade before Departing

Thanks to everyone who came along and joined in. It was great fun.

Cheer's Phil Savage



Portarlinton trip pics..



Touring photos by Ben Flora:

Hi guys,

Here are some pics from my gopro during the last month of paddling on a Saturday afternoon. Enjoy.

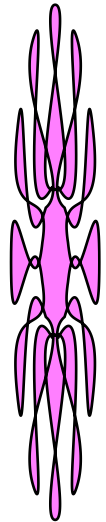


Dear member.

Your memberships are due now. I'm getting to aged to run around after you, so be kind to a pensioner (Me) and pay up now. Or i will chase you with my walking frame. The way some of you paddle you would not be hard to catch.

Thanks to you good souls who have paid. I loves ya. Alan Opie

Touring want to know if us flat water paddlers do this ?

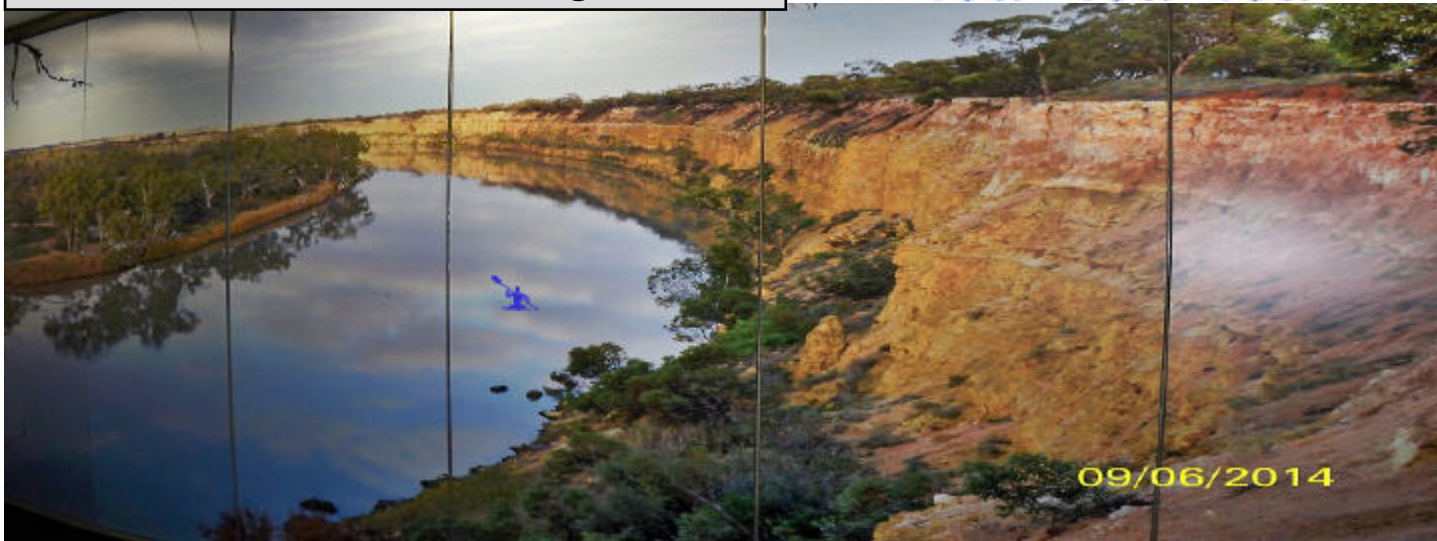


Dane Jackson drops with a [kayak](#) in the huge 60ft La Tomata waterfall in central Veracruz, Mexico.

JOKE: Sent in by Stuart Opie from Doha ,Qatar, UAE.

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance... The little old man looked at the pastor and calmly said, 'Well, she's there.'

Riverland Paddling Marathon 100 & 200 June 7th, 8th & 9th. Can Touring do this?



2014 RIVERLAND PADDLING MARATHON - By Neil Tattersall.

208kms on the Murray River from Berri to Morgan, South Australia

Melbourne

FRIDAY 7th June 8am.

Packed and ready to go! Cleared the West Gate Bridge by 8.30am

Morning tea and loo stop at Charlton, the birth place of John Curtin {Australian Prime Minister}

We know that because they named a street after him in the town.

Followed the iPad directions to follow the Railway to Mildura.

Laminated Maps a must - Mildura Office Works obliged. Enquired about a Chinagraph pencil but was met by blank stare from young and embarrassed looking employee.

4pm. Debated the strategy of resting or pressing on to Loxton SA {start of the event}

Loxton won hands down.

Border Control enquired about fruit but found it too difficult to be bothered to look for it in the esky or the boat.

6pm Checked out Loxton Caravan Park, booked in and set up tent and coffee break before heading back to town.

Excellent gourmet pub grub at Loxton Hotel.

Looked around for other competitors - few and far between, pondered the sanity of our choice of participation in this madness.

SATURDAY 8th June- 5am - LOXTON S.A.

Woke to alarm - pondered our madness again and

Proceeded to find the start point through the fog.

Pondered our madness again....

6am - Found start and to our surprise other mad boat owners had appeared to start the paddle leg in the thick fog and all unable to see the other bank of the river. Frenzied preparation followed before sending our first leg paddler, Andrew Morrison to his fate.

Upstream paddle for 12kms. 'BREATHTAKING' puffed Andrew as he pulled in to hand the baton to Neil Tattersall.

Upstream 7kms Downstream 19kms and back to the Loxton start - Achievement at this stage NIL - we had gone nowhere.

Only one rather tired Neil with ulcerated back which rubbed raw --- Con't next page.



2014 RPM Continued:

on the bungee cord of the spray skirt.

Then, suddenly out of the fog, who should appear, but our illustrious president Alan Opie who had decided that he missed our company so much that he would gatecrash the party and put in a late entry to do the measly distance of 100kms of the RPM.....

John Lisica took over the baton at Loxton and paddled 26kms to the next change point.

Alan Opie came in a poor second to this leg, serving him right for his lack of planning and expecting us organised paddlers to act as his ground crew.

Andrew again took over the baton for a further 11kms to Moorook, the end of Day 1.

Great we thought - OFF TO THE PUB....

To our surprise the town was rocking as they had organised to stage the MooRock Music Festival in our honour.

Three days of non stop rock bands playing on 2 Stages in the main hall. The dance floor was shaking with delight.

Pity we could not stay for the full 3 days of festivity as we had to move on to the next days' challenge.

SUNDAY 9th June - Up at 5.30 -

VERY COLD..... - MOOROOK S.A.

Start of 2nd day.

6.15 John started the leg and quickly disappeared into the distance towards the next checkpoint at Lock 3 a distance of 20kms.

A chorus of early morning ducks quacking, cockatoos and kookaburras laughing filled the stillness of the morning air.

On arriving at Lock 3, John was searching for his ground crew only to find that they had underestimated the speed of his paddling prowess, and they

were nowhere to be seen.

This was rectified about 15 minutes later when they arrived. [red faced].

Andrew then took to the paddle and experienced his first lock descent of 2.5 metres as the river flow was released with the flotilla of competitors all jostling for the best position in the 2nd start for the day. 23 kms of scenic riverside landscape

followed before the next change at Devils Pound.

At Devils Pound Neil set off for the final 27kms to Waikerrie.

A magnificent very scenic paddle through sheer river side cliff

faces and wide expanses of river flats.

Alan also paddled in his section from Devils Pound to Waikerrie fearing that he had an insufficient head start to keep at bay a fast finishing Neil.

MONDAY 10th June- 5.30am -

VERY VERY COLD, FOGGY & DARK.....WAIKERIE S.A.



2014 RPM Continued:

John again took to the river first, as by now, it was obvious that he was an early riser who sleeps in his paddling gear and best suited to the morning task of getting the show on the road.

What was now a diminishing fleet took off into the darkness with lights ablaze, carried on their backs to light up their way for the 20kms to Lock 2.

A change was made at Lock 2 and Neil then experienced the watery descent through the lock chamber to start the 13km sprint to Hogwash.

In the meantime Andrew and Alan had made their way to Hogwash through a number of foggy bush tracks and waited on a

lovely sandy, sun drenched beach for Neil to arrive.

Neil had a great leg catching a 'Slade' ride to arrive in as the second boat in the pack.

Andrew took over from Neil again whilst Alan waited for his Murray 100 start.

18kms downstream at Cadell Andrew rounded the bend startling the waiting ground crew into frantic activity where Neil again took over for the final 12km leg to Morgan.

As he took off none other than President Alan Opie rounded the river bend to continue his hot pursuit.

This leg of the race provided lots of opportunity to pass less experienced paddlers who were competing in the Mini Marathon (12km) section.

Payback for Neil was sweet as neither John nor Andrew werethere to greet him at the finish line.

They were held up at the ferry river crossing at Cadell.

Some time after our beloved president (Alan) arrived at the finish of his final leg. In Summary:

Alan didn't catch John, didn't catch Andrew and didn't catch Neil - not a happy chappie but elated to have completed 100km of this magnificent river.

The Riverland 208km Marathon was a great experience for all who paddled in her and well worth while considering another attempt next year.

All you need is a car, a boat, a basic tent and good company.

As reminisced on the long road to back to Melbourne.

(Wonders of modern technology)

John Lisica - Neil Tattersall - Andrew Morrison.

- (Alan Opie in absence).

Footnote: The race was secondary. I only went there for the Raffle. Came away with two prizes and a medal. All John, Neil & Andrew got was a Medal.

So will leave it to the reader to assert ain who was the real winner. Ha, Ha.
Alan Opie.



1. Having classy/ formal paddling gear allows you to wear it to the pub one night, sleep in it and paddle the next morning, saving on clothing being packed and unnecessary changing.
2. A 4 man tent only accommodates 3 men.
3. Light weight stretchers allows more flexible camp site selection with disregard for those that sleep on the ground.
4. Beware of gate crashers even your best mate is able to spring a surprise visit to your party and expect hospitality and assistance.
5. If paddling a unfamiliar boat for the first time trust your instincts and make adjustments as soon as anything starts to hurt as it will only get worse if not attended to.
6. Pack your bags and then throw half of the stuff out. Your mates will all smell and look the same at the end of the event so no-one cares.
7. Practise sleeping with ear plugs and remember to pack a spare set, those that snore can ignore this as it is their job to wake to the alarm and their snoring does not keep them awake anyway.
8. If it is not eaten from a hand, can or cup after heating in a kettle then it will be bought and eaten in comfort with everything required provided by the hosts.
9. Waikerie is not the centre of the universe even if my wife was born there. To stay here and eat here requires planning and booking ahead unless you really want to do it tough.
10. Moorook on the other hand does know how to treat their guests and it is worth while checking on other events at the various stop overs to ensure that you enjoy those that fit with your schedule and avoid clashes with those that don't.
11. Allow a full day to travel to and from the event or bring an owl that sleeps during the day and drives at night. (Ensure that you or your owl knows the exact location of start and meeting points. For example waking up in Berri when the start is in Loxton although adding to the excitement of the event can be a little confusing for some.)
12. Suss out the way to location of the following days start from your campsite when you arrive each afternoon as the following morning may/will be fogbound and the organizers seem to delight on starting on time.
13. Be prepared for an unexpected early arrival of your paddler at the change over and finish points. Paddlers expect and deserve a welcome if they arrive early and do not like to be kept waiting.
14. Goose Down, Goose Down, its not just for the birds.
15. Laminated maps and chinagraph pencils work and basic hard copy road maps are still easier to use then the hi-tech alternatives.
16. Take the fastest and most stable boat you can as wash riding saves time and energy and ensures you get hot soup and the finish.

JOKE: Another from Stuart Opie.

A man is recovering from surgery when the Surgical Nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling.
I'm O. K. But I didn't like the four letter-words the doctor used in surgery,' he answered.
'What did he say,' asked the nurse. Oops!"

Were Wolf Paddle. Friday 13th June.,

13th, making the perfect time for a Were Wolf Paddle.

10 paddler's from Touring met at 7.30 pm at Frankston Pier. Greg Fraser and his Partner Laurence Westcott came along to see us off while the local Swaggy was pumping out music from his Boom Box.

Our presence was of great interest to him as he pulled out his camera taking lots of photo's. Calm Sea's and light wind with a little cloud cover made almost perfect conditions. We headed off to Davie's Bay with the round trip of 5.6km.

Our Crew were in high spirits with the novelty of paddling in the Bay in the dark and the gentle waves adding to the experience. On return we were met by Alan Opie sounding his fog

horn to guide us in. Al of course was here for the Tucker and joined us for

dinner at Sophia's Rest by the Pier.

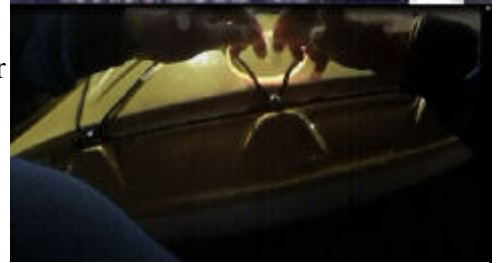
For the record we had paddling Phil Savage, Eddie Hughes, Roz Buzza,

Damian Van Prooven, Gary Mahoney, Gary Porter, Jason Cedia,

Bill Hallett, Graham Williams and Ben Flora.

We lucked out with the weather and the company was great.

Thanks to everyone who came along it was a really fun night.



A few pic's to prove that they were really out there doing the Werewolf. .



Winter Solstice Challenge: MARATHON JUMPS THE START. By Phil Savage

Serious controversy has arisen in the first PLCC Winter Solstice Challenge held at Carrum Beach on Sat 21st June.

No less than Plcc President and one other entered the water before official Photo's were complete. Several member's of Touring were outraged at the bare face cheating! Protest's are still being heard.

In other facts. Our contestant's was made up of

10 men, 2 women, 1 brown dog. This was our winter Pack

Our Contestants;

Representing Marathon: Alan Opie,, Neil Tattersall,, Joanne Davis, Andrew Morrison

Touring: Phil, Di and Ben Savage and Charlie the Dog, Gary Porter, Gary Mahoney
Eddie Hughes, Graham Williams, Gary Smith (swimming in Brisbane were he now resides)

Contestants Started to arrive at 11.30 am. 11.45 saw us head down to Carrum Beach on foot. Photo's First and into the water. Al couldn't help himself and plunged in while we had our backs turned. We all quickly followed while the water was cool. We did start to get used to it after 5 minutes. Joanne Davis was the keenest and swam out deep and looked ready for the long haul. After 15 minutes we started coming in, leaving the last 3 in contention. Al, Joanne and Gary Porter. A 3 way dead heat !

Who would have thought that Plcc had 3 members fighting for the title of Plcc most Stupidest..

Following our swim it was back to the club rooms for the best hot soup, kindly provided by Julie Mahoney and Di Savage. I never thought I could convince 12 people to swim on the winter Solstice. Just goes to show silly people can be. Who enjoyed the Day the most. Charlie the Labrador of course.

Thanks to everyone, it was a good laugh and next year we will challenge the Carrum Life Saving Club



Not many fish caught off. By Damian van Prooyen.

Conditions were not the best in many areas of Port Phillip Bay week ago, as you can see from the pics

MORNINGTON : Not many fish caught off Mornington pier during the recent bad weather.



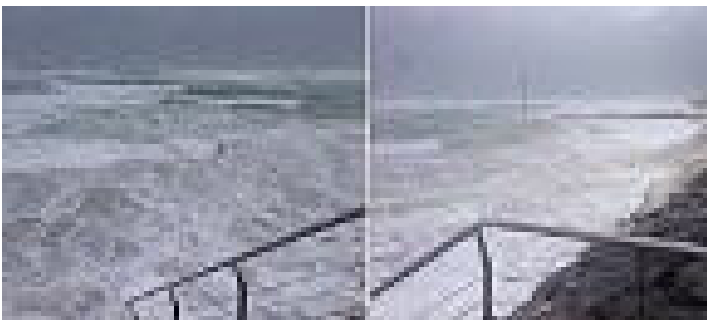
OLIVERS HILL: Not many fish caught off the Oliver's Hill pier either.. We're not even sure if the pier is still there anymore.



FRANKSTON: And not many fish caught off Frankston pier this week, and we are tipping the pier is now closed.

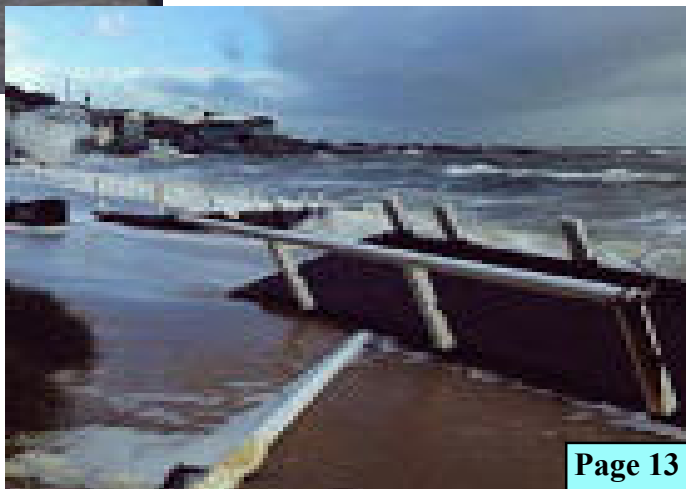


PATTERSON RIVER MOUTH : Not many fish caught here either.



LAUNCHING WAY : Although water levels were reported at 0.5m in the car park, no fish were caught in the car park this week.

Not many fish caught off the Half Moon Bay jetty this week. Reports are that the jetty is now located much closer to Chelsea!



Marathon Winter Series Race 4 - Nagambie 29/06/14 By Neil Tattersall.

Well after a fairly confusing start regarding the actual date of this event, it was finally confirmed and fixed to the last weekend in June. The weather gods did not get the late notice for the change of date, so put on fantastic autumn weather for the original scheduled date and then let go with some real winter weather that filled the mountains with snow and dampened the enthusiasm for winter kayak racing. Not to be deterred George P, Alan O and Neil T made a 2 day visit to Nagambie with first timer Jacinta H, and George V and Andrew M making the effort for just the Sunday Race along with Kevin Johnson who came to assist with race control.

Saturday afternoon saw Alan and Neil doing a tourists stroll along main street followed by lunch and a tourist drive to Michelton Winery and environs to look for a suitable launch place for a 2hr paddle on the Goulburn. Ended up doing a very pleasant 1hr upstream and return from the Michelton Road Bridge in sunshine both golden and liquid with the company of some of our feathered friends from Patterson Lakes . Finished and packed up by 5pm it was back to town to try to find some fellow paddlers. It is hard to believe that in such a small town that supports 3 pubs and 4 restaurants that 5 groups of paddlers all lose contact with each other. (Tracking devices and phone numbers may become mandatory in the future). After a beer, meal, beer, beer,.....warming log fires and a couple of games of pool it was off to bed to rest up for Sundays race. Breakfast in the sunroom overlooking the lake glistening in the morning sunshine made us glad to free of cold wet windy Melbourne for the weekend.


The race was well organized based on planned 8 km and 4 km loops starting and finishing on the rowing course and 6 and 2 kms respectively on the river. This made for water conditions as good as any of our city based venues. Sure the sun did not stay out all day but there was no rain until Seymour on the way back to the city, and there were 54 other paddlers in 51 boats (1 x K4) that enjoyed the race on the Goulburn.

Hope to see more PLCC members at the next race to held at Footscray 20/07/14 (Doubles)

Our results

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|--------------------|-------------|--------|------|-----------|
| Alan Opie | TK1 | TK1Vet | 12km | 94 points |
| Neil Tattersall | TK1 | Div 4 | 20km | 80 points |
| Andrew Morrison | TK1 | TK1Vet | 12km | 59 points |
| George Polak | K1 | Div6 | 12km | 47 points |
| George Vartabedian | SS1 | Div 7 | 8km | 10 points |
| Jacinta Huynh | TK1 | Div 7 | 8km | 4 points |
| Kevin Johnson | Rescue boat | | 8km | 1000 |

Our little band of dedicated paddlers are doing O.K. We are currently running third in the points count. We do need help so see you at Footscray on the 20th of July. Get your partners now as it's a doubles race.

 **This was Jacinta's first race. Well done.**



A couple of novel boat names.