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## Mini Newsletter

### Calendar of upcoming events:

Paddlepower Tues 13th, Thurs 15th, Mon 19th, Wed 21st. Meet at clubhouse 2.30.

Wednesday 14th 1pm Brian Maris funeral. See details below.

Sat 17th & Sunday 18th January Frankston Water Festival.

Sunday 18th Jan Summer Race # 1 Yarrawonga.

Monday 19th Club General meeting 7.30 clubhouse.

Sunday Feb 1st Summer race # 2 Footscray

Club time trial 8th Feb. Meet at clubrooms at 8.00 am

### **The 2015 Harcourts Bloody Big Swim Saturday 17th January 6am to 12noon**

Annual 11.5km swim from Frankston to Mornington.

If anyone knows of capable paddler/s who might be available and wish to paddle as a support boat for individual swimmers in the event.

Each swimmer or team is required to have a pilot kayak paddler.

Contact Nicola Boemo 0459 666 026 if you wish to assist. [thebloodybigswim.com](http://thebloodybigswim.com)

A couple of our swimmers need support boats. Contact Damian van Prooyen or Alan Opie

It is with sorrow that we pass on the news announcing the passing of Bryan Maris husband of Jessy (Nee Carroll).

Bryan's funeral service will be held on Wednesday the 14th Jan at St Martin's Uniting Church, crn of Dalgetty Rd & Gibb St Beaumaris at 1.00 p.m.


Let's give our support to Jess in her time of need. Alan Opie PLCC President.

If you are going to Yarrawonga on the 18th for Summer race # 1. Contact Marathon Commodore Neil Tattersall. Neil will be able to put you in touch with any one else who might be paddling that race. Share the travel expenses perhaps.

Check out the clubs web site: Jason Ceddia is the clubs communications officer.  
**HELP OUT WITH** Any ideas to enhance the site. There are links to most things that we do. It's up to us to provide photos stories items memorabilia etc Jasons waiting.  
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January 13th

**Christmas lights paddle and BBQ:** About fifty paddlers Attended our annual event. The lights were great! The Dragonfly paddlers, as usual were very noisy with their singing and drumming. They really go out of their way to make it a great night. The Dragon boats plus the paddlers were illuminated with every sort of battery powered light known to mankind. The lit up Dragon heads looked superb. Thanks to you all. We had Stuart Opie and family fly in from Qatar especially for the paddle. So it's now an internationally recognized event.



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Unfortunately I don't have any pic's of the lights. There were cameras going off in all directions. So if you have taken any. Would you send them to me for publication Please! Anyone.

**Long time members Mike and Ros Tegg** prettied up their craft with Glow sticks. Their comments.

Hi Alan. The Christmas lights paddle was a wonderful experience. Everyone was thoroughly getting into the spirit of Xmas. Lots of tinsel, flashing lights on both paddlers and boats not to mention the carol singing and of course the beautifully decorated houses. Wow we totally enjoyed it. Thank you.

Ros & Mike Tegg.



## WRONG kayak carry in NZ

December 15, 2014

Police in New Zealand have expressed their disbelief, after pulling over a motorist with a kayak strapped to his car – sideways.

The man, described by police as "a visitor from Ireland", was

stopped on Sunday afternoon along a busy stretch of motorway in the Waikato area of the north island.

According to Waikato District Road Policing Manager, Inspector Grace, the driver didn't appear to see what the problem was.

"Regardless that this is a busy, winding rural road already subject to busier than usual traffic flows over the summer, the driver was unrepentant, telling the officer who stopped him that if he secured the kayak long-ways as he is supposed to, it would cause damage to the roof of his car."



**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK TO SEE IF YOU ARE LAST OUT OF THE CLUBROOMS. IF SO SWITCH OFF THE LIGHTS AND MAKE SURE ALL IS SECURED.**

**CLOTHING WET OR OTHERWISE IS NOT TO BE LEFT IN THE CHANGE ROOMS. IT WILL BE PUT IN THE LOST AND FORSAKEN CLOTHING BIN.**

### Training times

**Mara / Sprint** Sunday 8.00 a.m. Meet at clubhouse.  
**Steve Vegh's group** Tues & Thursday morning. Meet at clubhouse. If you are into getting up with the Roosters then this could be for you.  
**Alan Opie** New paddlers Come & Try Tues & Thurs. 4.30 p.m. .  
Sat mornings 9.00 a.m. By appointment.  
**Touring** Meet at clubrooms Saturdays 1.15 p.m. After paddle cuppa upstairs.  
**The "Morning Glory"** Before work paddle, Breakfast after at the clubhouse. Give Marc Lionet a ring to find out more 0419889313  
**Other:** We have paddlers in the club that work odd hours. If you are one of these let's hear from you so we can spread the word and get you a paddling partner.

### **2015 Marathon Canoeing Victoria Race Calendar.**

| <b>Date</b>              | <b>Event</b>                       | <b>Venue</b>  |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Summer Race 1                      | Yarrawonga  |
| Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb  | Summer Race 2: Saltwater Classic   | Footscray   |
| Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb | Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb           | Summer Race 3 & 4: Frank Harrison Memorial                  |
| Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar            | Victorian Marathon Championships                            |
| Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar | Vic Schools Marathon Championships | Essendon  |
| Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr  | Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> April          | Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> April Australian Marathon Championships |
| Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> May  | Marathon Winter Series Race 1 (D)  | Patterson Lakes   |
| Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> May | Marathon Winter Series Race 2 (S)  | Warrnambool   |
| Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun | Marathon Winter Series Race 3 (D)  | Fairfield   |
| Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul | Marathon Winter Series Race 4 (S)  | Geelong   |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | Marathon Winter Series Race 5 (D)  | Nagambie  |
| Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Marathon Winter Series Race 6 (S)  | Footscray   |
| Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Bendigo Cup                        | Bendigo   |
| Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Murray Dress Rehearsal             | Footscray   |
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Ben Ward Memorial Race 40 Miler    | Cobram  |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Ben Ward. Day two relay.           |   |