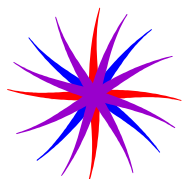


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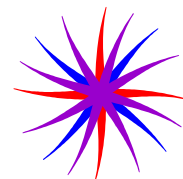
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## NEWSLETTER & MINUTES

### DECEMBER - APRIL 23rd 2016



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1966 - 2016 = 50 years. So lets celebrate this memorable occasion by coming along to the various events being organized by your committee. See details of events pages 5 & 6.

**MINUTES**  
**GENERAL MEETING PATTERSON LAKES CANOE CLUB Inc**  
**Held at P.L.C.C. Clubrooms 10 Launching Way Carrum**  
**7.30 p.m. 18th April 2016**

**MEETING OPENED: 7.30 pm**

**WELCOME:** By Chair Alan Opie.

**ATTENDANCE:** K Johnson, J Ceddia, A Opie, C Scott, N Tattersall, P Savage, S Vegh, C Algier, B Palumbo, M Heggie.

**APOLOGIES:**

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the General meeting held on the 21/03/16 were read and found to be true and accurate.

Moved: J Ceddia Sec K Johnson

**CORRESPONDENCE: IN:**

Invoices, Bunnings account, nab Statement, Various memberships & e-mails, Various intending member ships enquiries, World Vision, Bayair invoice, emails re 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary wine

**OUT:** Emails re memberships, general club information. Bayair payment, refund to Kate Cashell-Ashton (\$80), Fourth membership listing to Canoe Vic and 2 cheques.

Moved by J Ceddia Sec S Vegh

**REPORTS:**

**Clubhouse & Compound;** Stairway, Boat racks for K4 altered, both work in progress, Club info sign brackets finished. Two air conditioning units installed. Compound spouting cleaned and roof swept. Wednesday night Outrigger group noise/rubbish complaint. Clubhouse roller door repaired. Tap repaired in ladies change room. S Vegh repaired side door lock tumbler.

**Coaching Coordinator:** Plan to have Level 1 coaching session, participants to be invited via newsletter. PLCC would pay half fees (maybe \$250 PP), may offer 100% if new coach will undertake a coaching program with invited participants (**will wait after 50<sup>th</sup> event**)

**Marathon:** Neil summarized the K4 event, 69 paddlers.

**Touring .** Queenscliff 9<sup>th</sup> April, 12 paddlers participated, next is Thompson River.

**Paracanoeing**

Shelley and Monica tried Outriggers at recent Patterson river event. Some discussion re the personal buoyancy used by the outrigger paddlers and apparent lack of PFDs for their rubber duck crew.

**New Paddlers.** Alan will be introducing a mental anxiety group to paddling at \$15 per person.

Greg mentioned that the recent VSKC outing at Canadian Bay had 26 paddlers. It was suggested that VSKC be invited to paddle at PLCC, Greg to send letter.

Movedby C Algier

Sec P Savage

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** As at Mon 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Trading account \$ 13200 (estimated) less Bayair invoice for \$7800 plus more, so only \$5200 left

S Vegh reported that the club Rebel 46 is nearly finished! \$2420 to be paid. Some juggling may be needed to accommodate 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration costs.

Investment account. \$11638

Accounts to be passed for payment: Bunnings \$150, \$295.67 for Alan (photo displays)

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### General Business.

1. **Beach area refurbishment:** Ongoing.Alan.
2. **PLCC Winter race 1<sup>st</sup> May** 10.30am start, need volunteers. A reminder was that the BBQs blew fuses last year
3. **Carpet:** Area to be measured, including stairs. ( Alan), ongoing. 4. **Air conditioning:** Installed.
4. **Air conditioning:** Installed.
5. **Heating for ladies change room.** Middendorp have suitable units, \$238, would need electrician to install.
6. **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Discussed, date is May28th. Touring paddle in afternoon, formal dinner at Patterson Lakes Golf Club proposed, Sunday paddle and BBQ, Cost, commemorative banner, cake, mugs/glasses, caps and wine discussed at length. Neil to document notes separately. Follow up meeting Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 11am.
7. **Web site, Facebook, e-mail status:** Facebook access: C Algier, D Ceddia are administrators, Chris, David, Neil and Cheryl have editor rights.Greg to continue to check PLCC enquiry email.  
Website:. Jason Caddia organises. Is happy to add info/photos if people provide. Will add times that paddle groups are active. Alan will provide description of the club for “soft” and “hard” copies of handout .
8. **5 & 10 Km Champs:** Waiting on Canoe Vic marathon committee for confirmation of Essendon date.
9. **Pathways Action,** Ongoing (Alan/Chris). M Hudson requires request to forward \$1000 to assist with transport for athletes to Adelaide and Perth title events. (Alan).
10. **Lyndhurst Primary** program? (M Heggie), ongoing.
11. **Use of wrong side** of river in newsletter, needs clarification. .For April newsletter (Alan).
12. **Marine safety stickers:** Steve handed to Alan.
13. **\$1460 remainder for Perth** costs paid to S Vegh, breakdown to be provided.
14. **Beaconhills K4, K2** to be checked, (Mark waiting on reply). Canoe Vic K4 trailer is available, Mark discussing registration and maintenance.
15. **Consumer Affairs** annual report. Greg has completed.

Meeting Closed 9.45 p.m.

Next meeting May 16th 2016

## **PLCC “WINTER SERIES” Race Sunday the 1st of May 2016.**

### **As usual we will need volunteers.**

It's a bit of a juggling act as we try to get as many of our members on the water as possible. This leaves us short of people to help out.

You can help by asking Mums, Dad's, Uncles, Aunties, Sisters, Brothers etc if they can spare a couple of hours in the morning. It will be all over by 1.30 p.m.

Key positions to be filled:

**Safety Boat Drivers** and **persons** to help out in the Safety boats. Drivers must have current licence.

### **First Aid person/s**

Someone who knows or is willing to learn to use a coffee machine. Garry Flanigan will be bringing his machine. He will teach you how to use it. Garry wants to have a paddle.

Persons for registration, Turn Buoy marshals, BBQ Staff.



"**Club member Arthur Alger** married his childhood sweetheart at a low-key, friendly wedding at Balnarring on Sunday 17 April.

Arthur and **Indi** got together while in year 12 in 2007 and apart from a short break while Indi was studying in Perth, have been together ever since."

Showed the pic to my wife Susan who last seen Arthur & his brother Eric at a comp at Coffs Harbour. Where we chaperoned the two youngsters.

Susan reckons you have got yourself a pretty good catch Indi. Congratulations to you both. Ed

## **K4's at FOOTSCRAY Canoe Club.** Sunday the 17th of April 1966.



**Checking out the opposition.**

### **69 Paddlers.**

We only had one k4 at this event.



Unfortunately, due to unforeseen situations, team two could not get all it's paddlers on the water. This is a pity because both of this crew were accomplished paddlers. Next year?

Steve Vegh, as always put up his hand to do towing duties. Thanks Steve. Thanks also to the Outrigger club for the lend of their trailer.

Whilst awaiting the trailers arrival, Neil and I gave our services to the Footscray club helping them to set up.

Our team consisted of Neil Tattersall in the front with the arduous job of getting this very long boat to do a successful 180 deg turn in the not so wide Maribyrnong.. Steve was in number two, yours truly in three and Mark Heggie in the boot.

Ground crew/Official photographer and cheer squad was Lyn Heggie. Lyn took the photos. Thanks Lyn.

We were not alone in our training regime. Most of the veteran teams talked too admitted that they had done as we did..A solitary evening paddle last night. Didn't we promise ourselves last year that we would get regular training up and running before we paddled again.

Our start was great. Seven boats and we were sitting in fourth position. At the first of the two buoys we just couldn't get her around without backing off. This let another boat through. Paddled well until the next turn which was a replica of the last. Our not so good effort let another boat through. From here on we paddled strongly to the finish line.

If you haven't paddled in one of these craft come to one of our soon to be announced training sessions. You might suprise yourself. Those who have experience come along and join us. Alan Opie.



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*Dear Current and Past Member,*

*The Patterson Lakes Canoe Club will be celebrating it's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2016.*

*The club was formed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1966 as The Patterson River Canoe Club. Since then many hundreds of people have joined the club and have been part of it's history. Thousands have benefited by the services the club has offered over these years.*

*As You are part of the club story, we cordially invite you to come and celebrate with us. The current executive, committee and members will make you most welcome.*

*50th Year Celebrations.*

*Saturday afternoon touring paddle and get together. Meet at Club House at 1.00 p.m. Afternoon tea at 4.00 p.m.*

*Saturday night Carvery/Buffer dinner with DJ in attendance. Held at the Patterson River Country Club 7.00 p.m. until midnight. Cost of the dinner - Adults \$50.00. Under 18 \$25.00. Children U/14 - Free. Bar service available.*

*Sunday morning. We will have a "See the Sights" paddle followed by a BBQ lunch. The club has plenty of safe stable craft, paddles & PFD's for you and your family to use if you don't have these items. Just bring paddling clothes. Meet at clubhouse at 8.30 a.m. Can you help with photos. These will be copied and returned to you. Look forward to seeing you when we celebrate this important milestone in the history of Patterson Lakes Canoe Club.*

*On behalf of the Executive & Committee.  
Yours Sincerely Alan Opie PLCC President.*

**RSVP by 14th May.**

**Direct any enquiries to Cheryl Scott 0416553886**  
**Bookings & Payments can be made electronically**  
**On line at: <http://www.trybooking.com/197488>**

## **TOURING --- THOMPSON RIVER TRIP: 24th Apr 16. Damian van Prooyen.**

### **Thompson River - Plan –**

### **Proposed River Sections - Itinerary**

#### **Sun 24/04 Thompson River –Coopers Creek to Bruntons Bridge**

Meet at 9:30 AM Sunday 24 April at the Erica General Store, Erica.

We head to Coopers Creek and set up the car Shuffle to Bruntons Bridge.

Please bring lunch, water and your tie downs in your boat.

The release level is predicted to be .5 at Coopers and a fine day is forecast, top of 19 up that way.

Cool start in the morning though and some muddy tracks after Thursdays rain.

My mobile number for the weekend 0413171327 See you on the water, Damian.



**Level 1 Coaching session: PLCC would pay half of fees (Maybe \$250 pp) may offer 100% if new coach will undertake a coaching program with invited participants.**

**First aid course: Do you want to learn First aid? If enough people want to do this maybe we could organize a course. Contact for both of these courses is Greg Fraser. Details on front page.**

### **Wanted: Murray Marathon Paddlers**

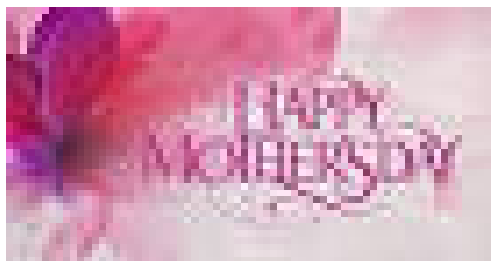


Laurence Westcott and Greg Fraser are looking for paddlers to join them in a Mixed TK2 Relay team for this year's Massive Murray Marathon, November 20 -25. <http://www.massivemurraypaddle.org.au/>

What does it involve? Being able to sit in (and hopefully paddle) a kayak for up to 2 ½ hours, enjoying the scenery, for 5 days.

Note that the cost is lower if entry is paid by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Greg Fraser phone: 0415975904, email: emg.fraser@gmail.com



**To all the Mothers out there Happy Mothers day for the 8th of May.**

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### **Joke from Stuart Opie in Dubai.**

A big shot attorney had to spend a couple of days in the hospital. He was a royal pain to the nurses because he bossed them around just like he did his staff. None of the hospital staff wanted to have anything to do with him.

The head nurse was the only one who could stand up to him. She came into his room and announced, "I have to take your temperature."

After complaining for several minutes, he finally settled down, crossed his arms and opened his mouth.

"No, I'm sorry," the nurse stated, "but for this reading, I can't use an oral thermometer." This started another round of complaining but eventually he rolled over and bared his behind.

After feeling the nurse insert the thermometer, he heard her announce, "I have to get something. Now you stay JUST LIKE THAT until I get back!"

She left the door to his room open on her way out. He cursed under his breath as he heard people walking past his door, laughing.....

After about 20 minutes, the man's doctor came into the room. "What's going on here?" asked the doctor.

Angrily, the man answered, "What's the matter, Doc? Haven't you ever seen someone having their temperature taken?"

After a pause, the doctor confessed..... "Not with a daffodil."

### **Clarification Paddling on the wrong side of the river.**

As written by myself in the last newsletter.

Over the past few months paddlers are setting off from our little beach and heading up stream on the wrong side of the river.

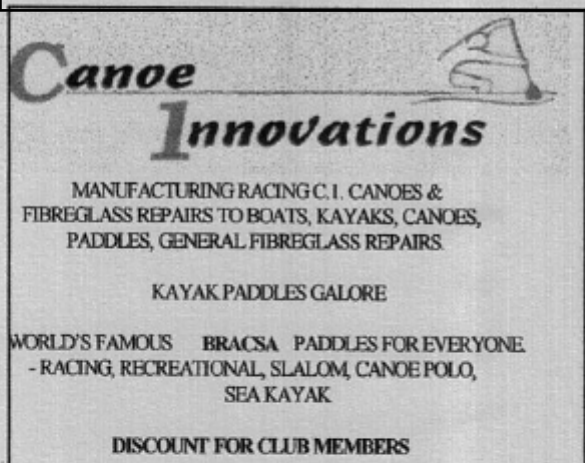
#### **No excuses it is against the law to do so.**

This practice is not only dangerous but has been noticed by the authorities. This creates a bad image for the club. We have enough trouble with Parks Vic as it is.

Very able paddlers are involved in this practice. It has to stop.

In the case of some para paddlers their coach/s might deem, due to conditions that they have to carry out this exercise. They will make a judgement on the day accepting that the onus is on them.

Add to this. When paddling in any direction. The nearest bank should be on your right hand side. In other words it's the opposite to driving on the road.



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**Tel/fax 8796 3100 Mob 0414 575 311**

#### **A Couple of Quickies:**

- \* If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?
- \* I am a nobody, and nobody is perfect: Therefore I am per fect.
- \* Snowmen fall from the sky's unassembled.
- \* Everyday I beat my own previous record for the number of consecutive days I've stayed alive.
- \* I live in my own little world. But it's O.K. They know me there.
- \* I don't do drugs anymore. I get the same effect just standing up fast.
- \* Marriage changes passion. Suddenly you are in bed with a relative.

# ***Winter Series Race 1 – Patterson Lakes – Doubles***

## **Patterson River & Canal System**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016**

**Venue: Patterson Lakes Canoe Club, b**



**Launching Way,  
Carrum (Melway Ref 97-D7)  
Off McLeod Road**

**NOT THE NATIONAL WATER SPORT CENTRE**

**Hosts: Patterson Lakes Canoe Club**

**Entry Fees:** See the Payment Fee table in the Winter Series Entry Form

**Online Entry:** Canoe Victoria Calendar>Paddlesports>Marathon until 5pm Friday 29th April

**Late Entry:** Entries will be accepted on the day from 8:30 am. A late entry fee will apply.

**Entries Close:** 9:00 am sharp

**Briefing:** 9:30 am

**Start Time:** 10:00 am

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Division 1&2: 24km Division 3&4: 20km

Division 5: 16km Division 6: 12km

Division 7-9: 8km Sub-Juniors: 2km

☐ A portage may be included depending on conditions and volunteer numbers

☐ The course map will be available on the day

☐ The Patterson River is subject to tidal flow but conditions are generally flat and calm.

☐ The 100 metre section between the flood gates and the McLeod Rd bridge can be subject to currents & turbulence.

☐ The 2.5 kilometre river section can be wind affected but calmer waters will be found in the canal system.

☐ Passage through flood gates and under bridges must be on the right hand side and is fairly restricted (three boats).

☐ There may be power boats to contend with throughout the course.

**Race day contact:** Alan Opie (03) 9580 2140 Mobile: 0409 021 852

**Catering:** Catering and refreshments will be available on the day.

**Set up volunteers 6.30 at Club House. Set up tents etc.  
Other volunteers contact Alan Opie for instructions.**



Dear members the following is a plea for help from two of our past members for assistance in rebuilding a Fijian island , (Taveuni), where they now call home.

Peter and Helene belong to Rotary international. And were members of the Carrum branch for many years.

Both Peter and Helene and their children Jaquiline and Kerine. very active in the club. The two girls paddled for “Woodleigh” Helene was our Treasurer a couple of years ago Peter was responsible for fixing up the lining on our balcony that had been put in the too hard basket.

The following is what Helene wrote. Alan Opie

**Bula Dear friends,**

Following the devastation of Tropical Cyclone Winston, you may have all done your part and more regarding the rebuilding of Fiji, but just in case you know people who want to make a donation I am sending this email and a document that tells you where we are now working to help make a difference.

In Australia, donations can be made through **RAWCS** (Rotary Australia World Community Service) for a tax deductible donation.

Quote project number 46 2015-16. PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR DONATION TO BE ALLOCATED TO RE BUILD TAVEUNI in the request section.

We thank you for your support and look forward to welcoming you on our beautiful island - come and visit one day!

Vinaka Buca Levu

Thank you very much! Helene and Peter Brown



**Remember when you were a kid and you put your arm out of Dad's car window at 100 ks . (Don't try it now as it's illegal). It nearly ripped your arm off didn't it?**

**Well! Cyclone Winstons wind speed was over 300 k's an hour. These winds + drenching rain caused devastation that most of us , hopefully will never experience.**

**So, We have a pretty good life in Vic away from such perils. Can we help. Yes we can by making a donation.**

**Some of you may have already donated.**

**If you haven't maybe you could find your way to put a few bob toward a donation. Helene has set out details above. Ed**



**Last year we brought you novel Garage doors. Now it's 3D Floors.**

**So! need a new floor in your house . Maybe you could try one of these.**



**Heading for a hard landing.**



**Left. Down the Gurgler. Note. That's the toilet seat on the right of the pic.**

## 2016 Marathon Canoeing Victoria Race Calendar.

Date	Event	Venue
May 1st	"Winter Series" race 1 (Doubles)	Patterson River Carrum.
May 21st	"Winter Series" race 2 (Singles)	Warrnambool.
June 11th - 13th	Riverland Paddling Marathon	South Australia
June 19th	"Winter Series" race 3	Fairfield