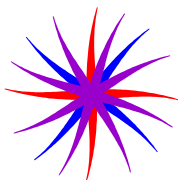
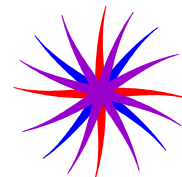


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NEWSLETTER & MINUTES
October to December 2015



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**HO! HO! HO! WISHING ALL
CLUB MEMBERS A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS and a
HAPPY, HEALTHY, NEW
YEAR. See you on the water
In 2016.**



The Executive/ Committee & members extend a big welcome to our new members:
Tom Allemby, Shelley Chaplin, Jason Shaw, Andrew Garlick, Lauren Knight,
Chris McDonald, Alejandra Sycz & Eric Bates, Emma Saliba, Celesta & James Van Der
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MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING PATTERSON LAKES CANOE CLUB Inc
Held at P.L.C.C. Clubrooms 10 Launching Way Carrum
7.30 p.m. 16th November 2015

MEETING OPENED: 7.40 p.m.

WELCOME: By Chair Alan Opie.

ATTENDANCE: Neil Tattersall, Jason Ceddia, Andrew Morrison, Alan Opie, Kevin Johnson, Steve and Maggie Vegh, Phil Savage, Helen Simmons, Bruno Palumbo, Mark Heggie

APOLOGIES: Chris Algier

MINUTES: The minutes of the General meeting held on the 19/10/15 were read and found to be true and accurate. Moved Phil Savage Sec Kevin Johnson

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN: World vision, Bunnings account, NAB Statements, Various memberships & e-mails, Various in tending memberships enquiries. Email Dragonflys re 5th Dec clubhouse booking, Kingston Council Online Directory notice, Mark Heggie and Chris Algier emails re coaching payments, Transport Safety Victoria invitation to seminar

OUT: E-mails re memberships, World Vision Christmas cards. Letter to coaches, Monica re free boat racks, Canoeing Victoria m/ship 2nd installment cheques
Moved Steve Vegh Sec Phil Savage

REPORTS:

Clubhouse & Compound: Spout cleaning to be done, Alan reinforced stairway

Pathways action ongoing Chris

Marathon: Neil discussed current/upcoming events, Footscray MM dress rehearsal. Numbers down. Flyers for Ben Ward race shown and will be displayed. Fairfield C4 race, suggested combining with Footscray K4. Canoe race. Alan reported on Nathalia event. 5 and 10 Km event, date to be decided (NT). Letter re clash of events to be written to Canoe Vic and clubs (GF)

Social Xmas lights paddle: Alan to chase up

Coaching coordinator:

Cameron's payment: will coach November free. Mark proposed payment to Cameron, Canoe Vic have \$660, will pay this to Cameron. Alan will contact Canoe Vic to ensure further payments to PLCC

Proposed that PLCC pay Cameron \$1640 shortfall, PLCC club won't have further financial obligation to Cameron McGill and as of January 2016 PLCC will organize advance invoicing.

Moved Steve Vegh **seconded** Mark Heggie

It was recommended that Cameron attend next meeting to discuss training and invoicing arrangements.

Touring: Big River trip, Phil to organize Mornington paddle in December, probably the second Saturday.

Reports accepted: Moved by Steve Vegh Sec Neil Tattersall

FINANCIAL REPORT: Investment account \$11,561 Trading account \$23,663. (\$21428 available because of outstanding cheques:- Bayside Hire, Canoe Vic x 2 = \$2235, Canoe Vic payment of \$920 to be made.

Cheque to Service Today \$279 for hot water system pressure valve.

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Steve to invoice towing trailer to Bridgewater \$120

Moved Jason Ceddia Sec Andrew Morrison

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. **Beach area refurbishment:** discussed. Bigger fish cleaning signs to be asked for (AO).
2. **Club house Carpet:** Alan will ask for quotes soon, waiting on stair reinforcement, to be smoke proof.
3. **Banner discussed:** John Lissica suggested one 4.5 metre banner. Additionally a notice board to be placed in front of clubrooms.
4. **Dragonfly storage:** Ongoing, Alan still to measure requirements.
5. **AJ Roberts** project funds discussed and is to be independent of PLCC
6. Steve Vegh listed boats to be disposed of. A polo batt has appeared in compound. A Rob Milson Dart has been offered to the club but not required.
7. Disability, Lyndhurst Primary may have paddle program (MH)
8. PLCC Enquiry email to be checked by GF. Will discuss Facebook page next meeting.

Meeting closed 10.01Pm, Next meeting 18 January

.5 & 10 Championships: Alan Opie.

Up to about four years ago the championships were run by the sprint discipline.

The event was held at the Essendon Canoe Club where racing was held on the Maribyrnong river.

It was allways a very well attended event.

Unfortunately Essendon C.C. didn't want to participate any more.

So a few PLCC members plus people from marathon and Canoeing Vic decided that the event should not be lost to history.

With the help of personnel from marathon and C.Vic the club ran the event with entry monies being split three ways.

All was well for the next two years. The only change being that the afore mentioned people decided that as PLCC were doing all the set up work they should keep the finances generated even though they still helped.

We didn't argue with this decision.

In 2015 we again staged the event but this time we had to contend with clubs running their club events on the same day. How stupid is that. For goodness sake these are Championship that should be held in high regard.

Marathon Commodore Neil Tattersall and myself have yelled and squealed about the status of the event and hope that changes will be made in 2016..

The ball however sits in our court. We have to promote and enter these champs

They will be held on the 11th of October. It's early days but put it in your diary now.

Even though we didn't have a great turn up and we reduced the entry fees we made \$85.05 after costs.

See results on our web page.



RAYMOND ISLAND WEEKEND

Friday October 16 saw 18 Pico member's gather on Raymond Island (opp Paynesville) on the Gippsland Lakes for the weekend. Ages ranged from 6 to 70 plus, a mix of youth and experience.

With the majority arriving early Friday afternoon we headed out for our first paddle in sunny but windy conditions. We soon discovered Paynesville has its own canal system like Patterson Lakes to make us feel at home and give us a little protection from the elements.

Set was to be our main event with a 10am start and a direct crossing of the Lake to Spenn Wharf Head and onto the mouth of Lake Reeve.

With calm conditions predicted to give way to much heavier conditions before lunch. This direction ensured a strong tailwind for the return journey. This proved to be the case for our party of 12 paddlers.

Those in sea kayaks found it more trying than those of us in white water boats. This resulted in one member swimming in the Lake. But with a great effort from everyone our good friend was helped back in his boat and was able to make it back to the Island safe and sound.

Special thanks to Steve and Eddie!

Set afternoon turned into games time with Lisa Strong challenging everyone to a billiards contest while the kids took to the air hockey.

Then we had the Koala walk in which we had no trouble spotting numerous animals all over the Island.

Set night saw a BBQ and a few drinks finishing off the day. Sunday saw an early walk before heading back to Melb.

Special thanks to my brother Kevin for opening up his home to 18 Pico paddlers and families for a truly memorable weekend.

It was also really pleasing to have such a great group of people attend. We are lucky to have such a good club.



ECHUCA MINI: By George Vartabedian.

I did the Echuca Mini 14 minutes quicker this year. One OC2 slammed into the bridge support at the start. They took on water but gaffer tape fixed that a few K's downstream. It almost sucked me in too. I didn't see anyone else from the club... a shame.

Other clubs turn up to events as a group. We pop out of the woodwork. Would be nice if it was a bit more organized so those of us who wished could catch up before the race.

I also would have liked to do the Raymond island paddle but I was at Echuca.

I think we need to get a better grip on all the activities before trips are planned.

Either feast or famon with kayaking things to do.

Touring Thompson River trip. 31st October By Damian Van Prooyen.



Five paddlers headed for the Thompson River early on Saturday morning to make the most of the environmental release.

As the weather threatened to turn nasty, an alternative section of the river was scoped out in case we needed to be off the bush tracks before the rain set in.

Fortunately plan b was not required and we were able to paddle the section between Coopers Creek and Bruntons Bridge.

The meeting spot was the General Store at Erica where we fueled up on good coffee and cake.

We also had a look at the Massey Ferguson tractor Club who were out for a club run, complete with a Grey Fergy sporting club plates.

After setting up the car shuffle (the longest part of this paddle) we were on the river and warming up.

Warm weather and .6 on the gauge at Coopers Creek made for a great day on the water.

Lots of Water Dragons on the logs and rocks and beautiful scenery.

The rapids kept us paying attention as well as providing some great practice and play spots.

1 swim for the trip and we managed to catch a heavy downpour as we got off the river at Bruntons Bridge.

Regards, Damian



AGM Donations:

Thanks must go to Sharyn Alger (Woolworths), Nicole Tattersall Outdoor clothing & George Vartebedian for their very generous donations at the clubs AGM.

Prizes were so numerous that nearly everyone attending took some goodies home. It really was a highlight of the night.

Marathon/Sprint: Bridgewater: October 24th & 25th 2015 By Alan Opie.

The drive up showed that that we are in for a very dry summer. It's only mid October and the countryside looked badly in need of rain and lots of it.

Although lots of it did fall four years ago and the ensuing floods did a lot of damage to the river and surrounds.

The caravan park has recovered from the afore mentioned floods where everything was just washed away.

The Lodden river at Bridgewater for those that have never paddled it's waters is just a beautiful river. Put it in your calendar for next year.

This, a two day event (Sat Marathon, Sunday Sprints) is an annual event.

The very attendance by ordinary paddlers was embellished by the four schools that attended both days.

PLCC was out in force with the best turn out for the year for an away event.

The club had it's fair share of success. The two day event was very well run by the Bendigo Canoe club.

The weather was great for the two days. There was plenty of good food at the race and hotel.

Check out the results on the marathon web page.



Nathalia I had never raced at Nathalia so was looking forward to this one. Racing will take place on the Broken Creek

So with wife Susan (Just released from hospital) and van in tow off we go. Put some tools in the wagon might be able to fix that broken creek.

It's Friday morning and there should be a lot of traffic to contend with but no, we made good time and had a great trip up.

On arrival we checked out the town and creek. The creek was full with not a lot of visible snags that could cause paddlers too much grief. Not sure what is up or down the creek though.

Tried to find out about the race. No-one knew anything about it. So booked into the caravan park which is next to the creek and after setting up, went for a bike ride to the upcreek weir, then to the down creek weir. In total five k's. The course will be over one and two laps of ten k.

Decided to go for a paddle. I had brought up one of the clubs TC1's as the regular canoeists around were pushing to get as many TC's and Canoes on the water as possible.

On Saturday we met up with Trevor Archibald and Alex James and decided to go to the pub for tea.

Kept a lookout for Stefan Tulloch and family but didn't see them. they might be coming up tomorrow.

A thunderstorm made it's way through about 3.00 p.m. Another flashed and crashed as we arrived at the pub for tea the rain was so heavy we just sat in the car and waited until the flooded gutters had subsided.

A big group of paddlers from Footscray and Echuca were also dining out. So there was plenty of paddling gossip going on.

It seemed to take forever for our meals to be served but all agreed that it was worth the long wait.

Paddling started in blazing sunshine which by mid race turned into another severe storm. Heavy thunder and lightning stayed with us for nearly all the race. With nowhere to hide you just kept paddling and hoped that the hair you started with will be the hair you end up with.

The TC/C start took up the entire creek width. Quite a turmoil as the not so talented paddlers crashed into other boats.

Stefan and son Edward looked great as they plied their way along their ten k course. It looks like you have a very capable partner Stefan.

My race was over the twenty k distance. Didn't have the best of starts but managed to move into second place and doing O.K. Until my footplate broke and I headed into snags on the bank. By the time I extracted myself Second place had gone past. No matter what I tried i just never moved out of third.

By race end the weather was perfect again with not a cloud in sight. Medals were presented. James and Dad now wear GOLD. I ended up with BRONZE. Stayed around chatting for a bit longer than should as another storm was brewing decided that one should paddle back to the caravan park without delay.



TC2 Champions Stefan and Edward Tulloch with their trusty ground crew.

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All reports must be in writing and tabled for acceptance at a properly convened meeting of the club.

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Nathalia From Previous page:

Not a moment too soon. About twenty metres from the van down she came. Just made it.

When this storm had past we took a drive around the countryside. Trees were snapped off a couple of metres from the ground. Branches were everywhere. A couple of roofs were blown off.

The real centre of damage was at Srathmerton about 35k North of Nathalia where a Tornado had wrecked havoc. Lots of roofs laying around amid tons of tree and other debris. Conclusion: Yes it's at a very busy time of the paddling year but a lovely town to visit with the racing thrown in as a bonus

For Sale:



Maggie McPherson has a "Bracsa sea kayak paddle Hurricane 60 (60% carbon) length 205 cm, small ladies blade \$200 or near offer. Maggie McPherson 0421631363."

The MURRAY MARATHON 2015:

This once huge event has had a checkered history in the past few years. Entries used to be around the thousand mark.

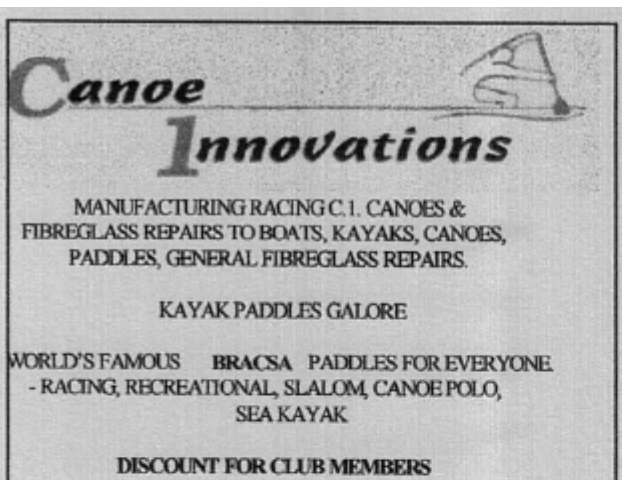
This year it was moved to November for various reasons. Fire ban days being one of them. Still, this doesn't make the 404 k five day event any easier. 404 k's is still 404 k's no matter when you race it.

As far as I know the only club member to participate this year was Marty Buissink. Marty is an old hand at this as he has done this huge event a couple of times before.

Unfortunately day one had to be canceled as it was deemed a total fire ban day. This still left 300 plus k's to paddle. Marty won his division as we would have expected him to. Well done Marty. Ed

OZ CHILD : Twelve clients and carer's from OZ CHILD in mornington were taken for a paddling session on Saturday the 28th of November. As it was the start of the Snapper season it was very busy on the river. So the outing was moved to Kananook Creek. The creek had good depth, the day was just what was ordered.

All participants went home happy The club received a one hundred dollar donation for it's services.



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A Christmas message from Phil Savage.

Hi Guy's

I will be paddling at Safety Beach the next 2 Saturdays
26th Dec and 2nd Jan.

If anyone wishes to join me meet at 1.30 pm

18 Dusky Drive

Safety Beach

All welcome

Wishing everyone a great Xmas

Phil Savage

Ex Member Peter Brown turned 70 on the 4th of December. Peter is now known as "Pirate Pete" and for some obscure reason (We think he has found buried treasure map in his attic) has relocated to a remote South Pacific island called Matei Pointe. Apparently he has found some treasure but keeps burying it then forgets where he has put it. To date he has dug up a fair acreage of the island with no success.

His dear long suffering wife Helene has been dragged along to help dig.

Just joking. Peter and Helene have had a long association with Chelsea rotary. Peter being a builder and Helene who can do just about anything but manage her crazy husband do lots of Rotary work Africa being another place that has been enhanced by their efforts.

Celebrations were held at the Carrum Surf Life Saving Club on the 5th of December. Many guests turning up in pirate attire

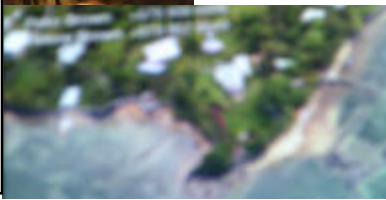
All the Browns were once members of the club



Left: Karine Brown
With self inflicted face painting. Karine is well known as she and sister Jaqui belonged to awesome Woodleigh "Water Ratz" team. Karine also belongs to the Carrum & Mordialloc Surf Life Saving Clubs



Two pics of Peter and Helene's Island paradise. Iv'e had the magnifier out and I think I know where the treasure is hidden.



THE Browns that we know:
2nd from left Karine, Pirate Pete, Helene & Right Jaqui

BEN WARD Memorial 40 miler: By George Vartabedian.

A mere 3 of us turned up. Neil and Nicolle and I.

We have a club full of racing boats and 1 rely and a sea kayak turn up.

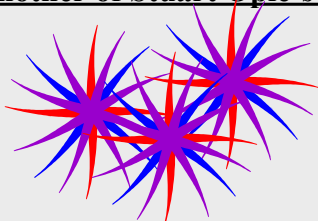
mind you it was very windy as in headwind and I was asked to withdraw at Bravo.

I seriously doubt I will be returning as no one is slow enough to give me a race which is ok. 66km is too far.

It also seems that The races bore me after doing them 2 times in a row...same ole same ole.

33 or so teams turned up.....lots of school kids.

Another of Stuart Opie's jokes:



2016 Marathon Canoeing Victoria Race Calendar.

Date	Event	Venue
Jan 3rd	Time trial 5 & 10 K's	Pat/River. Meet at Clubhouse 8.00 a.m.
I will get this updated and send out in Mini Newsletter in a weeks time Ed		



Christmas Lights Paddle December 22nd 2015



Thanks to all that turned up to make the night a success. **Thanks** also To **Cheryl Scott** for setting up the catering. **Kevin Johnson and Denis Opie** for the excellent BBQ meals.

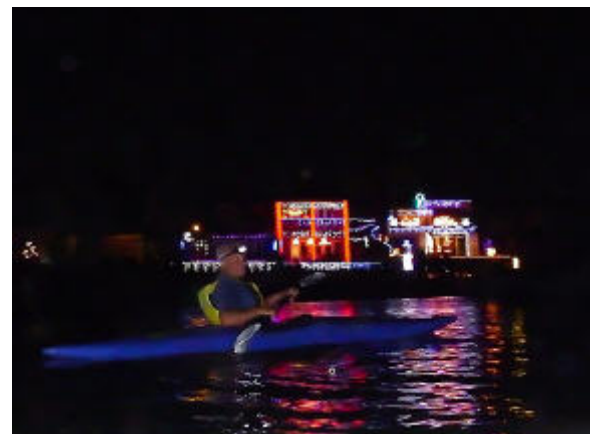
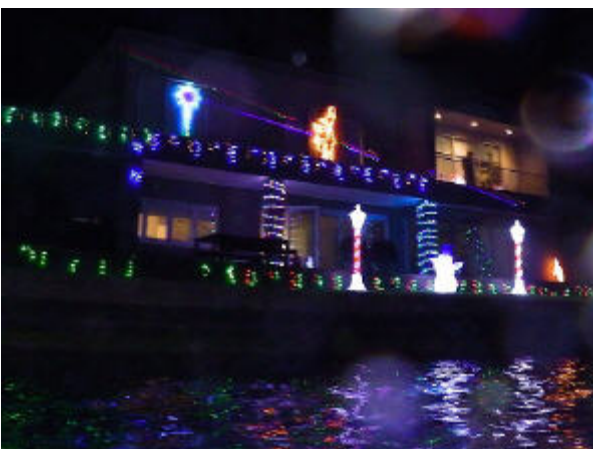
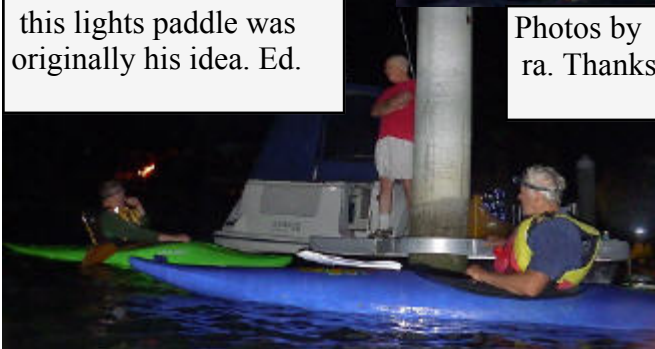


Waiting for that sun to set.
Left:Eddie Hughes &
Right Craig Leckie & Garry Smith



Phil Savage came to check us out. I think that this lights paddle was originally his idea. Ed.

Photos by the ever reliable BenFlo-
ra. Thanks ben



How to clean a spout without killing yourself: By Denis and Alan Opie.

After spending many hours up on the roof whilst putting the roofing on the clubhouse. Your's truly made a solemn pledge that he would not venture up there again. Ever. Even if it did mean that it would be about the closest to Heaven that he would ever get.

At a height of 8 metres and a level area two metres from the wall, it' was deemed that the only safe way to clean the spouting was to hire a boom. Not just any boom but one with a nine metre plus reach.

Son Denis has all the necessary tickets to operate such a machine. It is astounding that Denis was the first of 10 previous users that had a licence to operate it.

Apparently there is no rules to say that you can't use it but just don't get caught by Work Safety as it's a huge fine. This obviously doesn't deter many. At 9 metres the veiw of the bay is amazing.

Job all done in two hours. Then visited the coast Guard to see if we could get permission to do theirs as a goodwill gesture. A letter had been previously sent to them but no reply.

They gave us the O.K. And this job was completed in an hour..

Nothing to do now but lock up the boom and go home. As delivery and pick up are all in the hiring price of \$600. We used approx 20 litres of Deisel wich was to be paid for in the deal. The hiring company waived this so we saved \$25. We could have used the machine all day and raced around Carrum having spout cleaning fun but it had been a very hot day and we had had enough. Denis lives with his Daddy and Mummy so we gave him an extra spud and sausage for tea. Well done son.



Chers tous, dear all,

Noël est la. 2015 sera achevée très prochainement, il est temps de vous souhaiter

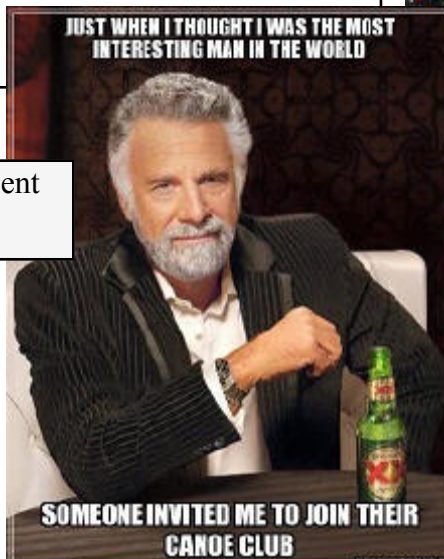
à toutes et à tous un très Joyeux Noël et de vous présenter nos vœux les meilleurs pour 2016.

Christmas is here, just around the corner. 2015 will be completed very soon, it's time to wish you all a Merry Christmas and our best wishes for 2016.

Nadine et Jacques



And this one has been sent in by Cheryl Scott



From the Editor:

Thanks to you good souls that have sent in stories, reports, Best Wishes Pic's etc It doe's make life easy when you just cut and paste.

I live with the dream that in 2016 you will continue your good work and that others will join you in sending in great stuff. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe healthy New Year. Newsletter Editor Alan Opie.