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Launching Way Carrum

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NEWSLETTER & MINUTES

September to December 2014



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AND OF COURSE A HAPPY, HEALTHY, NEW YEAR.

The next Club meeting will be held on Monday January the 19th.

7.30 p.m. At the Clubhouse. Come along and give us your support.

MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING PATTERSON LAKES CANOE CLUB Inc
Held at P.L.C.C. Clubrooms Launching Way Carrum 17 th November 2014

MEETING OPENED 7.50 p.m.

WELCOME: Alan Opie

ATTENDANCE: Alan Opie, Chris Alger, Kevin Johnson, Cheryl Scott, Neil Tattersall, Phil Savage, Joanne Davis

APOLOGIES: Mark Heggie, Steve Vegh

MINUTES: The minutes of the General meeting held on the 20/10/14 to be read and passed for acceptance if found to be true and accurate. Moved Kevin Johnson Sec Phil Savage

CORRESPONDENCE: IN:

New memberships. nab bank statement, Bunnings account & statement, AGL account, Meeting notes PLCC pathway program 6 Nov/14.

Moved Phil Savage **OUT:** 3Rd Installment & payment of M/ships to C.Vic,
Sec Chris Alger

REPORTS:

Boat racks: Keirin Skewes has donated his K1 to the clubhouse. 3 boats to be disposed of via Ebay.

Clubhouse & Compound: Boat Racks labeling 99% finished, boat racks installation ongoing.
3 Toilet leaking. Action Alan.

Club Website: Great Youtube of Clint Robertson. Worth a look.

Marathon: No proposed dates available. Canoeing Victoria website not displaying any information.

There was an event at Footscray, but no information available. Ben Ward is next event December 13th & 14th.

Social: Christmas lights paddle (Date Friday 19th Dec ?) to be confirmed. We need to pay attention to all boats to be safely lit up. Balkan night: 9 people attended. Next time we may consider Friday which we will make use of a voucher Cheryl has for a wine tasting for up to 70 people including food to be organized mid to late Jan 2015. A special thank you to all who contributed their time and efforts to the successful Comedy night, namely Steve Vegh, Joanne Harris and her daughter and others.

Sprint/Para: Neil has suggested we arrange a sprint as a time trial.

Touring: 10 People attended the Hopwood bike ride, 60kms under the Bolte and along the Marybinong, enjoyable ride.

Wilson Prom paddle this weekend.

Moved Joanne Davis

Sec Kevin Johnson

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Money in bank \$17,487.62

Bunning outstanding \$111.34.

Alan requested permission to change Nab branch for convenience, easier parking.

Moved Joanne Davis

Sec Chris Alger

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General Business.

1. **PLCC pathway program:** For Pre Elite Training base. Chris & Alan met with Andrea Bothroyd & Craig and Picket, PLCC have been granted the \$10,000 funding to manage and controlling a pre elite training program. Documents and information only arrived and still to be assessed. Chris has to put in place the strategies with the support of a team consisting of Chris Alger, Alan Opie, Joanne Davis, Craig, Keiren. Email to be sent out to arrange a meeting.
 2. **Come and Try:** Purchase of equipment for Come & Try's (Sit on's) X 4. Use of Water Sports Centre. Use of Trailer to transport equipment. Gaining coaching Certification. Action: Alan to investigate timetable of the Water Sports Centre
 3. **Power Paddle program:** Warrick Draper from C/Vic, Schools, Equipment. Working with Children certificates Action: Alan to investigate what style and type of kayak Warrick uses.
 4. **Parking during fishing comps. Melb Water. Kiosk has a license for the parking on the grass.**
 5. **Dead tree:** Melbourne water promised Chris to come down to clubhouse and investigate and cut down if necessary. Council passed the buck to Melbourne water...
 6. **Identifying boats stored in clubhouse:** A very labour intensive job for Alan, Neil suggested the possibility of all boats and paddles made mandatory that all boats to be identified by the owner.
 7. Quote for Air conditioning to be confirmed and resubmitted, 8.
- Meeting Closed 10.10 p.m. No meeting in December unless deemed necessary.**

TOURING: Wilsons Prom trip held on the 21st November. No report as yet. These two pic's show what Touring paddlers get up to on these trips on these trips.



CLUBHOUSE SECURITY:

Lights are still being left on!

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
Don't assume that they will**



Is your garage door boring? Sent in by Stuart Opie from our Qatar office

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Marathon Winter Series Race 7 – Essendon 07/09/14

The single bladed paddlers were out in force with 41 single bladders (9 x SUP, OC2, and 15 x Canoe Doubles) on the course. This was undoubtedly the best turn out of canoes for many years.

76 boats (8 from PLCC) raced over a 4 and 5 kilometre loop course downstream toward Footscray covering a variety of distances between 8 and 20 kms.

This was the final of the 7 race Marathon Winter Series and both series and race-7 awards were presented at the conclusion of the day.

A great performance by Amanda Reynolds and Joanne Davis in a TK2 managed 4th overall on handicap and Stefan Tulloch team up with Nicole Tattersall in her first race to score a second place outright in the canoes. Once Alan and Jacinta mastered the steering of the C2 they threaded their way thru the canoe field to finish a very creditable fourth.

The winter series club trophy was won by Ivanhoe Northcote Canoe Club, followed by Fairfield Canoe Club with Patterson Lakes coming in third.

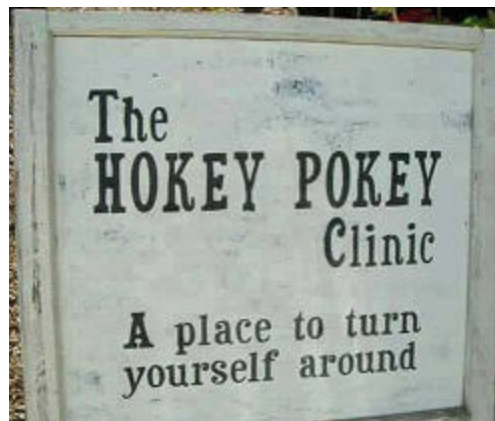
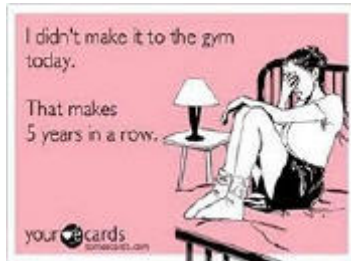
Winter Series best under 12 female award went to Monica Galovic while Joanne Davis picked up a second in best veteran female and Neil Tattersall managed third in best veteran male.

Entrant 1 Race Points	Entrant 2	Division	Boat	Overall Hcp Place	Division Place	Actual km/hr
Amanda Reynolds	Joanne Davis	Para TK2	4	1	10.36	96
Mark Heggie	Monika Galovic	Para TK2	25	2	9.95	68
Neil Tattersall	Cheryl Scott	Canoe TC2	31	9	8.33	61
Alan Opie	Jacinta Huynh	Canoe C2	44	4	8.51	44
Steven Vegh	Dean Garo	Para OC2	49	3	9.92	37
Stefan Tulloch	Nicole Tattersall	Canoe TC2	50	2	8.79	35
Broc Reynolds	Hunter Heggie	6 K2	67	5	9.98	13
George Vartabedian	7	K1	70	2	7.35	9

These gems were sent in by David Henke.



The pic's shown below were sent in by Dave Henke.



Canoe Innovations

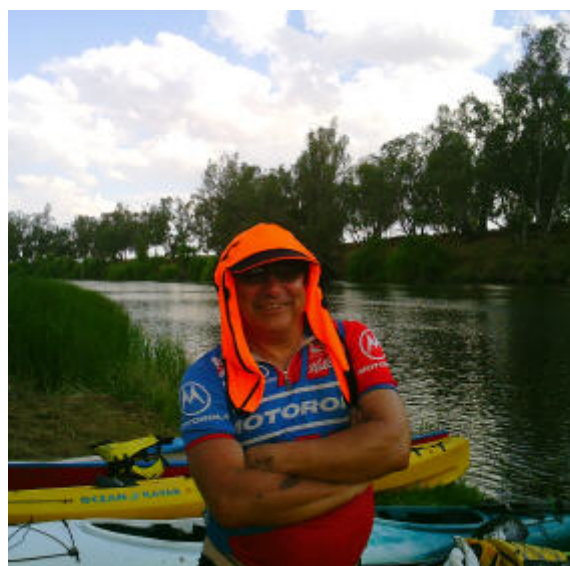
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TOURING

Williamstown Paddle

Sat 4th October

Bright sunshine greeted us for the start of our Williamstown paddle. Meeting in Middle Park our crew consisted of Jason, Helen, Graham, Gary Porter, Gary Mahoney, Kevin, Phil, Eddie and new member's Jacque and Nadine.

Setting off at 10.30 we found strong winds and some white caps out on the bay. Overall our crossing was not too difficult, however we lost some time waiting for a container ship to pass which caused its own issues for us.

On arriving in Williamstown we found ourselves at a very nice cafe which we enjoyed immensely.

Our return paddle was much faster with no holdups and a tail wind speeding things up. Our new members Jacque and Nadine did extremely well in such challenging conditions.

I found this to be a really interesting and enjoyable paddle. Thanks to everyone who came along, Phil Savage



Bendigo Cup – Bridgwater on Loddon (Marathon and sprint) 18-19 Oct 2014

Neil attersall competed both days, completing the 20km (2 x 10km Laps) on the Loddon River with a time of 1hr 54min in the marathon race on the Saturday.

On Sunday the PLCC representation swelled to 14 with the arrival of Steve Veighs' and Cameron McGills' sprint groups, ready to contest the 1000, 500 and 200 metre sprint events in a variety of single and double and quad boats. For many it was their first time sprint event and for others their first time for a while. Everyone had a chance to share in both personal and club success and whilst attendance numbers were modest (around 45 for the 20km and 10km Marathon event and about 60 for the Sprints) it was an enjoyable weekend and reasonably well run by Bendigo Canoe Club.



Echuca Mini – 18-19 Oct 2014

This was also a 2 day event that combines both Marathon with a long sprint against the paddle steamers.

3 PLCC boats completed the 50km downstream tour of the Murray River on the Saturday.

Mark and Hunter Heggie paddling a K2 completed the course in a time of 4hrs 42min.

Joanne Davis in a K1 Rebel 50 after some mid race cramping finished in 4hrs 32min.

George Vartabedian paddling his Sea Kayak completed the 50kms in 5hrs 12min.

This is a "GOODY" Sent in by Murray Cann.

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life. As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost....it's a man thing.

Thank You! I would like to thank all those good souls who regularly send in their reports/jokes Tall and Short stories. The Editor.

Ben Ward 40 – Yarrawonga to Cobram – 13-14/122014

<http://cbcc.elementfx.com/pages/results.htm>

Saturday Race 63kms

50 boats (5 relay singles, 19 relay doubles, 19 solo singles, 2 solo doubles, and 7 Junior (23km))

PLCC was represented by

Alan Opie – K1 full distance (rebel 46) - 5:49

Euan Kilpatrick – TK1 full distance - 5:57

George Polak – K1 full distance (rebel 50) - 5:59 – a great effort, on his first full long distance marathon paddle

George Vartabedian – SeaKayak full distance - 6:36

Neil, Nicole, Neil Tattersall (the 3NTEES) – TK1 Relay - 5:28

Sunday Relay Race 3 x 8 kms

27 boats (3 relay singles, 19 relay doubles relay, 2 solo singles and 7 Junior (1.8km))

After a well deserved pub meal and well deserved sleep, Nicole - 1:03 , Alan - 0:57 and Neil - 0:53 formed a PLCC TK1 relay team to contest the Sunday morning relay event.

Euan was not to seen while the two Georges resisted all encouragement to participate, deciding to rest their weary bones and join the large group of spectators on the river bank

This was a great event well run by Cobram-Barooga Canoe club and well supported by Trinity, Camberwell, Strathcona colleges and some good representation from a variety of canoe clubs. All from PLCC came away with medals and the satisfaction of completing one of the iconic events on the Victorian Paddling calendar.



George Polak & Alan Opie after completing the 40 Miler (70 k) It was Georges first long distance race.

Affordable pool for retirees.
Sent in by Steve Vegh.



Pass wind and you have a Jacuzzi.

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

Any character depicted in any story, joke, yarn does not represent any person unless named with their permission.

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2015 Marathon Canoeing Victoria Race Calendar.

<http://vic.canoe.org.au/2014/12/02/marathon-proposed-2015-competition-program-update-1/>

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

At time of print We unfortunately don't have the following items to put in this issue.
 The Sprint Calendar. Sprint story and pic's from GP1 at Adelaide.
 Story and photos of the Christmas lights paddle.

Tourings, Wilsons Prom paddle.

Story and photos of the clubs Christmas lunch.

If you can help with these please send to the editor . Alan Opie Contact details on the front page. They will be featured in next months Mini Newsletter.