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NEWSLETTER & MINUTES



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Club "Time trialist's" having a photo shoot after last Sundays 5 km trial. L - R Cheryl Scott (Front seat) & Neil Tattersall, Joanne Davis, A.J, Kevin Johnson, Mark Dougall, Sharron McMillan, Mark Heggie (Front seat), Greg Russo in back, Laurence Westcott, Maggie Vegh & Judy Jorgensen, (front seat), Mitchell Ligeti, George Polak, Alan Opie, Helen Simmons. Emily Ryken, Monika Galovic, Hanna & Hunter Heggie had to leave early. Welcome back Emily after your latest op. This event is getting bigger so come along to the next one in May. Will advise on date closer to the event.

**The next General meeting (Reconvened) of the club will be on Monday the 14th of APRIL 7.30.p.m. (Not the 3rd Monday this month) due to circumstances.
Held at the clubrooms. Come and get involved. All welcome.**

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

MEETING OPENED: 7.55 p.m.

WELCOME: By president Alan Opie.

ATTENDANCE: Alan Opie, Joanne Davis, Phil Savage, Chris Algier, Kevin, Cheryl Scott .

APOLOGIES:.

MINUTES: The minutes of the General meeting held on the 20/01/14 to be read and passed for acceptance if found to be true and accurate. Moved: Kevin Sec Phil.

CORRESPONDENCE: **IN:** Bunnings account, CFA, City of Kingston Rates, Paid. Various memberships & e-mails re memberships, e-mails: Thank you & donation from Frankston Council re Water Festival, Payment Peninsular "Dragonflies" for use of compound and boat storage, paddler enquiries.

***OUT:** Bunnings account, CFA, City of Kingston Rates, e-mails re memberships, Invoice to Sprint training squad (Boat racks), 4th Installment member ships to C.Vic.*

Moved by Cheryl SecChris

REPORTS: Clubhouse & Compound , K2 taken back to Canoe Vic, (8 spare racks 6 of these up high). Purchase of Media player for T.V. Shelf made for Media player & DVD player, Light tubes replaced, Old copier thrown out, Jobs to be done, Paint clubhouse sign, Smoke detector in kitchen. New battery in smoke detector in boat rack area. Roller doors have been serviced and now we can service ourselves.

Marathon (Summer season), Yarrowonga this weekend **Schools 6 dates/Groups, Sprint 1 day event at Nagambie. Touring. Great bike ride from Patterson Lakes 8.15am. 10 attended, temperature of 38 before a cool change hit after the dip in the bay. Thank you to Phil and Dianne,** Upcoming events. Werewolf paddle under a full moon at possibly Frankston

Moved Kevin SecChris

FINANCIAL REPORT: Banked 1,017.60

February Amanda Drennan to sign off on signature cancellation. Get Grant application from Frankston Council.

Joanne requires access to internet banking, Alan to action.

Receipts submitted by Alan Opie Total: \$299.58

Moved Chris Sec 2nd Kevin J

General Business.

1. Club Web site/ Face book page: Update. Jason Cedia. Updated 17/2/14 Thank you to Jason

2. Clubhouse Licence: Ongoing. Still having trouble, contacting persons at Melb Water.

3. Parks Victoria Event fees: \$520 per day. e-mail from C.Vic with contact at Parks Vic for Reece

Taranto (Local Head Ranger) to speak to. Fees can be waived, looks promising. 11 questions to be answered prior to an event, i.e. pdf are to be worn? Etc.

Elite groups application for exemption from wearing a pdf to be considered.

4. Survey: Progress. Upstairs meeting room calendar installed. Bi weekly newsletter advertising all events and information about the club...Great communication well done Alan!!

5. Disability paddles: Alan has contacted Blairlogie \$5.00 per head instead of \$15.00 for outing.

6. Investigate Solar Electric: Action Neil Tattersall. Solar hot water.

7. Gym: New equipment installed, Purchase of new Ergo plus spare parts. Delivery imminent.

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8. Para paddlers: On site meeting with Parks Vic personnel re installing Jetty and disability parking close to proposed Jetty.

9. Come & Try's: 2 dates

10. Painting: Phil has in hand.

11. Rotary raffle: forms submitted to dragon flies and outriggers. Need support form all members

12. 5 & 10 Championships: April 5th. 2.5, 5 and 10 confirmed. Enlist parents for assistance. Contact stand up boards, Outriggers to be invited to compete.

13. Cheryl to organize Polynesian night and contact the outriggers.

Meeting Closed 9.25 p.m.

Next meeting 17th March

CLUBHOUSE SECURITY:

Doors (Both Roller & Green door) have been left open recently.
(Early morning through the day and evening).

The problem seems to have got worse in the last month.

Most members have expensive equipment stored within the clubhouse.

It's up to everyone of us to be more aware and on guard.

No security system on earth will beat persons being alert & careful.

You! The member are our security so make sure you check all is locked up & lights are switched off before you just walk out.

GYM EQUIPMENT:

After using Gym equipment it must be stacked away against the walls leaving the rest of the floor area clear.

A **RED** line has been placed on the floor. All Gym equipment must be placed behind this line after use.

We have many ladies using the clubhouse who are in different stages of recovery after operations.

If they or anyone else should fall over this equipment it could have dire consequences on their recovery and our club.

Thank you all in anticipation of you assistance in this matter

Alan Opie Club President.

Left: Steve Vegh found the time in his very busy schedual to have a birthday.

So a few of his many freinds decided to throw an impromptue after paddle party for him. The venue was a local coffee shop where the proprietors presented Steve with a cupcake birthday cake adorned with a candle.

The March General meeting had to be canceled. Due to lack of a quorum (5 people in attendance) Not good enough members. In three weeks we have the 5 & 10's to run. Other urgent business could not be passed. Club Pres Alan Opie.



A Joke to start the day.

There was a man who worked for the Post Office whose job was to process all the mail that had illegible addresses.

One day, a letter came addressed in a shaky handwriting to God with no actual address. He thought he should open it to see what it was about.

The letter read:

Dear God,

I am an 83 year old widow, living on a very small pension.

Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100 in it, which was all the money I had until my next pension payment.

Next Sunday is Christmas, and I had invited two of my friends over for dinner.

Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with, have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope...

Can you please help me?

Sincerely Edna.

The postal worker was touched.

He showed the letter to all the other workers. Each one dug into his or her wallet and came up with a few dollars.

By the time he made the rounds, he had collected \$96, which they put into an envelope and sent to the woman.

The rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of Edna and the dinner she would be able to share with her friends.

Christmas came and went.

A few days later, another letter came from the same old lady to God.

All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened.

It read:

Dear God,

How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me?

Because of your gift of love, I was able to fix a glorious dinner for my friends.

We had a very nice day and I told my friends of your wonderful gift.

By the way, there was \$4 missing. I think it might have been those thieves at the post office.

Sincerely Edna.

December Christmas lights paddle: By Alan Opie.

If you want to be noticed at an event invite the Dragonflys Dragon boat people along.

They joined our Christmas paddle adding thirty people and two boats into our parade. They came with two drummers, a choir master who had sheet music with all the words.

Added to this was an OC6 (Six person Outrigger) This canoe was a bit subdued compared to the Dragon boats (Watch out next year).

All up we had fifty people singing and yelling to the many people who emerged from their homes to see what all the din was about. For every Merry Christmas we called out we received many back. Kids, who probably were in bed at this late hour emerged from every where. They just loved the occasion.

Many photos of our parade were taken. Thankfully for at 11.30 it could have been rocks thrown at us.

The afore mentioned Dragonflys paddlers were all lit up with portable fairy lights of all colours. The Dragon boats were similarly decorated even the dragons head were lit up showing their pearly white teeth. Thank's to Nicole Tattersall for the photos.



Left:

Launch of the Outrigger
OC6 Six person



Left: George
Vartebedian
adorned with
Christmas lighting.



Above: Neil Tatt's with headlight ablaze.

Right: Another shot of the OC6 hitting the water. Unfortunately we didn't get pic's of the amazing dragons.



PORTSEA to QUEENSCLIFF CROSSING On Sat 28th Dec By

Touring had their long awaited trip across the heads. After talking about it for 2 year's and a discussion on Xmas Eve with long time friend Rick,

it was decided that it was time to seek the next suitable window for this paddle. We were looking for an early start with light wind and a slack tide. Rick contacted me on Xmas Day informing me Sat 28th looked good.

I emailed member's of Touring, but the late notice found only Eddie Hughes available.

We planned a 7.45 am start from Portsea. We would launch near the Pub, travel 3km along the shore to the Quarantine Station before tackling the 4 km distance across to Queenscliff.

Light winds were predicted for the morning with Slack Tide at 10.00 am. We got away on time and reached The Old Quarantine Station around 8.15 am with the wind stronger than predicted making the sea's choppy. But we did have the company of a Dolphin for a short time. We then decided to proceed straight across with the first 2 km's or so to the shipping channel relatively easy.

The next 2 km's saw the swell pick up to around 1 metre, while not causing any great problems, it did slow us down and we did work harder and had to keep our wit's about us. About 1 km off shore we had a charter boat race past way too close sending up a large wake for us to contend with that made things tricky for a moment. However we landed shortly afterwards next to the Queenscliff Ferry Terminal at 9.15, 15 minutes behind schedule.

After discussing the weather for a while we decided to catch the 10.00 Ferry back to Sorrento. No extra charge for carrying kayak's. We waited at the gate to board when ex Plcc member Al Long came over and started to chat. Al was good company all the way back to Sorrento.

Having landed we then had to paddle the 4km back to Portsea to pick up our car's. To our surprise we were protected from the wind and with the weather now perfect it was a fantastic return paddle.

Many thanks go to Rick, who without his tide and wind calculations this trip would not have been possible. And to Eddie Hughes - at 71 you still beat me across ! We hope to repeat this paddle in the next few months when more member's are available and healthy. For those interested we paddled white water boat's which are great in rough weather, but are slow.



**Top Right, then
Clockwise.**
Phil Savage & Eddie.
Huhs and again.
Left: Eddie & Rick



TIME TRIAL # 5 March 9 2014 SCRATCH RESULT 5 Kms

PLACE	BIB No	Racer name	Boat type	Age	Gender	Clock Time	Kms ph
1	20	DOUGALL Mark	K1	66	M	28:55.8	10.4
2	4	OPIE Alan	TK1	72	M	29:47.8	10.1
3	23	Cheryl Scott & Neil Tattersall	TK2	54	F/M	29:48.9	10.1
4	5	POLAK George	K1	60	M	30:12.1	9.9
5	19	REYNOLDS A.manda (A J.)	K1	42	F	31:46.5	9.4
6	18	Maggie Vegh & Judy Jorgensen	TK2	55	F/F	32:43.0	9.2
7	22	LIGETI Mitchell	K1	14	J/M	34:13.8	8.8
8	7	WESTCOTT Lawrence	TK1	53	F	34:31.9	8.7
9	21	DAVIS Joanne	Spec Ski Single	34:	F	43.9	8.6
10	12	JOHNSON Kevin	TK1	69	M	37:23.9	8.0
11	11	SIMMONS Helen	TK1	59	F	39:30.6	7.6
12	14	McMILLAN Sharon	TK1	55	F	40:25.8	7.4
1	15	GALOVIC Monica	K1	11	J/F	18.29.5	8.1



Welcome back onto the water Emily Ryken. Emily has had an op on her leg a while ago and Has been a spectator for a while now as she can't get the plaster wet.



Results of Time Trial No 6 held on April 4th on Page 9

On Sat Jan 18th Touring took part in volunteering for the Disability Surfing Day.

This event takes place twice a year at Point Leo with past member Bill Hallett as one of the organiser's. Some of us in Touring decided we could lend a hand. For the record we had Roz Buzza, Eddie Hughes, Phil Savage and family Di and Ben with close friend Greg Sanders.

Our involvement included assisting with transporting individuals to the water and then forming a human column for our Surfer to pass along. With some 230 volunteer's giving heaps of encouragement to our 41 Surfer's, this was a fun and very rewarding Day. I would highly recommend to everyone these

. Anyone interested in the next one infodsamp@gmail.com.
for more details It's a great Day.



Don't they look smart in their blue "Scivies" Left - Right: Eddie Hughes, Roz Buzza, Greg Saunders, Phil & Michael Savage (Inset) Ex PLCC member Bill Hallett.

Waterways Festival: (December 2014.



The club has been associated with the festival for seven years now. We have done six. Had to postpone one year.. Where is the suburb of Waterways ? It's on the corner of Springvale & Governor Rds out the back of Mordialloc. It has a lovely lake which is ideal for paddling our plastic fantastic's on. Thanks to Kevin Johnson who has been my assistant for all those years. The only hitch was your's truly forgetting that the festival had been changed from a daylight event to an evening event. Doh. No wonder no one turned up. We went home returning later in the day. Tons of paddlers kept us very busy. The day was finished off with a great fireworks display.



Have a smile:

Q. What do you get from a pampered cow ?

A. Spoilt milk.

Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a Vampire ?

A. Frostbite.

Q. What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches

A. A Nervous wreck.

Q. How do you get Holy water ?

A. You boil the hell out of it.

Q. What do you call a boomerang that does not come back ?

A. A Stick

SPRINT REGATTA ESSENDON 18th January 2014



That's Mitchell Ligeti standing on No 2. I think this is his first podium finish. Methinks there is many more to come. Not sure where his partner has gone.



And it didn't take long here's Mitchell again.



Above Dean Garo & Monica race for home.

Left: Dean shows off his "GOLD". Far Left Tony Bond 1st Monica 2nd and Dean 3rs.



PLCC TIME TRIAL - 6 Kms FINAL PLACINGS _ ACTUAL PADDLE TIME							
Place	Bib No.	Name	Age	Gender	Actual Time	Kms/Hr	
1	22	VEGH Steve & Maggie	TK2 100+	F/M	26:52	11.2	
2	9	Junior (Steve Corney)	OC1 27	M	26:57	11.1	
3	4	OPIE Alan	K1 73	M	29:14	10.3	
4	21	TATTERSALL & SCOTT	TK2 100+	F/M	29:28	10.2	
5	13	FRASER Greg	TK1 57	M	32:37	9.2	
6	25	GOURLEY Olivia Fenn - Blue Finn	47	F	34:04	8.8	
7	7	WESTCOTT Lawrence	TK1 =	F	34:07	8.8	
8	20	Ligeti Mitchell	K1 14	M	34:09	8.8	
9	10	HALL Michael	V1 23	M	38:46	7.7	

FINAL HANDICAP PLACINGS _ ELAPSED TIMES FROM START OF TIME TRIAL

Place	Bib No.	Name	Age	Gender	Clock Time	Handicap	
1	20	Ligeti Mitchell	K1 14	M	37:09	+3:00.0	
2	10	HALL Michael	V1 23	M	38:46	+0:00.0	
3	25	GOURLEY Olivia Fenn - Blue Finn	47	F	39:04	+5:00.0	
4	7	WESTCOTT Lawrence	TK1 =	F	39:07	+5:00.0	
5	22	VEGH steve & Maggie	TK2 100+	F/M	40:52	+14:00.0	
6	9	Junior (Steve Corney)	OC1 27	M	40:57	+14:00.0	
7	4	OPIE Alan	K1 73	M	42:14	+13:00.0	
8	21	TATTERSALL & SCOTT	TK2 100+	F/M	42:28	+13:00.0	
9	13	FRASER Greg	TK1 57	M	44:37	+12:00.0	



And they are off and racing.



Steve Vegh

A lot of other PLCC paddlers (Especially Peter G's youngsters) paddled at this Regatta. Would love to have some photos. Come on parents take a camera. Ed.



Amanda Jenkins (A.J) front Mark Dougal back



Mitchell Ligeti



And the winners show off their loot..

Canoeing Victoria Marathon Championships Day 1 Essendon 22nd March 2014

Unfortunately we didn't have a camera on this day. So no pics. Neil Tattersall, George Polac, David Cole, John Lisica, Joanne Davis Andrew Morrison. and dual club members Lisa Newton & Annette Scott. Competed. Only Annette could win gold. The rest of us were either second hand roses or third place getters. Still it was a good day for racing, overcast but warmish.

Canoeing Victoria Marathon Championships Day 2 Footscray 22nd March 2014

This was a doubles day. Another great day only marred by someone leaving the GPS home. The four k course ended up being a five. Not that far you say. Well I suggest you ask Katie Cole. Katie (A former national paddler) was making this her come back race. She and husband David who finished with a second placing were to paddle 6 laps of 4 k's equalling 24 k, then go home and have a quiet night in front of the T.V. with the kids. That extra 5k would have had the little one into bed early with dad & mum following shortly after. Their journey took 2hrs 32.58 just a couple of minutes behind Michael Leverett & Kate McGrath who are our top national marathon paddlers.

Still most of us have done a Murray Marathon or two so what's a couple of k extra when you have done the long distances of that event.

Sharon McMillan had her debut race on this day. We haven't seen her since but she has assured us she will be back. Well done girl.

Steve & Maggie Vegh occupied second spot on the podium with Cheryl Scott and Neil Tatts. On third. All were beaten into minor placings by a mens team. This was Cheryl's first doubles race. Sitting in the front seat steering and wash riding like she had done it all before..Silver went to Andrew Morrison & Alan Opie.



Maggie & Steve 2nd, Cheryl & Neil 3rd



Alan & Andrew 2nd



Nothing to do with paddling
But you might find these
Amusing. Ed.



Albany Sea Kayak Symposium Mid March 2014: By Alan Opie. Club member George Vartabedian journeyed to the other side of the continent for this event held at Albany. Apart from being a lovely city with a stunning coastline, One of it's tourist attraction is the old Whaleing station. Now spruced up as a must see place.



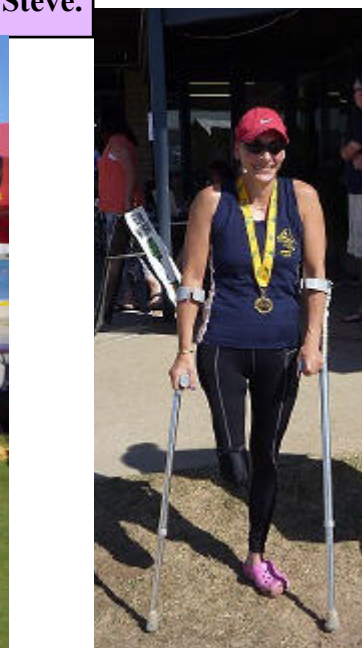
The station closed in late 1970 or early 1980. In 1970 I and my family arrived on dusk. And set up camp on the beach. It was a beaut evening but a torrid night with a severe storm raging. The city was blacked out which meant that the Whaleing station couldn't process the whales. In the morning when the power had been restored we ventured down for a look see. If anyone has been near an abatoir they would know the smell of rending It stinks to high heaven. Well this was the station. I guess one didn't know any better in those day's the sight of these huge creatures being cut up by men walking inside the carcase as it towered over each side of them. My wife and daughter didn't go anywhere near the place but sons and I were facsinated. The smell gets into your pores. We were banned from the camper-van for quite a while. Hopefully the slaughter has ended. Thanks for the photos George.



The old Whaleing station.



**AUSTRALIAN SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS 26th to 29th March 2014.
WEST LAKES. ADELAIDE S.A. Photos by Steve Vegh. Thank you Steve.**



Top: A.J. Showing off her Gold.

Above: The Victorians. L to R. Steve Vegh, Kienin Dews, The Viking, Kierin Carson, Samantha Sylvester, Jarrad Campbell, ?? Peter Gargioulou, Front Imagen, Brea Roadley, Nathalie Walkington, Malina Ahrens & Tom. Unfortunately a few paddlers are not in the pic Chris Martin had to go home. Ill. Luke Buckthorpe and others were not available.



Right: Looking very much "Mr Cool", Jarrad Campbell takes a rest



Left: The Ladies: Imagen, Brea, Nathalie, Marlina & Samantha,
Below: The Lads: The Viking, Kierin Jarrad & Tom.:



Left. Marlina & Nat.



More pic's from Adelaide:



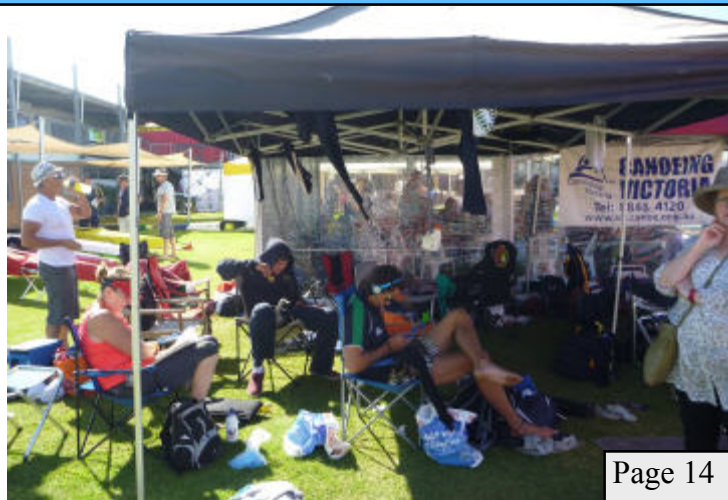
Above: Maggie Vegh Mark Dougal, Dean Garo Amanda A.J Reynolds



Above: Rest time for Jarrad Campbell, Kierin Carson (At the back) and Chris Martin..



More pic's. Championship results are on the wall as yo walk in through the green door.



5 & 10 Championships



Patterson River Carrum 5th April 14
by Alan Opie.

The 5 & 10's have had a dismal history the last couple of years with cancellations and weather. The event has always been classed as a Sprint event. Sprint have not the personnel to run the event so in partnership with marathon the club took on the task to rejuvenate this one time popular event. The date was selected by others. I need a kick in the rear as I didn't check to see if the date clashed with anything else. Especially school holiday. We were rewarded as the MLC girls selecting to paddle instead of holidaying. A big thank you to them. The event itself is easy to run with limited person power. I am not sure how well it is known but Parks Victoria have levied a one thousand dollar fee on events of this kind.

It's a long story but after explaining to them the work we do with community, schools, People with physical and intellectual problems and the fact that we do not use any of their infrastructure Parks decided that the fees be waived for 2014. One up for the working class.

Speaking of working. Thanks must go to the merry band of helpers. Gillian Gibson & Rick Ryken in the kitchen and BBQ. Jason Ceddia on the start finish line. Helen Simmons who climbed out of her sick bed to attend to any wounded that might turn up at her first Aid post, Kevin Johnson general runabout and safety boat crew. The two Opie boys, Denis and Malcome for manning the number two safety boat, Andrew Morrison, plus anyone else I have forgotten.

Steve Vegh, Neil Tattersall, John Lisica who set out the course then competed. Thanks also to Joanne Davis, Jenny Blakey, Joanne Davis & Don Pocock for their apologies re not being available.



Touring: **Hawkesbury trip By Phil Savage.**

We had our first trip across the border to the Hawkesbury River (about 1 hour north west of Sydney).

Our group included Phil Savage, Eddie Hughes, Greg Sanders, Maggie and Joe Mc Pherson. Phil, Greg and Eddie left Cheltenham at 6.00 am on Sunday 23rd March for our overnight stay at Kiama, meeting up with Maggie and Joe.

Monday morning saw the rain set in but the Rock Pool was too inviting, so we had to swim before following the coast up north.

Beautiful beaches all along this area on our way to our camp site at the Cattai National Park for the next 2 night's. On arrival the torrential rain stopped and all was clear for camping beside the Hawkesbury.

Tuesday saw us paddle in both directions to enjoy the great scenery this area has to offer. A really real beautiful camping area with dozens of Kangaroo's all around.

Wed saw us hit the road for the Blue Mountains and a stop off at friend's of Greg's near Katoomba. Another beautiful area but the rain set in again and heavy mist prevented any views. It was then decided we would be better off in Sydney and traveled down to Kirribilli staying at a Hotel only 100 mts from the Prime Minister and Governor General.

Thursday morning saw more rain but very mild so we set out on foot and walked across the Harbour Bridge, took in The Observatory, The Rocks, Circular Quay, around the Royal Botanic Gardens to Woolloomooloo.

Here Eddie tried one of the famous pies from Harry's Cafe de Wheels pie cart. Meat pie with mash potato, peas and gravy on top. This was one of many pies that Greg and Eddie indulged in over the week.

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Hawksbury trip continued.



On returning to the Hotel the rain cleared and at 4.00 pm we decided to paddle Sydney Harbour. We found the perfect launching area only 200 mts away at a disused Ferry Wharf opposite the Opera House and next to the Prime Minister's place. Tony didn't seem to mind so we jumped in and headed for Fort Denison. As we approached a Pilot boat came along side and asked us to keep an eye on the huge cargo ship right behind us. No worries we ducked around the fort and headed back towards the Harbour Bridge. Peak hour traffic saw ferry's in every direction, giving off plenty of wash to bounce off the walls. Our group of 3 paddler's, Eddie, Maggie and Phil aimed for Goat Island. Once around we headed back with more traffic than Burke St. While not giving us any real trouble, we just needed to keep our wits about us and be cautious. After about an hour we arrived back at our ferry wharf and celebrated with a swim.



Friday we took the Ferry to Manly for the Spit walk and a swim in the Surf.

Saturday we were on the road by 5.00am and back home at 4.00pm.

We had many good meals together over the week and my companions were the best of company, which I must thank them for their easy going behavior and joint cooperation.



Thanks Guys!! it was a great trip I will always remember. Phil.

