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# WELCOME

**Paddle Queensland Incorporated is proud to present the following report to its members and external stakeholders for the purpose of reporting operational and financial performance for the year 2021-2022.**

This Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of the services delivered by Paddle Queensland Incorporated (PQ), the state sporting association to PQ affiliated clubs, members, stakeholders and the broader community. The information contained in this report is taken from a variety of sources and from information gathered through our internal governance structure, including the Board, Technical Committees and Staff.

The report is designed to provide the stakeholders and the general public with concise information about our objectives, strategies and performance during the past year in line with our Strategic Plan. This report also reflects our performance across the technical committees and demonstrates our continued commitment to responding to the needs of affiliated clubs and the Queensland paddle sports community.

Member Clubs of PQ are living in an environment of continual and rapid change and are requesting better and more integrated services to engage and retain their members. One of PQs challenges is to seek new and innovative ways to respond to each clubs requirements. Through regular meetings and events across the State, PQ are able to engage with each club and discuss their needs and how we can work together to improve the communities needs.

Achieving Our Vision of 'A united paddling community' can only be achieved if all parties are working for the common goal. By ensuring Our Values of 'Collaboration, Inclusiveness, Transparency and Excellence are front of mind as we approach each task will ensure the creation of a positive environment for all.

Paddle Queensland's Member Clubs were invited to include a submission of their respective annual reports outlining activities, events and highlights from the year 2020-2021 for your review.



## HISTORY

Paddle Queensland Incorporated began as a result of many paddlers wishing to represent their own State in competitions and grew from an active, largely recreational base with the Queensland Canoe Club in the 1930’s, 40’s and 50’s.

In 1962 Sallyanne and Garry Gardner of the Queensland Canoe Club formed the Queensland Amateur Canoe Federation with the Indooroopilly Canoe Club as the first affiliated member club and in 2022 Paddle Queensland will turn 60!

The Queensland Amateur Canoe Federation was formed to become recognised by the Australian Canoe Federation and the Queensland Olympic Council, so that competitive paddlers could paddle for Queensland and have the opportunity to become an Olympian.

In 1984 the Queensland Amateur Canoe Federation became incorporated under the Incorporations Act of 1981 and in 1994 changed its name to Queensland Canoeing Incorporated.

The next milestone of Queensland Canoeing Incorporated history took place at the 2018 Annual General Meeting, when the name of the organisation was changed to Paddle Queensland Incorporated to better represent the wide array of paddle sports on offer and to align with Paddle Australia and State Associations.

Paddle Queensland’s main revenue stream is supplied from the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport. Paddle Queensland would also like to acknowledge the critical role our affiliated member clubs, their members, our recreational and educational programs and successful grant applications play in developing paddle sports each and every year.

Paddle Queensland is here today because of our clubs and members who have and continue to volunteer their time and effort in what ever capacity they can to keep the sport they love alive.

To those who were around in the early days and to those who are just joining us, we thank you!

## LIFE MEMBERS

YEAR	LIFE MEMBER	CLUB	SERVICE TO
1981	Sally Anne Gardner	Indooroopilly	the sport of canoeing
	Julie Robertson	Logan	the sport of canoeing
	Gary Gardner OAM (Dec)	Indooroopilly	the sport of canoeing
1997	Keith Bromham	Maryborough	the sport of canoeing
1998	Bernie Dobe	Tinaroo	education and canoeing
	Gary Innes	Wynnum Redlands	education and canoeing
1999	Digby Huffman	Wynnum Redlands	the sport of canoeing
2000	Lenore Solomon	Ipswich District	the sport of canoe polo
2001	Keith Hemmings	-	the sport of canoeing
	Craig Humbley	Frogs Hollow	the sport of canoeing
2004	Myra Holm	Nerang	the sport of canoeing
	Ian Muir	Indooroopilly	the sport of canoeing
2006	Josephine Holman	Currumbin Creek	the sport of canoeing
2009	Jeremy Dunn	Fitzroy	the sport of canoeing
2011	John Newton (Dec)	Currumbin Creek	the sport of canoeing
2017	Ross Cook	-	the sport of canoeing
2017	Chris Hurley	Varsity Lakes	the sport of canoeing
2021	Donald Leigh	Brothers Canoe Club	the sport of canoe polo

# ABOUT PADDLE QUEENSLAND

Paddle Queensland (PQ) is one of six State Paddle Associations affiliated with Paddle Australia, the peak national body for paddling in Australia.

With 29 affiliated member clubs and over 1300 members, PQ is committed to ensuring the highest level of support, service and customer satisfaction is provided to our community by upholding Our Values of 'Collaboration, Inclusiveness, Transparency and Excellence'.

PQ is focused on delivering Our Vision of 'A united paddling community' through the defined objectivities and initiatives of the 2020-2024 Paddling in Australia Strategic Plan.

The Paddling In Australia Strategic Plan includes five key pillars which will guide our focus until 2024:

## 1. PARTICIPATION:

An inclusive and active paddling community.

## 2. DEVELOPMENT:

Clear pathways supporting more people.

## 3. PERFORMANCE:

Constant medal winning performances with athletes who inspire and promote excellence.

## 4. SUSTAINABILITY:

Strengthening paddling in Queensland.

## 5. STAKEHOLDERS:

A network which delivers value to our community.

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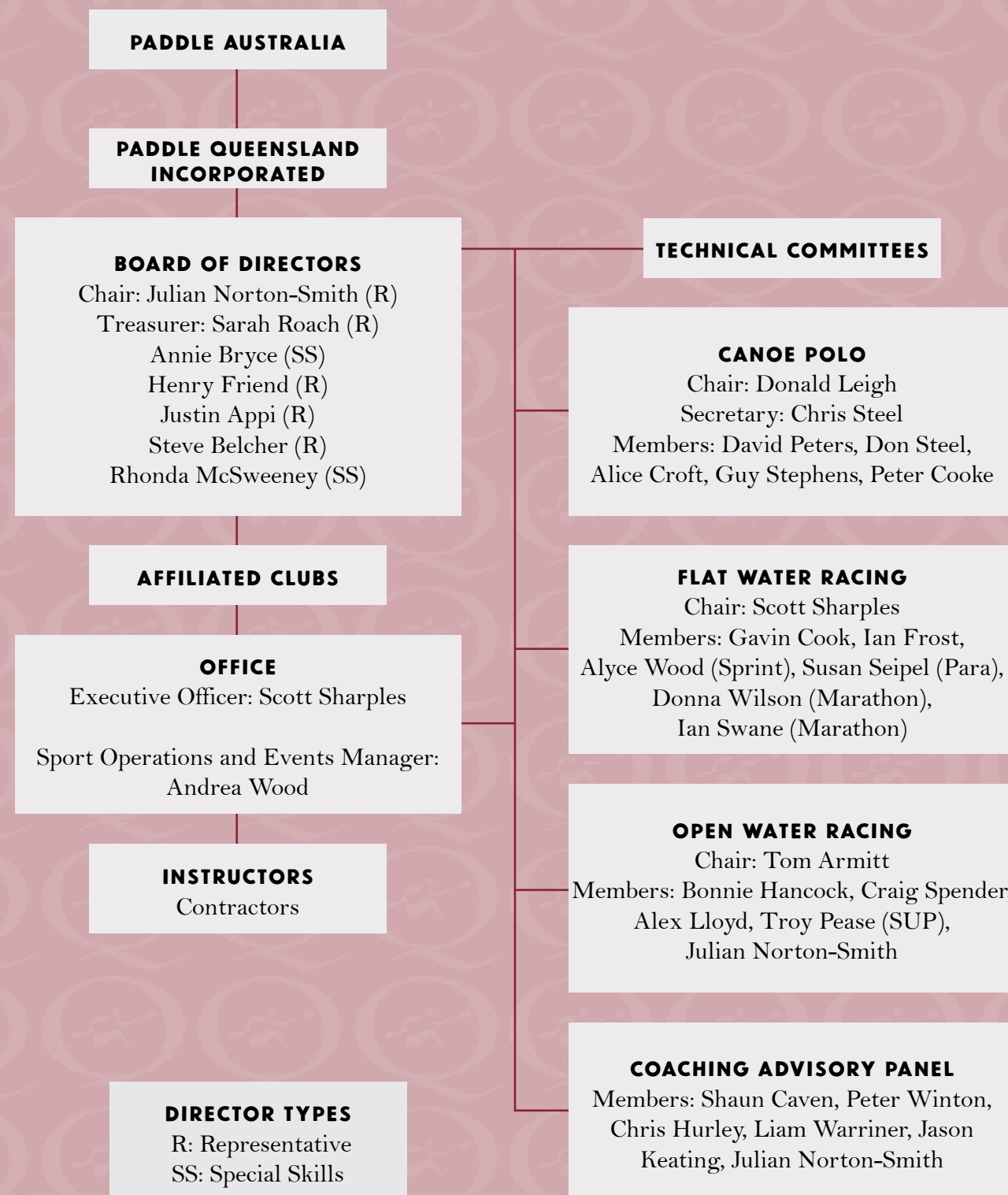
Sport Operations and Events Manager

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**PADDLE QUEENSLAND WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, INNOVATION AND SPORT FOR THEIR ONGOING GENEROUS SUPPORT.**

# ORGANISATION STRUCTURE





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**PRESIDENT  
• CHAIR:**

**JULIAN  
NORTON-SMITH**



**JUSTIN  
APPI**



**SARAH  
ROACH**



**RHONDA  
MCSWEENEY**



**HENRY  
FRIEND**



**STEVE  
BELCHER**



**ANNIE  
BRYCE**

## PRESIDENT REPORT

Paddle Queensland has once again experienced several challenges over the past 12 months. Post COVID, we all believed that 2022 would be a rebuilding year and hoped that all our members could get back to normal with social paddles, club programs and state events. While we have all worked towards this goal, the Brisbane floods as well as 12 months of unseasonal weather has seen us struggle for another year.

The 2021-2022 period saw Paddle Queensland once again in a rebuilding year. This past year was focused on showing the benefit of being a Paddle Queensland member and moving forward on past promises that Paddle Queensland was here for all members and all disciplines. We had a midyear staff change and I would like to take this moment to welcome Andrea Wood to the team. Our Executive Officer, Scott Sharples has once again been able to action several key items both on and off the water which we are truly grateful for.

For an organisation to be strong and build stronger relationships with its clubs and members, the board now feels Paddle Queensland has the right team in place to move us forward on several key projects planned for the 2022-2023 period.

2023 will see a greater shift towards our recreational community. This non-competitive cohort makes up ninety percent of our membership and covers multiple disciplines. Paddle Queensland's focus in 2023 is to provide more training and education days to support our clubs improve the skills of their members.

Our goal is to run skills, safety and supporter workshops with the assistance of our staff, professional coaches, trainers and officials. These workshops will target several core areas which will directly support and improve the overall paddle experience. Our end goal is to support our members and volunteers gain the necessary skills and confidence across all aspects of the sport leading to increased participation in their clubs regular activities.

We are truly thankful to the volunteers across all levels of our sport. This holds true to our board members who have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to help the office develop structures and provide guidance over the past years. We value their input and are thankful for the time they can spare.

Unfortunately, two of our board members are stepping down and I would like to say a special thank you to Rhonda McSweeney for her time on the Board. Rhonda helped finalise several financial sponsors which enabled Paddle Queensland to purchase our development yellow K1's. These boats have helped several club's run 'Come 'N' Try' days and get 'More juniors Paddling, More of the Time'.

The past year saw two new board members in Justin Appi and Sarah Roach join Paddle Queensland. Justin is a member of the Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club and came onto the board as a Representative Director. Since joining the Board, Justin has been working on our new website which is now live. Sarah came on the board as a Special Skills Director to fill the Treasurer role and shortly after joining relocated to Sydney, leaving little time to commit to the role and subsequently has resigned. I would also like to thank Sarah for her time on the board.



2022 saw another strong year in running state and local events. Paddle Queensland hosted the Paddle Australia 2022 Canoe Marathon Championships at Coomera Lake where several Queensland paddlers produced remarkable results. Paddle Queensland will host the Paddle Australia 2023 Canoe Ocean Racing Championships in May which will also act as the National Team selection event for the upcoming ICF Ocean Racing World Championships scheduled for November in Western Australia.

I would ask all members to help the board and the office by providing feedback on what your club, members and disciplines need assistance with. We are all at 100% capacity and while Paddle Queensland has several pillars to work towards, **OUR NUMBER ONE FOCUS IS YOU**, our members.

I would like to thank each club's volunteers, their members, the Paddle Queensland staff and my fellow board members on another solid year.



Julian Norton-Smith  
President and Chair

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

### BRISBANE ANNOUNCED AS THE 2032 OLYMPIC GAMES HOST CITY!

While we all cheered on our Tokyo 2020 Canoe Sprint and Canoe Slalom Olympic and Paralympic athletes, news broke that Brisbane would host the 2032 Olympic Games. While the Brisbane Olympics years may seem an eternity away, plans are in full swing to develop and create Olympic standard facilities by late 2026/early 2027. The new facilities will provide Queenslanders with world-class facilities, help raise the profile of paddlesports and improve accessibility for past, current and future generations of paddlers.

**PADDLE QUEENSLAND HAS BEEN SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF THE WHITEWATER COMMUNITY AND IS CONSULTING ON THE PROPOSED OLYMPIC WHITEWATER VENUE TO ENSURE THE SITE WILL BE FIT FOR PURPOSE AS A LEGACY VENUE. WE ARE ALSO WORKING WITH CLUBS AND COMMUNITY TO BE POSITIONED READY FOR USE ONCE THE SITE BECOMES OPERATIONAL. IN NORTH QUEENSLAND, WE HAVE FOUNDED A NORTHERN OLD WHITEWATER SUB-COMMITTEE WITH THE EXPRESSED FOCUS OF REPRESENTING NORTHERN PADDLERS AND THE GROUP HAS ALREADY BEGUN WORKING ON ADVOCATING FOR RECREATIONAL PADDLING ON HYDRO-ASSETS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO A LONGSTANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMUNITY.**

**HENRY FRIEND, DIRECTOR**

As we started to return to the 'new normal', regular paddling activity started to return.

Participation in our Brisbane City Council and Moreton Bay Regional Council recreational activities started to return to pre covid numbers.

Two new Sporting School programs were run in Term 4 for Livingstone College and Miami State High School for over 20 students.

The Pacific Coast Sprint Series was the first new series developed co-hosted with the Gold Coast Outrigger Canoe Club and the Lake Orr crew of the Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club. Six events were run over three months and supported by over 200 paddlers.

The Hervey Bay PaddleFest was the first regional event held in conjunction with the Hervey Bay Surf Lifesaving Club and our local Member Club the Hervey Bay Outrigger Canoe Club. The two-day event attracted over 200 participants who were able to experience a range of paddle craft including Ocean Skis, Stand Up Paddle boards, Sit-On-Top Kayaks, Outrigger Canoes and Dragon Boats. Due to the weather impacting the start of 2022 the scheduled 2022 event has been rescheduled for early 2023.

The long running Pacific Coast Marathon Series started strong with 122 paddlers taking to the waters of Currumbin Creek. Unfortunately, the strong start to the did not continue with numbers declining for the remaining rounds. Race 2 was supported by 107 paddlers, Race 3 81, Race 4 was cancelled due to the return of COVID restrictions and Race 5 saw 66 paddlers take to the water around Varsity Lakes.



To provide our Clubs with the opportunity greater engage with the office and their fellow Clubs, the first Presidents Meeting returned in August with over 10 clubs in attendance. The August meeting focused on understanding the needs and requirements of each club and how they are currently positioned following the severe weather events and ongoing impacts of COVID.

With the addition of Justin Appi to the Board of Paddle Queensland we gained the skills of a seasoned IT expert who was set the task of modernising our website in the hope of increasing the ease of navigation for all website visitors.

**FOLLOWING AN INTENSIVE SIX MONTHS OUR NEW WEBSITE WAS LAUNCHED ON THE 1ST JULY 2022 AS THE PREVIOUS WEBSITE TIED TO PADDLE AUSTRALIA'S OLD TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM WAS NOT ABLE TO SUPPORT OUR OBJECTIVES MOVING FORWARD. BENEFITS OF OUR NEW SITE INCLUDE:**

- **MORE CONTEMPORARY LOOK AND FEEL**
- **TOOLS TO SUPPORT STRONGER ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR MEMBERS AND CLUBS E.G. EVENT CALENDAR AND CLUB FINDER**
- **REFINED AND REFRESHED INFORMATION FOR THE PADDLING COMMUNITY AND POTENTIAL PADDLERS**
- **GREATER AUTONOMY FOR ADMINISTRATION OVER CONTENT MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**
- **ANALYTICS THAT PROVIDE INSIGHTS INTO HOW THE SITE IS BEING USED ALLOWING PADDLE QUEENSLAND TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ON FUTURE DIGITAL STRATEGY**

**JUSTIN APPI, DIRECTOR**

October saw the return of the Canoe Sprint and Canoe Marathon School Championships. 120 students took part in a great weekend of paddling on Lake Coomera. November saw the second running of the Canoe Ocean Racing Championships. 80 paddlers took part in overcast conditions on the Gold Coast.

As we moved closer to the end of 2021, Paddle Queensland welcomed Donald Leigh as its newest Life Member following his contributions to the sport of Canoe Polo.

Following the successful return of a live and in person Awards evening, the following members received Paddle Queensland Awards:

#### **MASTER PADDLER OF THE YEAR**

Gavin Cook of the Brisbane Paddling Club

#### **JUNIOR PADDLER OF THE YEAR**

Claudia Bailey of the Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club

#### **PARACANOEIST OF THE YEAR**

Curtis McGrath of the Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club

#### **INSTRUCTOR/GUIDE OF THE YEAR**

Allana Bold of the Sandgate Paddlers Club

#### **CLUB COACH OF THE YEAR**

Andrea Wood of the Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club

#### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

David Knight of the Brisbane Paddling Club

#### **EVENT OF THE YEAR**

Pacific Coast Sprint Series hosted by the Lake Orr crew of the Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club

#### **CLUB OF THE YEAR**

The Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club

#### **PHOTO OF THE YEAR**

Csilla Faller





To provide recognition to the diverse range of disciplines that are unique to paddlesports and to recognise the efforts of both male and female members the following members received discipline specific Paddle Queensland Awards:

**MASTER MALE OCEAN RACING PADDLER OF THE YEAR**

Julian Norton-Smith of the Brisbane Paddling Club

**MASTER MALE CANOE MARATHON PADDLER OF THE YEAR**

Gavin Cook of the Brisbane Paddling Club

**MASTER FEMALE CANOE MARATHON PADDLER OF THE YEAR**

Marilyn Drynan of the North West Canoe Club

**OPEN MALE PARACANOEIST OF THE YEAR**

Curtis McGrath of the Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club

**OPEN FEMALE PARACANOEIST OF THE YEAR**

Susan Seipel of Brisbane Canoeing

**JUNIOR MALE CANOE SPRINT PADDLER OF THE YEAR**

Joshua Parkinson of the Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club

**JUNIOR FEMALE CANOE SPRINT PADDLER OF THE YEAR**

Claudia Bailey of the Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club

**JUNIOR MALE CANOE MARATHON PADDLER OF THE YEAR**

Joshua Parkinson of the Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club

**JUNIOR FEMALE CANOE MARATHON PADDLER OF THE YEAR**

Eva Hosking of Brisbane Canoeing

**CANOE MARATHON PADDLER OF THE YEAR**

Gavin Cook of the Brisbane Paddling Club

**CANOE SPRINT PADDLER OF THE YEAR**

Claudia Bailey of the Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club

**CANOE OCEAN RACING PADDLER OF THE YEAR**

Julian Norton-Smith of the Brisbane Paddling Club

**CANOE SPRINT CLUB COACH OF THE YEAR**

Andrea Wood of the Varsity Lakes Paddlers Club

**CANOE MARATHON CLUB COACH OF THE YEAR**

Julian Norton-Smith of the Brisbane Paddling Club

**CANOE OCEAN RACING CLUB COACH OF THE YEAR**

Julian Norton-Smith of the Brisbane Paddling Club

To wrap up 2021, 120 volunteers and 39 member clubs were acknowledged for their contributions to paddling with personalised messages, certificates of appreciation and volunteer pins were mailed to our hardworking, dedicated community who play an integral role in driving the future of the sport.

Our focus in 2022 is to 'Develop pathways our stakeholders value which strengthens and provides sustainability to the paddling community'. To help the office achieve its goals of increasing paddling's profile, developing paddlers' skills and creating unique events, Andrea Wood was appointed to the role of Sports Operations and Event Manager following Eden Williamson's departure to join Paddle Australia.

Following a mixed response rate returning to paddling in 2021, 2022 provided all Queenslanders with a new set of challenges. From gale force winds to devastating rainfalls' the severe weather conditions that caused widespread flooding across Queensland put a halt to almost all paddling activities over the January to March period. Historically the January to March period is a hive of paddling activity and events including recreation, education, club events and the State Championships.

Unfortunately, due to the aforementioned weather events multiple events were cancelled including the Canoe Marathon and Canoe Sprint State Championships which were cancelled twice during this period. The 2022 State Championships will be combined with the School Championships and will run in October and December this year.

The first event Paddle Queensland was able to run was the return of the Paddle Australia Canoe Marathon Championships in late April. Due to COVID the Championships had not run since 2019 and following the recent weather events, the Queensland paddling community were ready to return to racing.





**PADDLE QUEENSLAND WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PADDLERS SELECTED IN THE BELOW AUSTRALIAN TEAMS.**

NAME	DISCIPLINE	EVENT	TEAM	CLUB
Alexandra Clark	Canoe Sprint	Worlds	Under 23	Sunshine Coast Paddlesports
Aly Bull	Canoe Sprint	Worlds	Womens	Sunshine Coast Paddlesports
Alyssa Bailey	Canoe Sprint	Worlds	Junior	Currumbin Creek Paddlers
Alyssa Bailey	Canoe Sprint	Asia Pacific	Under 18	Currumbin Creek Paddlers
Armand le Roux	Canoe Marathon	Worlds	Masters	Sandgate Paddling
Benjamin Manning	Canoe Sprint	Worlds	Under 23	Varsity Lakes Paddlers
Brianna Massie	Ocean Racing	Worlds	2022	Kawana Waters Canoe
Claudia Bailey	Canoe Sprint	Worlds	Junior	Currumbin Creek Paddlers
	Canoe Sprint	Asia Pacific	Under 18	
Daniel Mole	Canoe Marathon	Worlds	Under 23	Wynnum Redlands Canoe
Greg Powell	Ocean Racing	Worlds	2022	Currumbin Creek Paddlers
Jackson Collins	Canoe Sprint	Worlds	Mens	Paddle Queensland
	Ocean Racing	Worlds	2022	
Jasmine Rayward	Canoe Marathon	Worlds	Under 18	Currumbin Creek Paddlers
	Canoe Sprint	Worlds	Junior	
	Canoe Sprint	Asia Pacific	Under 18	
	Ocean Racing	Worlds	2022	
Jean van der Westhuyzen	Canoe Sprint	Worlds	Mens	Paddle Queensland
Jenaya Massie	Canoe Sprint	Asia Pacific	Under 21	Paddle Queensland
Kate Regan	Canoe Sprint	Asia Pacific	Under 18	Paddle Queensland
Linda Davis	Ocean Racing	Worlds	2022	Gold Coast Outrigger Canoe
Noah Havard	Canoe Sprint	Worlds	Under 23	Paddle Queensland
Pieree van der Westhuyzen	Canoe Sprint	Worlds	Under 23	Paddle Queensland
	Canoe Sprint	Asia Pacific	Under 21	
Stuart Bryson	Canoe Marathon	Worlds	Masters	Brisbane Canoeing
Susan Seipel	Paracanoe	Worlds	Womens	Brisbane Canoeing
Tom Green	Canoe Sprint	Worlds	Under 23	Varsity Lakes Paddlers
Ziah Peisker	Canoe Sprint	Asia Pacific	Under 16	Paddle Queensland

Once again, the weather was not in our favour providing challenging conditions across the entire weekend, but due to the dedication of the paddling community the event ran with only one change. As the weather started to return to normal, we were able to work with our member clubs once again and recommence the Pacific Coast Marathon Series in June (the first event scheduled in May having been also postponed due to bad weather).

While the severe weather events impacted our plans to Activate Queenslanders, it provided the office time to reflect on Our Member Services and provide an overview of the services Paddle Queensland provides its Member Clubs and Members and it is my pleasure to present the 2023 Paddle Queensland Overview which has been developed to support our Clubs, their members and the wider paddle sports community.

This presentation provides a comprehensive overview detailing how Paddle Queensland is working to achieve its vision of creating a state-wide United Paddling Community. It identifies the current affiliated clubs by geographical location and dissects the various disciplines of paddling in a graphical format to show interesting feedback on where members' paddling interests lie. Most importantly, it highlights the benefits of membership of Clubs and Paddle Queensland.

**THE KEY PADDLE QUEENSLAND MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- Protection by the National Insurance Program for paddlers, clubs and volunteers for Personal Accident and Public Liability insurance, 24/7, worldwide;
- Access to skills, safety, and supporter workshops, leadership programs and qualified coaches to ensure you stay safe on the water;
- Advocating the interests of paddling to all levels of government to improve water access, safety and sustainability;
- Dedicated full time support staff to help you and your club stay safe both on and off the water; and
- Discounts at Paddle Queensland sanctioned events.

Once again our goals were heavily impacted due to the severe weather conditions, ongoing COVID restrictions and the time frames required for the outdoor industry to rebuild but none of that stifled our appetite to show up and represent the Paddling community as a whole. We remain ready and able to continue to support the progression of Paddle sports throughout the State at all levels.

Paddle Queensland, through the office team and the Board, is committed to ensure that the highest level of support, service and member satisfaction is provided to our community through upholding Our Values of 'Collaboration, Inclusiveness, Transparency and Excellence' as we continue to develop frameworks to improve the knowledge and skills across our community.

I would like to thank the community for their support over the past year and look forward to working with you as we endeavour to increase the profile of the sport across the great State of Queensland.

Yours in paddling,



Scott Sharples, Executive Officer



**Paddle  
QLD** 

# 2023 Member Services Overview

September 2022

*More People Paddling, More of the Time.*



## Welcome

It is my pleasure to present the 2023 Paddle Queensland Overview which has been developed to support our Clubs, their members and the wider paddle sports community.

Paddle Queensland is a not-for-profit sporting organisation. Without your help we could not operate and provide the vital services that you deserve and expect in your local paddling events.

Your membership contribution helps us to provide valuable resources towards our participation programs, technical officials, event sanctioning, coaching and insurance for you, volunteers and officials. All this with the assurance that your annual membership fee is contributing to the growth and development of paddle sports in Queensland.

We all know that leading an active lifestyle is good for us. If we participate in regular physical exercise, we can expect to enjoy multiple physical and mental health benefits and by taking good care of our body, is one of the most important things we can do to improve our mental wellbeing.

Physical exercise makes you feel good, lifts your mood, increases your energy levels and improves your sleep. A well-balanced and nutritious diet, provides you with the right balance of nutrients to work at your very best and able to handle life's day to day challenges.

After a day of physical exercise, coupled with a well-balanced and nutritious diet, the last way to improve our overall wellbeing is to get more rest. By aiming for eight hours of sleep a day, you will provide your body with important downtime to process and store the information it receives during the day.

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Feeling connected to people, groups, places and culture also plays an important role in our mental wellbeing. We have evolved to live in tight bands and family groups, with a need for constant social interaction. Fostering and nurturing stronger relationships and connections in our community will also strengthen your social networks for when you might need extra support.

Spending time in nature has major benefits for your mental wellbeing and has also been shown to have wider health benefits including, building your immune system, lowering your blood pressure, improving your mood, reducing stress and there is no better way to embrace nature than paddling.

When your spending time in nature it also allows you to get more exposure to the sun which helps produce mood-stabilising chemicals such as serotonin, while also giving your Vitamin D levels a boost which helps regulate your sleep-wake cycles.

I hope the below provides an insight on how we are working to achieve our vision of 'A united paddling community.'

Yours in paddling,



Scott Sharples  
Executive Officer

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## Executive Summary

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If you or your club is not affiliated with Paddle Queensland, it is highly likely that you are missing out on all these benefits. Read on and learn all about Paddle Queensland's initiatives and activities planned for 2023.

## Paddle Queensland Overview

## Who is Paddle Queensland



Paddle Queensland exists to promote, support and coordinate all levels and all types of paddlesports in Queensland.

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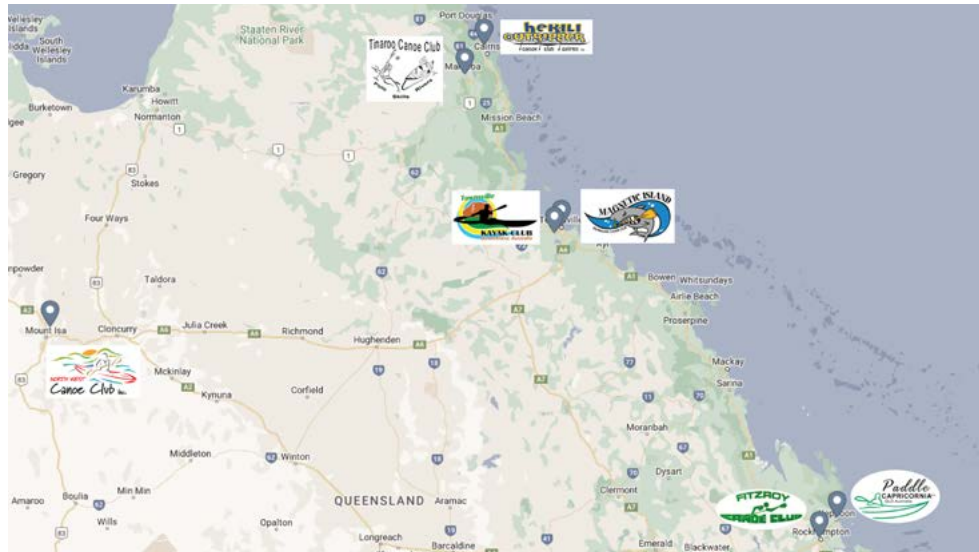
## Affiliated Clubs



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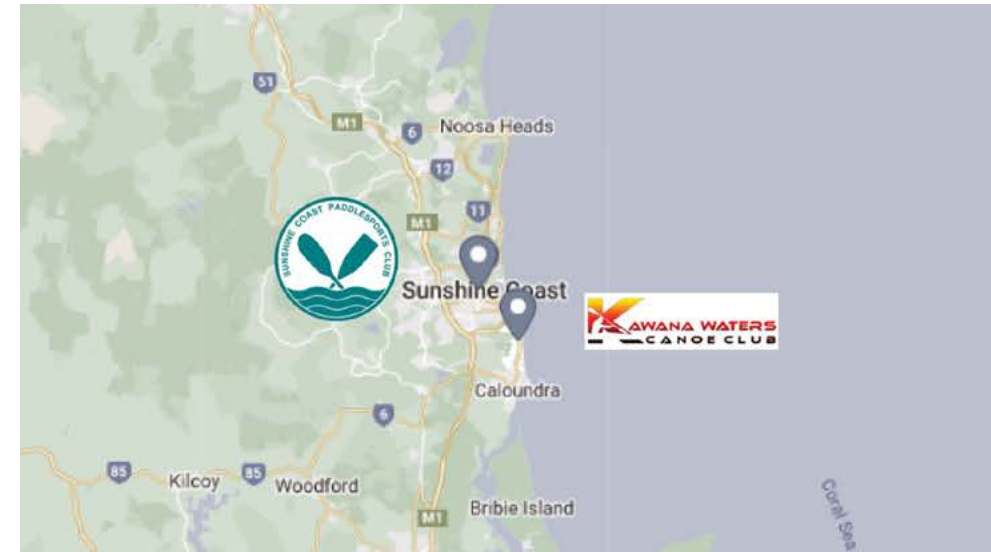
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## Sunshine Coast



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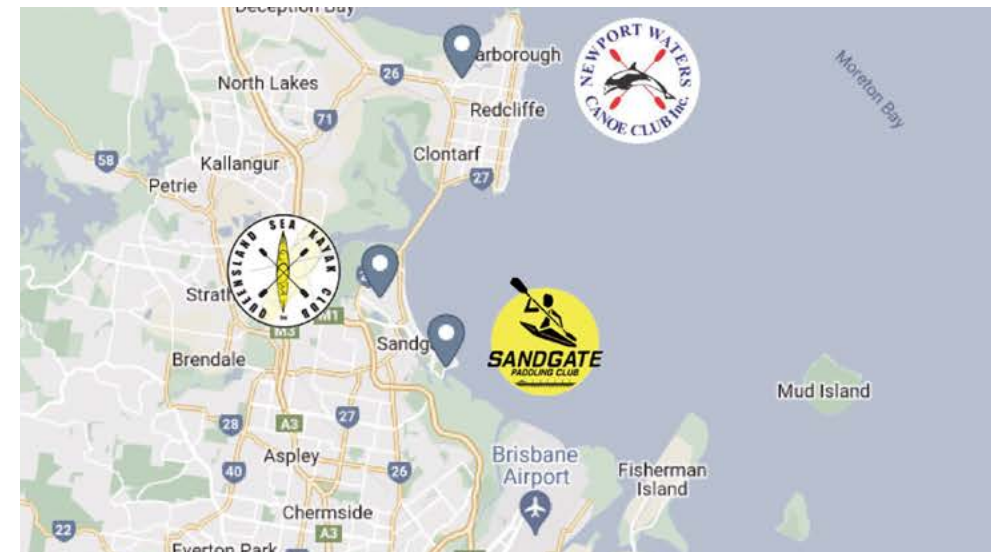
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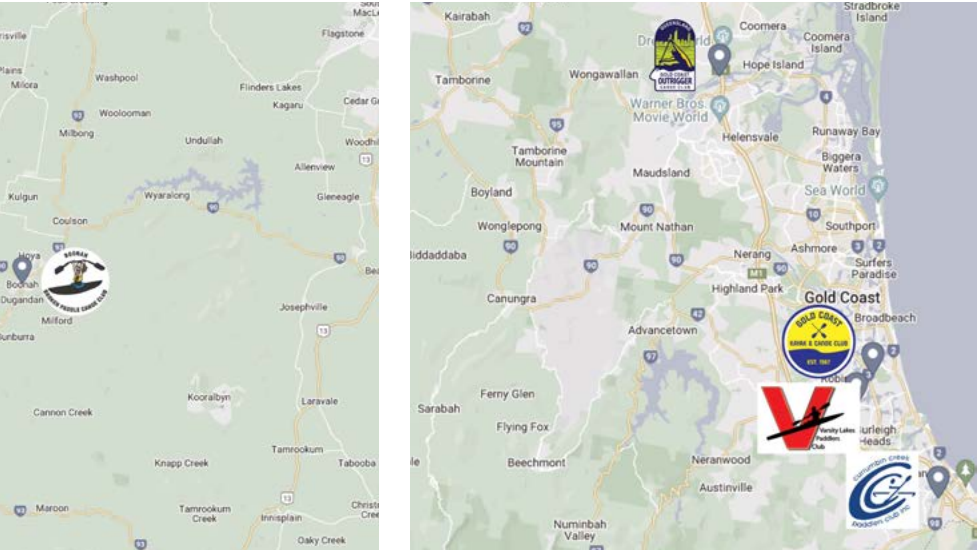


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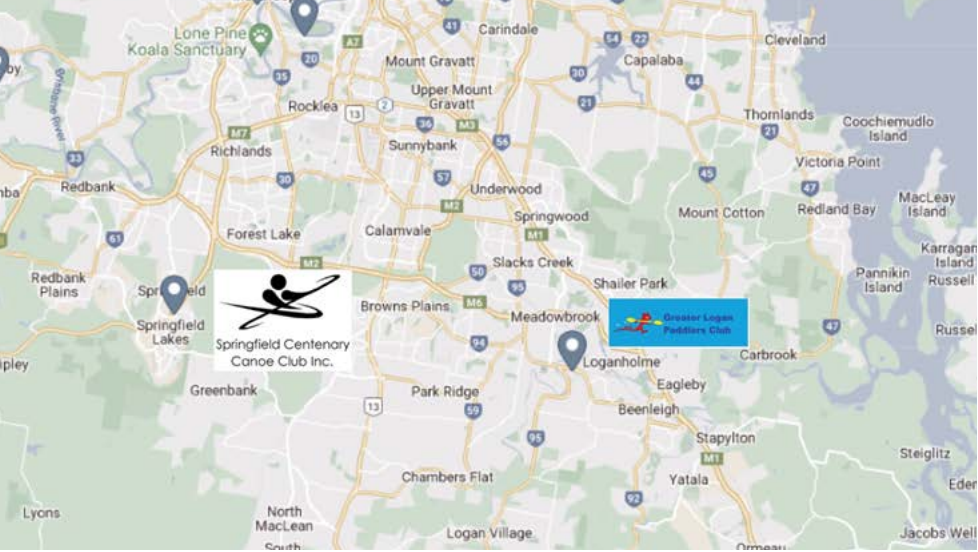
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Gold Coast



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Brisbane South



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Northern New South Wales



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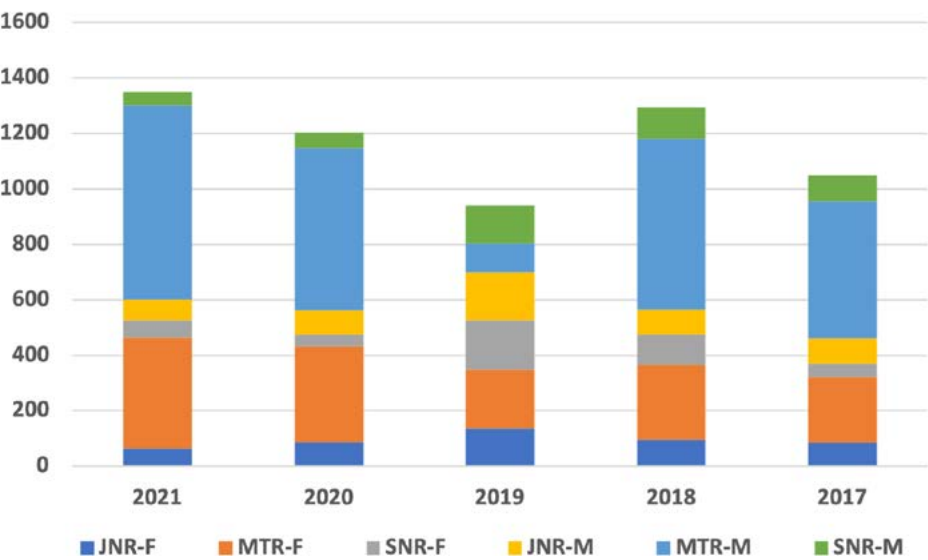


Life Members



Paddle Queensland Life Membership is awarded to individuals who have rendered distinguished or special service to Paddling in Queensland.

Membership Overview



Membership Breakdown

Type	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Female	525	474	525	475	370
Junior	63	88	137	95	84
Masters	401	344	213	271	238
Open	61	42	175	109	48
Male	826	729	416	820	679
Junior	75	88	176	89	93
Masters	702	586	102	618	491
Open	49	55	138	113	95
Grand Total	1351	1203	941	1295	1049
MEMBERSHIP SHIFT					
Year on Year	112%	128%	73%	123%	100%
Past 3 Years	144%	128%	100%		

1981-2001	
1981	Sally Anne Gardner
1981	Gary Gardner (OAM) (dec.)
	Julie Robertson
1997	Keith Bromham (dec.)
1998	Gary Innes
	Bernie Dobe
1999	Digby Huffam
2000	Lenore Solomon
2001	Craig Humbley
	Keith Hemmings

2004-	
2004	Ian Muir
2006	Josephine Holman
2009	Jeremy Dunn
2011	John Newton (dec.)
2017	Ross Cook
	Chris Hurley
2021	Donald Leigh

## A united paddling community



**Collaboration** → working respectfully together for improved outcomes

**Inclusiveness** → ensuring safe places, fair play and embracing diversity

**Transparency** → building consensus through open engagement

**Excellence** → striving at all times to deliver our best

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## Industry Stakeholders

Paddle Queensland would like to thank the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport for their generous support.



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## Communication Platforms

### eNewsletter



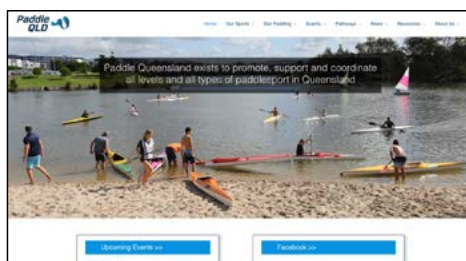
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**Open rates:** 49.2%



**Followers:** 5753

### Website



**Sessions:** 1278

**Pageviews:** 3192

**Average Session Duration:** 1m 9s



**Followers:** 953

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## Paddle Queensland objectives

Paddle Queensland Incorporated is the peak body recognised by Paddle Australia for the administration of competition and recreation paddling activities in Queensland.

**The objects for which Paddle Queensland is established and maintained are to:**

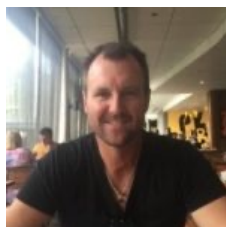
- promote, encourage and develop participation in paddlesports and related activities as a lifelong contribution to deliver healthy and safer communities;
- enhance the sustainability of Paddle Queensland and its membership;
- align infrastructure development and access to facilities with growth of participation;
- increase the profile of paddling in Queensland;
- progressively and inclusively lead paddling in Queensland through good governance and management;
- unite those organisations in Queensland that have paddling as part of their activities;
- promote the most sustainable and effective use of the natural environment for all paddle sports; and
- promote such other strategic intentions that are adopted by the Board from time to time.

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## Board



Julian Norton-Smith  
President and Chair



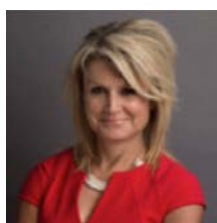
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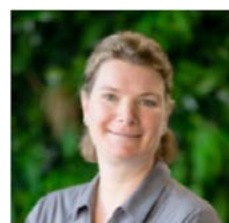
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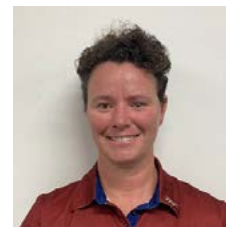


Annie Bryce



Sarah Roach

## Sport Operations and Events Manager



**Andrea Wood,**  
Contact Andrea: [qld@paddle.org.au](mailto:qld@paddle.org.au)

A dedicated paddle enthusiast involved in canoe sprint and canoe marathon for 27 years, paracanoe specialist for 12 years and outrigger canoeing for 15 years. Andrea developed and coordinated the successful paracanoe program within Australia from its inception, establishing a pathway, coordinating the program and liaising with Paddle Australia, Sports Australia, Paralympics Australia, officials, coaches and volunteers on best practice for paracanoe in the training and racing environments and joined the Paddle Queensland team in January 2022.

As the Sport Operations and Events Manager, Andrea is responsible for delivering State, Regional events / championships for both Olympic and non-Olympic disciplines and actively support driving engagement and participation in non-Olympic disciplines (Canoe Polo, Freestyle, Marathon, Ocean Racing, Wildwater, Outrigger Canoe and SUP).

## Executive Officer



**Scott Sharples**  
Contact Scott: [eo.qld@paddle.org.au](mailto:eo.qld@paddle.org.au)

Scott has over 10 years' experience in the South East Queensland sporting landscape and joined Paddle Queensland in November 2019. Prior to joining Paddle Queensland, Scott held senior management, marketing and communication roles within the media industry spanning over 14 years.

Scott is actively involved in Queensland's sporting landscape as a participant, coach, official, volunteer and provides insight, guidance, resources, assets, board and committee oversight, as well as strategic and financial management advice to member clubs through challenging situations.

Scott has Diploma of Business Administration, Management and Operations and is responsible for the general management, governance and staffing of the office to support the promotion, development and growth of paddle sports across Queensland to ensure our vision of **'More people paddling, More of the time'**.

## Technical Committees



Paddle Queensland collaborates with leaders across Our Sports to ensure the direction and future of each discipline continues to evolve.

Technical Committees

Flatwater Racing	
Chair	Scott Sharples
Member	Gavin Cook
Member	Ian Frost
Member	Alyce Wood (Sprint)
Member	Susan Seipel (Paracanoe)
Member	Donna Wilson (Marathon)
Member	Ian Swane (Marathon)

Ocean Racing	
Chair	Tom Armitt
Member	Bonnie Hancock
Member	Craig Spender
Member	Alex Lloyd
Member	Troy Pease
Advisor	Julian Norton-Smith

Technical Committees

North Queensland Whitewater	
Member	Gus Gonzo
Member	Nigel Ellis
Member	Henry Friend
Member	Tristan Lever

Stand Up Paddling	
Member	David Pacheco
Member	Tracey Mouque
Member	Troy Pease
Member	Paul Stumer

Technical Committees

Canoe Polo	
Chair	Donald Lee
Secretary	Chris Steel
Member	David Peters
Member	Don Steel
Member	Alice Croft
Member	Guy Stephens
Member	Peter Cooke

Coaching Advisory	
Member	Shaun Caven
Member	Peter Winton
Member	Chris Hurley
Member	Liam Warriner
Member	Jason Keating
Member	Julian Norton-Smith

Paddling in Queensland Strategic Pillars, 2020-2024

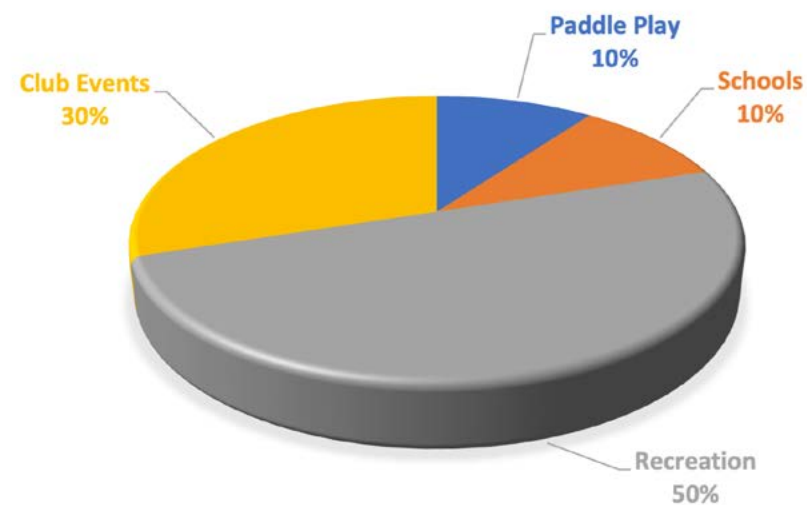
Participation	Development	Performance	Sustainability	Stakeholders
Paddle Play	Pacific Coast Paddle Series	State Championships	Governance	Member Services
Schools	Interclub Events	Grand Prix	Insurance	Supporter Acknowledgement
Recreation	Pathways	National Series	Marketing	State Sporting Organisations
Club Events	Workshops	National Championships	Communication	Regional Councils
		International Events	Frameworks	State Government
		World Championships	Partners	

The following slides breakdown each strategic pillars items and amount of time invested.



## Participation

**Objective →**  
An inclusive and active  
paddling community



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## Performance

**Objective →**  
Consistent medal winning  
performances with athletes  
who inspire the state and  
promote excellence

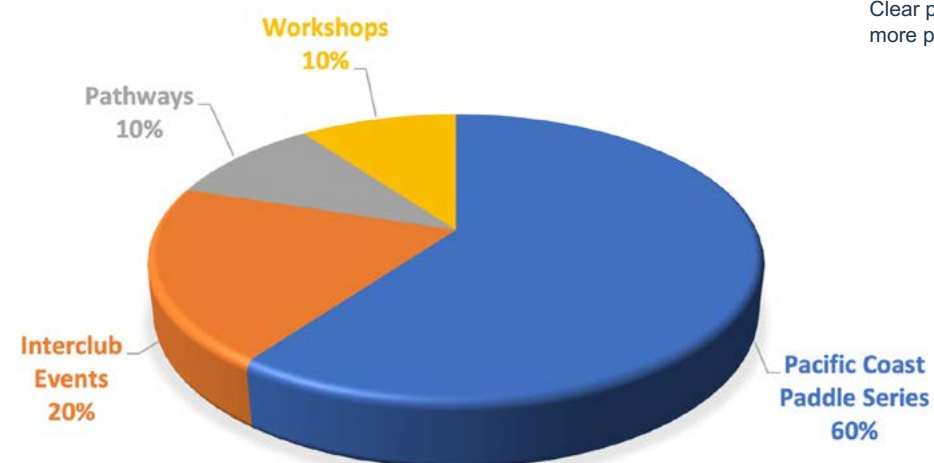


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## Development

**Objective →**  
Clear pathways supporting  
more people

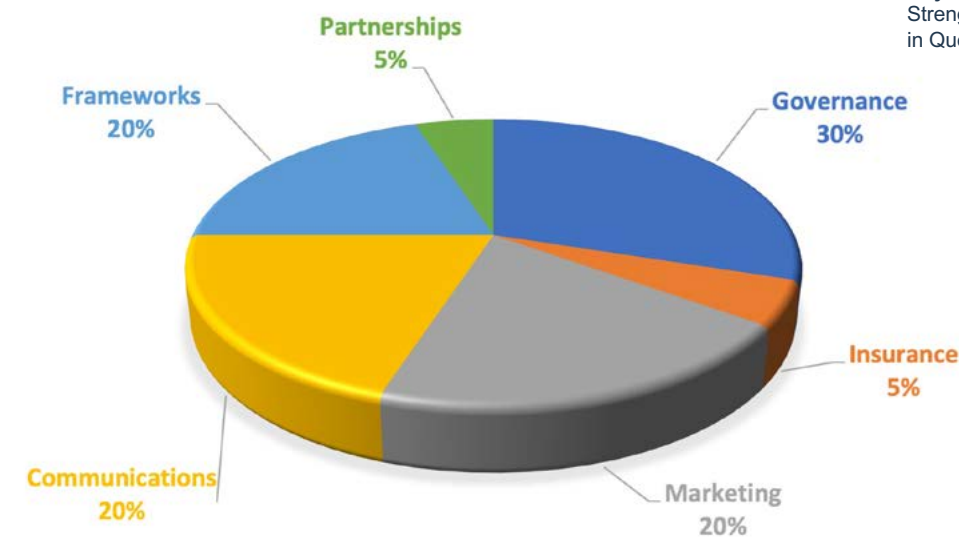


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## Sustainability

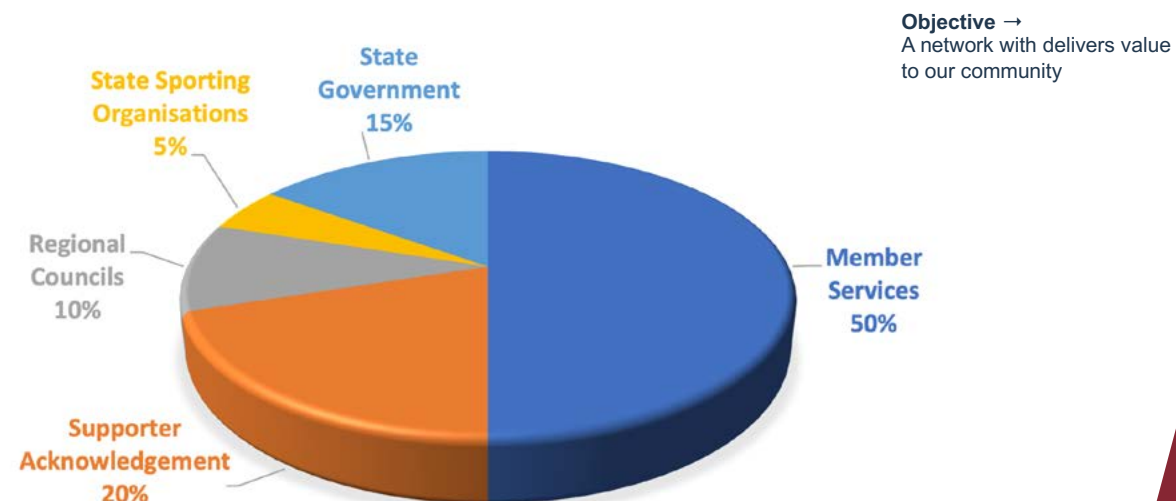
**Objective →**  
Strengthening paddling  
in Queensland



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## Stakeholders



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## Connecting people with common interest

We lead, support and advocate for a community of over 300,000 active paddlers around Australia.

You are connected to a group of people with a strong common interest, not only at your Club but around the state and throughout Australia, with well over 300,000 people sharing your passion for paddling and exploring our unique and beautiful waterways.

Enjoy access to the many great recreational and competitive events on offer through your Club, other affiliated Clubs, Paddle Queensland and Paddle Australia. Member discounts are available on many events

You have access to our national e-newsletter Paddle Pulse direct to your inbox each month, along with local news from Paddle Queensland and Club. We will keep you up to date with all the latest news through our websites and newsletters.

For those doing it tough at the moment, support is available through the Paddle on Foundation with funding for membership provided by paddlers for paddler.

When you Join a Club as a family, you enjoy a 30% discount off your Paddle Queensland and Paddle Australia membership.

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## Services



Paddle Queensland supports social, recreational and competitive paddlers reach their goals through personal development clinics, programs, courses and provides value to the community across multiple environments and craft through governance, platforms, frameworks and stakeholder engagement to ensure the sustainability for all paddlesports.

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## Helping paddlers stay safe and protected

We aim to ensure you are safe on the water at all times, but should anything go wrong, as a member, we have you covered.

Members have access to skills and leadership programs and qualified coaches so, no matter where you are on your paddling journey, there is help at hand!

Whether you are paddling for recreation, training or competition, solo or as part of a group, you have the peace of mind knowing that you are protected by our insurance program for both Personal Accident and Public Liability insurance, 24/7, worldwide.

You have access to our very competitively priced paddle craft and equipment insurance under our Paddle Protect insurance offering.

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## Encouraging participation and developing performance

We support people in discovering the joy of paddling while having fun, getting fit and developing their skills, whether for recreation or competition.

For recreational paddlers, we provide information on the various ways to get into paddling, where to paddle, what new places are opening up to explore and what next steps you might consider.

Through one of our courses, some on the water and some increasingly on-line, become a coach, official, guide, instructor or volunteer yourself! There is access to member discounts on a wide array of courses.

For those paddlers interested in competition, you have access to pathways and opportunities to be selected in the State and National development squads and representative teams in one for the many disciplines in which the ICF stages Continental and World Championships.

At the highest level, we support the athletes and coaches that represent the Australian paddling community at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

## Advocating for paddling access and sustainability

We represent the interests of paddling and paddlers at all levels of government and to other agencies to improve access, safety and sustainability.

Access to water is important for all paddlers. Whether it is lobbying for new access points or facilities; for waterways to be opened up, on safety issues, such as the wearing of lifejackets; or coordinating water releases with the authorities, we are at the forefront of the conversation.

The sustainability of the environment is a key issue all paddlers. That is why we work to advocate with local, state and federal government to ensure the quality of the water we paddle on and outdoor environment we all enjoy is maintained and improved.

More generally, we work continuously with state and federal governments to ensure that the sport and recreation of paddling is at the table on all key issues that impact us.

**In all these and in many other ways, we are.... with you on the water**

## Supporting Clubs to support their members

We support almost 30 Clubs that offer local connections to paddling, providing benefits and services that reduce costs and assist volunteers and members.

We support Clubs by providing their key insurances, helping keep fees low. The insurance covers the all-important volunteers, including the Club committee members, officials, instructors and coaches. The events run by Clubs are covered by us too.

Compliance burdens on Clubs are increasing all the time. We provide support for Clubs across a range of policies covering issues such as Child Safeguarding, Member Protection, and Integrity. We are here to make sure members are safe, should they need us and to help clubs if an issue does arise.

As part of our community, your Club has access to local, state and federal grants that we support. The funding is often used for Club facility or equipment upgrades that benefit you and your fellow Club members, helping to make your Club more vibrant and sustainable.

Our National Membership Platform, GoMembership, provides a set of tools to support the management of Club membership, communication, compliance and events.

## National Insurance Program



V-Insurance has worked closely with Paddle Australia to design this insurance program for its Member Clubs and Members. This program incorporates six covers; Public & Products Liability, Professional Indemnity, Personal Accident, Management Liability (Directors & Officers Liability), Group Travel and Cyber Liability. For more information and policies with full conditions visit [www.vinsurancegroup.com/paddle](http://www.vinsurancegroup.com/paddle).

National Insurance Program



Safety Workshops

Paddle Queensland is committed to improving the services and support provided to the Queensland paddle community, which is why we're running a range of four-hour workshops focused on helping paddlers stay safe on the water regardless of each paddlers preferred craft and environment. The Safety Workshops are free to Paddle Queensland members.

Modules			
Paddle Prep	Equipment	Leadership	Paddle Craft
Paddle Strokes	Rescue Skills	Trip Planning	Qualifications

Skills Workshops

Paddle Queensland is committed to improving the services and support provided to the Queensland paddle community, which is why we're running a range of four-hour workshops focused on helping paddlers develop their skills regardless of each paddlers preferred discipline and environment. The Skills Workshops are free to Paddle Queensland members.

Modules			
Paddle Safety	Craft Entry/Exit + Recovery/Rescue	Paddle Strokes + Craft Control	Technique
Paddle Play	Basic Programming	Event Programming	Pathways

Supporter Workshops

Paddle Queensland is committed to improving the services and support provided to the Queensland paddle community, which is why we're running a range of four-hour workshops focused on helping clubs and their supporters on ways to improve the running of their clubs and events. The Supporter Workshops are free to Paddle Queensland members.

Modules			
Governance	Club + Event Frameworks	Marketing + Communication	Volunteers
Introduction to Coaching	Foundation Coaching	Foundation Official	National Official



## Event Sanctioning



Paddling events are great fun and a great way to bring the community together, race a mate, compete against your fellow clubs and provide a snapshot of how you have developed as a paddler.

In partnership with our experienced and knowledgeable discipline technical committees the following Event Sanctioning documents have been prepared for your to help prepare for your next event.

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## Coaching



Coaches play an integral role in teaching fundamental paddling skills to participants. With a range of experienced coaches across the State we are able to ensure the community can paddle efficiently, safety and prevent injury.

The Introductory Coach works with paddlers who wish to gain coaching on core paddling skills.

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## Documents

Please ensure all items of Item 1 are completed and sent to [eo.qld@paddle.org.au](mailto:eo.qld@paddle.org.au) at least 6 weeks prior to event date with the required supporting documentation.

[2022 PQ Event Sanctioning Form](#)

[2022 PQ Incident Report Form](#)

[2022 PA Request for Certificate of Currency](#)

[2022 PQ Aquatic Event Program Example](#)

[2022 PQ Event Declaration](#)

[2022 PQ Event Management Plan Example](#)

[2022 PQ Event Register](#)

[2022 PQ Risk Management Plan Example](#)

[2022 PQ Post Event Report](#)

[MSQ Aquatic Event Application F1562\\_CFD](#)

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## Introduction to Coaching

Works with paddlers who wish to gain coaching on core paddling skills.

Further details and how to register for the Introduction to Coaching course are available [here](#).

## Foundation Coach

Works with paddlers who wish to gain an introduction to discipline specific skills in a flatwater environment.

Further details and how to register for the Foundation Coaching course are available [here](#).

## ICF Performance Education Webinars & Manuals

There are eight topics from series one which can be [watched on demand here](#).

The Level 1 Canoe Sprint Handbook is available [here](#). The Level 2 and 3 Canoe Sprint Handbook is available [here](#).

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## Education



The Paddle Australia Qualification Scheme (PAQS) is designed to meet the needs of the paddling industry including clubs, commercial operators, freelance instructors and those that wish to improve their personal paddling skills and knowledge across a range of environments and crafts.

PAQS is the industry benchmark certification designed to meet the needs of the paddling Guide and Instructor industry for the education, recreational and tourism sectors nation wide.

## Guide

The Guide qualification is for people seeking a professional certification and are qualified to lead or guide trips.

## Instructor

The Instructor qualification is for people seeking a professional certification and are qualified to instruct and facilitate skill transfer to develop participants in order so that they may act independently or with minimal supervision.

## Assessor

Candidates for appointment as a PAQS Assessor must apply in writing and meet the following requirements: Be at least 18 years of age, Have operated as a Instructor for at least three years, Have paddled for at least five years, Hold a current Apply First Aid certificate, Have delivered components of at least three Instructional programs under the direction of Paddle Queensland, Have observed or assisted in three assessment programs, Completed the online quiz, Provide a letter from an Assessor supporting the application, Provide a letter from a Paddle Queensland supporting the application and Completed the assessment record, signed off an Assessor.

## Basic Skills

The program is an introduction for people who wish to learn to paddle either a kayak or a canoe on inland waterways. The course programme is designed with the aim of giving you the confidence to enjoy the excitement and challenge of paddling. You will be shown and have time to practice the basic paddle strokes for moving your craft safely and efficiently.

## Skills

Holders of the Skills Qualification have demonstrated that they can competently paddle during a trip, as part of a group of peers, on flat, sheltered and/or undemanding water. Designed for those paddlers that seek to ensure that they have the knowledge and skills to safely and competently undertake a journey without Guide or instructor supervision.

## Supervisor

Holders of the Paddling Supervisor Qualification are qualified to manage a paddling activity in enclosed situations, performing rescues as required, where the group under supervision can be seen from a single vantage point at any time and does not leave the immediate launch area.

## Supporters



Being a volunteer has lots of benefits. It can bring meaning and purpose to your life, while increasing your self-esteem and wellbeing. Volunteering can also relieve stress, and alleviate symptoms of depression. As well as having a positive impact on your community, volunteering can improve your relationships.



## Volunteering

Volunteering can be very meaningful and enjoyable, and in turn may be good for your mental health and wellbeing.

### Volunteering can:

- give you a sense of achievement and purpose
- help you feel part of a community
- help you feel better about yourself by improving your self-esteem and confidence
- help you share your talents, learn new skills and create a better work-life balance
- help combat stress, loneliness, social isolation and depression
- help you meet new people, which can help you feel more connected and valued

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and build healthy relationships. It strengthens your ties to the community and exposes you to people with similar interests.

Volunteering also gives you the opportunity to practise and develop your social skills.

Because volunteering keeps you in regular contact with others, it can also help you develop a solid support base. As well as helping to protect you against stress and depression, volunteering can help with mental health recovery.

Paddle Queensland would love to hear from you and discuss how you can contribute to helping us achieve Our Mission **'More People Paddling, More of the Time'**

## Annual Awards



Paddle Queensland presents a number of awards to recognise individuals and clubs that have made a significant contribution to paddling.

## National Volunteer Strategy

Coinciding with National Volunteer Week 2022, Paddle Australia released the first phase National Volunteer Strategy, the research and findings, which will aim to inform the overall strategy to improve recruitment, recognition and retention of volunteers in the sport.

Paddle Australia has long boasted a strong, albeit small, group of volunteers who generously give their time to helping the sport from grassroots participation through to elite level competition.

Please find the Final Report of the First Phase of the National Volunteer Strategy below [Paddle Australia Volunteer Project Research and Findings](#)

## Officiating

Officials play an integral part of ensuring events are well run, safe and fair for all.

Foundation Courses are available for the Canoe Sprint, Canoe Marathon and Canoe Slalom disciplines.

## Award Categories

The following categories will be open to receive a members own nomination, or a nomination on behalf of a member for events held between the 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022.

Paddler of the Year (Junior/Open/Master)*	Club Coach of the Year*
Instructor/Guide of the Year	Volunteer of the Year
Club of the Year	Event of the Year
Photo of the Year	Video of the Year

\*Due to the range of disciplines Paddle Queensland members participate in the Junior, Open and Master Paddler/Club Coach of the Year Awards will now recognise and Award the outstanding achievements of both Male and Female members who compete/coach across the disciplines of Canoe Sprint, Canoe Marathon, Canoe Polo, Canoe Ocean Racing and Paracanoe.

## Paddler/Club Coach of the Year progression

The highest scoring Male and Female Discipline Paddler/Coach nominees will be Awarded their respective Discipline Paddler/Coach or the Year Awards and progress to their respective Junior, Open and Master Paddler/Club Coach of the Year Awards as a Finalist.

The highest overall scoring Male/Female Discipline Paddler/Coach of the Year Award Winner, will also be Awarded the respective Junior, Open and Master Paddler/Club Coach of the Year Award.

## Award Eligibility

- Affiliated Clubs of Paddle Queensland
- Life Members of Paddle Queensland
- Individual Members of Paddle Queensland
- Registered Instructors, Guides, Coaches or Officials who reside in Queensland
- Other categories of Members approved by resolution of Paddle Queensland Board.
- Paddle Queensland members who also serve the Queensland paddlesports community as either a Technical Committee Member or on the Board of Directors are also eligible to nominate or be nominated.

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## Canoe Marathon



Canoe marathon would traditionally have seen competitors race from one point to another across possible combinations of river, lake, estuary and sea while having to navigate around any obstacles, having to carry the boat at times if necessary. This format has developed to encourage a more spectator-friendly approach to the discipline with courses created to be covered in laps with a number of portages (artificial or real).

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## Canoe Sprint



Canoe sprint takes place on a flat water course and races are contested by two types of boat, canoe (C) and kayak (K). In a canoe, the paddler competes in a striding position using a single-blade paddle, in contrast to the double-bladed paddle used in a sitting position in a kayak.

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## Paracanoe



Paracanoe is the canoeing discipline for athletes with an impairment and races are contested by two types of boat, kayak (K) and Va'a (V). The kayak is propelled by a double-bladed paddle, while the Va'a is an outrigger canoe which has an ama (second pontoon) as a support float and is used with a single-blade paddle.

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## Canoe Polo



Canoe polo is played by two teams of five players on a rectangular playing pitch that can be in open water or in a swimming pool. Matches are played over two halves of 10 minutes with the aim to score into a goal which is suspended above the water at each end of the pitch. The ball in canoe polo is the same that is used in water polo, and can be controlled by hand or by paddle.

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## Sea Kayaking



A sea kayak is designed and developed for the sport of paddling primarily on the ocean but can also be used on lakes, bays & rivers. Sea kayaks are seaworthy vessels with a covered deck, at least two watertight bulkheads and the ability to incorporate a spray deck to seal off the cockpit. Sea kayaks are designed to provide high cruising speeds, large cargo capacity, ease of straight-line paddling and comfort for long journeys.

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## Ocean Racing



Canoe Ocean Racing consists of long distance surf ski, sea kayak and sea touring races. A surf ski is the fastest boat over long distances on ocean swells, with the only flatwater boat able to go faster being an Olympic-standard canoe sprint boat. The challenges canoe ocean racing can face include large waves driven by the wind, hurricane generated ground swells and paddling in wind speeds of more than 20 knots.

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## Stand Up Paddling



Stand Up Paddling (SUP) is contested all over the world and is also one of the fastest growing recreational sports on the planet. It is practiced on rivers, lakes, canals, whitewater, the ocean – basically anywhere there is water. As well as world-class competitions, participants also enjoy stand up paddling as a fitness activity and as a unique way to sightsee.

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## Paddle Smart

To make sure you get the most out of your paddling journey, your local State Paddle Association or Paddle Club may run some Come and Try programs and courses or look up a local, Guide, or Instructor who can help develop your paddling skills and techniques to suit your ability and goals.

### Identify your vessel

Put a name or number on your craft which can identify you. Your car registration or telephone number will help emergency services find you.



Being safe on the water starts with always wearing your lifejacket. A properly fitted lifejacket feels snug and comfortable to wear. Find one that suits you and your needs.



Let someone know before you go, tell them where you are going, your departure point and when you intend to return. If you change your plans, let them know.



Stay clear of large vessels and keep out of shipping channels. Learn the right of way rules. You must always navigate on the right (starboard) side of a river or channel.

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## Paddle Smart



Paddle craft sit low to the water and can be difficult for other boats to see. Make yourself visible by wearing bright clothes and using reflective tap on your paddle. Consider fitting a flag to your craft, and use a bright all-round light at night.



You may need to communicate in an emergency or advise someone of a change of plan. Your means of communication can range from a mobile phone, flares or a distress beacon. Carry a mobile phone in a waterproof bag.



Keep watch as to what is ahead, behind and to either side of you. Look out for other craft, swimmers and potential danger at all times.

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## Paddle Smart



Paddle within your limits, your craft, your experience, the conditions on the day and your level of skills. Be realistic about your fitness and capabilities and save strength for the return journey.



Check warnings for your paddling area. Conditions affecting safe navigation and comfort, Wind, Wave, Tide times. Be prepared to defer your plans until another day if the winds are too strong and the waves are too big. Check the weather [bom.gov.au/marine](http://bom.gov.au/marine)

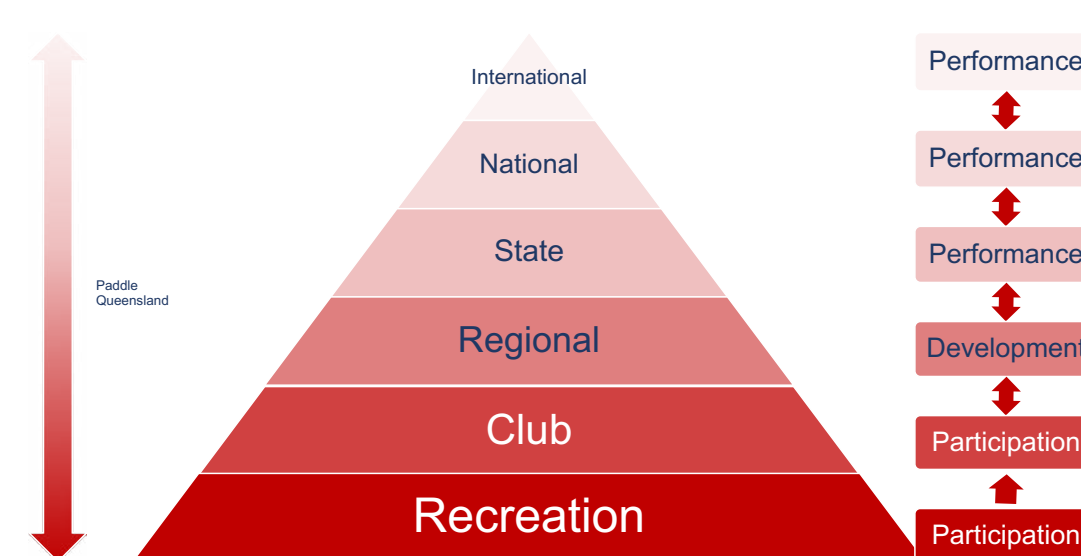


Stay attached – using a paddle leash will help prevent you being separated from your paddle if you capsize. If you do end up in the water, stay with your craft as it will be easier for rescuers to see you.

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## Paddling Journey



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## Paddling Events

- **Participation:**  
Sporting Schools, Paddle Play, Council Programs
- **Development:**  
Local Club Training, Time Trials, Activities, Interclub Events, Regional Workshops
- **Performance:**  
Canoe Marathon, Canoe Sprint, Canoe Polo, Ocean Racing, SUP (Distance/Technical/Sprint) State Championships
- **Paddle Australia National Championships:**  
Canoe Marathon, Canoe Sprint, Canoe Polo, Canoe Slalom, Ocean Racing, SUP (Distance/Technical/Sprint)
- **International Canoe Federation World Championships:**  
Canoe Marathon, Canoe Sprint, Canoe Polo, Canoe Slalom, Ocean Racing, SUP (Distance/Technical/Sprint)
- **Olympics and Paralympics:**  
Canoe Sprint, Canoe Slalom

## Development



Paddle Queensland consists of Affiliated Member Clubs who specialise in a variety of paddling activities to support participation in paddlesports.

Our clubs cater for community first-time recreation paddlers, to those wishing to compete and test their skills amongst their peers at club level.

## Participation



Discover a variety of paddle craft as you explore the local waterways.

Following Paddle Play, a fun obstacle challenge is available for you to enjoy.



## Interclub



A range of Member Clubs run a variety of events throughout the year including the Pacific Coast Paddle Series providing a multiple opportunities to explore our waterways and test your skills.



## Regional



Paddle Queensland is committed to improving the services and support provided to the Queensland paddle community, which is why we're running a range of four-hour skills, safety and supporter workshops to help our clubs and their supporters develop their skills regardless of their preferred discipline and environment.

Regional Workshops are free to Paddle Queensland members.

## State Championships



Paddle Queensland provides a range of State Titles for our members across the competitive disciplines of Our Sport.

## Performance



Paddle Queensland provides development opportunities across many disciplines. Not all lead to the Olympics and Paralympics, but all have an opportunity to compete at a Regional, State, National or World Championship level depending on the participants motivation. Our clubs provide a range of services to ensure there are ongoing opportunities for participants seeking to reach their own personal goals.

## State Championships



Paddle Queensland provides a range of State Titles for our members across the competitive disciplines of Our Sport.



## School Championships



Paddle Queensland provides two flatwater State Titles for junior School age paddlers

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## January to June

January	21	Canoe Polo Workshop
February	18	Canoe Polo Workshop
	25-26	Hervy Bay Paddle Fest
March	11	Paddle Queensland Canoe Polo Championships
	21-25	<b>Paddle Australia Canoe Sprint Championships. Champion Lakes, WA</b>
April	7-9	<b>Paddle Australia Canoe Polo Championships. Ballarat, VIC</b>
	7-9	<b>Paddle Australia Canoe Marathon + SUP Championships. Geelong, VIC</b>
	14-16	<b>Paddle Australia Canoe Slalom Championships. Penrith, NSW</b>
	30	Canoe Marathon + SUP Distance Workshop
May	13	<b>Paddle Australia Ocean Racing + SUP Championships. Gold Coast QLD</b>
	21	Canoe Marathon + SUP Distance Workshop
June	17-18	Paddle Queensland Canoe Marathon + SUP Distance Championships

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## 2023 Events



The following Discipline Workshops, State Championship and National Championships are planned for 2023.

Make sure you check our social media and the Events Calendar page on our website for the latest updates.

**Proposal for every second year to run a 10 day Paddle Fest including all of the above at one location**

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## July to December

July	22	Coastal + Sea Kayak Workshop
August	26	Coastal + Sea Kayak Workshop
September	30	Coastal + Sea Kayak Workshop
October	8	Canoe Sprint + SUP Sprint + SUP Technical Workshop
November	5	Canoe Sprint + SUP Sprint + SUP Technical Workshop
	11	Paddle Queensland Canoe Ocean Racing Championships
December	1-3	Paddle Queensland Canoe Sprint, SUP Sprint + SUP Technical Championships

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## A united paddling community

If you, or your Club would like to discuss how to become part of the Paddle Queensland community and help grow paddle sports across Queensland please contact:

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**CLUB REPORTS  
2021=2022**



## BRISBANE PADDLING CLUB



The Brisbane Paddling Club (BPC) has had good year though paddling numbers have been down a little, in part I suspect due to a cooler winter and those 4:30am starts being a little harder to bare.

We reviewed our club membership and have settled to around 60 active members, ranging from senior through to junior. *A sport for all ages.* Despite the cooler winter mornings, our Tuesday and Thursday morning squad sessions have been well attended, with our 6am and 7am squads, attracting new members. As always, a big thank you to our fantastic coach Julian North-Smith, who makes the journey up to Brisbane from the Gold Coast every Tuesday and Thursday morning. His commitment, dedication, and passion for the sport is unwavering. The insights and guidance provided to our members is highly appreciated.

Club members participated in a range of events over the last 12 months, including The Old Woman, Beach to Beach, GC10, Pacific Coast Paddle Series (PCPS) to name a few. BPC hosted a PCPS event at Nudgee in August which was a success with strong participation and positive feedback on the event.



Our Clubhouse took another step forward with the installation racking for close to 80 boats.



A big thank you to those members that could lend a hand to estimate, procure, drill, paint, install, and give instructions! We now have a source of income for the club as members start to rack and stack their skis. Completing the installation of the racks culminated in the Hon. Trevor Evans opening the clubhouse in April. Putting aside your political perspective, Trevor was a great advocate for local clubs and our club was a case in point. The next major challenge remains securing a pontoon, which is no small feat, and the committee is pursuing that with vigour.

The Committee reviewed our original club logo and felt that a new logo was needed to appeal to a wider paddling community and project a gender-neutral image. After much tweaking and finessing our new logo has been launched and adorned on club merchandise.

On behalf of the BPC Committee, I would like to thank all our volunteers, members and our coach for their support and contribution to the Club and our sport over the last 12 months.

**George Spink, President.**



## BROTHERS CANOE CLUB

Although the early part of the 2021-2022 year was affected by Covid issues the latter part, since Christmas has seen a return to near normal conditions. The competitions have now returned, including the 2022 Australian Championships. Training has now fully resumed, and attendance at competitions has resumed to near normal conditions.

During Covid our ability to run school programs was severely reduced, and although 2022 should have seen a return to normal programs, we have had good attendance at ATC, but no activity at Brigidine. Hopefully we can return there in 2023.

### Members

As of June 30, 2022, the club numbers are as follows. Any members unlikely to continue are discounted in these numbers. The numbers exclude players who are considered unlikely to continue or have been inactive and unregistered for longer than 6 months.

<b>All members</b>	<b>35</b>
Of these,	
Volunteers	1
Secondary Club members	6
Active playing	34

The number of players is slightly down to last year, but the number of active players remains the same. There has been some movement with a few new players and a few “older” players not continuing.

Overall, the position seems quite strong for the time being, but due to circumstances we have not been as strong in recruiting as some previous years. Historically this happens from time to time, and although we should not see this as a reason to panic, it is still something we need to address as a club over the next 12 months. Ideally, we should recruit 5-8 players over the next year to maintain our steady growth.

### Assets

There has been little activity with regard to assets this year. We have only replaced some worn out items and carried out repairs. We continue to have surplus boats, although 12 daggers have been returned into use at ATC. See below for possible loan of some assets to the Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club.

### Competitions

The Brothers Club has been active in all levels of competition, including the local scene, interstate club and social competition, and the national championships.

At the local level there have been several competitions where the club has been represented. These have concentrated on “invitational” competitions due to the lack of numbers around Brisbane. However, included in these are some games directly against the Springfield Centenary Club.



On the national scene, the Summer Series competition has returned. The Brothers canoe finished at top of the table for the past summer season. This was a great achievement for the club, and due recognition to the players who spent several years working hard to achieve that position.



The club was well represented at the National Championships. Of the 24 representatives, 20 were from Brothers Club, including all but one of the junior competitors.



It is worth noting that Queensland won the cup for the most successful state, so the club can take some personal pride in this achievement.

In November 2019 the club hosted its first national level competition. This was an invitational event and was considered a great success. Having shown that we are capable of holding an event of this nature, we have been rewarded with Queensland hosting an official round of the Summer Series this year. Brothers and Springfield Centenary will jointly host this event.

This year saw the second year of the Nambucca Header. This is the second year of this event. It is a popular event on the club's social calendar and provides a great opportunity for players to mix with other Australian players in a highly competitive but supportive competition. The club provided many players and contributed to the success of the competition.



#### Club Committee members

The club is fortunate to have a strong committee and group of volunteers. Official members of the committee for the past year are

The current management executive committee is:

- President, David Peters
- Secretary, Tony Zoitsas
- Treasurer, Suzanne Kitto
- Head Coach, David Peters
- Equipment Officer, Don Steel

Other club positions

- Senior Coach, Position Vacant
- Junior Coaches, David Peters, Jack Quinn, Don Steel
- Team Managers, Damien and Leeanne Reid
- Media and Communications Officer, Position Vacant

We hope to fill the couple of vacant positions at the upcoming AGM. (Additional note after AGM. Positions for next year remain as shown. Media and Communications role to be taken by Caitlin Kitto, and Senior Coach by Jack Quinn).



### Volunteers

The club continues to be blessed with a great number of willing helpers. It is a tribute to the parents and senior players that there are sometimes not enough jobs to go around. People are disappointed when they cannot find something to do! I think this speaks to the great willingness of all our club people to be involved and to ensure that the work is distributed as evenly as possible.

I would like to thank all committee members and volunteers who have contributed throughout the year, especially the Management committee and other club officials for their work during the year.

### The Coming Year

Whilst writing this report, I have reviewed my closing comments from last year. If the positive notions are similar this year. Unfortunately, so are the less positive aspects at national level.

I believe that this club, at the level of management, players and volunteers is doing a lot right. Our successes and player retention speak to this. This is a whole of club thing. I firmly believe that one or two people can destroy a club, but no one person can bring the club to success. That truly takes the whole team working together.

I see our main endeavour for this year is to do whatever we can as a club to get more clubs playing canoe polo. Without expansion we are doomed to become irrelevant. As a starting point, the committee and the players are committed to assisting Wynnum Redlands to take on canoe polo. If we can help get them up and running, we can then look further afield.

Looking forward to 2022-2023.

**David Peters, President.**



## CURRUMBIN CREEK PADDLERS CLUB



*Paddling back from Duck Pond at Currumbin Creek*

Image by  
TONY BROWN

**The Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club enjoyed a successful year.**

Our club operates from two locations, with CV Paddlers operating at Lake Orr, Varsity Lakes, providing excellent flatwater paddling for all levels of paddlers, and our Currumbin Creek facilities in Duvall Street providing both flatwater and Ocean paddling.

The club currently has around 190 members, including many enthusiastic volunteers to ensure the club runs smoothly.

Whilst there are two locations, we operate as one club, with members frequently using both facilities, and we work closely together on the administration of the club. The club is all about fun, fitness, healthy competition, social interaction, and being part of the community.

The club has paddlers from 8 years to 76 years of age who paddle on a regular basis, whether it be in structured coaching and training sessions, social groups, club time trial and handicap events, recreational adventures, or flatwater and ocean competitions.

The club is in a sound financial position and the committee has met regularly.



*Juniors racing in the John Newton Team Boat Challenge*



*Singaporean Junior Team*



*Racing out at Currumbin Alley*



*Happy Mum celebrating Juniors racing in the  
John Newton Team Boat Challenge*



*Training Session on Lake Orr*

We are currently waiting on the outcome of grant applications and if successful, the club will benefit from 4 new NK plastic skis for our Currumbin Creek location and 4 new Kayaks for CV Paddlers. The club recently ordered a new inshore rescue boat. We are hosting our Currumbin Capers event on Currumbin Creek on Sunday 25 September (deferred due to wet weather), and our Chinderah Chase event on the Tweed River on Sunday 30 October.

#### **Some of the highlights of the past year include:**

- Winner of event of the year in the Pacific Coast Sprint series.
- Getting family's paddling at our Lake Orr location. CV Paddlers hosts 8 squad training sessions and 2 beginner's sessions a week. Family members volunteering has been integral to the ongoing success of these sessions.
- The coffee and freshly home baked muffins at Currumbin monthly 8 KM handicap events.
- A successful annual John Newton team boat challenge event in July.
- An 8-week come and try Kayak session for 2 classes of Varsity College Students. This was the third year that this has been going.
- CV Paddlers hosted the Singaporean Junior team for 3 weeks. This is the second time the club has done this, and the club looks forward to continuing this relationship in the future.
- CV Paddlers also hosted Juri Urada, a Japanese Under 23 paddler for 3 months. Juri went on to represent her country in the recent world and junior championships.
- The National Marathon Championships were held at Coomera this year. Our senior members performed well, and our junior members did particularly well, all winning medals. Two of our Under 16 paddlers, Thomas Kerkow-Hill and Sasha McDonald won awards as the most successful junior paddlers of the Regatta.
- The National Sprints were held in Adelaide. Our juniors performed well, including Claudia Bailey, Allyssa Bailey, and Jasmine Rayward, who made the Australian team to compete in the World Juniors in Hungary. All three made A finals at this event which is a feat considering the level of paddlers that are in Europe.

**Peter Hickey, President.**





## FITZROY CANOE CLUB

**Hello and welcome to the other new committees for 2022/23.**

Fitzroy Canoe Club is in the City of Rockhampton, Queensland. We paddle on the Fitzroy River, upstream of the barrage (dam) in fresh water. We have both types of paddlers: fitness and recreational. The fitness group sometimes compete in the South East corner of Queensland. Our club has thirty paid members and two life members this year. We reduced fees to \$150.00, total paid, as a retention strategy.

The club's membership still slightly reduced this year. We have a committee of five people; one new face for this year: welcome John McKenzie. Last year we had two presidents, three secretaries, three treasurers. In addition two committee members (with no role) resigned and one member came forward for a replacement committee role. This year circumstances have changed and we hope for a steadier year.

This year gone, we have not conducted any competitions (Beat the Bunny) and have not had any real social functions. I hope this will be a year of healing for the club and we can return to some normalcy. The fitness group continues on under the leadership of Andrew "Milsy" Miller. They are an unofficial training group in the club. New members to the fitness group are welcome. The starting time is 5:30am weekdays but you can rest on Thursday. This early start, we believe, is why the group is small; this and the crocodiles!

The remainder of us are more recreational in approach. Many of the recreational paddlers are retired. Our oldest paddler, in the club, is nearly eighty and youngest about thirty. We have no youth squad or younger people in the club. A joke circulating is that we are the geriatrics club and there is some truth to that.

One would say we should actively recruit members but these efforts have been made in the past. It appears those interested in paddling will seek us out. As far as a school group goes, no one wants to take a permanent part-time coaching job. Estuarine crocodiles (Salties) in the river, even on the fresh side, is also a barrier on membership.

On a brighter note, we retired members stay around the clubhouse after a paddle and enjoy a coffee. Sunday sees some paddlers that don't come during the week, however there are not many kayakers on the Sabbath.

We have joined the twenty-first century with our records – a big shout out to Ken and Yvonne Franke who scanned and organised the files. Also a big shout out to life member and volunteer Bart van der Meer who maintains the grounds with his own equipment. Paddle Queensland and Paddle Australia have also been patient with me as I have had trouble navigating their web based administration. The stories of our clubs imminent demise are not true! Good times ahead – onward and upward!

**David Grimshaw, President.**





# SUNSHINE COAST PADDLESPORTS CLUB

**Current membership is 81 comprising: 57 senior, 10 junior, 2 six month, 9 volunteer, come & try 3.**

There has been a decrease in the number of junior and senior memberships this winter. We expect membership numbers to increase as we progress through summer. Despite the lower membership numbers, the majority of junior members competed at the state and national titles in both sprint and marathon events. Thanks to the efforts of coaches, parents and committee members in organising teams and trailers for participation and travel to the various events. The club is extremely proud of all our paddlers in their participation at these events. The junior and senior national champions and especially Jason Keating as coach of the Queensland team that travelled to the nationals. Out of sight, out of mind is often what happens with our international club members such as Ally Bull and Alexandra Clarke who successful competed overseas.

The September and March Come and try (C&T) events were rain affected but there have been several one-off C&T participants over the reporting period. The reduced numbers in C&T affected the participation rates in the Learn to Paddle (L2P) eight week course. Conversion has been steady with the continuation of the intermediate group to assist paddlers find “their tribe” ie get into a training routine/ find a paddle group.

As reported last year, boat storage at the club house remained a significant issue again this year. This demand and the anticipated visiting overseas kayak teams acclimatising for the 2032 Brisbane Olympics, prompted a grant application to extend the club house. An application for \$96,000 was submitted to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) but was unfortunately unsuccessful. Feedback was “a meritorious application but the scheme was oversubscribed”. Seems they ran out of money! The club expects these two drivers (boat storage and 2032 Olympics) to be constant and increasing. We will therefore continue to apply for funding to extend the club house in the GCBF super rounds.

## GRANT APPLICATIONS:

Sunshine Coast Council August 2021	Maroochy River Paddle (MRP) event fees eg aquatic event, coffee van, food van, welcome to country etc	\$540	Finalised - \$500 re-funded due to COVID cancellation of event
State Gvt Active Clubs January 2022	Equipment to help deliver quality physical activity experiences to support kayaking at Maroochydore	\$2,000	Acquittal due October 2022
State Gvt Gambling Community Fund February 2022	Club House Extension	\$96,000	Unsuccessful
Sunshine Coast Council March 2022	MRP event fees eg aquatic event, welcome to county, first aid etc	\$2,000	Acquittal due October 2022
Sunshine Coast Council	Approval for on Fence Advertising	N/A	Renewal in November each year

Our lease with Sunshine Coast Council expired on 31 December 2021. Council has provided a ‘letter of comfort’ as a means of reassuring the club and it’s stakeholders (ie grant providers) that the lease will be renewed when council complete their review of tenancy agreements with all local clubs.

In the meantime we are to continue to operate under the previous lease conditions. Several council officers attended the club in January 2022 to assess the building and grounds. Items such as pest control and gutter cleaning were identified as requiring rectification which have since been attended to by the club.

Under the new tenancy agreement the lease fees will increase and council will be responsible for some building maintenance items. The club needs to maintain/update various documentation such as flood plan, maintenance plan and development plan as part of our commitment to the tenancy agreement.



*The flood plan was implemented in January 2022 when the creek water reached the fence line.*

Our equipment base was boosted with the arrival of three new guppy kayaks and junior paddles (\$5,000); plus an ergo worth \$5,000 that arrived in February 2022 after a successful grant from the Australian Gvt Dept of Business and Industry in the previous financial year.







*The club held a soup night in July 2021. Members bought share dishes and sat around small camp fires storying under the full moon.*

This year we have again hosted the National Development Hub on the Sunshine Coast run by Todd Grace. This has had a positive impact on the general training environment at the club. We look forward to continuing to work with PA, QAS and the other elite bodies in developing high performing athletes. A great example is the selection of Alexandra Clake for the senior women's team to compete at the world Champions this year. Well done Ally and Todd.

As reported last year, even though the August 2021 Maroochy River Paddle (MRP) was cancelled, we were able to donate \$3,250 to the Hear & Say Foundation after agreement from sponsors. An ongoing successful outcome of the MRP is bringing together a variety of paddling disciplines in the one event.

The AGM was held in November 2021 and the incumbent members were re-instated.

The Christmas party was held at the club house this year. Attendees shared snacks and stories while enjoying a lovely afternoon by the creek watching the sunset.



Newsletters were sent once a month and then posted on the website.

Various email advices were distributed as needed.

The club's monthly time trial course was extended to include a 10km with the original 7.5km. It was good to see some members of Mooloolaba Paddlers come across for these events. This was reciprocated with members from our club participating in events hosted by Mooloolaba Paddlers.

Committee meetings were held each month. Two onsite general meetings were held. One to clarify coaches, roles and responsibilities in November 2021; and the other was to consolidate ideas for the GCBF grant application in February 2022.

#### **The club has good support from members who volunteer:**

- When asked and keep the club neat and tidy;
- To help coaches and instructors;
- To work with social media to promote the club.

The club maintains financial viability through membership, boat storage, the MRP and come and try activities. Volunteers provide the intangible vibe and unpaid work to keep our club progressing through challenging and prosperous times.

#### **Delia West, President.**





# TOWNSVILLE KAYAK CLUB

Townsville is a fantastic place to kayak, with great weather most of the year, and a range of kayaking opportunities for people of all skill levels - from the sheltered waters of the Ross river, to spectacular coastline and offshore islands. The Townsville Kayak Club is a small club - with very active members. Here's a snapshot of what we got up to in 2021-2022.

## Come and Try Days

Held on the 3rd Sunday of each month, we offer the opportunity for people to try a range of kayaks on the Ross River, as well as offer an introduction to basic paddle strokes and self-rescue techniques. We've had great attendances this year, oftentimes with more than 20-30 people trying kayaking for the first time, having loads of fun, and with smiles all around.

## Magnetic Island to Townsville Swim Race Support

Our biggest club activity this past year was in support of the annual Magnetic Island to Townsville swim - with over 80 kayakers escorting competitive swimmers on the 8 km race from Picnic Bay on Magnetic island, to the Strand in Townsville. It was great to see so many paddlers on the water - and the event really highlights the range of craft, and enjoyment everyone has, to the general public.

## Club paddles

We've had a number of paddles in 2021-2022 - including a weekend expedition to the Family Islands off the coast of Mission Beach, a club trip to Orpheus Island, and several day and overnight paddles both to, and around Magnetic Island, and around the Strand.



## Special Events

Over the past year, the club has sought to increase public awareness of kayaking over an above our regular come and try days. To this end, we hosted a Halloween kayak on the Ross River, and continued our tradition of the annual Christmas Paddle - also on the Ross River. Participation has been fantastic at these events, with many going above and beyond to decorate themselves and their kayaks!

## Weed control

In October 2021, we held our first official "River Weed Cleanup" event on the Ross River, with the aim of removing Water Hyacinth - one of the more invasive weed species in our local river. It's an uphill battle with this weed - but every little bit helps to preserve our waterways!

## New Club Website

In 2021, we completely re-designed our club website, to help provide important information on safe kayaking in the Townsville region, and to promote kayaking in our beautiful part of the world. We're still refining content as we come up with new ideas - but it's been a great place to refer newcomers to our region - so they get the right information.

## El Presidente' Hans Retires

Our long-standing club president, Hans Preuss stood down into a VP role after 10 years as president. We owe Hans a huge debt of gratitude for his tireless efforts during his tenure, unwavering support of the club, and enthusiasm for all things paddling! Many thanks from all the club members.

## Lots to look forward to...

The club is active in working on a plan to up skill new members and old alike - with some exciting plans for the year ahead - including training sessions, more adventures on the high seas, the evolution of our annual kayak race. Until next year... Happy Paddling!

Philip Judge, Secretary.





## MEMBER CLUBS



**BULIMBA SOCIAL  
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# **Paddle Queensland Incorporated**

ABN: 81 490 288 642

## **Financial Statements**

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022



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Committee's Report  
30 June 2022

The committee members submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

Committee members

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Julian Norton-Smith	Chairman
Sally Trestail	Director (resigned October 2021)
Alyce Wood	Director (resigned October 2021)
Steve Belcher	Director
Henry Friend	Director
Sarah Roach	Director (appointed October 2021)
Justin Appi	Director (appointed October 2021)
Rhonda McSweeney	Special Skills Member
Annie Bryce	Special Skills Member

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year was the administration of competition and recreation paddling activities in Queensland.

Significant changes


The impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is ongoing and whilst it has impacted the Association up to the reporting date, it is not practicable to estimate the potential impact, positive or negative, after the reporting date. The Committee continually assess the financial impact and review cashflows and budgets and have no concerns in respect of the financial viability of the association.


No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating result

The loss of the Association for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to \$ (19,888)(2021: Profit \$ 39,277 ).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee:

Committee member: 

Committee member: 

Dated this 27th day of September 2022



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**Statement of Profit or Loss  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Note</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Activities & Recreation Income	21,971	25,521
Cashflow Boost Income	-	22,369
Education & Course Income	5,506	9,348
Event Income	63,019	35,807
Grant Income	107,487	147,403
Interest income	8	14
Membership Income	80,230	86,506
Merchandise Sales	-	4,115
Sponsorship Income	8,000	7,000
Other Income	-	3,913
Jobkeeper Subsidy	-	13,500
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>286,221</b>	<b>355,496</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Accounting fees	14,300	14,400
Audit fees	3,058	3,000
Bank fees	1,654	3,138
Catering	4,333	1,029
Consulting and professional fees	1,500	-
Contractors	14,993	14,222
Corporate Admin Fees	-	1,750
Cost of Goods Sold	-	8,752
Depreciation	4,990	43,503
Education & Courses	1,620	2,865
Employee benefit expenses	162,230	133,710
Equipment	1,644	3,259
Event Expenses	29,427	20,794
Ground Transport	4,036	4,449
Insurance	2,584	1,471
IT expenses	3,236	1,122
Media Services	3,560	497
Medical expenses	1,275	-
Motor vehicle expenses	963	2,743
Office equipment	1,465	1,427
Other expenses	-	1,544
Other Support	2,909	500
Professional Development	-	180
Recruitment Fees	295	285
Rent	14,223	14,027
Repairs and maintenance	349	79

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**Statement of Profit or Loss  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Note</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Site Expenses	8,000	1,333
Subscriptions	2,027	24,977
Telephone and fax	2,265	2,012
Travel expenses	2,043	6,883
Uniforms	4,791	1,467
Utilities	698	401
Venue Hire	11,641	400
	<b>306,109</b>	<b>316,219</b>
Income tax expense	(b) -	-
Profit/(loss) after income tax	(19,888)	39,277
Retained surplus at the beginning of the financial year	100,739	61,462
<b>Retained surplus at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>80,851</b>	<b>100,739</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**As At 30 June 2022**

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	109,410	102,103
Trade and other receivables	4	15,120	8,719
Other assets	6	2,770	9,251
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>127,300</b>	<b>120,073</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Plant and equipment	5	22,427	27,408
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>22,427</b>	<b>27,408</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>149,727</b>	<b>147,481</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	7	19,322	13,338
Provisions	8	16,885	12,568
Other liabilities	9	32,669	20,836
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>68,876</b>	<b>46,742</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>68,876</b>	<b>46,742</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>80,851</b>	<b>100,739</b>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Retained surplus		80,851	100,739
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		<b>80,851</b>	<b>100,739</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2022**

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Receipts from customers		285,123	312,200
Payments to suppliers and employees		(277,824)	(290,205)
Interest received		8	14
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<b>7,307</b>	<b>22,009</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-	(37,985)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<b>-</b>	<b>(37,985)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		7,307	(15,976)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		102,103	118,079
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	3	<b>109,410</b>	<b>102,103</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2022**

The financial statements cover Paddle Queensland Incorporated as an individual entity. Paddle Queensland Incorporated is a not-for-profit Association incorporated in Queensland under the *Associations Incorporation Act (QLD) 1981 (as amended by the Associations Incorporation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020)* ('the Act').

The functional and presentation currency of Paddle Queensland Incorporated is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

**1 Basis of Preparation**

In the opinion of the Committee, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and liabilities

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**(a) Revenue and other income**

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

**Grant revenue**

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in the statement of profit or loss when the Association obtains control of the grant, it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

When grant revenue is received whereby the Association incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of assets and liabilities as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

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**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**(a) Revenue and other income**

**Donations**

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

**Rendering of services**

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depending on whether the outcome of the services can be estimated reliably. If the outcome can be estimated reliably then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period.

If the outcome cannot be reliably estimated then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

**Membership Income**

Membership income is recognised in the financial year to which the membership relates.

**Other income**

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Association is entitled to it.

**(b) Income Tax**

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

**(c) Goods and services tax (GST)**

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

**(d) Property, plant and equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Items of property, plant and equipment acquired for nil or nominal consideration have been recorded at the acquisition date fair value.



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**(d) Property, plant and equipment**

**Depreciation**

Property, plant and equipment, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation rate
Canoe Fleet	10% - 20%
Competition equipment	20%
Office equipment	20% - 33.33%

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

**(e) Financial instruments**

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

**Financial assets**

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of assets and liabilities.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

*Trade receivables*

Impairment of trade receivables is assessed by the Directors at year end if there is a risk of recoverability.

**Financial liabilities**

The Association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

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**(e) Financial instruments**

**Financial liabilities**

The financial liabilities of the Association comprise trade payables, bank and other loans and lease liabilities.

**(f) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

**(g) Leases**

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

The association has a rental agreement for the rental premises in Varsity Lakes. Any payments made for the right of use asset are expensed when incurred. As a result there is no right-of-use asset reported within the financial statements, including the fair value of the rental terms and the corresponding liability, as a consequence the financial statements do not comply with AASB 16.

**(h) Provisions**

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

**(i) New and revised Australian Accounting Standards in issue but not yet effective**

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, Paddle Queensland Incorporated has not applied the following new and revised accounting standards that have been issued but are not yet effective.

- AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Disclosure of accounting policies;

- AASB 2020-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current; and

- AASB 2021-2 Disclosure of Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors - Definition of Accounting Estimates.

The Committee do not expect that the adoption of the Standards listed above will have a material impact on the financial statements of the association and in the main will only impact additional disclosures in the accounting policy notes in future periods.



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	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	262	262
Bank balances	109,148	101,841
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>109,410</b>	<b>102,103</b>

**4 Trade and other receivables****CURRENT**

Trade receivables	12,576	6,175
Sundry Debtors	2,544	2,544
<b>Total current trade and other receivables</b>	<b>15,120</b>	<b>8,719</b>

The trade and other receivables include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from customers for goods sold in the ordinary course of business. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Trade receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, unless any provision for impairment.

**5 Property, plant and equipment****PLANT AND EQUIPMENT****Competition equipment**

At cost	25,755	25,755
Accumulated depreciation	(13,303)	(11,020)
<b>Total competition equipment</b>	<b>12,452</b>	<b>14,735</b>

**Canoe fleet**

At cost	106,611	106,602
Accumulated depreciation	(97,313)	(95,180)
<b>Total canoe fleet</b>	<b>9,298</b>	<b>11,422</b>

**Office equipment**

At cost	9,852	9,852
Accumulated depreciation	(9,175)	(8,601)
<b>Total office equipment</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>1,251</b>

**Total property, plant and equipment**

<b>22,427</b>	<b>27,408</b>
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	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Prepayments	2,770	9,251
<b>Total other assets</b>	<b>2,770</b>	<b>9,251</b>

**7 Trade and Other Payables****CURRENT**

Trade payables	7,248	2,938
GST payable	882	675
Accrued expense	3,000	3,000
PAYG Payable	3,756	3,042
Superannuation Payable	4,435	408
Other payables	1	3,275

<b>Total trade and other payables</b>	<b>19,322</b>	<b>13,338</b>
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Trade and other payables represent the liabilities outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

**8 Provisions****CURRENT**

Annual leave provision	16,885	12,568
<b>Total current provisions</b>	<b>16,885</b>	<b>12,568</b>

**NON-CURRENT****9 Other Liabilities****CURRENT**

Income in advance	32,669	20,836
<b>Total other liabilities</b>	<b>32,669</b>	<b>20,836</b>

**10 Contingencies**

In the opinion of the Committee, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2022 (30 June 2021: None).



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**11 Events after the end of the Reporting Period**

The impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is ongoing and whilst it has impacted the Association up to the reporting date, it is not practicable to estimate the potential impact, positive or negative, after the reporting date. The Committee continually assess the financial impact and review cashflows and budgets and have no concerns in respect of the financial viability of the association.

No other matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

**12 Statutory Information**

The registered office and principal place of business of the company is:

Paddle Queensland Incorporated  
337 Christine Ave  
VARSITY LAKES QLD 4227

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**Statement by Members of the Committee**

The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 2 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 12:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Paddle Queensland Incorporated as at 30 June 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Paddle Queensland Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

Committee member

  
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Committee member

  
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Dated this 27th ..... day of September 2022



**A UNITED PADDLE COMMUNITY**