



## Annual Report to PNSW for LCRK 2018

### Introduction

2017/2018 has been a very successful year for LCRK both on and off the water. Whilst our numbers of 138 is below the bumper crop of 152 members for last year, our growth in Time Trial attendances, Marathons and Ultra Marathons has continued, this is in conjunction with a continued involvement of members as non-paddling volunteers in day to day operations, LCRK marathon, and HCC support as well as contributions to PNSW.

The contribution and support of members to the club in all aspects of its operations has been a hallmark of the club and one of the factors making for a successful year.

### Committee and Contributors

The ability of members, both general and Committee, to recognise jobs needing to be done and attend to them proficiently and professionally, as jobs arose, made life easier for all members and contributed greatly to the smooth running of the Club. Many thanks go to all members and the Committee. Who are:-

#### **Committee** ([committee@lcrk.org.au](mailto:committee@lcrk.org.au))

##### Office Holders (2017 – 2018)

President:-	Phillip Geddes
Secretary :-	Alanna Ewin ( & LCRK Marathon Food meister),
Treasurer:-	John Duffy
Vice President :-	Duncan Johnstone (HCC Famils)

##### Committee Members:-

Wade Rowston -	Clothing , Rack allocation.
Ian Wrenford -	LCRK TT Report and Web master, Post TT Cafe Maitre D',
Oscar Cahill -	Boat Hire, TT Lighting,
Paul van Koesveld -	LCRK Marathon, HCC paddler and volunteer organiser,
Richard Yates -	Head Building and Pontoon Committee,
Tracy Hansford -	Safety Officer
Louise White –	General assistant to all,

A Big Thanks also goes to our ex officio members who carried out essential roles for our Wednesday Night TT's

Jeff Tonazzi -	Time Keepers Roster
Nigel Colless -	Time Keeper Program development and Maintenance
Roger Deane -	BBQ Chef
Mark Sier -	BBQ Chef

## **Contribution of Members to Club & Paddling in NSW**

In addition to the support members give the club we also have a number of members contributing to the functioning of paddling in NSW by their work on various committees with PNSW and other bodies and deserve recognition for their efforts.

These include:-

Tony Hystek	– Past Chair and current committee member PNSW and organiser of the Myall Classic
Angie Lees	– PNSW Committee member
Don Johnstone	– Marathon Committee
Tim Hookins	- Ocean and Harbour Series
Jeremy Spear	– Ocean and Harbour Series
Roger Deane	– HCC organiser
Richard Barnes	– HCC Committee

Within our own club, recognition is given to the special contributions to the clubs activities from Roger Deane and Mark Sier for our Doubles night BBQ and, Nigel Colless for his unstinting and ongoing efforts in the perfecting of our timing system software and regular assistance to the timekeepers on Wednesday nights.

In addition report writers Naomi Johnson, Ian Wrenford and photographic contributors Ian Wrenford, Lesley Manley, Jana Osvold, Tom Holloway, Frazer Ruddick, and Nigel Colless have allowed Marathon and other events to become memorable occasions.

## **Club Activities**

### **TimeTrials**

Of course the most important activity for the club is the Wednesday Night Time Trial. This has continued to go from strength to strength this year with strong support from members with Crudslime nights experiencing strong attendance together with increasing support for Doubles Cup night, which is benefiting from the clubs continued acquisition of new doubles.

Some of the Wednesday Night Statistics are very interesting

## Events

Total Time trials	49
Singles Cup	12
Doubles Cup	12
Reverse	11
Standard	14
Average Starters (boats)	40.41
Average Starters (paddlers)	45.90

## Members

Fastest 12km Time	0:47:46	Brett Greenwood & James Harrington
Fastest 12km Single	0:50:09	Brett Greenwood
Fastest 12km Single (female)	56:59	Ella Beere
Fastest 6km - Male	0:30:42	Andrew Love
Fastest 6km - Female	0:33:59	Ella Beere
Fastest 9km Male	0:43:20	Toby Hogbin
Fastest 9 km Female	49:25	Naomi Johnson
Most Entries	<b>45</b>	2 PADDLERS Pete Conway, Dave Coward
40 or more Entries	<b>40</b>	6 - PADDLERS

This has seen a Maximum on one night of over 60 Paddlers, with many nights above 50. Winter has also seen a continuation of support with many nights attracting in excess of 40 paddlers attending.



## Marathons

The Club has also provided substantial support to the PNSW Marathon Series, to the extent that for 2017 we defended our Club Points championship, a feat accomplished by a combination of good paddling and excellent club attendance. Many thanks to members for supporting these events. For this year LCRK is currently leading the points score again, despite a change to the points system, this

year. Hopefully continued member support will see LCRK retain the trophy for this year.

Support for the Marathons also spilled over to this year's State Marathon Championships with improved attendance over last years and excellent individual placings resulting in LCRK winning the Champion Club Trophy.

Primary amongst the Marathons was of course our own **LCRK Marathon**. Thanks to Paul van Koesveld and his team ably assisted by the fantastic support given by club members.

This year saw the Club hold the inaugural Doubles round with resounding success with our best ever attendance figures of 150 Boats and 209 paddlers. A highlight of the event was the fact that LCRK not only had 50 paddlers of the 209 with many of those contributing as event volunteers augmenting the 40 non-paddling volunteers. This meant a very large proportion of our membership contributing to the event resulting in this event continuing to be a prime event on the marathon calendar, again garnering many positive comments from visiting competitors for the excellence of the Management as well as the uniqueness of the event.



### **Myall Classic**

LCRK members continued to give great support to the rejuvenated Myall Classic, organised by our own Tony Hystek for PNSW. The club is continuing to promote this event in the hope that it will become a prime annual event for LCRK paddlers, it is that good an event.

### **Hawkesbury Classic**

LCRK continued this year with strong support for the HCC, working hard to give Roger Deane and his team as much support as possible after the strong effort they put in last year for the events 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As a result we saw 37 paddlers compete in 29 boats which although down on last year saw the Club retain the

Commonwealth Cup Trophy. Again the event was marked by excellent support from non paddling members who gave support to Club paddlers as well as assisting the HCC organisers.

Many thanks to Paul v K for marshalling the troops and Duncan J and Tom Simmat for ensuring our paddlers were in the best possible condition with their Families.

### **Ongoing directions for the Club**

On an ongoing basis, we are planning to further enhance the Clubs fleet by updating existing boats and adding new ones where we perceive a need in order to assist our members in paddling development. The aim is to allow members to experience new boats and boat types in order to further their skills or aid in them determining what direction to go for new boats.

As has already been mentioned the increase in Doubles fleet has been met with a corresponding increase in doubles involvement to the betterment of the club experience as more members are introduced to the joys of Doubling. To this end a Civet Cat K2 was added to the fleet this year whilst the old Grey Nurse was retired. We encourage members to consider these boats, both double and singles for use in events like the Marathon Series, the Myall Classic and the HCC, they offer a good way to do these events.

A review of accommodation at Rotary, in conjunction with the Athletics Clubs also using the facilities, is being made with the view of putting in a joint application for a development grant. Expansion of our pontoon facilities is still high on our agenda with inclusion of these facilities to be included in the grant process. It is anticipated that the investigation of options and obtaining approvals and Grant funding will be a major task this year made all the more likely by the combined approach with the Athletic clubs.

