



**Adelaide Canoe Club**

# **Annual General Meeting**

**Held at Canoe SA, 21 July 2016**

## **Present**

Eddie Andriessen, Lee Bruland, Ian Brunning, Peter Carter, Matt Condon, Phil Doddridge, Mike Dunn, Bernard and Frances Goble, Michael Griffin, Wayne Hooper and Libby Robertson, Ian Hume, Chris Kemp, Don McDonald, Tracey Matzka, David Mausolf (Chair), Geoff Moore, Brian Slater, Helen Stewart, Marina Walker,

## **Apologies**

Meredith Blesing, Rob Bowen, Nicky Brunning, Bruce Gregor, Dennis Liddicoat, David Mallett and Margaret Stuart, Jo Molsher, Don Murchison, Bob Newlands, Steve Olive, David Stone, Charles Walker, Kim Wooning

## **Minutes of the previous AGM**

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were confirmed as circulated (P Carter, D Mausolf: Carried).

## **Reports**

### **President**

Appended

### **Treasurer**

Books were with the accountant. Balance in term deposit \$5315.20.

Renewals were still not progressing smoothly, with some payments not properly accounted for, with no information from AC. Credit card payments were still not possible.

### **Website**

Appended. Lee was thanked for her work on the site over the past several years.

Wayne Hooper found it was not always easy to find new items and would like to see some kind of reminder.

### **Library**

Most DVDs now seemed to be accounted for. The committee would discuss some means of storage, perhaps a locked filing cabinet, at Canoe SA to overcome the need to carry the collection to and from meetings.

## **Election of officers**

The following were elected:

President: David Mausolf (D McDonald, F Goble)

Vice President: Charles Walker (D Mausolf, M Walker)

Secretary: Peter Carter (D McDonald, E Andriessen)

Treasurer: Geoff More (M Walker, P Doddridge)

Committee: E Andriessen, R Bowen, B Goble, H Stewart, plus club leaders (Whether B Gregor and D Stone would continue was not certain)

Ian Brunning would assist Don McDonald maintaining the website.

## **General Meeting**

### **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the 16 June meeting were confirmed as circulated (P Carter, E Andriessen).

## **Reports**

### **Secretary**

Grant acquittal: The paperwork was submitted and the grant acquitted

Community Afternoon Tea invitation: Event to follow Cabinet meeting

Junk email: OMG Temporary Tattoos, Affordable Budget Medals

*Ocean Paddler* 52 electronic edition had arrived

Korean paddler, Jinjoo "Pearl" Lee, was visiting Australia. There had been problems with email communications. A paddle would be organised, depending on weather, availability, etc.

## **Canoe SA**

EO recruitment was in progress.

Waterways Guide progress: More data had been added to website. Progress would be discussed at ESTC meeting 27 July.

## **Australian Canoeing**

Following the June ESTC meeting, Introduction to Sea Kayak Skills was now Enclosed Sea Skills.

Among the items discussed had been an online training package modified from a US original but still in need of a lot of work: [www.boaterexam.com/paddling/au-nz/](http://www.boaterexam.com/paddling/au-nz/)

## **General business**

### **Facebook page**

Ian Brunning suggested the club begin a Facebook page for recruiting and communication. Nicky Brunning was willing to set it up. A Moderator would be needed.

The WLCC Facebook page was noted as a good example.

### **Online log systems**

Ian Brunning noted several online log systems, such as Strava for cycling and a (paid) Norwegian sea kayak system.

It was noted that the Waterways Guide already existed, was intended for Australia-wide use and was promoted by Aus Canoeing. Several members had been involved in surveying and providing information which had then been posted to the site by Ian Heard. Waterways Guide is at [www.waterwaysguide.org.au](http://www.waterwaysguide.org.au).

### **Equipment for come and try sessions**

The question was raised as to what equipment was available for come and try and training sessions. The club has none, but some was available from Canoe SA, although this was not always convenient and suitable. One solution was to hire, and P Doddridge was prepared to hire for club events at a discount.

### **Sea kayaking courses and rolling**

Phil Doddridge's recent sea kayaking course, which included theory sessions at Adelaide Canoe Works and a Wardang Island trip, had been successful. Another would begin mid-September and would be offered to club members at half price (\$350).

Rolling sessions at Westminster would also continue, either as courses or practice, the next series being 11 and 18 August.

There would be another St Kilda trip 27–28 August, run by Adventure Kayaking.

### **Award**

At the recent OEASA Presentation Dinner it was announced that David Mausolf had received this year's Award for Outstanding Service, recognising an outstanding contribution to Outdoor Education and Recreation over many years. Presented by Wayne Hooper, it had been received on David's behalf by Libby Robertson. The citation and response are appended.

## **Calendar**

Sunday morning paddles were continuing, weather permitting

Glenelg River, 11–14 August: Campsites were booked. There was some discussion of the need for car shuffles.

Evening paddles: Would begin again with daylight saving. Two West Lakes sessions per month might be possible.

Goulburn River trip, 19 November onwards. (Pictures of the 2015 trip were shown over supper.)

January Whitewater trip: 2–8 January.

## **President's report**

### ***Dave Mausolf***

Thanks to Vice President and Librarian, Charlie Walker; Secretary, Peter Carter; Treasurer, Geoff Moore; Website organisers, Lee Bruland and Don McDonald. Also thanks to Committee members Rob Bowen, Bernard Goble, Bruce Gregor, Dave Stone, Helen Stewart and Phil Doddridge.

Now is a good time to acknowledge Canoe SA for the use of this room for our regular club meetings and the use of kayaks and equipment that we use for our paddling sessions here at West Lakes.

During the last year we have had many meetings here to report on club trips, discuss any relevant business and plan upcoming activities; as well as just have time to chat with friends.

Committee meetings have been less regular: more on an 'as needed' basis. Nonetheless our committee has been able to discuss any issues and make decisions to ensure the smooth running of our club.

Thanks to treasurer Geoff, our club finances have continued to be well managed throughout the year. Our policy of paying half of the registration fee for club members gaining leadership qualifications; then paying all the fee for re-registration and first aid training after three years is a very good use of club funds and appropriate recognition for the service given by our volunteer leaders.

As one of the club leaders, I would like to personally thank all the others who have made the effort to gain the necessary qualifications and then been prepared to lead club trips, day paddles etc. Without them, our club simply could not function as it does. Several club leaders also helped run the Canoe SA Assessment day in February, where we joined with leaders from other SA groups and help trainees gain qualifications.

We have had another very wide range of paddling trips and activities. Last winter we continued with the indoor pool rolling sessions, which were very well attended and also very successful. The weekend sea kayaking trip, led by Phil, to spend the night in St Kilda community hall was very popular. In October, club members again volunteered to help Canoe SA run the Team Paddle Challenge and enjoyed seeing some energetic young people paddling on the Murray backwaters: some for the first time. In November, some of us had another white water trip to Bluegums at Eildon. Then Wayne and Libby led the first section of the downriver trip from Bluegums to Seymour: a great time was had by all.

We changed our venue for our Christmas evening picnic to West Beach, then had an evening paddle to Glenelg and back in the dark. Over summer, we continued with our evening paddles at West lakes, having good introductory sessions for new paddlers. Thanks to experienced club members for making all newcomers so welcome. Other evenings were at Seacliff (thanks Rob) and varied locations up north, such as Largs Bay, Garden island and the port river (after a very nice meal at the Birkenhead pub).

Day paddles were well attended and varied from on the river Murray to sea paddling at Victor Harbor, the Coorong, and surf kayak training sessions. Some even paddled to welcome HMB *Endeavour* when it visited Adelaide.

Wayne and Libby organised the January white water trip for experienced club members keen to return and some who had their first experience of paddling (and swimming) in moving water. Another very popular and successful club activity. They also organised this year's Clean Up Australia day on the Onkaparinga river: a good service to the environment and wider community.

March long weekend paddling and camping on the Pike river was as good as always.

Four of our experienced sea kayakers finally made it to the Sir Joseph Banks group of islands. This is one of the classic sea trips in SA: four hours off the coast from Tumby Bay.

Over the June long weekend, Charlie led a very successful trip exploring the classic kayak camping area at Chowilla.

We also have people getting together to organise trips further from home. Twelve of our club paddlers booked out a commercial sea kayaking trip based on a beautiful tropical island in Fiji, and had a great time. Two others paddled canals and inland waterways of Ireland. It is really good to see photos and hear reports of our club members using skills learned here to enjoy paddling in such interesting places.

I hope you have enjoyed the last year of club paddling activities as much as I have.

## **ACC Website Report July 2016**

### ***Lee Bruland, retiring webmaster***

We have our website working quite well at present but it can be a little more complex to browse pages to find information and articles.

Now is the time to register for 2016 however the on-line memberships and renewals are still not working for everyone.

And, as in the past, I'd like to remind people to send in Trip Reports and photos and also any paddling done by members outside club activities such as the recent Fiji trip or those undertaken by peer groups.

## **OEASA Award to David Mausolf**

**The Outdoor Educators' Association of SA Award for Outstanding Service, recognising an outstanding contribution to Outdoor Education and Recreation over many years.**

### **Citation by Wayne Hooper**

David has served as president and committee member of the Adelaide Canoe Club for more than twenty years. He has been the driving force behind the club over the past few years, coordinating the calendar of events, facilitating and leading information meetings, evening paddles, day, overnight and extended trips. He has been involved in training and assessing Instructors and is an active member of the Canoe SA Education Committee. He volunteers on Canoe SA programs including the annual Canoe Challenge for school age students. His dedication to promoting canoeing and kayaking (including sea, river, and whitewater) makes him a worthy recipient of this award.

### **David's response**

Thank you very much to the OEASA committee for this award.

I feel that any service I have made to Outdoor Recreation has been far outweighed by the great friendships and adventures that I have enjoyed over many years.

I would like to acknowledge instructors and leaders who have guided and inspired me since the late 1980s when I was studying a Graduate Diploma in Outdoor Education. I was taken cross country skiing by Rob Hogan and taught kayaking by Laurie and Anthea Shem.

Following that, there were also episodes of learning by our own mistakes such as Wayne Hooper and myself in our early white water kayaking days.

Through Adelaide Canoe Club and my involvement with Canoe SA, I have been very happy to contribute and sometimes take a leadership role with the support and willing involvement of many very good people.

Thank you.