



**Adelaide Canoe Club**

# General Meeting

**Held at Canoe SA, 17 November 2016**

## Present

Eddie Andriessen, Meredith Blesing, Rob Bowen, Peter Carter, Bernard and Frances Goble, Chris Kemp, Mark Loram, Don McDonald, Peter McKenzie, Tracey Matzka, David Mausolf (Chair), Helen Stewart, Charles Walker, Kim Wooning

## Apologies

Ian Brunning, Wayne Hooper and Libby Robertson, Geoff Moore, Peter Vincent

## Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the 20 October meeting were confirmed as circulated.

## Reports

### Secretary

Received: *Ocean Paddler* No 54 (electronic), subscription renewed (£42 ≡ \$73.13)  
*Seekajak* 148

Email:

Offer from Canoe The Riverland<sup>1</sup>

Assorted paddles: Ocean Canoe, Dragonboat, etc.

Global Paddler: Guides to Coffin and Kellidie Bay had been posted

Happenings:

Sandy Robson was back in Australia, competing her journey from Germany to Australia

A paddler had drowned at Torquay, Vic, after capsizing a SOT in rough water

Questions had been received from an Infrastructure & Environment (SA) water resources engineer regarding portage ramps and trails

A Club burgee?<sup>2</sup>

### Website

The Facebook page was now active and favourably reviewed. There was some discussion about promoting coming events, with agreement that details and contacts should be on the website, as at present.

### Library

With the filing cabinet in operation the collection was readily available.

### Canoe SA

AGM: Tuesday 29 November, Scout Hall, Anderson Avenue Glenelg North, 7:00 pm

Forthcoming courses, particularly *Get into Paddling* for novices, were noted.

### Australian Canoeing

Awards to two South Australians: Life Membership to Mark O'Brien, Service to Canoeing to Duncan Cochrane.

## Trip reports

Pictures of the recent Birkenhead paddle were shown. Also noted were the Team Paddle Challenge upstream of Roonka and Hugh Stewart's participation in the Hawkesbury Classic in NSW.

Bad weather had forced cancellation of several Tuesday paddles. Numbers were low for Sunday morning paddles, but with Bernard's qualifications renewed these would become led rather than peer paddles.

## General business

The Club grading scheme, log book and emergency card were briefly discussed, together with options for binding log books.<sup>3</sup>

Several possibilities for skills training—sessions by Phil Doddridge, the assessment day in February—were discussed, as well as a 'show and tell' day.

The Christmas paddle would be on West lakes, with a short paddle to a beach for food and drink.

## Notes

### 1 Canoe the Riverland

Dear Peter

We would like to offer free of charge the use of our riverfront property for the Adelaide Canoe Club as a base for paddling trips in the Chowilla/Ral Ral Creek area.

We have a camp kitchen, bathroom and toilet plus room for setting up tents. Vehicles can be also safely parked for the duration of the trip.

We can also provide up to date information on conditions in the area.

[www.canoetheriverland.com](http://www.canoetheriverland.com)

Kind regards

Jim and Ruth Roberts

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### 2 Burgees

In the early days of paddlesport paddlers followed standard yachting practice, flying a national ensign on the stern and a club burgee (pennant) at the bow. Sailing clubs continue flying and swapping burgees. A Club burgee would be a distinguishing feature on boats, particularly at events. Crosses and stars are common on sailing burgees, motifs that might be avoided. Ideas are welcome.

### 3 Log book binders, emergency cards

Comb binding is a fiddly process. Among alternatives available from stationers are clear folders with spines (A4: cut to A5), display folders with clear sleeves, etc.

The emergency card was designed to print at 98 by 63mm to fit standard key card laminating pouches. Fill in on-screen and print, then cut off a corner so the laminated card doesn't leak through the hole for the retaining cord.

	<b>Club</b>	<b>Canoe SA</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>November</b>			
Tuesday 22	Evening paddle, Seacliff		
Sunday 27	Coastal Peer Paddle	Sea Kayak Workshop	
Tuesday 29	Evening paddle, West Lakes		
<b>December</b>			
Sunday 4	Coastal Peer Paddle		
Tuesday 6	Evening paddle, Snowden Beach		
Sunday 11	Coastal Peer Paddle		
<b>January 2017</b>			
Mon 2 – Mon 9	Whitewater, Eildon		
Thursday 16	Australia Day paddle		
<b>February</b>			
Sat 4 – Sun 5			Swim escort, Patawalonga