

Celebrating 40 years of Canoeing



Welcome...

THE CURRENT COMMITTEE of the SUTHERLAND SHIRE CANOE CLUB WISH TO WELCOME MEMBERS (old and new) TO THE FORTIETH (40) BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS at the CLUB PREMISES in Burnham Burnham Reserve on SUNDAY, JULY 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 11am.

THIS COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET of "CANEWS" WILL REMIND OUR MEMBERS OF THE FUN AND ACTIVITIES THE CLUB HAS HAD OVER THESE 40 YEARS .... WE HAVE RECENTLY MOVED INTO a "NEW ERA" AT OUR CLUB PREMISES. NEW MEMBERS MAY NOT BE AWARE OF THE CLUB'S LONG HISTORY. 40 YEARS AS AN ACTIVE CANOE CLUB IS SOMETHING REALLY SPECIAL ..... AND IT IS SPECIAL BECAUSE OF THE "INPUT" OF OUR MEMBERS.

WE HAD A VERY BIG "DO" FOR OUR 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WHEN SOME 176 MEMBERS PACKED INTO THE COMO SCHOOL OF ARTS to RECALL THE MANY HAPPY TIMES THEY HAD WITH THE CLUB.

TO-DAY IS AN "OUTDOOR" GATHERING, WITH MANY NEW FACES AMID THE OLD CLUB STALWARTS, BUT ALL OF US HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY AS WE CONTINUE TO MAKE SSCC A FRIENDLY AND UNITED CANOE CLUB.

AS ONE OF THE CLUB'S LIFE MEMBERS, AND CLUB HISTORIAN, I AM BIASED IN THINKING IT IS ONE OF THE BEST - NO - THE BEST CLUB IN NSW!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SSCC!

From Joan Morison OAM.

## BUT FIRST..... an introduction .....

Everyone who attended our Silver Anniversary (25 years) received an Historical Booklet, chock full of the Club's many activities up until then – 1997. NOW, for our Ruby Anniversary (40 years) 2012, this Commemorative Booklet contains an extra 15 years of paddling, which includes the Sydney Olympics. (Aussie! Aussie! Aussie! Oi! Oi! Oi!) Plus oodles of activities of the Club's re-growth – new faces – new events – new equipment – a new building! - and even a new State Canoeing Organisation!

Sadly the demise of NSW Canoeing after 57 years, caused by an outmoded, unfair National financial system, was a major disaster, but a new organisation arose from the ashes – Paddle NSW – which is endeavouring to provide what we all took for granted from NSW Canoeing. Whilst almost everyone is into Canoesport, the research shows that 95% of people who go paddling, are not members of any canoe club or organisation. Fortunately in the “Shire”- our friendly Canoe Club SSCC offers the new members “safety” with Basic skill tuition, hence SSCC survived the Membership slump that all canoe clubs were experiencing in the 1990s. Some clubs disappeared altogether. Remember folks – a Basic Skill badge test is required for all members within 12 months of joining - have you done yours yet?

**Communication** is a vital element in any organisation. The Club Newsletter filled the bill, and still is the perfect “hard copy” even in the computer age, but sadly isn't regular. In the Millenium came our “Website”! Thanks to the late Peter Tuziak, it not only conveyed to the world via the Internet what a great club we were it included the quarterly copies of “Canews” - one could print a copy (if you were on the Net) or join Joan's Editorial direct mailing list.

Sadly, due to the untimely death of President Peter Tuziak the Website went into a lull until it was revitalised by a “Google Group” organised by new member Grant McCord. Grant is also updating the Website.

Whilst these fantastic modern means of contact help us to maintain a link with members, many have begun to request that “Canews” be once again introduced, so that we can pin our “hard copy” to our home notice board and refer to it over our daily “cuppa” or mug of coffee.

SO ..... here we are Celebrating 40 years of paddling with the SSCC – we even held a Fun Day for our 35<sup>th</sup> in 2007, plus an “almost Ruby” celebration in May 2009 – but this is the real McCoy!

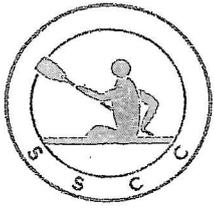
Having concluded to-day's AGM, the Club moves into an era of *real* commitment, and our newly elected Committee is entrusted with steering us through the “rapids of change” with our Club Facility.

Each of us must accept some responsibility to ensure that the Club maintains, not only its excellent record, but that we plan our future well so that when our Golden Anniversary of 50 years comes around, the future decade of 2012 – 2022 will then contain even greater accolades for SSCC.

let's get on with documenting SSCC's incredible sporting past .....

PADDLE ON ...

Club Historian: Joan Morison OAM



SUTHERLAND SHIRE CANOE CLUB INC.

RUBY (40 years) ANNIVERSARY.

1972 - 2012



In the beginning ....

Our Founders were members of another club (Lilli Pilli) which had merged with a Sea Scout Group to share a hall. It was fantastic having a meeting hall near water but there were problems, as strict regulations impinged on Canoeing freedom. Thus SSCC was born of frustration, following one of the meetings where even small children were given a vote to contain the progress of canoe activity.

After this meeting, a small group met to discuss the problem. These folk were very active with the organisation of NSW Canoeing, so next day, under a shady tree in Prince Edward Park, decided the only solution was to form a new canoe club.

Since that historic day in 1972, more than 1300 people have 'passed through' the club, all making a significant impact. Each joined for different reasons. All brought some special skill. Our thanks must go to everyone for contributing to the success of the Club.

Whether it was Competition, Administration or Recreation, members of SSCC were in there flying the flag. You may not be aware that some of our members were a tremendous force in the overall organisation of Canoesport in both NSW and Australia and some of our new members are still very involved, especially since the demise of NSW Canoeing and Paddle NSW came into being.

As for Communication, the Club Newsletter (began 1972) to provide the uniting link for a strong and growing membership. It didn't really have a personality until June 1975 when a competition decided the name "Canews". It is still with us, but not regularly, for the "Computer era" caught up with how we communicate with each other, and E/mail and Google began to rival Canews.

One of the best things the Club did was to provide members with heaps of activities and memories! While learning the Basic Skills of both kayak and canoe we had tremendous FUN! Our meetings, in those balmy days when people went to meetings, were great Social gatherings. As for activities, it didn't matter what boat you paddled, or what discipline you preferred, members tried everything! From Marathon to Sprint, Slalom to Polo, Wild Water Racing to White Water Touring, Surfing to Base Camps and Picnic Paddles .... we did it all!

To-day? SSCC still provides the skills and enjoyment of Canoeing. Designs of canoes, kayaks and paddles may have changed radically, but competitors still take themselves seriously! Meetings at our Facility in Burnham Burnham Reserve are regular, well attended and membership is again on the rise. We are no longer the big club we used to be in the "hey days" (some 300 strong) but most Canoe Clubs suffered from dwindling membership during the Social changes of the 1990s. Again we see families and children joining the ranks, and our "Come & Try" is very popular, indeed, it is the "brief" we have from Council to ensure Shire people are introduced to Safe Canoeing.

Join us in the following pages as we take you through the 40 wonderful years of SSCC.....

FOUNDERS in the park... Albert & Gwen Hopkins, Bob & Sue Lawton, Rod Jolliffe, Shirley & Ray Abrahall, Mary, Cam, Barbara & David Penton, Ron Bennett, Alan Willard, Rob & Elizabeth Hodsdon, Ron & Lyn Cannings.

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The first Official Meeting was held on 5th May 1972 at the Abrahall home at Mulyan Street, Como West. Those present were ....

Albert Hopkins, Rod Jolliffe, L. Morphy, Bob Lawton, Elizabeth & Rob Hodsdon, Mary, Cam & David Penton, Shirley & Ray Abrahall, George Ellem, R. Wilson, and Keith Carroll. Apologies: Gwen Hopkins, Sue Lawton.

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In between that day in the park and the first Official meeting, several of the founding members had been hard at work preparing a Constitution & Rules. After an election of officers, the Draft Constitution & Rules was circulated, read and voted upon clause by clause.

Members Fees were set ...	Junior (U/16)	\$1.50
	Ordinary	\$3.00
	Family	\$5.00

It was a busy night. No detail of organisation was forgotten ...

The club would have a P.O. Box, Newsletter. Any Publicity would be given to the two local newspapers regularly. They wanted to have a Patron. Badges and Club singlets would be approved at the next meeting. Canoe Building was high on the agenda ... one mould was already available (KW7) and a Down River Racer mould was in the pipeline. Experienced members would form a building committee. Delegates to NSWCA and its committees were elected. They would join immediately. The Club will open a bank account.

Well ... we can't open a bank account without money! The President Albert Hopkins donated \$5 to start the ball rolling. Not to be outdone assisting the club, Bob Lawton donated stencils, paper and some fibreglass material. The Secretary, Elizabeth Hodsdon won the day when she donated the first year's cost of the P.O. Box! Bravo all!

So, by the time everyone paid their membership fees, there was a tidy sum to go into the bank. Tired but elated with the new venture, the meeting closed at 11.25 pm.

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There was enormous growth and enthusiasm in the first five years. After joining NSWCA, the club involved themselves in every activity available.

The Seventies were "boom" years for the sport of Canoeing. SSCC was in there 'boots and all' -- which wasn't surprising, for several members were elected to official positions on the NSWCA Executive as well as the three disciplines then available (Sprint, Slalom, Touring.) NSWCA positions held were .... Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Vice President & Publicity Officer.

Was it any wonder that there were 113 members by the end of the first year?

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There is one strange fact about SSCC. No Life Membership has been awarded. Having searched through every AGM Minutes, I found this most unusual.

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In those first five years SSCC was like a well tended garden. Growth in all things was apparent. By the time the President handed the reins over at the 1977 AGM, the President elect inherited an enthusiastic band of canoeists ... over 200 strong, ready and eager for anything!

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OFFICIALS ... The FIRST FIVE YEARS.



	<u>1972/73</u>	<u>1973/74</u>
<u>President.</u>	Albert Hopkins	Bob Lawton
<u>Vice</u>	L. Morphy	George Ellem
<u>Presidents:</u>	Ray Abrhall	John Owen
<u>Secretary:</u>	Elizabeth Hodsdon	Elizabeth Hodsdon
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Shirley Abrahall	Shirley Abrahall
<u>Magazine:</u>	Bob Lawton	John Owen
	Ray Abrahall	Rod Jolliffe
	George Ellem	Ron Canning
<u>Q.M.(s) :</u>	Rod Jolliffe	
	Bob Lawton	Rod Jolliffe
	Ray Abrahall.	

	<u>1974/75</u>	<u>1975/76</u>	<u>1976/77</u>
<u>President:</u>	Elizabeth Hodsdon	Bruce Morison	Bruce Morison
<u>V/Pres:</u>	Bob Lawton	Brian Warton	Brian Warton
	Ron Canning	Elizabeth Hodsdon	Elizabeth Hodsdon
<u>Secretary:</u>	Mary Penton	Lyn McDonnell	Keith Carroll
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Sharonsue Hayward	Margaret Sampson	Lorna Lerve
	Resigned March 75		
	Margaret Sampson.		
<u>Magazine:</u>	Joan & Bill Dinning.	Joan Morison	Joan Morison
<u>Q.M. (s):</u>	Ron Canning	Bob Davis	Bob Davis
	Bob Davis		

MEETINGS .... The first year began with meetings in members' homes. As more members joined a meeting place was sought. The first venue was the Bates Drive School. Eventually SSCC outgrew the venue and the Como School of Arts was suggested, checked, and meetings began there in 1976.

The old School of Arts was an ideal meeting place for our purpose and it was filled to overflowing each month.

A variety of Programs and activities were staged for members. This was considered an important task, and a PROGRAM Officer was elected to see a wide range of activities were held. The Program Officer was maintained until 1979, when it became necessary for each of the active disciplines to present their own programs.

SOCIAL .... Ah yes! SSCC was a very socially oriented lot. What was the use of a meeting without supper?

And naturally ... entertainment!

1974/75 saw the introduction of having a "proper" Social Committee ... no more just the few willing hands who provided sustenance at former meetings ...

The first CONVENOR was Bob Davis (alias the Sultan) who organised a 'harem' of ladies to do his work for him!

A succession of excellent SOCIAL COMMITTEES has since followed in his footsteps.



The CLUB NEWSLETTER.



It all began on Fordigraph. The age of Duplicator photocopy and computer were light years away.

The purple ink wasn't easy to read, and news had to be hand printed on stencils .. it was an Editor's "labour of love".

Bingo! The club bought a duplicator and a typewriter. Stencils and stylus pen. Wow! We were getting professional!

By the end of the first five years, new Editor Joan Morison had secured two advertisers. The cover was now printed with club activity photos on the front.

Some "Gems" from CANEWS.

September '72: Meeting approved T/Shirts and Racing Singlets in club colours.

October '72: Quote of the month: 'To entertain some people all you have to do is listen'.

February '73: "Hell ... stinking resin ... not much more to go ... that's the hull and deck laid ... bloody cutter stuck to my hand.. acetone, get the brush cleaned before it goes off! Too late ... blast!

March '73: SSCC's first medals at State Racing Champs: 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 3 bronze. Well done!

July '73: New Club Rules: \* Life Jackets to be carried on all river trips.  
\* Member Safety tests to be updated. \* Set up a club Library.  
\* Six Pauchet trophies allocated: 4 for racing, 1 most improved and 1 five year award. ... Where are they now??

August '73: Club member Barbara Penton was the NSW Student of the Year.

September '73: Ahoy boat builders! The club will supply three Parsley Cutters with club equipment.

February '75: Anyone interested in new discipline of Canoe Polo? Contact Ray Abrahall the NSW Convenor.

July '75: Cake Auction! \$20 was raised for a delicious looking fruit cake which turned out to be a cleverly disguised block of wood!

September '75: First club meeting in Como School of Arts.

October '75: Match Race at Reid's Flat, Audley. Keith Carroll challenges Bob Davis. (Who tied that bucket behind Keith's kayak???)

December '75: SSCC competes in First Surf Canoeing Champs. ABC/Target was there to film the two classes .. Surfing kayaks and slalom kayaks. The competitors were Keith Carroll, Ross Morgan, Robert Morison, David Penton, David Martin and Richard Van Putten. Joan & Bruce Morison were among the Judges. (It looked good on T.V.!)

November '75: Graham Engel won high praise as our First Aider for the 100 Miler.

December '75: An 'elderly' member of SSCC caught skateboard riding at Jannali. (Psst! It was Ray Abrahall.)

March '76: 200 paddlers from 9 clubs attend our Bruinbun Ranking Slalom.

" Darook Park Fun Day .. 50 members try new races! Backwards, Piggy Back Kayak, Sideways, Kayak No paddle, kayak with single paddle, C2 standing.

" Theatre Party to 'My Fair Lady' .. Robert Morison treads the boards with Miranda Musical Society and wins coveted Club Award.

July '76: 45 SSCC members invade Canterbury Ice Rink. (Some members make better paddlers than skaters!)

September '76: Western BBQ at Morisons .. 65 assorted Wild West types from SSCC, Illawarra and Nepean turn up. Much wampum from Indian Chief Clare!

"Gems" from CANEWS continued ....

- October '75: Polo Team for SSCC. Inaugural competition starts soon.  
See Joan Morison, NSWCA Polo Convenor.
- November '76: Upper Kangaroo Valley Canoe Trip. Leader accuses the Firles  
of using glue on the seats. They didn't capsize once!
- " '76: George Butler receives merit award for having the biggest  
blisters in the 100 Miler. (They were on his ... rear end!)
- February '77: Lost: One lettman Olymp under a tree on the Murrumbidgee.  
Slightly damaged (?) one hand loop missing. May be near three  
bash hats belonging to the Campbells. Same trip saw Hubert  
Firle more in the water than out of it!
- " Mark Morison no longer has a goatee beard. A Portagas lamp  
exploded in his face. He had a rush trip to Lithgow Hospital.  
He tells us whiskers burn well!
- March '77: Young Mark Pauchet should make a good father one day. He puts  
his racing kayaks "to bed" in blue nylon covers... T.L.C.
- " '77: "Can you lend me a paddle?" said Mike Phipps. "NO!" roared the  
mob. "You've broken two already!"
- May '77: Bob Lawton was fined at the dinner for pinching food off the  
kids table! "Fines" became very popular at Annual Dinners.  
112 attended the 5th Annual Dinner.
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OUT OF  
THIS WORLD!



#### CANOE REVUES.

Canoeists displayed lots of talent around the Campfire. The  
five Revues held between 1971 and 1975 nurtured this talent.  
The first Révue was held in the Sutherland School of Arts and  
was such a success, like Topsy, it just grew!

The Morison's and the Neenans were the Producers, Writers and  
Directors. Every Club from Wollongong to Newcastle had an act!  
Some were so stage struck we had trouble getting them off the  
stage! We had a 'tiger by the tail'. After the second Revue, clubs begged  
for another. The third Revue staged at Caringbah High was an epic!

We needed a rehearsal to "weed out" the enthusiastic (but hopeless) actors.  
It was held at the old Menai Scout Hall. A huge Supermarket is there now.  
We THOUGHT we had solved the problems ... but ... we still ran overtime as  
some "stars" hogged the stage! However, it was well received by an audience  
of more than 500 (who thought we were professionals!)

SSCC was right into it for the fourth Revue at Upper Kangaroo Valley. It was  
combined with a Fun week-end of canoeing and walking. SSCC's act of Whistling  
Stomachs had them rolling in the aisles. It was a great night.

We were foolish enough to be conned into running yet another one ... this  
time, the strain of production was so daunting we decided to have an OPEN AIR  
show at Coolendel. 200 canoeists came from everywhere to join the fun. We  
had the Musical Society Choir and under the 18' Marquee it was a fun night.  
We rounded Sunday off with a great Canoeing Surf Carnival.

I can still see John Bell in an English Policeman Hat singing ( somewhat flat)  
about a Bloodhound ...

The men's Ballet Group from Illawarra were the "stars" of all the shows.  
They were great times ... I hope to-day's kids have as much fun as we did.

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CANOE WEEK!  
**ACTIVITIES!**  
 CAR TRIALS.



SOCIAL ... Bonaparte's Resturant.  
 Theatre Parties.  
 Wine Bottling Night.  
 Cake Competitions  
 Cake Auctions.  
 Film Nights.  
 Visiting Speakers.

BBQ & Western Night at Morisons.  
 Fund Raising BBQ for competitors.

Electing a RECORDER & LIBRARIAN.  
 and JUNIOR MEMBERS on Committee.



Wednesday afternoon Picnic Paddles  
 during daylight saving at Reid's Flat.  
 FOLK DANCING!  
 MAKING the Club's BODY NUMBERS.  
 BUSHWALKS.

PUBLICITY DISPLAYS.

Supporting the 1976 Olympics!  
 Displays / Selling Tee Shirts.

CANOEING at the SYDNEY BOAT SHOW.

We stage a COMBINED CANOE CLUB CAMP.



POOL TRAINING & ROLLING CLASSES.

THE CANOE REVUES!

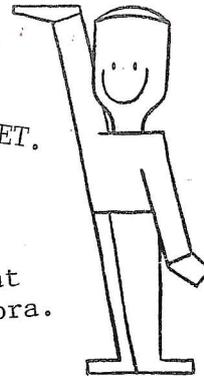
COMBINED CANOE CLUBS' CABARET.

MAKING the SOLO CANOE FILM!

Picnic Paddles & Fun Days at  
 Prince Edward Park - Woronora.

Novelty Carnivals - Family Camps.

The Club has Tee Shirts, Badges and  
 Racing Singlets.



**TOURING**



White Water Moving Trips by the score.  
 \* Shoalhaven \* Macquarie \* Cotter  
 \* Kangaroo (No Dam then!) \* Murrumbidgee  
Flat Water & Estuary Trips .. \* Nepean  
 \* Coolendel \* Turon \* McDonald  
 \* Hawkesbury \* Woronora \* Mungo Brush  
 \* Georges \* Hacking \* Goodmans Ford.



The AWARD SCHEME STARTS ..  
 SSCC is there!

MEMBERS PASS CANOE TESTS.

Two members complete the U.K. Marathon  
Devise to Westminster. 76 Portages!  
 Shirley & Ray Abrahall.



Our first Club Race ..  
 Como to P.E. Park & Return.

on 22/9/74 we host the State  
 Long Distance Race from Como  
 to Needles & return. It then  
 became an Annual Club event.



SLALOM! We ran them, we went to them!  
 SSCC's Bruinbun Slalom was one of the  
 biggest ... over 200 competitors!

Our members patronise other Club's  
events ... Ranking Slaloms and the  
 'Specialty' Races of the era ...

- \* 100 MILER \* MURRAY MARATHON
- \* ICC BLUE WATER CLASSIC.
- \* LACHLAN & PORT HACKING CLASSICS.
- \* DUNGOG to CLARENCETOWN.
- \* RCC & WYONG 25 Milers.
- \* MacLEAY VALLEY \* INTERVARSITY.

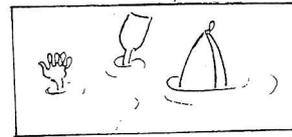
Our Juniors are "Tops" in HIGH SCHOOL  
 CANOEING CHAMPIONSHIPS - all disciplines.

The NSWCA AGM Canoe Camp at MYUNA BAY.

COMPETITION ... State Registration 50c.

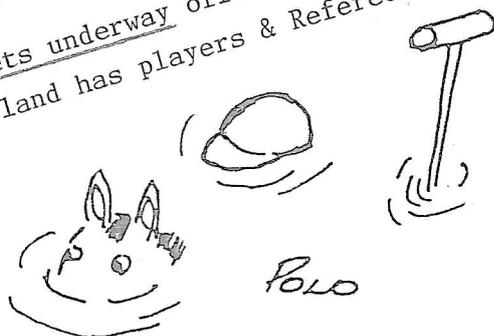
Our members entered Metropolitan, State,  
 National & Interstate events in RACING,  
 SLALOM & DOWN RIVER RACING, LONG DISTANCE.

POLO gets underway officially in 1976/77.  
 Sutherland has players & Referees.

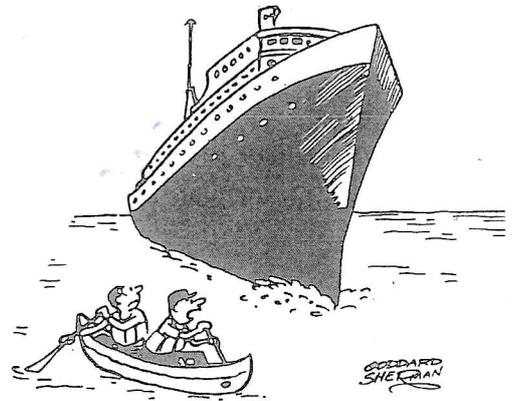


Sydney Harbour Paddles ...

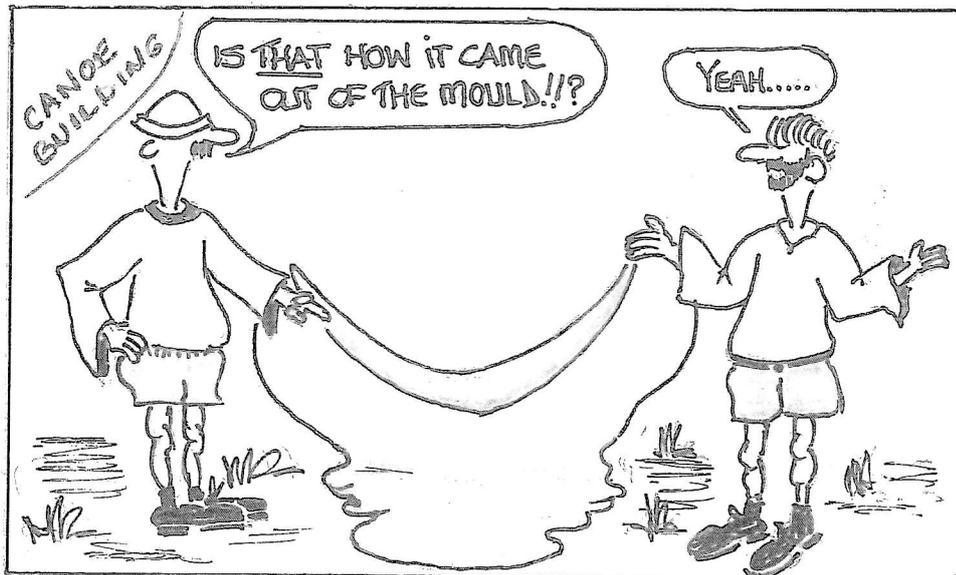
- \* Double Bay to Shark Island.
- \* Night paddle from Watsons Bay.



POLO



"Keep paddling! We have the right of way"



I KID YOU NOT ..

WE DID A LOT!

OFFICIALS ... The SECOND FIVE YEARS.



	<u>1977/78</u>	<u>1978/79</u>
<u>President:</u>	Gordon Hocking	Gordon Hocking
<u>V/Presidents:</u>	George Butler Ross Morgan	George Butler Ross Morgan
<u>Secretary:</u>	Keith Carroll	Keith Carroll
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Lorna Lerve	John Bell
<u>Magazine:</u>	Joan Morison	Joan Morison
<u>Q.M.:</u>	Eric Phipps	Eric Phipps
<u>Publicity:</u>	Joan Morison	Joan Morison
	<u>1979/80</u>	<u>1980/81</u>
<u>President:</u>	Joan Morison	Ross Morgan
<u>V/Pres:</u>	John Hall Nev Campbell	Hubert Firle Bert Laurendet
<u>Secretary:</u>	Keith Carroll	Keith Carroll
<u>Treasurer:</u>	John Bell	John Hall
<u>Magazine:</u>	Tonia Campbell Elsa Hocking	Jim Murray Hayden Stedman Tonia Campbell(Print)
<u>Q.M.:</u>	Eric Phipps	Eric Phipps
<u>Publicity:</u>	Joan Morison	Trevor Farrell
	<u>1981/82</u>	
	Ross Morgan	
	Hubert Firle	
	Bert Laurendet	
	Keith Carroll	
	John Hall	
	Hayden Stedman	
	Tonia Campbell(Print)	
	Eric Phipps	
	Trevor Farrell	

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT .... During this period the Club encompassed all the disciplines of the sport. Members could "have a go" at anything. They did!

Polo and Surfing were established at State level and members took to them both like a duck to water. Keith Carroll led the Surfing fanatics. A Surf Shoe mould was built. The challenge of the waves called. There was even a State Championships. I can't locate any competitors in our records, but we had two Judges .. Joan and Bruce Morison.

Polo escalated at a rapid rate. SSCC were heavily involved. We had Referees of A, B and C ratings. We fielded two Senior, three Junior & two Ladies Teams. Our No. 1 Junior Team were the Champions. Polo was played at Gunnamatta Bay, NSW & Sydney University Pools, and Gala Days in several venues.

Member Chris Love became a force in the game, bringing in his Water Polo skills. Not only did he design the NSWCA State Badge, but coached our paddlers to the top.

The first Interstate and Australian Polo Championships were held in Tasmania in 1979. Debbie Love was Team Manager. Three of the seven Open Team members were from SSCC: Chris Love, Jonathon Parfoot, Neil Lerve. Two SSCC in the U/18 Team. Luke Morison and Mark Pauchet.

In this same period, SSCC was excelling in Slalom. We hosted events for the USA visiting Coach, Chuck Stanley (one of our members organised his whole tour and one of our members designed the Tour Badge.) In 1981 Paul Campbell and Luke Morison became Australian Junior C2 Champions.

Racing, with a smaller following, was waving the Club Flag too. Luke Morison won a few Junior medals and Veteran Paddlers like Bert Laurendet and the Morisons did O.K. in State Long Distance. Harley Clare did some C2 at Metropolitan and State events.

ULTRA MARATHONS .. were popular with members. The 100 Miler had a "contingent" of paddlers, Land Crews and even their own First Aider, Graham Engel. In 1977, the Hawkesbury Classic began. SSCC members began to etch their names in this Race's history right from the beginning.

In 1980 two new State Committees formed ...Marathon & Long Distance and Board of Canoe Education. Bert Laurendet was our first Marathon Convenor and Bruce Morison and Kevin Newton started the BCE ball rolling.

There is nothing worse than losing a friend ... Albert Hopkins, first President of SSCC left us a great legacy in the Club, but young Hayden Stedman, only 21, was a tragic loss. One of four Volunteer Firefighters caught in the Waterfall Bushfire, all his Canoeing friends felt his loss very deeply.

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Canoeists are inventive people .. they began the "fines" and the Crafty Cup, a tradition somewhat similar to the 1997 TV Show, "Who Dares Wins." This Five Year period saw a lot of 'firsts' and everything was recorded in CANEWS.

Again some of those "gems" from CANEWS .....

- \* Lone SSCC competitor journeys to W.A. for National Slalom. His Ford Panel Van never recovered from the long journey. Mark Morison paddled well.
- \* Ladies Polo is dangerous! Stacey Campbell was rammed in the mouth after she capsized. (Nev hurried to count her teeth for possible dental work.)
- \* SSCC to have a Polo War Cry .. "Sutherland, Sutherland, white and blue,  
This is your Cheer Squad, we love you!  
Tactics to win with positional play,  
Sutherland Club will win the day!"
- \* Jamie Campbell fined 5 cents for digging camp latrine too close to tents.
- \* Luke Morison fined 5 cents for asking a lady could he have a loan of her kayak piddle! (The word is PADDLE Luke!)
- \* David Duncan earned a Bravery Award at the Club Dinner for diving to rescue a sunken Polo Goal Pole at Gunnamatta. David was also fined for taking his mother's mauve blanket camping.
- \* 300 Ranger Guides received canoe instruction at their Regatta from members. Joan, Bruce, and Luke Morison, Neil & Heather Lerve and Jonathon Parfoot.
- \* 42 members Toured the Macquarie River (in flood) in 19 boats. We picked up stranded paddlers on the way. Leaders were hard pressed. Three rescues at once, with Geoff Phipps and Luke Morison working double time rescuing gear! The trip was aborted before the Gorge. (Thank heavens!)
- \* SSCC raid Kangaroo Valley orchards! Countless fines issued. John Hall used a step ladder to get the best lemons! Bernice Mapstone took more than anyone else! It was Bert Laurendet's fault. He told them where the orchard was!
- \* There was a drought. Very little water in the rivers. Member Byron Gunther was luckier than most ... he was suffering from WATER on the knee!
- \* SSCC members descend on the Roxy Revue Restuarant at Brighton Le Sands.
- \* Tall stories on the Nepean Trip. Leaders Joan & Bruce Morison were late They had been held up by a HOUSE! Bert Laurendet was later still. He said he was held up by TWO houses!
- \* SSCC wins medals at National Slalom in Tassie. Silver to Luke Morison U/16K1. Gail Songberg Silver in U/18 Girls and selected in NZ Junior Squad.
- \* Trevor Farrell fined 10 cents for driving 10 miles on a flat tyre!
- \* Caroline Hocking fined 3 cents. The collapsable Loo seat collapsed and she fell out the back of the screening. (You deserved your money back Caroline!)
- \* Tonia Campbell fined for knitting whilst Slalom Judging.
- \* Jamie Campbell & Luke Morison won the Junior C2 at Nepean's Canadian Classic.
- \* Harley Clare fined for poking peanuts into bread rolls at the AGM Dinner.
- \* 960 Scouts at Hume Area Jamboree. Jim & Pam Murray & Joan Morison instructed them on the Canoe site. (Phew! Pity they couldn't paddle straight!)
- \* Quote of month: "I come from a wealthy iron and steel family. My mother irons and my father steals."
- \* SSCC members paddle the Murray .. Ray Abrhall & Robert Little in 1978 and Joan Morison (TC1) in 1979. 250 Miles or 404 Kms is a b...y long way!
- \* Membership is still growing ... almost 250 ... can we make it 300??

# Events

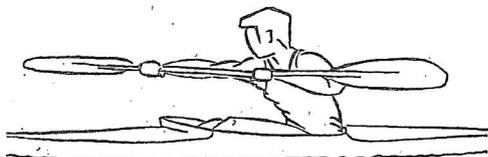
## VALES.

1977 - Albert Hopkins  
SSCC first President.

1980 - Vernon Stedman.  
Age 21. Firefighter .  
Died in Waterfall Bushfire



\* Chris Love designs  
NSWCA Badge.



## SPRINTS.

SSCC supports events.  
Metropolitan/State/Nat.

School Sprint Champs.  
SSCC Juniors do well.

1980 Aust. Champs at  
Penrith. Medals.

1982 Aust. Champs. S.A.  
John Newton selected in  
Junior Training Squad.

## CANOE BUILDING.

16 Club Foreman to help you.

A variety of moulds to use.



BOAT SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA!  
SSCC provides Musical  
Canoeing, Eskimo Rolls,  
and plays Polo.



## NSWCA.

- \* SSSC Members holding several positions.
- \* First Touring Guide printed in 1978.
- \* Eraring Project.
- \* Gordon Hocking runs Touring Camp at AGM Myuna Bay.
- \* Members attend BCE Instructor Courses.
- \* Joan Morison runs Sports Admin. Courses. and Coaching courses.

## JANNALI PARK BEGINS!

- \* Commit funds to building.
- \* Progress activities.
- \* Our Club Shed Opens on 10th August, 1980.

## MEETINGS & THINGS.

Variety in meetings...  
Tupperware Parties,  
Screen Printing, Films,  
Visiting Speakers,  
Sports Nights, Rock &  
Roll Night, Cake Bakes.  
Beer Fests! Bushwalks.  
Roller Skating nights.  
Bowling. Games Nights.

## TOURING.

- \* Trips aplenty on many rivers including ....  
Cotter, Childowlah,  
Nepean, Colo, Fish,  
Manning, Shoalhaven,  
"Epic" Macquarie trips.  
Mighty .. Franklin.  
Goobragandra, Tumut,  
O'Allens Crossing.

## PLUS 'specials'

- \* Kangaroo & Joey Classic
- \* Combined Canoe Camp
- \* Fossikers, Mitta Mitta,
- \* Heathcote/Woronora floods.
- \* ICC Carnival/Beaches Pk.
- \* Coolendel Camps.
- \* USA .. Morison Family on Skykomish, Pyallup, Green Rivers with Washington KC.

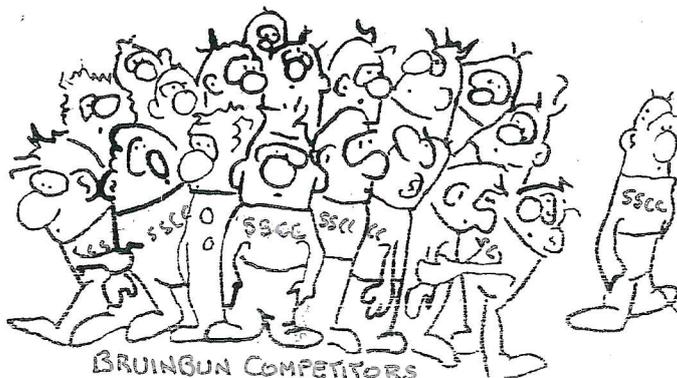


SLALOM & WILDWATER.

- \* SSCC compete in Club, Metropolitan, State & National Champs.
- \* Medals in '79 Nationals in Tasmania, and 1980 Barron R. Queensland.
- \* SSCC dominate in Pool, Nth & Sth Zone Champs.
- \* HV/Tiri - SSCC do well.
- \* NZ Junior Team "reps"
- \* Four attend Victorian Champs on Mitchell R.
- \* 1981 Nationals/Nymboida. Australian Jnr. Champs! Paul & Luke win GOLD!

Club Slaloms.

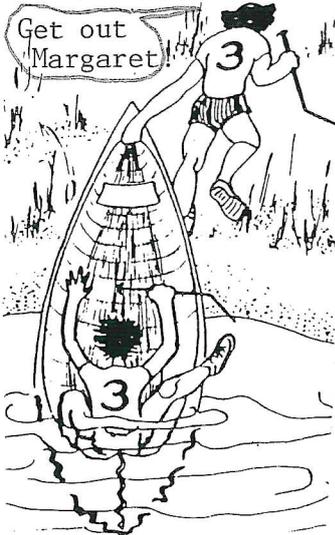
- \* Jannali Park events well patronised.
- \* Vernon Stedman Memorial Slalom draws crowds.
- \* Bruinbun - a major event.
- \* LPKC donates their old Slalom Poles to club.



CLUB RACES.

Como to Needles & New MIDI Distance.

FIRST AUST. MARATHON  
Murray R. 1981.



CONGRATS!



CANOE POLO.

First Mould built. SA Platybat for the players with big feet!

Club Boats & B/Vests in Club Colours.

Gunnamatta Bay for SSCC "home" venue.

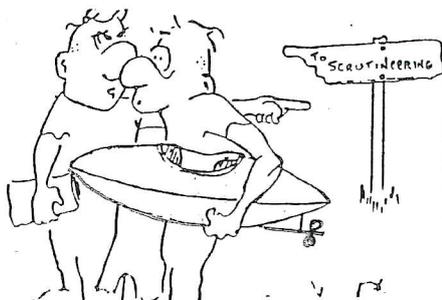
1978 SSCC fielded 2 Men, 2 Women and one U/18 Teams in Metropolitan and State Competitions.

SSCC players in the National Teams for FIRST Interstate and National Champs.

U/18 Team wins GOLD! Ladies SILVER at the State Champs.

National Rules to be introduced.

Knockout Comp Bowral

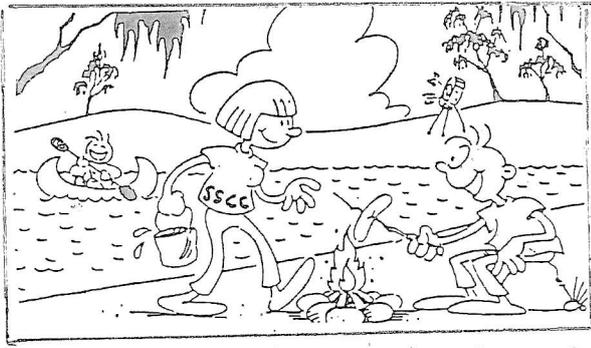


INAUGURAL TWIN RIVERS  
1979.

MARATHONS & Long Distance.

- \* Dungog to Clarencetown
- \* RCC & NCC 25 Milers
- \* Lachlan Classic
- \* NCC Canoes Only Classic
- \* Port Hacking Classic
- \* ICC Gooseberry Island
- \* LPKC Winter Series
- \* NSWCA Series
- \* Colo River Classic
- \* LPKC Hopkins Memorial
- \* State DRR/Barrington
- The "BIG" Ones!
- \* Hawkesbury Classic
- \* Murray Marathon
- \* 100 Miler





As President in the 1979/80 year, the Club's biggest decision was to subscribe to a Council built amenity in the Jannali Park new recreation area. I headed a Committee that had vision for the future of SSCC.

October 1979: Tree planting and Work Bee. The Council to supply trees (we can name them after ourselves). Notice in CANEWS said to bring shovel & wheelbarrow (Dad),

Bucket & Spade (littlies), gloves & rake (Mum), 2 gallons of fresh water for the tree, kayaks and canoes for fun, food for the BBQ.

December 1979: The Council started work in earnest. Ground near boat ramp has been top dressed and two BBQs erected. Later covered tables will be provided, but they are now concentrating on our area (end of peninsular we now call the slot). Seven poles, bipods and wires in place. No vandalism so far. All the trees look healthy. The Bell tree has a broken stake. Building of facility is due to start. Council encourage the club members to use the area regularly.

March 1980: A good roll up at our slalom site including visitors from RCC & Nepean Clubs. Thanks to Gordon Hocking who mowed the grass. The place is looking good.

June 1980: The new Club facility, toilet block & showers are progressing well. It is hoped we can use them by Spring.

July 1980: The Amenities block is finished except for power and racks to hold canoe moulds. Council advised the opening for next month, as many members as possible to attend. We shall receive Council invitations and they provide us with morning tea in a special marquee with PA system etc.

Our club contributed \$1500, Council \$9000, State Government \$6000. The toilets and showers are for public use and not ours exclusively.

Many members were thanked for their vision in getting this project underway.

10th August, 1980: Grand Opening. Weather perfect. The Sutherland Shire Silver Band entertained us. The Shire President did the honours and presented SSCC's President (Ross Morgan) with the keys. NSWCA President, Lawrence Cox was there and several members of Illawarra. Club members turned up in force including a number of previous members. Kevin Newton organised a Slalom, a successful raffle raising \$90 was held.

Further Facts about Jannali Park ....

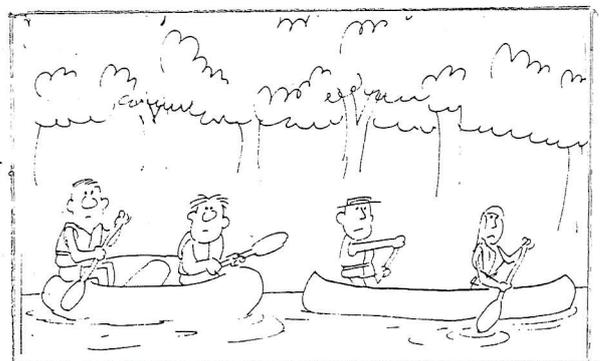
The turf around the building cost \$1500, soil underneath \$700, trees planted in the area \$200. Soon there will be fences around trees to protect them. The rock retaining wall at the water's edge goes down two feet in the mud. All the rock came from excavation at River Road. The area adjacent to the Slalom Course at the end of the peninsular will be grassed, water will be laid on and picnic tables added.

Eventually the area adjacent to all this activity will be playing fields. It is currently a Council dump. SSCC has been asked not to take cars past the gate.

To-day, in 1997, Sutherland members are reaping the benefits. The Slalom Course was moved because of vandalism. Every activity now takes place near the facility.

We use the area as our base. It is great for teaching basic skills, fun paddles, handicap races, BBQs and meetings.

Joan Morison (President 1979/80) Editor & Treasurer in 1997.



OFFICIALS ... The THIRD FIVE YEARS.



	<u>1982/83</u>	<u>1983/84</u>
<u>President:</u>	Bert Laurendet	Bert Laurendet
<u>V/Presidents:</u>	Hubert Firle	Graham Boler
	Dennis Briggs	Laurie Eames
<u>Secretary:</u>	Ross Morgan	Kay Laurendet
<u>Treasurer:</u>	John Hall	John Hall
<u>Magazine:</u>	Joan Morison	Joan Morison
	Pam Boler (Print)	Pam Boler (Print)
<u>QM/Property:</u>	Eric Phipps	Steve Evans
<u>Publicity:</u>	Trevor Farrell	Joan Morison
	<u>1984/85</u>	<u>1985/86</u>
<u>President:</u>	Mark Welsh	Denis Welton
<u>V/Pres:</u>	Graham Boler	Steve Denyer
	Laurie Eames	Ray Abrahall
<u>Secretary:</u>	Kay Laurendet	Kay Laurendet
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<u>QM/Property:</u>	Bert Laurendet	Bert Laurendet
<u>Publicity:</u>	vacant	Vacant
		<u>1986/87</u>
		Steve Denyer
		Ray Abrahall
		Harley Clare
		Kay Laurendet
		John Hall
		Vicki Welton
		Bert Laurendet
		Kay Laurendet

The Club was Ten years old. Riding on the waves of enthusiasm SSCC had come a long way. There wasn't any phase of canoeing we hadn't tried. We even had an interest in Sea Canoeing! Ray & Shirley Abrahall fostered this challenging recreational side of Canoeing.

Competitively, Sutherland was "on the map" in every discipline but Sprint. Our members had won medals. Showed great potential, but this particular discipline required extreme dedication if your goal was the Olympics.

We were the embodiment of a 'Family' Club, as the following poem states....

Sutherland's a family club where we can ALL canoe.  
 In canadians and kayaks, down rivers sparkling blue.  
 We don't always need a rapid to enjoy these family trips,  
 As long as FUN is present, with the rest we come to grips.  
 Mum and Dad and tiny tots, in Touring boat sedate,  
 Their other offspring try their best between a Slalom gate.  
 When water's scarce it's Polo, in pools around the place.  
 Or maybe try Long Distance, and set a steady pace.  
 No matter if YOUR family would rather just relax,  
 Just get your boat and paddle, for Canoeing has no Tax!

Our adult members were always willing to be Officials, no matter what the discipline. They backed up our Champions in Slalom, Wildwater, Marathon and Polo. In fact, I rather think these parents enjoyed canoeing more than their kids!

Our Quartermaster's Store was doing great business. Building was booming. By the end of these five years our fees had caught up with inflation. The Family \$20, Single \$15 and Junior \$8. Still very cheap for a great sport. We lost another great member. John Coulthart, to a massive heart attack. John, Beryl and Twins Bryan and Gary had become dedicated members, with the boys winning every Marathon they entered. Some Junior records still stand.

Progress had once again caught up with the Club. Our hardworking Duplicator was pensioned off! From August 1986, Graham Halford did our production on his office photocopier. Joy of joys! Reading became so easy. Our thanks to Graham's Secretary Marlene. (You didn't think Graham did it himself did you?)

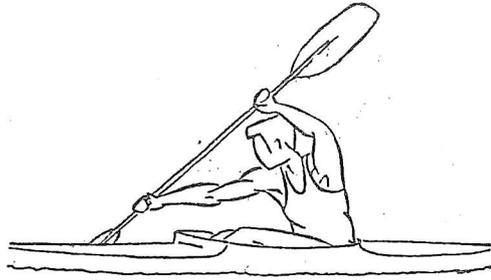
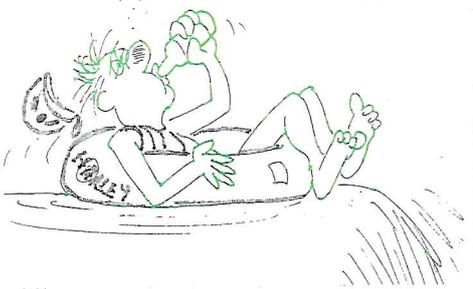
By the end of this five years we were a mature, experienced Canoe Club.

## TOURING.

Big river trips only for the experienced paddlers ...

Plenty of day & weekends for the average paddlers/family.

Base Camps to Tumut at Xmas gain popularity .. activities and ... TUBING the GOOB!



## SPRINT.

Vets get into Sprint! Ray Abrahamall & Kev Newton ...

The Newton family do well. Liz, John, Tim and Dad!

Quadrathon to help Olympics. Luke M./Patrick Wasielewski do the "canoeing leg" ...

SSCC enters State & Aust. No medals/good experience. Some do high kneeling C1/C2



Bushwalks & Breakfast Hikes. Greenpatch, Childowlah, the Needles remain favourites...

NEW THINGS HAPPEN! like the Inaugural Dragon Boat Races! Harley, Robert M. Trevor, Ross, George Butler have a ball.

Harley & Joan Morison win a Gold Medal .. Harley goes to Hong Kong to paddle....

USA Excitement .. Morisons try Deliverance River! Luke in Kayak, Joan & Bruce Raft.

Luke is our sole rep. in the Life Be In It King & Queen of Sport. 40 sports to try. Came 12th overall from 52.

At home ... Red Indian and Eskimo Days, Eskimo Rolling. OPEN DAY 'Let's Try Canoeing' Over 100 attended. Very Good.

## SOMETHING DIFFERENT...

Cardboard Canoe Races!! The Eames Beer Carton and Coulthart Shoe Box both sank within 20 metres!!



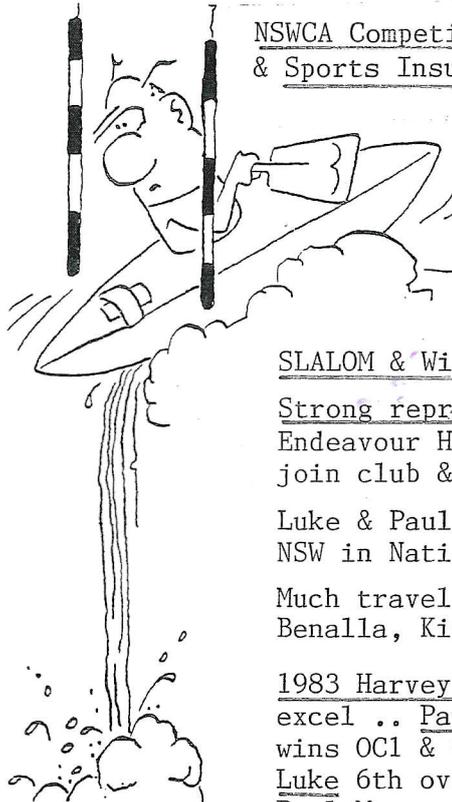
On the Home Front. Indoor Slaloms in Hall then at Jannali Park! Large squad to HV Tiri.

WORLD MASTERS GAMES!! Toronto - Canada ... Joan & Bruce win GOLD in 20 mile Marathon.



MASTERS GAMES  
JUEGOS VETERANOS  
JEU X DES MATRES  
TORONTO CANADA  
AUGUST 1985

NSWCA Competition Registration & Sports Insurance introduced.



## SLALOM & Wildwater.

Strong representation. Endeavour High Juniors join club & do well.

Luke & Paul paddle for NSW in Nationals.

Much travel interstate, Benalla, King R, Howqua,

1983 Harvey WA, our lads excel .. Paul Campbell wins OC1 & C1 Team.... Luke 6th overall and Paul Moses wins U/18 C1

Paul Moses in NZ Jr. Team

Liz Newton in Aust. Jnr.

Sprint Team to Europe

Paddlers attend Coaching Clinic/Nymboida with US Coach, Bill Endicott.

Burrinjuck Course opens. The Hockings work hard.

Medals @ State, National \* Internat/Comm. events



TOO GOOD FOR WORDS!



## Paddle Action

YOUR FIRST C2 Race?



### MARATHON & L.D.

Subtly SSSC had become a strong marathon Club.

Members on Committees of State & National ...

Joan Morison becomes the National Marathon Coach.

Series Races/SSCC a force!

Leader Sports Star Awards

Luke Morison/Paul Moses. They also won TK2 Series.

Bendeela for State Marathons SSSC has largest supporters.

Medals in all Marathons... including the BIG ONES of

100 Miler/Murray/Hawkesbury.

1986 - Joan Morison Gold 10 Hawkesburys in a row.

Coulthart Twins win 'em all! Junior records fall to them.

Gold & Silver to SSSC at Geelong National Marathon. Donna Auld/Brenden Faulkner Joan & Robert Morison 1st & 2nd Mixed C2.

SSCC excels in State Champs. Large numbers C2 Crews and a few stalwart kayaks ...

Golden Oldies in Murray ... Bruce completes 4, Joan 7.

### SEA CANOEING.

Ray & Shirley run trips to: Coogee, Shark Island and other Harbour tours. Ray journeyed on a Sea Trial at Wilsons Promontory.

### CANOE POLO.

Former Teams disbanded, new ones took their place. Juniors were now Seniors.

A & B Grade Teams spot on! Four Games .. Four wins!

Polo was featured on TV. Simon Townsend Wonderworld.

Our Teams entered Subaru Interstate/Internationals. Some of our "vets" played. (Ray & Shirley Abrahall, Joan & Bruce Morison and Karen Boler, Robyn Friend, Penny Phipps) We did Okay!

Later Teams ... were the 'Sharks' & 'Porpoises'.. A and C Grades.



### COWABUNGA!



### NEW GUINEA.

Margaret & Dennis Spring & Eric Phipps raft the ... Waitut River. The Springs liked it so much they began to plan a Raft trip of the Bio Bio. (Tummy wogs galore!)

### MEETINGS & THINGS.

Still very innovative!

Old favourites continue...

Fold Dancing, Films, Games, First Aid, Jazz Fitness, Visiting Speakers, Slides.



"Are you sure we're still in the Harbour?"



As one of the biggest and most active clubs of the NSWCA, members' expertise was often called upon. We still continued to produce a Newsletter that was read from cover to cover by members (and others) and the "gems" recorded there express what the club was on about ...

1982: Harley Clare fined 10 cents for breaking into his car, then finding he had left the keys in the hall!

1982: QM Eric Phipps installed a Solar Heater, decided to test efficiency by turning off ALL the power! It worked fine but the stuff in the refrigerator had to be thrown out ....

1982: (A bad year) Ray Abrahall was bitten by a dog paddling on the Woronora!

1983: (Not much better for some) Brian Warton broke a couple of paddles on a trip then was booked by the Cops on his way home!

1983: Graham Boler was always in trouble. He was even blamed for breaking Karen's boat on the Tumut! (Pity Graham, but you WERE a bit clumsy????)

1983: Polo disasters were rampant in our C grade team of new players. Bruce got himself caught under the swimming pool lane markers, Shirley Abrahall sat on the side of the pool waiting to be ordered in to play second half.... but Ray (terribly enthusiastic!) forgot to change ends and scored an own goal! Coach (Joan Morison) needed several aspirins after this match!

Mind you, one of our B Graders went to the wrong swimming pool to play!(Ugh!)

1983: The Phipps in trouble again! Eric madly took photos without a film in the camera and Aileen sat on the lunch rolls and turned them into sandwiches!

1983: Was a great year for Pam Boler! She wasn't going to race. She organised the food stall then filled a spot in Ladies TK2 ... she and Robyn Friend won!

1984: The blind leading the blind ... Steve Denyer and Laurie Eames both lost their glasses in the rapids!

1984: Don't ask Dennis Spring about the Birds and the Bees! (He don't know!!) His son asked how to tell a male from a female cicada. Dennis said to press the stomach like this .... splotch! (One in the eye for you Dennis!)

1984: Two new Polo Teams emerged .. Sharks (A) Porpoises (C) Who are they?? Sharks: Steve Boler, Luke Morison, Geoff Hine, Mike Phipps, Jon Parfoot and Bruce Sinclair. Porpoises: Karen Boler, Vicki & Denis Welton, Bryan & Gary Coulthart, Len Eames and Helen Laurendet.

1985: Graham Halford got into Canoeing accidentally. He went to one of Joan Morison's Learn to Canoe classes. Before long he was in it boots and all ... his Touring Canoe lays forgotten in the garage ... he began Racing with his friend Rob Kemp (who also went to the same Learn to Canoe Class.) Well... he became a stalwart SSCC member, then into Marathon & LD, competed regularly .. got on the State and National Marathon Committees, NOW (in 1997) his is the President of NSWCA. How's that for getting into a sport accidentally?

1983: (Was a bad year for me too!) I was elected Secretary/General of ACF. Paperwork! Paperwork! You ask me why I paddle Marathon? For peace & quiet!!

1986: Members discovered Kite Flying ... I guess it was because someone told Harley (probably Rosemary) to 'go fly a kite!'

THEMES: For years we had "Themes" for our Annual Dinner. Back to Childhood, Black and White, Hat Parades, Nursery Rhymes, Rock & Roll, but 1986 saw us "back to basics" ... Colonials! (Convicts ... eat your heart out!)

1986: Ring around! Raining! Water in the Upper Kangaroo. We're off! Six SSCC enthusiasts enjoyed the tricky rapids, avoiding snags .. then, you guessed it, Eric had a swim. His son Mike fished him out. Denis and Vicki let Len fish himself out! (That's relatives for you!)

1987: It was obvious some of our older members were moving from the district. The Bells for example placed 5 boats (assorted) 8 paddles and Jackets for sale. TUMUT Annual Camp always had a lot of hangers on from other clubs. The Morisons arrived (coming home from the Murray Marathon) and everyone was being moved!! A flood covered the lower camp ground. Unfairly, Bruce & Joan were blamed.

OFFICIALS ... The FOURTH FIVE YEARS.



	<u>1987/88</u>	<u>1988/89</u>
<u>President:</u>	Steve Denyer	Laurie Eames
<u>V/Presidents:</u>	Ray Abrahall	Rosemary Clare
	Denis Welton	Denis Welton
<u>Secretary:</u>	Beverley Warton	Beverley Warton
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Brian Warton	Brian Warton
<u>Magazine:</u>	Graham Halford	Vicki Welton
		Graham Halford(Print)
<u>QM/Property:</u>	Bert Laurendet	Bert Laurendet
<u>Publicity:</u>	George Porteous	Frank Chad
	<u>1989/90</u>	<u>1990/91</u>
<u>President:</u>	Laurie Eames	Rosemary Clare
<u>V/Pres:</u>	Rosemary Clare	Harley Clare
	Denis Welton	Denis Welton
<u>Secretary:</u>	Beverley Warton	Beverley Warton
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		<u>1991/92</u>
		Rosemary Clare
		Harley Clare
		Brian Warton
		Beverley Warton
		Laurie Eames
		David Armytage
		Graham Halford(Print)
		Bert Laurendet
		Joan Morison

I don't think anyone in Canoeing realised it at the time, but membership of all Clubs had reached a plateau. No one really took any notice because we were all enthusiastic with the coming BICENTENNIAL year of 1988.

The "Paddle Past" on the Georges River was most successful. Sutherland was the 'backbone' of this activity. Our Olympic Canoeing Team was magnificent! All members to finals. A Bronze in K2 (Kelvin Graham/Peter Foster) and the Sportsmanship of Grant Davies who had won the Gold in K1, but lost it by a protest by USA, made the whole of Australia proud.

A "new guard" of members were running SSCC. It was true that some of the long time members were there to enthuse, but these five years saw the slow decline of large monthly meetings.

The Kids ... the Juniors ... they had all grown up! They were getting married. Having children of their own. Their jobs, their lives moved them into other areas. Mind you ... most of them never sold their boats (unless they needed money) but generally kept at least one as a reminder of the great enjoyment Canoeing made in their years of growing up.

Our Club (like many other clubs) ceased to be a force in Slalom. In fact, Slalom itself was in a decline. Racing had always been elitist, with the usual influx of interest after every Olympics. Polo also dwindled in our Club, but continued to grow Nationally (having overcome a plateau itself).

Marathon was the one discipline which maintained a great depth of competitors. The Big Races felt the pinch ... especially the 100 Miler, which became a Relay then sadly, disappeared forever. The Hawkesbury goes from strength to strength. Perhaps because it maintains its original Aims and keeps the 'hard core' race fanatics from changing this Aim. Media has had an effect on the Murray, but it is hoped that its long history will service it well.

Why the change? One of the competitive reasons is the money that athletes now receive. (I think they deserve it to be a full time paddler). As for Clubs, many of whom are filled with "veteran" paddlers, it is the changing lifestyle of the Nineties ... the Individual(s) who prefer to "do their own thing" rather than join a group. SSCC I think, will weather this storm of change.

We have the winning elements ... experience, friendliness and a Club facility.

# Outdoor Adventures



## TOURING.

Favourite rivers ...  
 Shoalhaven, Kangaroo,  
 Fish, Wollondilly Day,  
 Greenpatch, Bendelong,  
 Illaroo Farm, Bendeela,  
 Nepean, Botany Bay Trip  
 Murrumbidgee moving trip  
 Upper Shoalhavem, Needles,  
 Georges R., Clyde River,  
 Twilight Paddles/Grays Pt.  
 Father Day Paddles,  
 Coolendel, Tumut ...

Plus numerous FUN Days at  
 Jannali Park.

## SLALOM & WW.

Flat water Slaloms at  
 Jannali Park for any  
 sort of canoe or kayak.

Vernon Stedman Memorial  
Kangaroo Valley Moving  
Water Slalom/Hampden Br.

An occasional trip to  
Zone Slaloms for Luke.



## RACING.

Low key participation.  
 Members pass Officials  
Exams...Joan & Bruce M.  
 Graham Halford ...

Club holds regular Time  
Trials at Jannali Park.

## MARATHON & L.D.

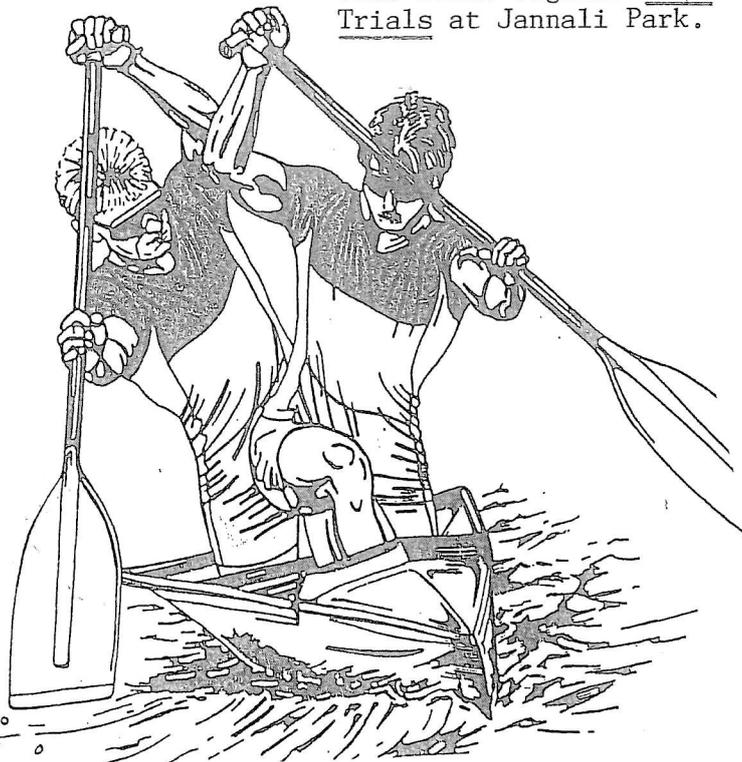
Active participation in  
 Series Races, State and  
 National Marathons.

WORLD MARATHON organised  
 by Graham Halford. SSCC  
 members travel to help  
 as Officials ... Ray &  
 Shirley Abrahall, Joan  
 & Bruce Morison, Mark  
 Honor, A great success.

Variety of events ....  
Len Eames/Katherine Race  
 Orange Blossom Marathon  
 Bulahdelah, Tamworth,  
 Grafton/Copmanhurst Race,  
 Torch Marathon Georges R.  
 Parramatta Weir Jumper  
 Middle Harbour Marathon  
 K4 Harbour Challenge  
 Wauchope, Wagga, Berowra  
 Cabarita Race ...

## Old favourites:

Twin Rivers, Dungong to  
 Clarencetown, Hawkesbury  
 and Murray. 100 Miler is  
 now a Relay ...



MEETINGS & THINGS.

Popular activities ...  
Screen Printing T/Shirts  
Bingo, Films, Videos,  
Indoor Slaloms, Quiz Night  
Pottery Moulding, Games,  
First Aid & Resuss. Nights  
Ambulance, Folk Dancing,  
Gymnastic Fun ...  
Bushwalks, Bike Rides,  
Fishing Competition, Kites,  
Blue Mountains Walks,  
Quarantine Station Visit.  
Bargo BBQ at Bells ...  
Bundanoon Festival.

CANOE POLO.

Regular Training Days.  
Three Teams 87 to 90  
Kingfisher - B Grade  
Destroyers and Blue  
Gropers D Grade ...

Results in Comp.Final:

Kingfisher 2nd  
Blue Gropers 4th  
Polo Games/Jannali Park  
Jan 89: Internat.Comp.

Game Problems ... Bryan  
Coulthart Appeals to the  
committee over 'whitewash'  
of some officials/players.  
Fair Result of Appeal...

Hemsléys take the helm in  
SSCC ... Corinne/Convenor.

Polo accepted by ICF...

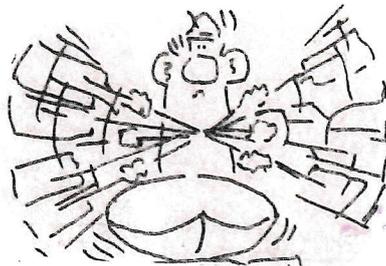
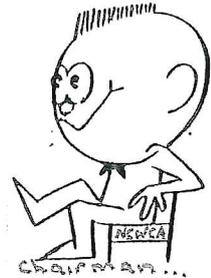
RETIREMENT



NSW Canoe Association.

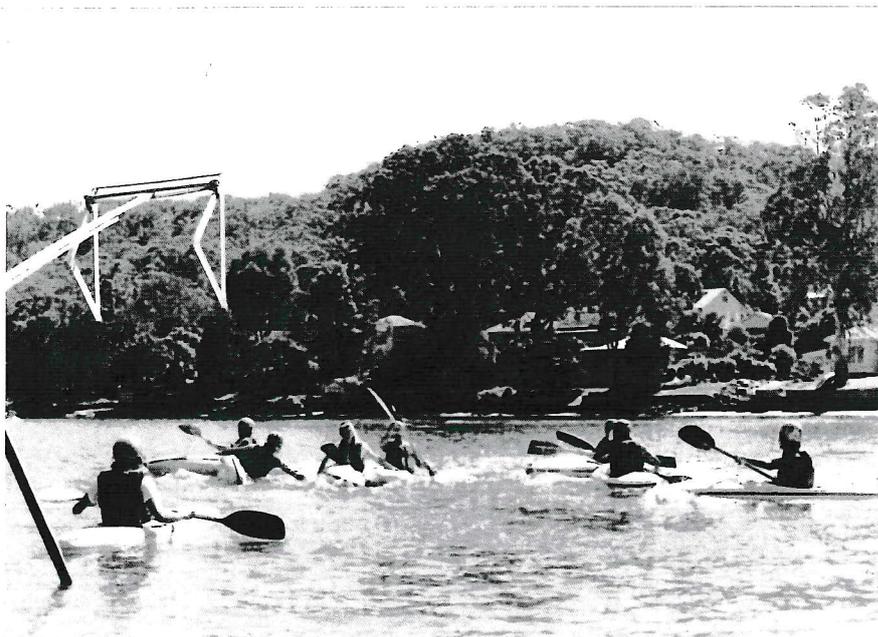
Members still active on  
Executive & Committees.

Joan Morison becomes the  
Official Historian of  
State & National Canoeing.



SSCC/BCE Instructors and  
Examiners maintain Basic  
Skill Training for Club.

Several Qualified Coaches  
in Club running courses,  
assisting athletes.



As Sutherland nears its 20th Birthday, we note numbers are down, but the quality of activities remains quite high. There is a noticeable lack of Juniors. They come and go with Open Days and group organisations. Schools often utilise our expertise, so do Scouting and Guiding, and the local Boy's Town. Joan and Bruce Morison particularly, find themselves teaching Basic Skills to many outside groups.

Our senior members and Veteran paddlers are very active ... both at Club level and Marathon Racing. Series Races are well patronised. Members also enter the regular Lilli Pilli Races.

New members are still joining, but in lesser numbers than before. There is also a marked change towards boat building. Since the dangers of the resins have been made known, less and less boats have been built. The trend is now to BUY a boat and gear. Everyone wants to get paddling as soon as possible. Second hand canoes and kayaks are scarce as "hen's teeth" (as the old saying goes.) The latest and most popular all-round craft is the Estuary or Sea Kayak.

Meantime, back on the ranch, "CANNEWS" still churns out its 'Gems' ....

1987: Helen Laurendet fell out of her chair at Bendeela. (Too much wine??)

1987: The Coulthart Twins were leading (as usual) in the Twin Rivers. Then they goofed! They took a wrong turn! (I bet it was another family argument ....??)

1987: Whilst Landcrewing for the Hawkesbury Classic, Mary & Laurie Eames got lost between Wisemans Ferry and Brooklyn. Perhaps this was the start of a new trend ... in 1989 Mary got lost at Bungonia Caves. She couldn't find her way back from the Loo to the tent! (It was late at night!)

1987: Our two Racing Rays were amassing Marathon Medals in TC2... Ray Orr and Ray Arthur did well in every Marathon they entered.

1988: Denis Welton was really in trouble! He put the Slalom Gates back to front! (Easy to see he's not a Slalom paddler.)

1988: This was more than just the Bicentennial Year ... a violent storm erupted for the 100 Miler Relay. SSCC entered a C1 Team of Paul Honor, Len Eames, Harry Hands, Bryan & Gary Coulthart. It rained, hailed, sent thunder and lightning across the sky most of the night. It got worse ... lightning does awful things if it hits carbon fibre paddles. Paddlers were hiding under the bridges. Our Team had done nine laps (one lap to go) when they called it off. Bad luck fellas. An epic nine laps anyway.

1988: Disasters continued to happen to SSCC members ... Anne Halford (a newcomer to KIs) capsized in the Lane Cove Race ... Roy Cowley dressed in the dark one trip ... his clothes were inside out! Then Robin Coles did not know where she had put her shoes. She borrowed John's. She needed three pairs of socks to stop them falling off her feet! (Bad year all round!)

1989: Morisons went to USA again! Son Robert was getting married.

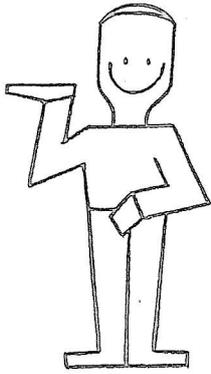
SSCC signed a special Petition ... Caravans had been banned from Bendeela. Fortunately the petition saved the day for this popular camp spot.

I heard a rumour that one of our old kayak moulds was bought by Greenpeace. My God!! Does that mean we are accessories to the fact that all those old kayaks stormed visiting warships???

Cop this lot! Four of SSCC canoeists joined the Police Force.

The Clyde River camp in 1991 incurred many fines. It saddened me to think that young Eliza Hos was so hungry she had to bite her brother's finger.

OLD COMO HALL DEMOLISHED. (White ants) We transferred meetings to Como West Catholic Church Hall in Taplan Street. We had to hold the next Dinner at the Oyster bay Community Hall. When the new hall is built, we move back.



OFFICIALS ... The last FIVE YEARS.

	<u>1992/93</u>	<u>1993/94</u>
<u>President:</u>	Brian Warton	Bruce Morison
<u>V/Presidents:</u>	Rosemary Clare	David Armytage
	Bruce Morison	Brian Warton
<u>Secretary:</u>	Beverley Warton	Denise Morgan
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Laurie Eames	Laurie Eames
<u>Magazine:</u>	Beverley Warton	Bryan Coulthart
	Graham Halford(Print)	Graham Halford(print)
<u>QM/Property:</u>	Bruce Morison	David Armytage
<u>Publicity:</u>	Joan Morison	Bryan Coulthart

	<u>1994/95</u>	<u>1995/96</u>	<u>1996/97</u>
<u>President:</u>	Bruce Morison	John Morgan	Laurie Eames
<u>V/Pres:</u>	John Morgan	Bruce Morison	John Morgan
		Graham Mundy	Bruce Morison
<u>Secretary:</u>	Denise Morgan	Graham Mundy	Graham Mundy
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Laurie Eames	Joan Morison	Joan Morison
<u>Magazine:</u>	John Morgan	Joan Morison	Joan Morison
<u>QM/Property:</u>	Bruce Morison	Bruce Morison	Bruce Morison
<u>Publicity:</u>	Vacant	Vacant	Joan Morison

I recall a song of the Sixties ... "Where have all the flowers gone?" Instead we wondered where all the members had gone. Eventually we realised we lived in a changing society, and we consolidated ... then we looked around to see what members really wanted to do.

This led us to having meetings where the 'action' was ... at our facility. After all, we are canoeists, so let's go canoeing when we meet! This change, whilst slow at first, is bearing fruit. Sunday mornings at Jannali Park are full of that old friendly activity our BIG club set aside for FUN DAYS!

We still have an option on Como School of Arts (the small room) so we can have special meetings, the AGM, etc. It wasn't easy to come to terms with change, but we did. It is obvious we made the right decision. Membership is slowly growing again ... like that first year in 1972. Perhaps we have come the full circle.

Meantime, the last five years has been fast and furious for some, relaxed and leisurely for others. David Armytage amazed us all with his Murray Challenge. In the short time our Vice President John Morgan has been in the club, he has paddled a thousand kilometres or more in Marathons, and worked on committees to further the aims of canoeing. Secretary Graham Mundy, likes Marathon too, but prefers the challenge of his sea kayak. Old stalwarts like Harley and Bert, are (like the Morisons) part of Canoeing's scenery. As for Laurie Eames our President and Mary, they have given many years of service to the club.

Luke Morison ran a "Memorial" Slalom in 1993. Old SSCC Slalom paddlers came out of the woodwork to attend. The boats weren't new, but their canoeing skills remained "tops".

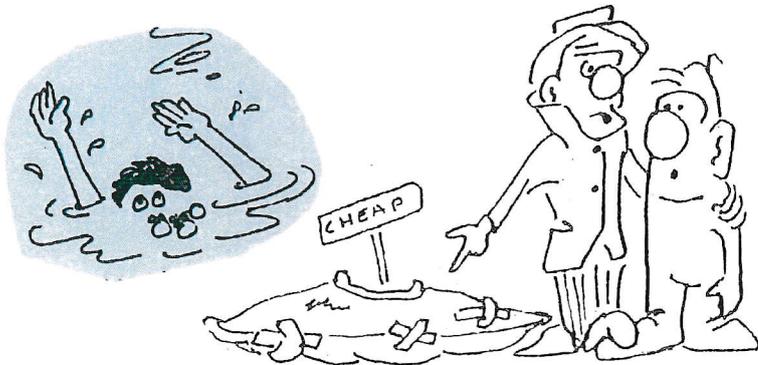
We were once a force in Polo. The future may see this discipline return in the club and the Sharks colours waved in victory. You may not know that Polo is now an International Sport with Australia the World Champions. Sutherland Leisure Centre was recently the venue for an Australian Championships.

There is great excitement in Canoeing for the 2000 games. Despite all the Media hype, doom and gloom, I know it will be a magnificent and historic event for Australia. Visit the Penrith Lakes Development ... it is magnificent.

As a Marathon runner might say, the club has "hit the wall"... now we have our second wind ... some of you might like to experience this new growth with us.



"NOT MUCH EXCITEMENT TO-DAY IN THIS FLAT SURF"



WHAT ELSE???

We saw vintage WW Movies at RCC Rolling in the Morisons Pool. Had a Victorian Visitor at a meeting (Cynthia Nadalin) who partnered Joan Morison for a Sprint Nat.K2 Title in 1957!!!

Did the Coogee Beach Boardwalk and swam in Wiley's Baths.

Won medals at AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES (Brisbane).

Have Officials for Sprint & Marathon..

Members Travel all over the countryside for months on end!

Went to Murrumbidgee Marathon.



OUT OF THIS WORLD!



MARATHON & L.D.

Constant activity ...

Time Trials on Woronora.  
Night Training/Hawkesbury.  
Off shore Racing (glug! Guy?)  
Lachlan Classic.

TWIN RIVERS plus we held a National Selection Race ...  
Big roll up from Interstate.

NEW PUB to PARK. (Alas! The Pub burnt down. THIS YEAR we have the "Burnt" Pub to Park.)

State & National Marathons.

Bronze to Graham Halford(Nat)

Great Canoe Race (Bonza!)

New venue for State Marathon...  
Chipping Norton.

HANDICAP RACES Sunday mornings.  
(Very popular. Seven Series held so far ...)

Members paddle with LPKC.

Series Races well attended.

Members do well in the ....

MURRAY MARATHON & HAWKESBURY.  
20 for Joan in 1996... new members taste victory with their first Hawkesbury ....



**2440 km Murray Challenge!**

Michael Alford (1993 Record Holder) shakes the hand of the new Guinness Book Record holder DAVID ARMYTAGE of Sydney, who broke the record by almost 38 hours. David paddled the 2440kms in 16 days 6 hours 58 minutes.



MEMBERSHIP ...  
 1993 had a membership drive ...  
 New 'Country' Member Scheme. (Old members wanting to keep in touch subscribe to CANEWS.)

FAMILIES are BACK!!

FEES ... WHAT WITH INSURANCE REQUIRED through State/Nat. Fees rose every year with inflation.  
SSCC is still one of the cheapest Clubs!

MEETINGS.

Screen Printing  
 Films/Videos  
 Fun & Fitness.  
 Nutrimetics  
 Packing for a Canoe Trip.  
 Indoor Slalom.

TOURING.

To Harley's Haunts...  
 Bendelong, Tumut, Fossikers, Needles, Colo, Cowra, Cabarita. Honeymoon Bay Gloucester, Bendeela Kangaroo, Shoalhaven Illaroo Farm, Dora Ck. Bushwalks .. local & Blue Mountains.

NSWCA Touring Camps.  
 Aerodrome Paddle.  
 Nepean, Mystery Trip.

Harley did a Five day Shoalhaven paddle....

Other activities ....  
 Water Safety paddles  
 Water Safety Talk,  
 Kellys Country Kitchen  
 Mini Triathlon (ouch!)  
 Scots Dance..  
 Breakfast walk/paddle.  
 Open Days for public.  
 Bike Rides, Kites,  
 Bicentennial Park.  
 Daylight Saving trips  
 Twilight & Moonlight  
 paddles ...  
 (Phew! I'm tired...)

CANOE BUILDING.  
 Occasional 92 to 94.  
 Nil 96 to 96  
 97 .. Junior Boats.

SLALOM & WW.

Beginner Slaloms.  
 Northern Zone.

MEMORIAL SLALOM.

SPECIAL THINGS!

Adam French/GOLD D of E.

John Morgan introduces lads from Keelong to Canoesport & Racing.

John is also a Marathon Runner /City to Surf & Half Marathons.

Greg Bell received a Bravery Award at Govt. House (he's an Ambo.)

Same day at Govt. House Joan Morison received an OAM for Canoesport.

David Armytage is in the Guinness Book with epic MURRAY CHALLENGE.

BUSHFIRES devastated homes ... members were evacuated, some lost everything .. Bolers lost two homes, John Hall his garage/canoes. Bert & Kay's was saved.

Bought CLUB BOATS ... Canoe & two Polo Bats; paddles etc.  
 Bought CLUB BBQ and Cylinder of gas (someone stole this Gas cylinder from facility!)



"Lifejackets? In the boat?..."  
 NICE JOB, SIR!

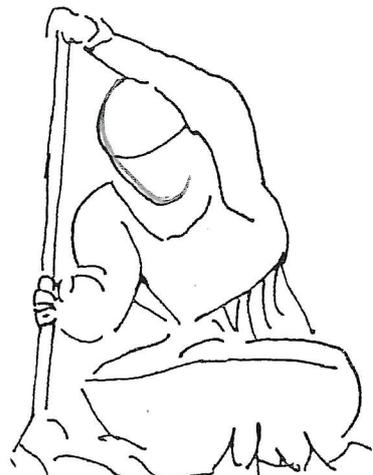


PUBLICITY ...  
 Featured on Local Sutherland Radio.  
Morisons on Radio and Television.



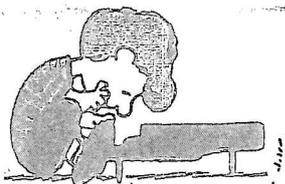
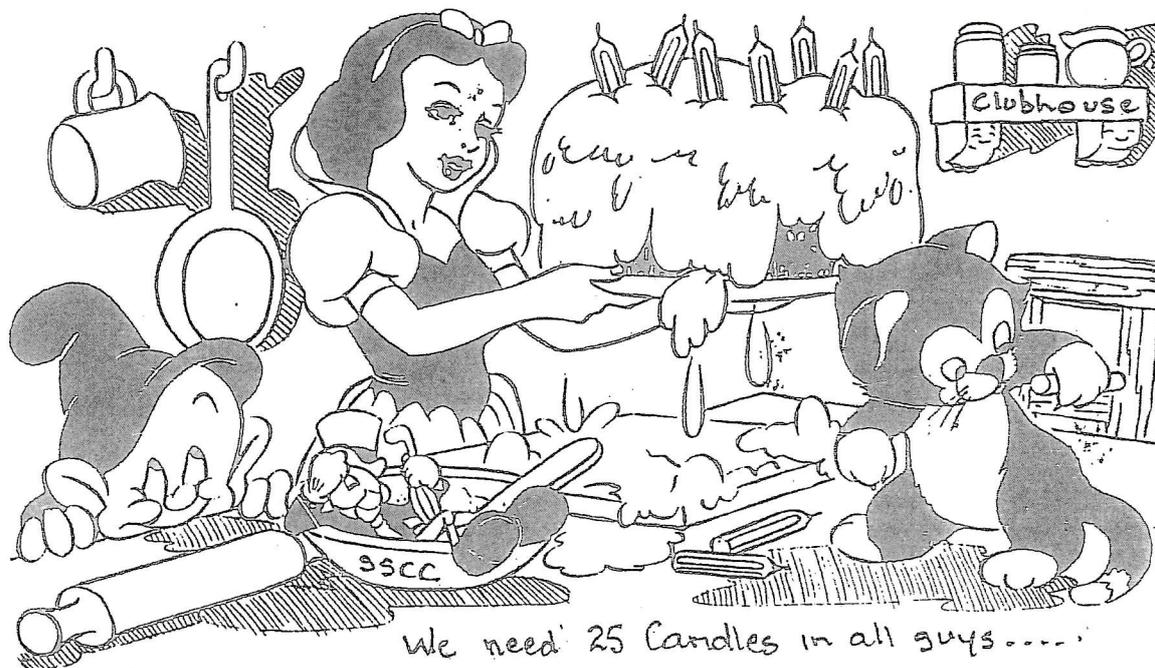
CANOE POLO.  
Steve takes Training Suth. Leisure Centre.

BLUES BROS TEAM ...  
Fun Polo at Jan.Pk.



# SILVER CELEBRATION REPORT.

Merits re-printing.



25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

EXCELLENT!

Saturday 10th May, 1997.



The Committee had met the week before for last minute organisation at the Morisons. Yes, things were well in hand. Almost everything was purchased. Caterers were happy with any last minute additions to numbers. Harley had the decorations under control. Joan had the Police license to have alcohol on the premises. Mary Eames offered to wrap the gift boxes of sweets.... Bravo! a job well done. Rosemary purloined the extra crepe paper for her streamers.

Our only annoyance was the need to hire chairs and tables because the hall had never ordered new stocks to replace old furniture that had been left at the Como West Hall. The School of Arts specified it catered for 200 .. BUT they only had 60 chairs and 6 tables! When I discovered this I had a small "modified" panic, then we found a hiring firm. As numbers grew, we kept adding extra tables and chairs. Final count 15 tables and 125 chairs hired.

Herein lies a saga too! The Morisons, Bert Laurendet and Neville Campbell waited patiently at the Hall on Saturday morning from 11am to 1 pm. Bert had to leave (to race in the rain poor soul). After several phone calls, with no answer, strain was beginning to tell ... Eureka! They arrived.

Lickety Splick! We laid tables & chairs to plan with a small table near a power point for Kay's Folk Dancing player (and next to Laurendet's table.) Many thanks Neville for your great help. It was now 2.15pm. We had to be back at the appointed time of 5pm to meet Clares & Eames for the final decoration and preparation. We arrived at five to five. Clares & Eames had arrived early and were already papering tables & blowing up balloons. Graham Mundy also arrived to assist. Phew!! Everything is ready ....

It was a cold and rainy night. Did this deter anyone? NO WAY! When the first guests began to arrive (in droves) all was in place. Parking was a problem so umbrellas were the order of the day. (Night?) At the door I greeted old friends and gave them name tags whilst Laurie handed out the lucky door tickets. Some faces were hard to recognise ... NO ... not the faces so much, just the shapes!

One guy didn't really look familiar. I apologised that I hadn't recognised him ... who was he? Hells Bells and Buckets of Water!! It was the Caterer! He just wanted to give me the account and get a cheque!

OUT OF  
THIS WORLD!



The final count was 179 from 185 expected. Some were sick. Others (members of the Fire Brigade) had an emergency at Darling Harbour - an acid spill. We missed you Bruce and Paula Sinclair! Vicki Welton - the Denyers, Bolers too!

Unfortunately the rain prevented the children from taking advantage of the enclosed outside playground area attached to the hall. None the less, they had a great time, and got on well with each other.

Thanks to Dads and Mums who tried to keep their noise down during the "official" programme. It was hard to hear, even with the mike up loud. Best voice of the night for diction and hearing quality was Kevin Newton!

Meantime, nothing fazes old canoeists! The President gave the "official" welcome, I read out the Apologies and Thank Yous, and Bob Lawton made a great M.C. calling on several members (old and new) to speak as we all journeyed down the "Memory Lane" of S.S.C.C.

Special Thank Yous were given to ...

Our enthusiastic 'back stage' helpers dishing out food, kitchen & cleanup duties ... Harley & Rosemary Clare, Mary & Laurie Eames, Kay Laurendet, Jan Stoeger, Robyn Coles. (Hope I didn't forget anyone!)

Pam Neenan for the cake. Her expertise in making and decorating cakes was obvious when we tasted each scrumptious morsel!

Australian Canoeing Office for letting me use their you beaut new photo copier to print most of the Anniversary Booklets.

Then I was taken by surprise when the Committee presented me with a basket of flowers from members. Many thanks. I shed a tear or two when I got home and placed them on our table.



The night was a treasure trove. After we had journeyed down our Memory Lane officially and Trophies had been presented, the noise GOT WORSE!

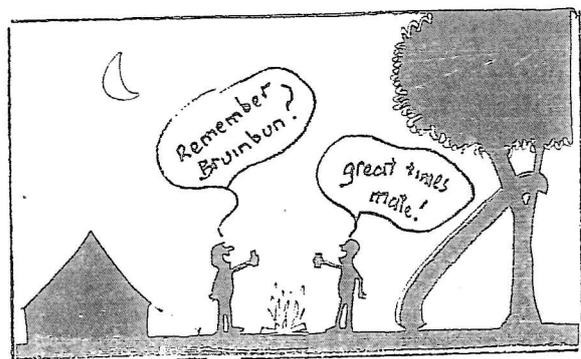
Do you want to do Folk Dancing? NO! We want to talk and browse through the many photographic displays.

The dessert was YUM! (So was the dinner!) Tea and Coffee anyone? And so it went on ... Yak! Yak! Yak! Sadly I didn't get to speak to everyone. The young parents took their tired kids home. (Great to see our old Junior members so domesticated!) We couldn't get rid of the oldies though ... they still kept chin wagging non stop!

Had it been a success? Sure was!

We have received many requests for a week end camp. So folks, when the warmer weather arrives we will have a camp at Bendeela in Kangaroo Valley.

Also on the drawing board a camp for Slalom enthusiasts at the new complex at Nymboida. Accomodation, showers, you name it! We'll let you know.





REVIVAL ERA:

OFFICIALS ... the SIXTH FIVE YEARS.



	<u>1997/98</u>	<u>1998/1999</u>
<u>President:</u>	John Morgan	John Morgan
<u>V/Presidents:</u>	Steve Hitchcock Denise Morgan	Ray Treloar David Hunt
<u>Secretary:</u>	Joan Morison OAM	Joan Morison OAM
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Graham Mundy	Graham Mundy
<u>Magazine:</u>	Joan Morison	Joan Morison
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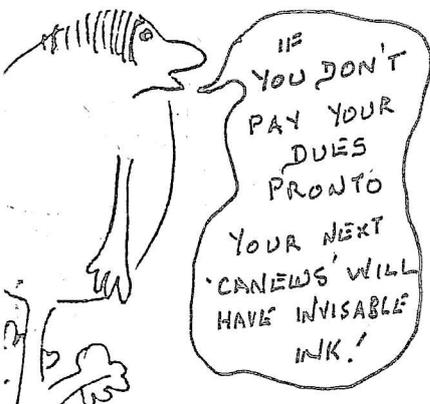
	<u>1999/2000</u>	<u>2000/2001</u>	<u>2001/2002</u>
<u>President:</u>	Robyn Claydermin	Ken Mobbs	Ken Mobbs
<u>V/Presidents:</u>	Neil Lerve David Hunt	Steve Hitchcock David Hunt	Neil Lerve Peter Gwalter
<u>Secretary:</u>	Joan Morison OAM	Joan Morison OAM	John Eades
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Joan Morison	Neil Lerve	Neil Lerve
<u>Magazine:</u>	Joan Morison	Joan Morison	Joan Morison & Bryan Coulthart
<u>QM/Property:</u>	Bruce Morison	Bruce Morison	Bruce Morison
<u>Publicity:</u>	David Hunt	Joan Morison	Joan Morison

Did we get our "second wind" as noted on page 21? YES! Sure did – new President John Morgan took up the reins (again) and moved us enthusiastically towards the hype of the coming Olympics .

The Club was still on a "high" following our 25<sup>th</sup> Dinner. SO much was happening! The Club still had two venues for meetings at the beginning of this period – INDOORS at Como School of Arts - (that is until the white ants caused it to be re-furnished) temporarily we moved to the Church Hall in West Como until it was completed. OUTDOORS at the Club Facility in Jannali Park bi-monthly. In 1998 it was decided to relinquish hall meetings altogether, so the Facility became our regular monthly venue.

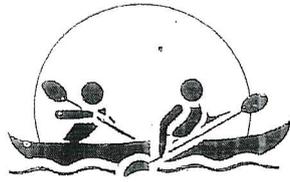
Boat Building became less and less. Only 6 Junior kayaks, one canoe and one polo bat were built. Some moulds were to be sold or given to the Scouts, whilst others were "minded" by members. The QM bench for measuring fibreglass at the Facility was dismantled to make more room for the Secretary's filing cabinet and the Library/cum-bits & pieces cupboard, jousting poles, Polo Goals.

Activities, camps, fun days continued unabated! Paddling enthusiasm contagious! Members had their first taste of the new Olympic Regatta Course, with a race at the Greater Western Games 1997. Competed in no less than three (3) Australian Masters Games (Canberra, Adelaide, Newcastle) and training for the coming World Masters in Melbourne. Slalom enthusiasts held an event at the club . 27 entries in all sorts of boats. Camps at Bonnie Vale, Fossikers, Illaroo Farm, Myuna Bay, plus the day, night and Moonlight paddles. Marathon bods entered Series Races, Hawkesbury, Murray, and a new event – The Great Canoe Race on the Murrumbidgee. We had a ball! Read about it all!

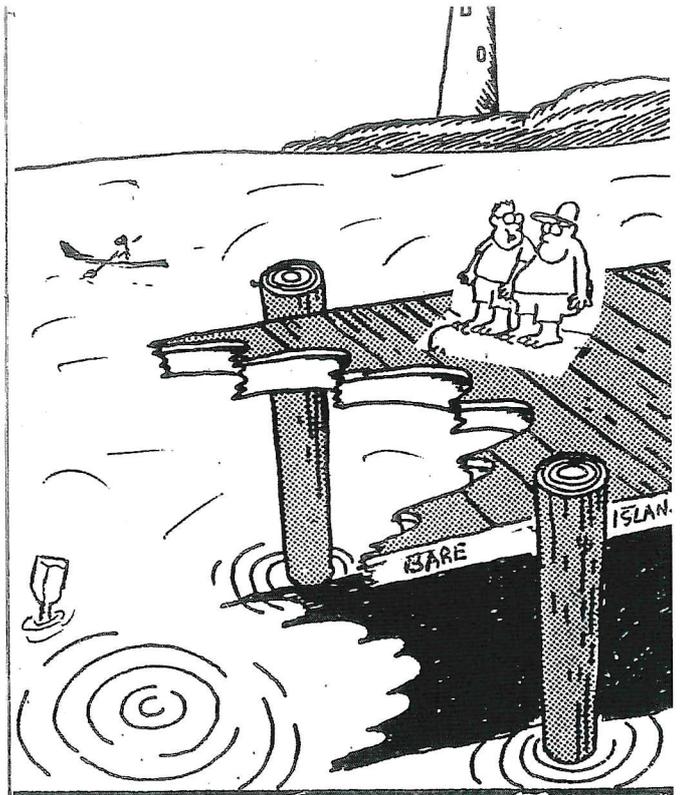


ACTIVITIES GALORE!

59 attend 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Camp at Bendeela.



What about day trips?  
 Mullet Creek  
 The Needles (regular)  
 Cook's River Airport Paddle  
 Georges R. by Moonlight  
 Bare Island →  
 Roseville with Barbara.  
 Myall Lakes  
Water Discovery Days.  
 (eek! Another weir!)  
 Nepean/Hawkesbury.  
Champagne Breakfast  
 paddles (lunch too!)



"Graham made it out O.K. but Joan always said she was afraid of sharks."

Bushwalks - Fun Days  
 Theatre Parties - Fishing  
Treasure Hunts on water.



(who stole the clues?)  
Picnics at P.E. Park  
Canoeing films at Morisons.  
Mini Triathlon/paddle.  
Indoor Rock Climbing  
 with Angela & Luke.

Sutherland Shire Awards  
 for Kay, Joan & Bruce.

Sport Australia Awards  
 for Joan & Bruce.

Aust. Canoeing puts Fees  
up - new Ins. Broker!

Wednesday Twilight paddles  
 begin/BBQ Hamburger \$1.  
 (changed to Fridays)

President Robyn & Richard  
 Help raise funds in Harbour  
 Paddle. Bravo to both!



New Bridge building gives us  
 Pancake/paddle camps at Club.  
PADDLE PASS as Bridge opens!

Council supplies sand for  
 our beach regularly.



Goodwill Visit.  
 Sutherland Bushwalkers  
 to SSCC for instruction  
 (adding canoeing to their  
 Program)

Let's try something new!  
 a Down River Race at  
 the club! Great fun!



SSCC has table at Scots Dance!  
 Hoots Mon!

HERITAGE DISPLAY at  
 Sutherland Library.  
 SSCC on show -  
 Thanks Secretary Graham.

Laurendets visit New Zealand.  
 Folk Dancing and NZ Masters  
 Medals for Swimming/paddling.  
 Bravo!



## WAIT – There's MORE!



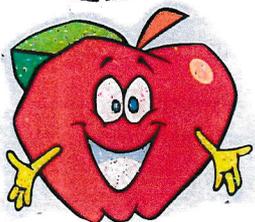
Pool Rolling with Luke.

Graffiti at Facility!  
(even smashed the loos!)

Australian Masters  
Newcastle  
Joan carries the flag  
for Canoeing  
in Opening March.

Member Barbara Ulmer  
does touring paddles  
in Germany.

New Venue for State Marathon  
Chipping Norton Lakes.



Joan holds Classic Clinics at SSCC  
for first time paddlers.

A “Surprise” 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Anniversary Celebration  
at the Clubhouse  
Joan & Bruce were surprised!

### SLALOM.

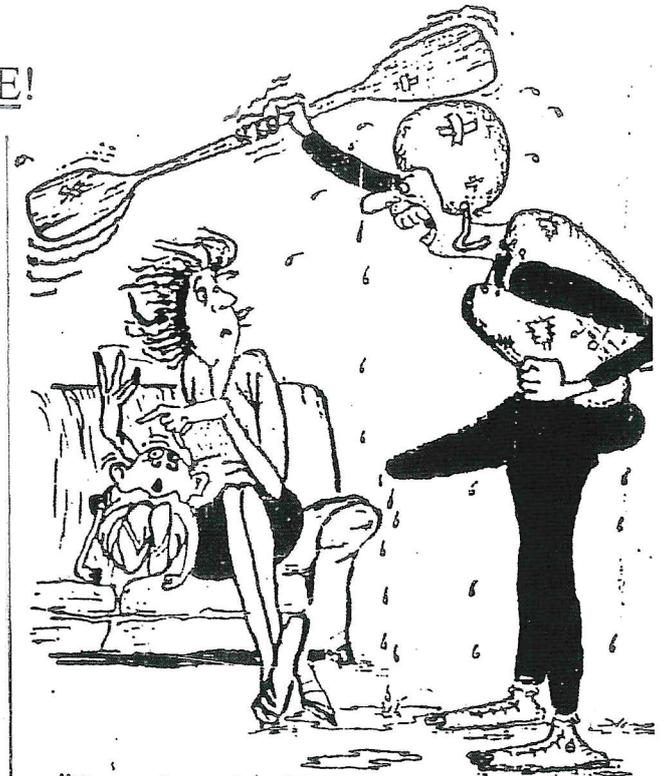
Sth. Zone at Olympic course  
Luke, Angela, Neil enter.  
Club Slalom – 27 try it!

Marathon Events popular.  
Burnt Pub to Park  
Old Pub to Park begins again.  
Twin Rivers in the Series.  
All other Series races.  
Club Handicap Series.  
Junior Handicap introduced.  
Master's Games Marathons.  
Northern Series races.  
Lachlan Classic  
Plus ....

Hawkesbury Classic & Murray  
Marathons & Great Canoe Race.

Let's go Camping – where?  
Shoalhaven at Fossikers  
Bendeela – Kangaroo Valley  
Myuna Bay - Sussex Inlet  
Colo & Wollondilly River camps.  
Bundanoon Creek  
Bonnie Vale.  
Wantabadgery – Murrumbidgee R.  
Sydney Harbour Paddles

Heading for 2000 Olympics!  
Club stocks up on Stickers.  
Government says NO to Slalom  
then says YES! Hooray!  
SSCC donates \$500 to building  
of Slalom Course.  
Members paddle Regatta Course.  
(Western Games & a look see)  
Morisons attend tree plantings!  
(Regatta & Slalom)  
Morisons are Officials, update  
their Official/Coach courses.  
A/C says order tickets now!  
Canoeists in Torch Relay.  
THE GAMES BEGIN!



"To - day the Slalom at Jannali Park,  
tomorrow the Franklin!"

Coogee Cliff Walk with a swim  
At Wiley's Baths!

RAFTING at Penrith  
(oops! Also swam the course!)



Club Hosts a Wedding  
(Shirley & David English)



The winner is ... SID - EN - EE! And what a winner we were! Wasn't it great? The Club had four Volunteers to my knowledge .. Bruce and I at Canoeing venues and new members Henry & Marilyn Fooks who were 'runners' during athletics. Where do I start telling you all about this great experience? Let's start at UDAC. What's that? Well, everyone had to get used to using anacronisms (letters used as abbreviations) UDAC is Uniform Distribution so we rolled up there on the due date to find long queues, BUT, once inside the efficiency was so good! First thing was the all-important Accreditation which had to be worn around the neck all the time. Volunteers were supplied with 2 T/Shirts, 2 pairs pants & socks, cap or hat, smart all weather coat, bum-bag, water bottle and plastic raincoat. Size alterations could be done on the spot. Armed with a big bag of goodies we felt ready and raring to go.

Slalom Canoeing was one of the first events of the Games. Officials Services Attendant was my designated job which covered a wide variety of tasks. I was on the FOP! (Field of Play) so I got to see lots of paddling. Competition was excellent. Many of you were there I know. Australian paddlers reached all finals but were unable to reach medal standard. I have never seen so many cameras! People remarked on the good commentating and the course itself. Among our VIPs were Princess Anne and Chelsea Clinton the US President's daughter. There was a break in between Slalom & Sprint, so Bruce and I took the opportunity to go to a couple of events at Homebush. These were Handball, Gymnastic Trampoline, Synchronised Diving. All were excellent. Having never seen Handball, this was a great experience. A very fast game. Two players went off on stretchers! The Trampoline was a bonus as Australia won a Silver medal. The Super Dome was a magnificent venue. As for the diving ... wow!!

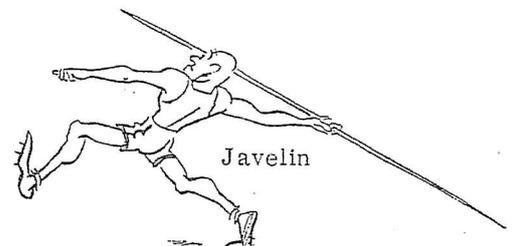
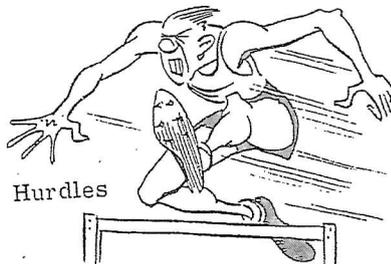
When the Sprint began, Bruce was accomodated at the Rooty Hill RSL. He was on an early bus each day for his job of Boat Driver marshall for an International Official whose task was to align boats for each event. The equipment was 'state of the art' with special electronic fixtures that held the boat. No longer even the hand-held starts, however, these would have been very useful on that last day of dreadful wind. Competition ran smoothly except that a number of medal possibilities didn't make the final. (Clint Robinson, Nathan Baggaley and the Ladies K4). When the final day dawned, there were three medal hopes. Up came the wind. Paddlers were ready to go, but International Officials didn't heed the Aussie advice that when the wind comes up in Australia it gets worse not better!

In atrocious conditions it began at 3pm (9am was the scheduled time) and our Ladies K1 Katrin Borchert won a Bronze. Then it was the Mens 500m K2. Daniel Collins and Andrew Trim paddled a magnificent race to be pipped at the post, but a great Silver Medal. Last was the Ladies K2, Katrin had to back up, and it wasn't till the last 50m our chances faded away. Katrin had wanted it to be special for Anna Wood's retirement, but it was not to be. I must mention the C1 and C2 events. High Kneelers as they are called. Magnificent paddling. Their times were only marginally slower than the K-boats. Canoeing at its best.

Bruce and I were extremely fortunate to be given tickets to both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Words cannot describe the feeling of actually BEING THERE! We Aussies have some great and clever people behind the scenes - they did us all proud!! The Olympic Park "shuffle" to trains and buses, mixed with the new "anthem" Aussie, Aussie, Aussie .. Oi! Oi! Oi! was another experience we will remember forever. So too the Volunteer March. I'm sure Henry and Marilyn have tales to tell of greatness on the arena, and their part in the celebrations. We are still on a high, so forgive us if we "bash your ears" every now & then!!

Next is the Paralympics ... be sure to go and cheer these fantastic athletes. No, Canoeing is not one of their sports, but perhaps in the future?? Bruce and I put our names down to be Volunteers, but we haven't heard from them yet. Is anyone else involved??

Did you capture it all on Video? Great! Watch it over and over again with pride!

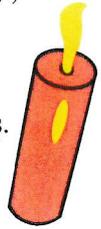


## Some "Gems" from 'Canews'.

2000 – The President's Cup introduced – much rivalry on the water for the coveted trophy. (actually a mug!)

1997 - The 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion at Bendeela was a wow, except for an altercation with hoons doing Wheelies!

TIRI Slalom was on cracker night. Everyone excited when Joan arrived with an old bag of unused bungers. The biggest basket bomb was sat on a post – lit – then we all ran away – it turned out a fizzer! Catherine wheels were super – and so was the Slalom! Neil had a good run.



Treasure Hunt in Canoes and kayaks was mayhem! A nameless Dad capsized with a camera held aloft in one hand and a mobile phone in the other! But which Team stole the clues so they could win?

Indoor Rock Climbing was scary, except for our trainers Angela and Luke. Sadly this local place is gone.

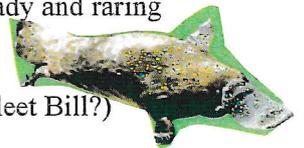
Graham Mundy's injury kept him from paddling, so he had to swim for rehabilitation. As a former swimmer he got so good he began competing and gave canoeing away! Fortunately we have him back!

New member Michael Jansen needed Basic skill training – he was to be in the New Zealand Coast to Coast doing the canoeing leg. Did he finish? Yes, and he donated his paddle, helmet, PFD & bag to the Club as his thanks. (His paddle is the one with purple blades – PFD still being used in 2012.)

President Robyn Claydermin does all Northern Race series - 1<sup>st</sup> in Short Rec – well done Robyn!



2000 – new member John Eades offered to help prepare for the Club's Twin Rivers – arrived ready and raring to go on Sunday morning – alas! The race was Saturday – yesterday!



Another new member, Bill Graham paddles a Platypus but is looking for a Trilogy. (Starting a fleet Bill?)

National Park on fire – Robertson also on fire – club camp in Kangaroo Valley cancelled, and our members in the Blue Mountains area are on alert. Close call but all members okay.

Club gets a Council Facelift – Graffiti removed (again!) Gear stolen from Club – 3 paddles – 2 PFDs.

Thanks to Peter Gwalter for designing and providing the club with stands to wash boats after paddling.

President Ken Mobbs and Peter Gwalter lost all their coffee to a friendly Goanna at Bundanoon Ck Camp!

President Ken and Bruce Morison became “instant plumbers” fixing a water leak at facility during building of the new (?) bridge. Bruce affixed a rubber hose piece to the broken pipe (run over by equipment truck.)

It takes a bit of organising to come canoeing, the Hitchcock family arrived for Fun Day with three kayaks & two canoes atop their car, plus five kids! What a family (we miss them) all their children were in Engadine Musical – Wizard of Oz. They've since moved on to adult fame, musicians, singers and ballet dancers.

Stop Press! Secretary John Eades shoots club children at Xmas picnic! No worries – he used a water pistol!

Club members attend Australian Canoeing's 50 year Celebration & Canoe Extravaganza at Regatta Centre.

Dad! Help! Rebecca Lerve was locked in the loo – Dad was paddling and didn't hear her. Poor Becky!



Peter Gwalter's car broke down beside the club house, everyone had left except Shirley English, who was on closing duty. She towed his car through the gate to wait for the NRMA. Good on ya' Shir!

President Ken Mobbs hob-nobs with Slovakian Canoe Team training on the Georges River, Chipping Norton

2000 – Petition against wearing wet PFDs at Classic (possible hypothermia) signed by 100s, not accepted.

Appeal to Clubs from NSWCA - “Sprint” dying – no one will organise events – Clubs asked to run an event.

## STILL GROWING:



## OFFICIALS for the SEVENTH FIVE YEARS.

	<u>2002/2003.</u>	<u>2003/2004</u>
<u>President:</u>	Neil Lerve	Neil Lerve
<u>V/Presidents:</u>	Ken Mobbs David Hunt	Kerrie Claffey. David Hunt
<u>Secretary:</u>	John Eades	John Eades
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Vic Tuite	Vic Tuite
<u>Magazine:</u>	Joan Morison	Joan Morison
<u>Assist:</u>	Bryan Coulthart	
<u>QM/Property:</u>	Bruce Morison	Vilma Hodgson
<u>Publicity:</u>	John Eades	John Eades
<u>Promotion:</u>	Joan Morison	Joan Morison

	<u>2004/2005</u>	<u>2005/2006</u>	<u>2006/2007</u>
<u>President:</u>	Vilma Hodgson	Vilma Hodgson	Bill Graham
<u>V/Presidents:</u>	Bill Graham Kerrie Claffey	Bill Graham Trish Hamilton	Trish Hamilton
<u>Secretary/P.O.:</u>	John Eades	John Eades	Ian McGuiness
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Vic Tuite	Vic Tuite	Rod Berry
<u>Magazine:</u>	Trish Hamilton,	Ronah Tuite	Shaun Rainford
<u>Assist:</u>	Ronah Tuite/Di Langan	Vilma H/Trish H.	"Mini" Joan Morison
<u>Head QM:</u>	Nerida Costi	Bruce Morison	Jacqui Tang
<u>Publicity:</u>	John Eades	Ronah/Vilma/Trish	Joan Morison
<u>Promotion:</u>	Joan Morison	Joan Morison	Joan Morison
<u>Webmaster:</u>	(no previous position)	(no previous position)	Peter Tuziak.
<u>Librarian:</u>	Joan Morison	Joan Morison	Joan Morison

Well..... what did we do this five years? What we didn't do might take less room! There were lots of new faces, new places to paddle, old favourite places to paddle, plus we overcame a problem about our facility that surfaced in the latter part of 2001 and early in 2002.

In this period Australian Canoeing "went to the wall" financially, and "bailed out" by the Sports Commission, because our Sports's High Profile for winning medals internationally was too good to lose! However, this would have a downside effect on New South Wales Canoeing the following year which would create a drastic situation for all canoeists in NSW.

Meantime SSCC went from strength to strength. Trips, Marathons, Hosting a State Marathon too! Safety Days and New Regulation due to the problems of Insurance in Sport, Our Handicap Series was still popular with Joan keeping tabs on everyone and encouraging new people to try it for themselves instead of watching! Members did the Marathon Series races, cleaned our Reserve on Clean Up Australia Day, had Annual Dinners al fresco, celebrated events, honoured the Bali Victims with silence and half-mast flag, invented a brand new event – The Viking Venture – supposedly a one-off event, but was so popular we had five of them! Our tough members did the Murray and Hawkesbury Classic and tried the new Mens Health harbour events. Phew! I'm puffed out writing about it all.

We no longer have that great money raising idea of "fining" people for their misdemeanours, (pity) perhaps we should try it again for those incidents were sure amusing. But sadly we lost a few of our members – VALES for Ray Abrahall (founding member) 2002, Beverley Warton and Neville Campbell (2003) and Barbara Ulmer (2005)- all great members who gave much to SSCC.



More "Gems" from "Canews".



New members Rod Berry (in a Petrel) and Chee Tam (in Mirage 580) enjoy their first Twin Rivers!  
Rod Berry also gets Certificate for all Northern Series Marathon Races (the second for SSCC!)

Camp at Scots College in Kangaroo Valley tops! Hunting Wombats at night, paddling by day!

Kay Lauredet Folk Dances (also a Race Timer) off to Romania & Holland to trip the light fantastic

Flagpole erected at Club – one minute silence for those killed in the Bali bombing.



Moonlight madness on Port Hacking, paddles covered in phosphorescence – beautiful!

Joan Morison made Life Member Australian Canoeing in 2003.

Another sleepover weekend at Club Facility!

Luke & Angela Morison trip Port Stephens surrounded by Dolphins!

Youth Olympics begin 2001 – Joan & Bruce invited to be Officials.

Insurance problems for all sports! Club puts Risk Management in place, Attendance Book, Personal & Public Liability explained. Safety Days, Rescue Methods, Club Skill Awards presented after an original Club Rule re-introduced. Trip Waivers in place. This is serious stuff!

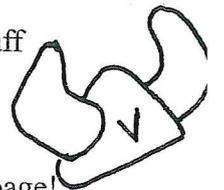
After new Bridge completed, entry to facility via Baseball fields no longer an option. New gate via original entry – special permission to park near facility – leaves more main area for general public.

Junior members David Bergman/Blake Hatton fastest Hawkesbury Juniors – win Hextal Trophy.

Trips of note: Tuites tour the Murray, BUT experiences some white water – oops! Kayak trapped under the willows (that will teach you to go away with N.P. Instead of SSCC) Lerves lead trip to Honeymoon Bay. Dora Creek explored starting from Shirley Abrahall's home on the river! Beaut! Erowal Bay Camp – super! Shared with Bankstown Bushwalkers.

Ex-member Harley Clare shows SSCC Vintage Films at our AGM – a load of laughs. Great stuff

Clean Up Australia Day – Jannali Reserve gets “face lift” (even the pond!) by SSCC members.



VIKING VENTURE begins! Hagar the Horrible (alias Bruce) starts event – on Leader front page!

Congrats! To John Eades for Rotary Achiever Award – BUT – he falls off a ladder at home (forgot to fix extensions properly!) We forgive him for he later does a super computer job putting the Club Grant proposal together for Sport & Rec.

New members Kerrie and Tom Claffey are also ... wait for it ... Glider Pilots!  
Disaster! 2003 – Joan loses luggage in L.A. She's not seen it since! Sob! Sob!



The Facility problem created uncertainty for members – would we lose our identity? It happened like this ..... immediately prior to the 2002 AGM. President Ken Mobbs and the Committee were dealing with concerns about our facility, initially alerted by 1) an item in a Lilli Pilli Magazine that said our clubs were merging, and 2) noting that a member of Lilli Pilli was taking measurements of our area and not answering our questions asking why.

Ken was surprised to find that the Council had already been approached (without our knowledge) and plans drawn up. The two Clubs met at Sutherland and it was made clear that our members were not in favour of a merger at any time, and that the proposed plan (which included a huge building to hold the length of a K4) impinged illegally on foreshore regulations. Members also wrote Protest letters to Council. Subsequent meetings with Council, Sport & Rec eventually led to an application to enlarge our own facility. It was noted in Canews (Jan/Feb 2003) that LPKC had dropped their proposal for a facility adjoining ours at Jannali Reserve, their new intention to build a storage shed near the boat ramp beside the baseball fields.

### Activities Galore!

Fishing Day!  
Kayaks Australian provides boats for Open Day.  
30th Picnic Day.  
A Zig-Zag Slalom!  
Alfresco Dinner  
Fossikers Flat Camp.  
Cabbage Tree Creek



### Sport & Rec approves Grant! Fund raising begins in earnest.

Joan gets a Volunteers Grant.  
We buy PFDs/gear/boots.

Visiting paddlers to club:  
Wakehurst, RCC and Bankstown Bushwalkers.

### Welcome to:

Trish Hamilton who later had a car crash.  
Wilma Hodgson who ended up President!  
Jacqui Tang introduced "coffee" paddles.  
Albert Grantham, Shaun Rainford, & the Tuziaks



### Extra events.

Wilma introduces Bike Rides.  
2NBC Radio Friday morning (Joan advertises SSCC)  
SSCC runs 2007 State Marathon  
Polo Day! Great Lakes Marathon.  
Repairing Fibreglass Boats (help from Bruce & Bert)  
Sydney Harbour Docks.  
World Slalom at WW Centre  
2005 Xmas Kaper Surf Carnival!  
Sylvania Waters/Quibray Bay.

### Not So Good News

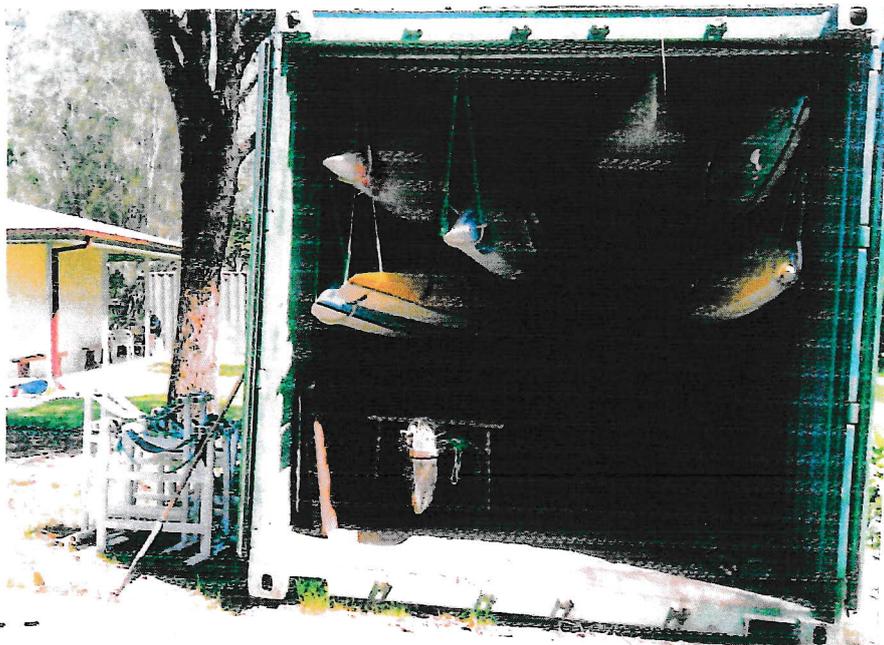
Diane Langan suffers from German Measles/Glandular Fever (poor Di)  
Trish victim of head on Car crash – she survives.  
Sadly Barbara Ulmer dies in 2005 Big Bike Ride.  
Barbara did our Handouts for Club Rules, her hubby  
Donated one of her boats (the Barbara)

### Unusual Events.

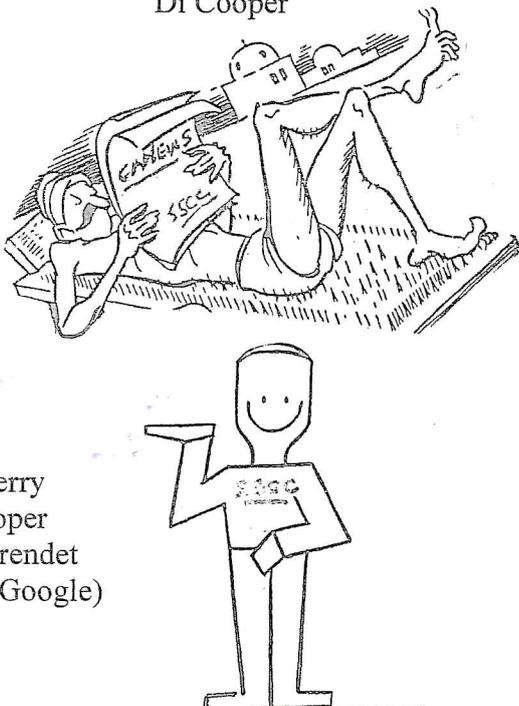
Peter Tuziak sets up the SSCC Website.  
Justin Jones and James Castrisson paddle to NZ!  
Andrew McAuley lost! Kayak found 80k from New Zealand.  
SOS! NSW Canoeing goes to the wall!  
New group rises from ashes: Paddle NSW

HOORAY! Building Grant Successful!  
\$7751 Sport & Rec. (half est. expenses)  
Council pays balance.

3/10/2006 – new extensions begin.  
Council supplies container for club gear. (Bruce & Bert perform miracles to fit everything in!) Members helping.  
Concrete slab will be narrower to comply with foreshore regulations. (1.2 not 2.0)  
New complex has Unisex toilets, plus a gardner's room – we ask for a shower.  
Albert Grantham paints floors. Jacquie Tang organises Rosters & new keys.



## OFFICIALS for the Eighth Five Years.

	<u>2007/2008</u>	<u>2008/2009</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>
<u>President:</u>	Peter Tuziak	Peter Tuziak	Peter Tuziak
<u>Vice Presidents:</u>	Vilma Hodgson Bill Graham	Bill Graham Bob Turner	Bob Turner Bill Graham
<u>Secretary/P.O.:</u>	Mary Bills	Michael Perry	Michael Perry
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Alan Voges	Alan Voges	Alan Voges
<u>Head QM:</u>	Jacqui Tang	Jacqui Tang	Bruce Morison Keys: Jacqui Tang
<u>Magazine:</u>	Joan Morison OAM	Joan Morison OAM	Alan Voges
<u>Publicity/Promo:</u>	Joan Morison	Joan Morison	Joan Morison
<u>Webmaster:</u>	Peter Tuziak	Peter Tuziak	Peter Tuziak
<u>Librarian:</u>	Joan Morison	Joan Morison	Joan Morison
<u>Membership:</u> (new position from 09/10)			Di Cooper
	<u>2010/2011</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	
<u>President:</u>	Rowland Jones	Rowland Jones	
<u>Vice Presidents:</u>	Bob Turner Bill Graham	Greg Archibald Bill Graham	
<u>Secretary/P.O.:</u>	Mary Bills	Merle Lovelock	
<u>Assist:</u>	Anna Foley	Mary Bills	
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Alan Voges	Alan Voges	
<u>Magazine:</u>	Alan Voges	Alan Voges	
<u>Assist:</u>		Monica Boerma	
<u>Librarian:</u>	Joan Morison	Joan Morison	
<u>Membership:</u>	Di Cooper	Di Cooper	
<u>QM Group(4):</u>	B.Morison, R.Berry	B.Morison, R.Berry	
	<u>Rosters:</u> Di Cooper	<u>Rosters:</u> Di Cooper	
	<u>Maint:</u> Bert Laurendet	<u>Maint:</u> Bert Laurendet	
<u>Publicity/Promo:</u>	vacant	Grant McCord (Google)	
<u>Web Master:</u>	Bill Graham	Grant McCord	
<u>Assist:</u>	Anna Foley		

Other than the above Committee "officials", there has always been elected members as Delegates to the various State bodies, and organisers within the club of the various Disciplines (Education and Coaching, Marathon & Sprint, Slalom, Downriver & Polo) plus an organiser for our Handicap days. Some years back when the Club became Incorporated, the position of Public Officer became part of the Secretary's duties. The Annual Report to Fair Trading is of major importance to the Club.

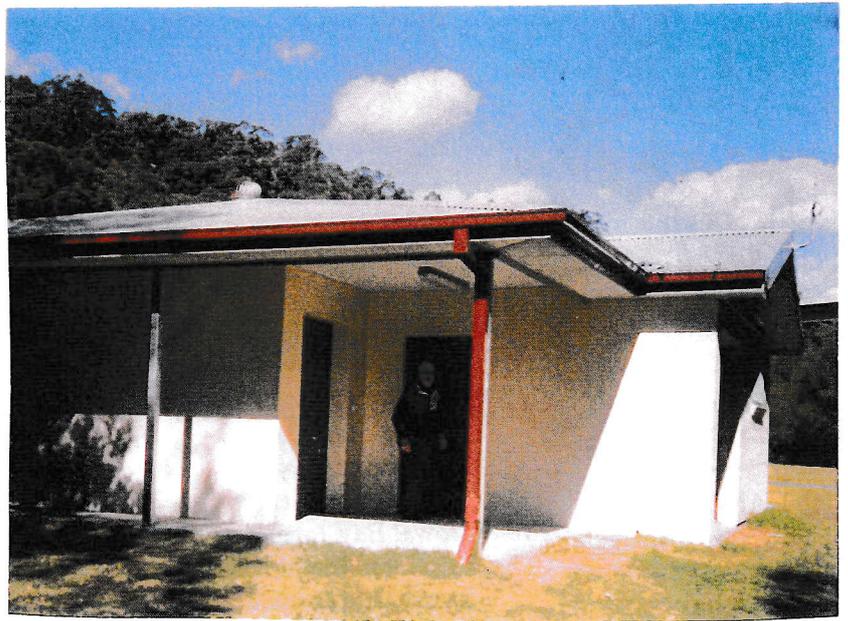
As SSCC moves into the coming year and the changes that will come with proper Management of the Club Facility by US, not the Council, several new positions will be created in the 2012/AGM to ensure everything is undertaken in a business like and responsible manner.

SSCC has an excellent background – this will hopefully ensure the Club of a bright future as it goes into a new era of development.

SO ... here we are winding down the last five years of the Club. It has been one of the most active periods, with the Facility being re-built – that in itself brought members into a closer relationship. It was also a time of sadness when our President Peter Tuziak died suddenly in the prime of life. It left us in a heap, but we knew he would wish us to carry on with the sport he came to love.

Our FABULOUS Facility!

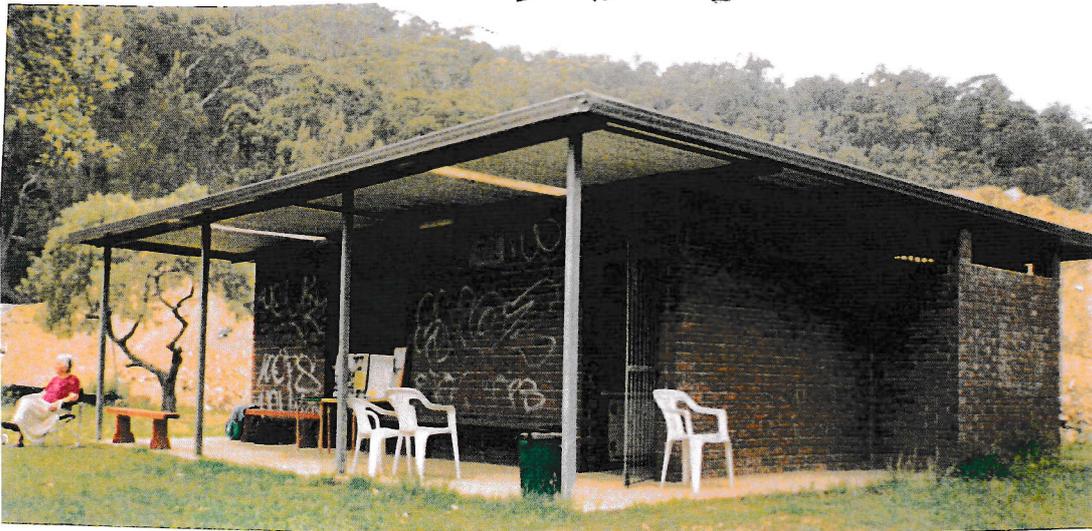
\$10,000 debt – let's raise funds!  
 Bunnings Stall (Club aprons)  
Kayak Raffle – big hit.  
 New Blue Club sign for wall.  
 Bruce builds new racks.  
 Old cupboard Fridge 'dies'  
 Replaced by a new/old one from  
Jeff Harper (thanks) it too dies!  
 A Brand new one from Bunneys!  
 Selected by the Morisons(Ta!)  
 New Kitchen Cupboards  
 (thanks John but we're not all tall)  
Funds from BBQs at events.  
Funds from Raffles on Race days.



old  
↓

↑  
New

Note the sand – taken during bridge building.



SERIOUS STUFF!

New Constitution & Rules.  
 Members gain Skill Awards.  
Rescue Training & Rolling.  
Active School Program.  
 Joan assists on Aboriginal  
Paddling program..  
New members take on  
 Committee roles.  
Paddle NSW up & running.

Club Photographers.  
 John Eades, Di Cooper  
 Joan Morison and  
 Rachelle McCord

VALES.

Nancy Sage  
 Peter Tuziak  
 Graham Halford  
 John Mc Spadden



Peter Tuziak.

Our Wonderful Website!

Thousands of "hits"!  
Peter Tuziak surfs the Web.  
 Club Buys Lap Top.  
 Peter does Video Analysis  
 Members get personal copy.  
 "Canews" goes on line.

"Computers are easy Rod".



CONGRATULATIONS!

Married!  
Emilia & Graeme Eling

SPECIAL EVENTS.

VIKING Race  
 Hosting the 10,000m race.  
Almost Ruby Re-Union.  
Aussie Masters -Geelong & SA.  
World Masters – Penrith.  
 An IRISH Xmas Party!  
 New "loop" Twin Rivers.  
 Member Roy Beer assists at OPEC.  
 Joan runs Seminar for first time  
 Hawkesbury Classic paddlers

"Hagar  
 the  
 Horrible"  
 (alias Bruce)



KARLOO POOL BUSHWALK

VIP News!

Order of Australia to  
Bruce Morison OAM  
 "Queen Trish" dubs  
 with paddle at Hi-Tea!





Club HANDICAP Race  
Under new Management  
(Joan hands over to Jason  
Cooper so she can race!)

SLALOMs & Triathlons.  
Club's In & Out Slalom.  
Triathlon run/paddle/swim

Let's try Sprint!  
Bert & Rod mark  
200m & 500m  
courses.

Marathon too!  
Series & Divisional  
State & Nationals.  
Hawkesbury Classic.

TREMENDOUS TRIPS!

Myuna Bay Camp  
Shoalhaven Odyssey  
Clarence River camp  
Erowal Bay. (again!)  
The Wonnie Camp.  
Lunar Eclipse paddle.  
Mullet Creek x 2.  
Nepean Gorge.  
Basin & Bonnivale.  
Oatley Breakfasts.  
Coffee Paddles  
Croissant paddles.  
The Needles midweek  
Moonlight on Forbes Ck.  
Towra Point & beyond.

GEAR DONATED.

TK2 on permanent loan  
from John Morgan (Ta!)  
TK2/3 paddles/5 PFDs  
from Graham Halford.  
(TK2 was black now it's  
red/white. Ta! Bert.)

More Gear donated!  
Junior Kayak (Ta! Shaun)  
SK1 & Spray Deck form  
Gordon Hocking.(Ta also)  
Furniture for new club room  
(thanks Alan Voges)  
Trophy Showcase (J.Eades)  
Trophys. (Bert & Bruce)



Olympic Raticus.

World Masters.  
Penrith 2009.  
Members win 35  
Medals in Sprint  
And Marathon.

Club Days.  
Full of Fun!

CLUB GEAR.  
Beaut stuff!

Thanks Greg.  
Archibald.

"Gems" from Canews – Who Dunit!

Bravo! To Michael Perry & Trish Hamilton who help out Paddle NSW by leading some of their Trips.

Some people are so small they need to buy a small kayak – looked good Narelle – now graduated to a bigger boat!

A cheering audience at the Almost Ruby Re-union for Luke Morison and Paul Campbell doing demos of Rolling.

Several members paddled overseas – Jacqui, Greg in Canada, Emilia, Graeme, Wilf, Marilyn, Henry in Europe, Kath Tuziak joined the New York paddlers. Members also do Dragon Boating, and Chee Tam does Tae Kwando whilst Joan writes a book on Canoeing – Lost Wild Rivers.

But - oh those boo boos! The worst offender of course is Bert. Not only did he lose his cyalume light in Forbes Creek on a moonlight paddle (led us all astray) but recently he paddled off in the TK2 without his partner Rod! He actually thought Rod was in the boat! "Oh" he said when he was stopped. "I thought it was a bit low in the bow." Despite all this, Bert was made a Life Member of the Club in 2009.

And on that great Lunar Eclipse Paddle ... two boats drifted away ... Rowland & Michael were fined of course.

Peter Tuziak was not amused when he completed the Classic to find his Landcrew hadn't arrived – they hadn't been told he had passed through Spencer! (They should have been booked for speeding – Peter did forgive them.)

New member Di Cooper had so much fun at the Wonnie Camp, she "conned" Jason Cooper into joining SSSC!

Special Award to Monica Boerma – carting the most gear in her kayak up the Shoalhaven! You name it, Monica had it – mind you, we all took advantage of the wood she chopped with her axe. Great weekend had by all.

Mention in Despatches for Bob Turner who has given much time to PNSW – he blames Joan for his devotion to duty – he should never have begun reading the Marathon History she loaned him.

What a wonderful 40 years it has been for SSSC. However, whilst the future looks bright with changes to our Facility, all our members will need to give that little extra to ensure we remain the "Friendliest Canoe Club."

Autographs.

Sutherland Shire Canoe Club Inc.

GUESSING COMPETITION

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GUESS THE MISSING LETTERS

**1st Prize** **Dagger "Discovery" Kayak (Value \$1200)**

courtesy of Dagger Australia and Velocity Watersports Australia.

**2nd Prize** **Tyron Sea Paddle (Value \$130)**

courtesy of Kayaks Australia P/L

WINNERS contacted by phone, fax or email

DRAWN: Twin Rivers Race 5/8/2007

**Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5**

FUND-RAISING FOR ADDITIONS TO CLUBHOUSE

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**We  
The Unwilling  
Led by  
The Unqualified  
Have been doing  
The Unbelievable  
For so long  
With so little  
We now attempt  
The Impossible  
With Nothing**