



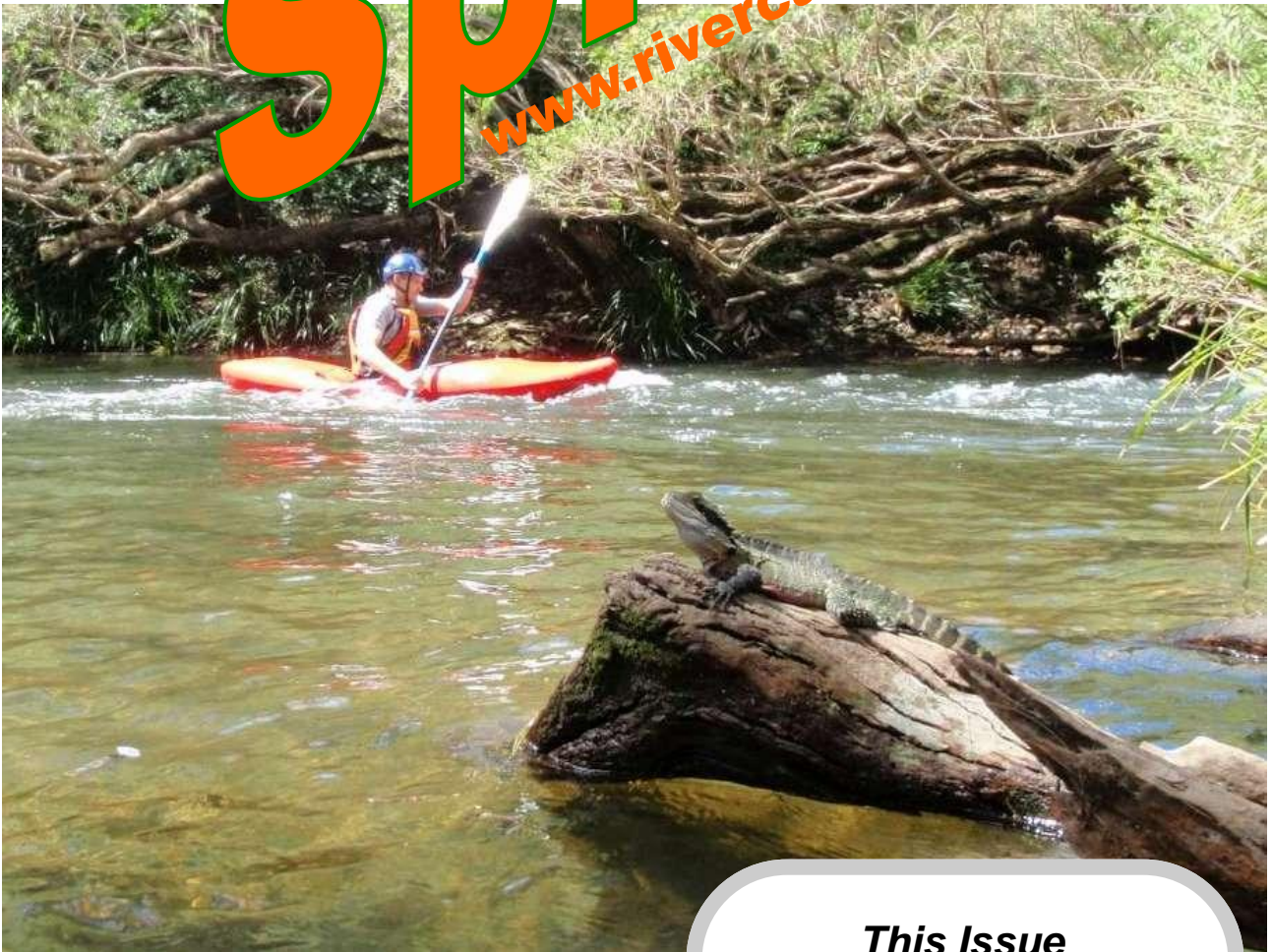
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Club Meetings- Normally the first Friday of the month commencing at 8:00 pm promptly, Club-house: Richardson Crescent, Tempe- opposite Tempe Railway Station. Check calendar as the date and venue can change.

New Members are welcome to come along to our club meetings or beginner paddles; contact Lynn Parker.

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## Prices for use of RCC Equipment

### Kayak\* Use

Evening club paddle: \$5  
Club event for a single day: \$30  
Weekend club event: \$50

Price includes the following items:

- boat
- PFD
- spray deck
- paddle

Note: Club policy requires all members to provide their own helmet that fits comfortably and meets relevant standards. Helmets are required for whitewater and surf trips.

Money is payable to the trip leader prior to club event (See note on EFT below). To make a booking for equipment phone the trip contact.

Marquee Use (when not used by club; members only)

\$30 per day

\$50 per weekend

Also payable, a \$200 refundable deposit upon return

To make a booking for the marquee, contact any committee member. Money is payable at the time of pickup (See note on EFT below).

All money will go towards repair and replacement costs of equipment.

\*Available for use by RCC members during club events only

Payment via Electronic Funds Transfer: If you wish to pay by EFT, advise the trip contact/committee member. Payments must include surname and reason eg: 'marquesmith' or 'boatsmith' in the payment comment. RCC account details:

Account Name: River Canoe Club of NSW Bank: St George  
BSB: 112 879 Account No: 017455888

Front cover:

Main Pic: Roland and water dragon, Barrington River.

Small Pic: Mercy, Kim, Matt & Tracy, Lake Macquarie.

## May Deadline: 19th April 2009

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## Presidential Platitudes

Welcome again to another edition of our trusty club rag. Also welcome to those new members; I hope you will get something out of the club and enjoy contributing to its existence. These clubs don't happen automatically. There's a fair bit of effort in maintaining activities, administration, attending to the clubhouse and lots of little tasks that are often done on the quiet by members who more often than not go unthanked. Over recent years we've been fortunate to have a talented committee of willing hands with a variety of skills that has kept things going. There are a few opportunities coming up from July for you to join the committee in some suitable role so if you feel you can contribute, please speak to one of us.

Speaking of the club happening, my fiancé and I recently had dinner at my step grandmother's home. She knowing that paddling played some part in us getting together brought out a book she thought we might be interested, "Canoeing Guide of NSW Rivers" by NSW Canoe Association, 1978. It was signed by Gene Phillips, the wife of Ted Phillips who was the original pioneer and mapper of many NSW rivers. Some of his maps appear in our clubhouse. That Guide primarily relied on his meticulous maps of over 60 rivers with rapids across NSW. Ted was my step grandmother's uncle and she knew him and Gene very well. As a couple they explored many rivers together and it was an integral part of their life. They were also accomplished musicians. I must ask whether they took a guitar or flute on trips! I understand that Ted may have been one of the founders of the club. He certainly was a stalwart of activities. And back in those days they did all their touring without a car. All train and whatever trucks they could organise.

This Easter I regretfully have to miss out on the Safari on the Nymboida. But as you all approach Cod Hole campsite, look up at around 4:30pm to Amanda and I waving from the Virgin Blue 737 on the way back from our honeymoon. I'd like to thank club members for your support and acceptance of Amanda and I, plus your patience in not sacking a slackening Pres who's even more distracted than normal. In the future we both look forward to paddling more with you all, especially on flatwater!

Regards,  
Andrew.

## Editorial

Last month I told you I was stepping down as Editor/Webmaster after two years, within the hour I had a volunteer to take over (you'll all have to wait and see who it is), thanks for that I'm sure you'll enjoy the job as much as I have and bring your own style to this fine publication.

This month you and I owe a big thanks to Tracy Hudson for the two trip reports, I had penned a fair report myself for Basil's weekend but Tracy's was far the superior article.

As always; this is your magazine, please send in your trip reports and pics.

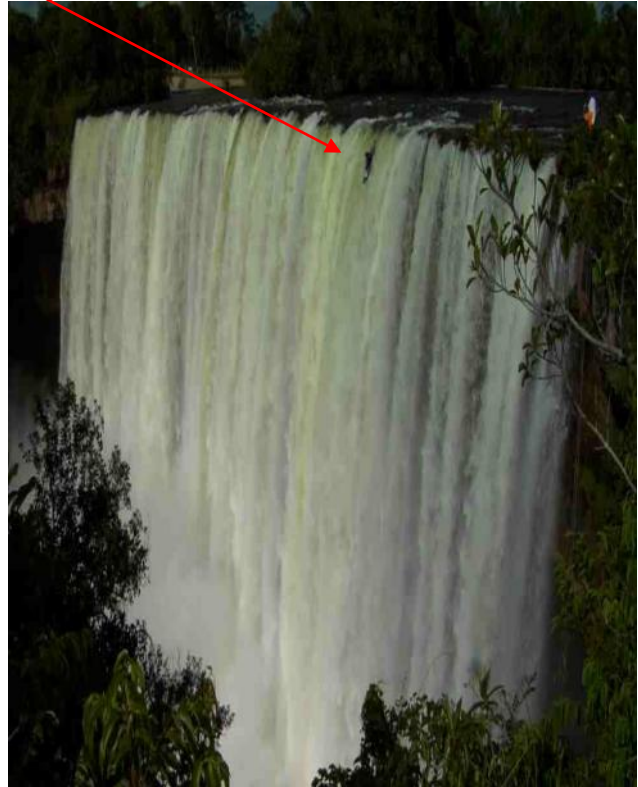
Bob.



## News and Gossip

### **New Waterfall Record..... 38.7 meters (127 foot)**

On the 4th of March, 2009, Brazilian kayaker Pedro Olivia shattered the existing world record (108 foot or 33 meter) with a 38.7 meter (127 foot) waterfall descent on a tributary to the Amazon on the Rio Sacre in Campos Novos, Mata Grosso, Brazil. His 2.9 seconds of pure freefall sent Pedro rocketing into the pool at right around 70 miles per hour in his Jackson Kayak Rocker. Although people have certainly perished upon hitting a pool of water from such heights, the team counted on the massive, gushing rivers of Central Brazil to produce the softest water landings on earth. This particular falls was nearly a foot ball field in width, with approximately 5000 cfs of crystal clear 70 degree rain water spilling over the lip. This meant that although Pedro's boat went over vertical, he and his boat were swept and kept intact into a deep mist filled pool. In fact Pedro resurfaced behind the falls where he was able to right himself with his hands on a conveniently located boulder bar. The place is truly beyond description, and I guess that is why it is aptly named Salto Belo or Beautiful falls.



### **Andrew McAuley's crossing of the Tasman.**

This documentary is scheduled to be screened on ABC 1 on April 16th - keep an eye on the timetable as the schedule does change regularly. It contains graphic footage from his kayak.

### **Australian 406 MHz Distress Beacon Register.**

Information contained on the Register is critical to search and rescue operations and to your personal safety. It is your responsibility to ensure your details are kept up-to-date because it will help make our life-saving job a lot easier when you most need it.

Please ensure that you visit the Register at <http://www.beacons.amsa.gov.au> to update your details as they change.

Contact Lynn Parker for EPIRBS whereabouts and log in details, although they were emailed out to all members at the end of Jan this year. Please keep them handy for future reference.

### **Welcome new Members.**

Justin Gilmour, Gaye Foster, Anna Patterson, Ali Parker, Ben Cant, Jeremy Bernal Salcedo, and Keir Ramsey.

### **New Treasurer Wanted.**

PLEASE NOTE, AS ADVISED AT THE LAST MEETING (CLEANING BEE) I WILL NOT BE CONTINUING AS TREASURER NEXT YEAR.

If anyone would like to step in (I've done a 4 year stint, so its high time someone else had a go) its pretty easy. A lot of stuff is paid by DD; the membership database and membership payments are all transacted on-line - no paperwork, no forms; just the odd cheque, and odd bits of incomings and outgoings - but I've got most people trained to do it on-line now - so provided you've got internet access, and the next years Committee agree to hand over the online bank account access to you - its easy.

Kind Regards, Monica.



# ***Barrington for Beginners***

**(or It's the Paddler not the Boat)**

7 – 8 March 2009

Maybe I got emboldened by my experience on the Wollondilly at Christmas in August, because here I am a flatwater paddler turning up to have another go on moving water.

I didn't have the best start finding our campsite on Saturday morning so I pulled into a place called Rocky Crossing to try and work out where to go. Someone with two kayaks on top of their car had camped there and, as I approached, Gail was just getting up. She and Nadia were as confused as I, except they'd gotten lost at around midnight.

We agreed I'd go and wait up the road, while they broke camp, in case someone came along which happened in due course – Dave and Glenn coming from one direction and a convoy with Tim, Basil, Lynn, John, Andrew Extreme and others from opposite side. Following Dave and Glenn we headed up to Dillon's farm and the campsite. On arriving we found Lee, Wade and Ian who'd set up camp early last evening. Gail for her part was pretty annoyed – she'd gotten within 500 meters or so of them before commencing her three hour midnight odyssey.

Tents were quickly set up, we did the car shuttle and got our boats ready to get out on the Barrington. The plan was for the experienced folks to spend the day practicing safety and eddying with the four novices and beginners, under Lynn and Tim's care, working on the basics.

Tim for his part was a bit concerned with my Minnow, prodding it with his toe and asking "are you sure you want to use this boat?" and "you do have a deck, don't you?" Thinking I'd be okay after my Wollondilly experience I was, as I was about to find out, unduly optimistic in my replies.



Story by Tracy Hudson



After a briefing from Tim and Lynn we launched and headed down the first stretch. Its then I got my rude awakening – this was not a wide and easy river like last August. It was much narrower, with less room to manoeuvre and lots more obstacles. Tim confirmed it as running a grade 2 minus to 2 plus – a novice's river not a beginners! All I could say to myself was that I'm here so let's go.

Like the other first timers I followed Tim and Lynn's instructions on how to negotiate the river and their coaching on using positive paddle strokes, how to lean the boat away from the current and the way to use the water flow to your advantage. Being a flatwater paddler I must add this is great training in how to control a boat in unstable conditions and the techniques covered have helped to further develop my flatwater skills.

Somehow I managed to stay upright and after a while my confidence grew – I fact of the newbie's I was the only one not to have had a swim up to this stage. Although in not falling out I must admit that I'd held back from some of the eddying and ferrying exercises as my Minnow, in tracking well, sacrifices the manoeuvrability you need. Tim or Lynn with their paddling skills would have had no problems – so it was definitely the paddler and not the boat.

Nadia, Lee and Wade by the end of this first stretch were really getting a feel for the river and their boats and were beginning to get right into it.

After a while we stopped for a quick lunch, and then back on the river. This time it was I who was doing the falling out and swimming – I'd built up a few basic skills, my confidence was up and so I was pushing a bit harder. So down we continued until the final rapids at the Steps and the car shuttle back to camp.

By the end of the run I think all of us beginners had had three or four swims each – which was not bad for a group of first timers.

Back at the campsite Basil had set up the fire and after a few pre-dinner drinks dinner was cooked and stories told. The 'gun' paddlers talked of the big rivers they'd been on and us novices of what we'd done today. Basil sang dirty ditties he'd learnt in the army, Dave discoursed on eddying and its relationship to Freud's theory of the id, Chopper argued with his chair (final score Chopper 1, chair 0) and Ian played guitar and we all sang along.

Next morning some had to head off early leaving a smaller group to do another run from our camp to the Steps. After some drama with Gail's car having a flat tyre (and much effort to get it changed) Basil and I ran the car shuttle. I did the shuttle as I thought I'd be too slow in my boat and hold the others up, especially as we all had a four hour plus drive home after. However, after the others were on the river I realised the two club boats were not being used – blast I could have had another go in a proper white water boat!!!

After packing, Basil and I headed off and met the others who'd had a good run down the river on a clear autumn morning. I then said my goodbyes having had another great weekend out of the city camping with a great group of fellow paddlers and doing something I've been into all my life – mucking around on the water.

Lastly, Lynn and Tim deserve a very big vote of thanks for their time and patience – without skilled paddlers like them, who are prepared to coach and mentor novices, paddlers like me do not get the chance to stretch themselves and develop into safer and more competent participants in both the sport and the club.

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*To all the gang from the White-water Skills Weekend at Barrington, and especially to Lynn and Tim for their fantastic instruction and encouragement to us first-timers, Wade and myself would like to send a huge thanks. We didn't know what to expect, never having attempted white-water before, and were a little apprehensive. After a few capsizes initially and changing about of kayaks to suit my bigger frame, we were off and started to enjoy ourselves immensely. The adrenalin rush heading down some of the steeper grades had us going, and we were quite proud of ourselves for getting through it. Retelling tales to my work colleagues about the Three Steps (however I called them The Ten Steps to bigger effect!) had them in stitches, especially telling them about getting 'stuck on a rock'. They liked that bit the best. We thoroughly enjoyed sharing the campfire with the rest of the group when we got back to camp and had a great evening. Again - thanks to all and we'll be back!*

Lee and Wade Anderson

Central Coast Canoe Club.



# Weekend @ Basil's

21 – 22 March 2009

Story by Tracy Hudson

It almost didn't happen – Basil had told me he was going in for some tests on Tuesday, but he'd be home on Wednesday and all was okay for the weekend. Come Thursday, however, he could not be raised. Was he alright? I kept trying to call him through to midday Friday with no result. Fearing the worse I emailed everyone at 1.00 pm that it was no go. But no sooner than the send button was pressed I had Basil on the phone checking we were still coming (he said he'd just escaped from hospital).

Of course we are – and another hasty email, this time to let everyone know Basil is expecting us.

I got to Basil's late Friday afternoon and he had things organised – WELCOME TO THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE read the notice on his front door with the bedrooms set up for us and extra food and drink in the house.

Matt and Kim were crashing at Bob and Monica's so Basil and I went up there for a BBQ, and it was going on 12 when we left. It was a comfortable and relaxing night of good food, wine and conversation.

While at Monica's a few calls came in – Mercy would be up next morning, Paul will be down after baseball and it looked like Deb and George were coming on Saturday evening.

Lyn and Tim rang to wish us the best – unfortunately they had another commitment for the weekend.



Come Saturday morning we met at Nords Wharf with the aim of exploring around southern Lake Macquarie. There were some comments from the group as to Matt and Kim's boats – they definitely looked the worst from being stored over the last year or so and in need of some time on the water. There was also the question of what might lurk inside the cockpits so Kim, as a preventative measure, decided on a slathering of Deet as protection.

Six of us, unfortunately without Basil as he felt a bit shaky after being prodded and poked over the previous couple of days, headed out for several hours paddling and lunch on the lake's shores. This is a good area to paddle in and this is a waterway that perhaps our northern members could organize the occasional flat-water paddle on.

In the evening our living legend fired up his barbeque and we all gathered for dinner – Mercy, Matt and Kim, Bob and Monica, Paul, myself and Andrew B, who came up just for dinner but had to leave at 10 to go and feed Amanda's dog (Andrew your priorities have changed for the worse!).

For Sunday breakfast we again gathered at Basil's for a feast of bacon and eggs with Deb and George belatedly arriving from the Barrington. Apparently there had been major storms up there late Saturday and it was impossible to drive down, so they had just pitched a tent and hunkered down for the night.

Kim and Matt had to leave early to get back to their mountain lair and Paul had to catch up on things so Basil and those remaining headed down to the beach after breakfast. Deb and George went to meet Stu and then go surf kayaking. We thought we'd meet up with them but they headed elsewhere for better surf.

Around midday Mercy and I had to get back so we left Basil, and the Slaughterhouse, after sharing a wonderful weekend as his guests.

See you next year Basil.

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### **RCC Financial Summary 01 June to 21 March 09:**

Balance at Bank - Current Account \$2,163

Petty Cash \$156

Balance at Bank – Term Deposit \$7,819

#### **Incomings**

Memberships \$3,869

Boat Storage and Hire \$990

Club House Rental Income \$951

Donations \$165

Social Activities \$366

Sale of Throw Ropes \$580

**Total Income \$6,921**

#### **Outgoings**

Admin Fees, Charges & Subscriptions \$598

Electricity, Water & Rates (Club House) \$950

Equipment/ Boats \$2,710 \*

Insurance for Club House \$2,577

Social Activities \$538

Repairs and Maintenance \$40

**Total Outgoings \$7,413**

**Net Deficit \$492**

\* Equipment / boats includes throw ropes, breakdown paddle, purchase of Ben Ellis' boat, new EPIRB/ GPS. We also purchased a new Topo Duo this year, but the expense was accrued last year and therefore does not show up in this years outgoings ..... OK, maybe that is too confusing – don't worry – just pretend that we paid for it last year, but received it this year!!



**REMINDER: BOAT STORAGE FEES NOW DUE - \$100 PER ANNUM**

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# Calendar of Events

It is expected that all participants in River Canoe Club activities are financial members of RCC. Prospective members are given one trip's grace (a fee of \$20 applies to cover insurance) before they are expected to become members. Any person wishing to paddle on a club white water trip must prove their basic skills ability on flat water first to the satisfaction of the trip leader. Please inform the trip contact 5 days prior to the trip (or greater) to let him/her know that you are interested. The advertised trip shall be subject to river conditions and the venue may be changed at the discretion of the club or trip contact. No one will be allowed to paddle with the club if they don't have the appropriate safety gear in good repair. If in doubt- ASK. If you have any medical conditions or take medicine on the river, let the trip contact know.

**All attendance at club trips to be recorded on the 'Float Plan' before setting off.**

**Trip Etiquette** If you would like to come on a trip, then please call the trip contact whose name appears in Splash, preferably a week before the trip. This allows the coordinator to organise car sharing, notify you of any changes of rivers, or if no one is interested, cancel the trip. If you would like to hire a club boat, then two weeks notice is normally necessary.

**Sundays at the Penrith Whitewater Stadium.** If you are looking for some regular Grade 3 whitewater action, or your river trip has been cancelled due to lack of rain, then head down to the Penrith Whitewater Stadium with other regular

Subscribe to the Rivers email list to receive up-to-date information regarding impromptu river trips and a trips alert. To subscribe, send an email to Lynn [lparker@netspace.net.au](mailto:lparker@netspace.net.au). The events and dates listed below are subject to variability, so watch the Yahoo group and the calendar for updates, and keep in touch with the trip contact to keep informed of changes and advise your likely attendance. **Trip contact/organiser must make sure a "float plan" is prepared for each trip** refer to website [www.rivercanoecub.org](http://www.rivercanoecub.org).

## March

### 28<sup>th</sup> **Wolli Creek Tour - 9 am at the Clubhouse.**

A leisurely kayaking tour to help the Wolli Creek Preservation Society. Paddle up Wolli Creek with highlights of the creek, its history and ecology being pointed out, alight at the weir for a guided walk up Nannygoat Hill and then return to the clubhouse for cake! Free to all RCCC members.

These tours also help to raise funds for repair and replacement of club equipment so as well as enjoying to tour you are helping to raise funds for Rivers. We'd like to keep them going but cannot do so without club volunteers!

Contact: Tracy Hudson, 0411.024.088, [Tracyhudson01@aol.com](mailto:Tracyhudson01@aol.com)

### 29<sup>th</sup> **Kayak for Kids – Blues Point to Clontarf.**

A great event for all the family around the shores of Sydney Harbour. Fundraising for Lifestart's Early Childhood Intervention Program & School Age Services for children who have an intellectual disability. Get involved, by participating or volunteering your services. Lets get a Rivers team together and attack the Harbour en mass!!!

**ENTRIES OPEN** - Visit the website [www.arocsport.com.au/k4k/k4k\\_home.html](http://www.arocsport.com.au/k4k/k4k_home.html)

Contact: Lynn Parker, 0406 428 331, [lparker@netspace.net.com.au](mailto:lparker@netspace.net.com.au)

### 29<sup>th</sup> **Willow Warriors.**

Training day at Penrith Whitewater Stadium

Contact: Jeff Cottrell, 0418.210.347

More details at the Willow Warriors web site at <http://www.willowwarriors.org.au/>

## April.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> **Club Meeting:** Club House Tempe. 7:30pm Start.



4<sup>th</sup> **Jervis Bay Paddle and Camping Weekend.**

5<sup>th</sup> Come down for two days of paddling in and around Jervis Bay, dinners at the local and (probably) luxury waterfront sites at the Jervis Bay Caravan Club, Wollamia, for this weekend.

For those who want to be there in plenty of time, or just want a good time, why not come down on Friday night and share a meal and drinks at the local pub.

Paddling for the weekend will be mixed with the options of either the surf for whitewater paddlers or the Bay for the flatwater brethren. An outside sea paddle could also be undertaken. Trips will be selected on the day and will depend on the weather, paddling conditions and numbers/paddling skills of those coming.

There is also the opportunity to split into groups depending on what members want to do, for example long boaters could head around the bay while short boaters go surfing.

Please contact the trip co-coordinator at least two weeks in advance so numbers can be confirmed and camp site bookings can be arranged.

Full details in future editions of Splash.

Contact: Tracy Hudson, 0411.024.088, [Tracyhudson01@aol.com](mailto:Tracyhudson01@aol.com)

4<sup>th</sup> **Willow Warriors.**

Cecil Hoskins Reserve – native tubestock planting

Contact: Jeff Cottrell, 0418.210.347

More details at the Willow Warriors web site at <http://www.willowwarriors.org.au/>

5<sup>th</sup> **Penrith Whitewater Stadium.**

Pre-Nymboida training day. Just turn up, we'll be there.

Contact: Andrew Love [andrew191171@hotmail.com](mailto:andrew191171@hotmail.com)

5<sup>th</sup> **Willow Warriors.**

Monitoring – Wallaby Rocks

Contact: Jeff Cottrell, 0418.210.347

More details at the Willow Warriors web site at <http://www.willowwarriors.org.au/>

8<sup>th</sup> **Midweek/6 Bridge Paddle - Departing 6:30pm.**

Departing 6:30pm @ Clubhouse. Come along for a fitness paddle or a social paddle. Depending on night a BBQ will be held from time to time after the paddle.

Contact: Andrew Bovis, 0427379044, [ambovis@tpg.com.au](mailto:ambovis@tpg.com.au)

10<sup>th</sup> **Easter Safari.**

13<sup>th</sup> Nymboida River 3 day moving trip. A highlight of the year for whitewater paddlers! Don't miss it!

River descriptions for the sections we do are below, but don't be put off by gradings all major stuff can be portaged:

<http://www.adventurepro.com.au/paddleaustralia/pa.cgi?action=details&id=nymboida4>

<http://www.adventurepro.com.au/paddleaustralia/pa.cgi?action=details&id=Nymboida5>

Contact: Andrew Love [andrew191171@hotmail.com](mailto:andrew191171@hotmail.com)

River descriptions for the sections we do are below, but don't be put off by gradings – all major stuff can be portaged:

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<http://www.adventurepro.com.au/paddleaustralia/pa.cgi?action=details&id=Nymboida5>

Contact: Andrew Love [andrew191171@hotmail.com](mailto:andrew191171@hotmail.com)



10<sup>th</sup> **Canoe Polo Australian Championships at Penrith Whitewater Stadium.**

13<sup>th</sup> Contact: Anna Ward, 0419 621 149

10<sup>th</sup> **Willow Warriors.**

13<sup>th</sup> Monitoring paddle – River TBA or Glen Davis in the Capertree Valley

Contact: Jeff Cottrell, 0418.210.347

More details at the Willow Warriors web site at <http://www.willowwarriors.org.au/>

20<sup>th</sup> **Willow Warriors.**

24<sup>th</sup> Monitoring paddle – River TBA

Contact: Jeff Cottrell, 0418.210.347

More details at the Willow Warriors web site at <http://www.willowwarriors.org.au/>

22<sup>nd</sup> **Midweek/6 Bridge Paddle - Departing 6:30pm.**

Departing 6:30pm @ Clubhouse. Come along for a fitness paddle or a social paddle. Depending on night a BBQ will be held from time to time after the paddle.

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**May.**

1<sup>st</sup> **Club Meeting:** Club House Tempe. 7:30pm Start.

3<sup>rd</sup> **Willow Warriors.**

Monitoring – Catti Creek

Contact: Jeff Cottrell, 0418.210.347

More details at the Willow Warriors web site at <http://www.willowwarriors.org.au/>

10<sup>th</sup> **Upper Georges River – also provided for PaddleNSW members.**

The aim is to put in on the Georges River behind Warwick Farm Racecourse and either:

(i) paddle through the Chipping Norton Lake complex into the river proper to approximately Sandy Point (or beyond) with a car shuttle to get back, or

(ii) paddle through the Chipping Norton Lake complex to the upper reaches of the river proper and return.

The exact paddle plan will be in a later edition of Splash.

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17<sup>th</sup> **Willow Warriors.**

Monitoring – Catti Creek

Contact: Jeff Cottrell, 0418.210.347

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23<sup>rd</sup> **Willow Warriors.**

24<sup>th</sup> Monitoring – Catti Creek

Contact: Jeff Cottrell, 0418.210.347

More details at the Willow Warriors web site at <http://www.willowwarriors.org.au/>



24<sup>th</sup> **Clontarf to Roseville Bridge and up Middle Harbour Creek.**

If numbers allow we will try and organize a car shuttle on this one so that the trip can end in the Garigal National Park under the Roseville Bridge. If not we will paddle from the Roseville Bridge either up into Middle Harbour Creek or down towards the harbour depending on the paddling conditions and skills of the group.

For new members without a boat this is an opportunity to come on a club trip. Arrangements can be made to collect and return a club Platypus, plus PFD and paddle. Use will be on a 'first in, best dressed' basis and the gear will have to be collected on the Saturday.

The exact paddle plan will be in a later edition of Splash.

Contact: Tracy Hudson, 0411.024.088, [Tracyhudson01@aol.com](mailto:Tracyhudson01@aol.com)

**June.**

5<sup>th</sup> **Club Meeting:** Club House Tempe. 7:30pm Start.

**NB:** Because of the unpredictability of the river levels most whitewater trips are organised over the Yahoo Group; if you're not on this group contact Lynn Parker via email and she will include you. [lparker@netspace.net.com.au](mailto:lparker@netspace.net.com.au)

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# Paddle Points

The Paddle Points system is still continuing so make sure you're always on those trip Float Plans and meeting attendance sheets, to ensure your participation in club activities counts for the presentation of a prize at the Christmas party in December at PWS.

**Points value:**

Member of Committee 5 points.	Leading Club trip. 5 points.
Attend Calendar event 2 points.	Attend monthly meeting. 2 points.
Shuttle Bunnies 2 points.	

**The committee's decision is final on disputed trips.**

"The Paddle Points competition will now not only have a paddle for the winner, but a wild card prize for those who are in the top 70% of club participants. This means everyone can be a substantial winner. The prize may not be a paddle but it will certainly be paddling related!" Remember the **Monthly Meeting Raffle** helps finance the Paddle Points prizes; \$2 each or \$5 for 3.

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**Wanted**

Creeker to suit 6'1" skinny bloke

Contact Glenn Phone 0400 403 548

