

# UP THE CREEK

*The club known as “the Orange Army” where fun, support and equality are the foundations of its success*

Over the last six months our club turned 2 years old and continued to show what having fun is all about. Here is a quick summary of what we have been doing and achieved.

## **Marathon Series – Round 1 Canberra – Sat 3 Feb 2018**

Hi there Newy Crew, a quick report from our Nations’ Capital Marathon Race day.

Div 11: Abbey (Gidget) Phipps came 9th in 1:10,  
Div 10 Cheryl & Mark Bretag came 10th in 1:02, Div 12,  
Ian Davey came 4th in 1:08, Div 7  
Heidi Duncan came 10th in 2:28,  
Div 6, Darren Forbes came 11th in 2:08 and  
Marni Kay came 14th in 2:13.

Well done to all competitors especially Ian Davey in his first race in the canoe and also Heidi Duncan for her first 20kln Marathon race.



Special thanks B.G.C.C and Paddle NSW for once again staging the event and a big thank you to the volunteers that make such a day possible.

## **Marathon Series – Bonus Round, Albury – Sat 10 & Sun 11 Feb 2018**

We had 3 brave members, Ian Davey, Guy Fiddes and Darren Forbes make the epic trip to Lake Hulme, Albury to spend a weekend on the water with the Victorians and learn what canoeing is all about. This involved a 26 kln race on the Saturday followed by another 26kln race in the C2 on the Sunday. From all reports they did the club proud, learnt lots of skills and enjoyed the beautiful waterways. Well done guys.



## Marathon Series – Round 2 Wagga Wagga – Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018

Wagga Wagga, the place so nice they named it twice. Wagga Marathon never disappoints as it is challenging yet fun. Not too many turned up with just over 100 competitors but my word Wagga put on a cracker of a day. Many thanks to Paddle NSW, the rescue boats (who weren't bothered by too many rescues) and Wagga Bidgee Canoe club for staging the event. Big thanks to Garry Rake for taking one for the team and doing the time keeping. The Orange Army salutes you. Also thanks to Ian Wrenford for taking the pics on the day.

Best in show was Jack and Jenny coming second in Div 9 in 1:03 and Darren Forbes finishing last again (making sure all the other boats made it back) in Div 6 in 2:18 and completing his ranking race in Div 7 was Bernie Edstein in 2:33.

Next race is Woronora at Sutherland and looking forward to having a few new and a few older members frolic on the waters representing Newy Paddlers.



## Paddlefest – Speers Point, Lake Macquarie – Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018

Paddlefest 2018 is done and dusted with a great show of Newy Paddlers at the event. We had 20 participants on the day from experienced to paddlers undertaking their 1st race.

Congratulations to Charly Wellard taking 1st place for female paddler, Abbey Phipps 1st junior paddler, Guy Fiddes and Ian Davey 1st canoe across the line and of course congratulations to all competitors for entering the event and raising much needed funds for the Melanoma Foundation.

Special mention to Justin Borthwick for competing in the Harbour Series on Saturday and backing it up at Paddlefest on Sunday, also to our newbies, Tanglia, Margie and Sonia for completing 5klm in their 1st race day.

Thank you to the organisers and volunteers of Paddlefest for once again putting on a great day without volunteers we would have no events.



## NSW Masters Championships, Blacksmiths Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018

One of our younger paddlers, Steve Brinkley and his Nobby's Surf Club paddling mate, Gary Mears competed in the NSW Surf Lifesaving Masters Championships at Blacksmiths Beach in the 60 - 64 yr old age group for double ski racing.

Not surprisingly he came home with a GOLD medal. Well done Steve, the club acknowledges your efforts both on and off the water.



## Marathon Series – Round 3 Woronora – Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018

Race 3 of the Paddle NSW Marathon series on the beautiful Woronora River was once again a hard but fantastic event. As usual the scenery did not disappoint and although the going was tough, the Newy Crew got going. A good turnout by the Orange Army with everything from doubles, K1's, sea kayaks and canoes made for a great day on the water.

Ranking in Div 5 was Charly and Guy in their new double with a time of 1:57, watch these two progress as they get fitter and stronger in that double. Darren in Div 6 in 2:10 (second last - big improvement), Heidi Div 7 in 2:16 followed closely by Bernie only 14 seconds behind (bought a new boat, watch his one as well), Jack and Jenny in Div 9 in 58:36, Cheryl and Mark in Div 10 in 1:01, Gidget in Div 11 in 1:08 (well done) Ian in Div 12 (and coming second) in 1:07 and Guy in 1:26 well done canoe fleet.

Another fantastic event which we must thank Paddle NSW, all the volunteers on the day and of course the hosting Club and their band of magical people Sutherland Shire Canoe Club, thank you for your time and effort, the Orange Army salute you.



## Marathon Series – Round 4 Wyong – Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Apr 2018

What a great day at Wyong for another round of the Paddle NSW Marathon Series. Wonderful weather topped off with even better people on a fantastic stretch of river, what more could you ask for.

The Orange Army had another good turn out covering a fair few divisions with:

Justin Borthwick 5th Div 2 in 1:43

Steve Brinkley 11th Div 4 in 1:55

Guy and Charlie 2nd Div 5 in 1:57

Darren Forbes 9th Div 6 in 2:10

Heidi Duncan 4th Div 7 in 2:16

Lindsay Freeman 12th Div 10 1:03

Jack and Jenny 11th Div 9 in 59:11

Mark and Cheryl 14th Div 10 in 1:04

Ian Davey 7th Div 11 in 1:09

Malcom Lewis Div 12 with a DNF due to heat.

Well done to all competitors on the day and as usual a big thank you to Wyong Canoe Club and Paddle NSW plus all of those wonderful volunteers that make such a day so successful.



## Marathon Series – Round 5 Lane Cove – Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2018

Great day at Lane Cove for the doubles round in the Paddle NSW Marathon series. Congratulations to all the clubs that entered their doubles teams and great work by Paddle NSW for the idea.

Newy paddlers had a number of doubles entries and a few singles as well competing on the day, well done Newy Crew you did the club proud.

Results were:

Guy and Charley 2nd Div 5 in 1:57

Bernie and Darren 9th Div 5 in 2:08

Marnie 2nd Div 7 in 2:12

Heidi 5th Div 7 in 2:20



Steve and Scott 4th Div 9 in 51:14  
 Cheryl and Mark 8th Div 10 in 1:02  
 Gay and Malcolm 10th Div 10 in 1:09  
 Matt and Warren 3rd Div 11 in 1:06  
 Ian 5th Div 11 in 1:07 our canoe representative



Well done to our place getters, congratulations and well done to all our competitors.

Lane Cove Kayakers what a fantastic day you put on for us, thank you very much and of course the volunteers and Paddle NSW who, as we always say, we can't do it without you.

## State Championships – Grays Point – Sat 12 May 2018

Newy had a terrific turnout for the “State’s” on the weekend with members participating in multiple events across multiple disciplines. Canoes, Outrigger’s, SUP’s, Ski’s, K1’s and Rec Kayaks. We did it all and managed to come 3<sup>rd</sup>, an amazing achievement for a small club!

And what a haul! With medalists in nearly every event that we participated in and our gold medal supporters cheering us on all the way. We even won the Nemo Award!

With extremely windy, wet and overcast conditions the true Newy spirit shone through all day.

Whether it was cheering each other on while on the water, helping each other off the water or making the most noise at presentation . . . everyone knew that Newy Paddlers were around!

Special mention must go to all the single bladers in the Club and our Sister Club, Lake Mac SUP Club. With white caps breaking and a 60km/hr wind tunnel operating on the river just achieving forward momentum was difficult when your body is acting like a sail.



Wow! What a tight result.  
 The 2018 Champion Club at PNSW State  
 Marathon Championships is...Lane Cove!  
 By just 6 points!

Lane Cove 119  
 Manly Warringah 113  
**Newy 88**  
 Sutherland Shire 56  
 Burley Griffin 55  
 Cronulla Sutherland 52  
 Penrith 33  
 Sydney Northern Beaches 28  
 Brisbane Waters 20  
 Windsor 18  
 Hunter Valley 17

## Marathon Series – Round 6 Mylestom – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Well this picture says it all, great location with the usual pack of great people. Mylestom this week for the Paddle NSW marathon race. Not big numbers this year unfortunately but another well run event thanks to the volunteers and support of Paddle NSW.

Newy Paddlers had a few away this week and missed a number of our Orange Army.

Results were:

Guy Fiddes	Div 12 1st place
Ian Davey	Div 11 4th place
Marni Kay	Div 7 1st place
Heidi Duncan	Div 7 4th place
Bernie Edstein	Div 7 5th place
Darren Forbes	Div 6 2nd place
Mark Bretag	Div 6 4th place



The club is now currently 5th spot in the championship. well done Newy Paddlers. Looking forward to Penrith on the 24th of June.

## Bogan Bout Fundraiser Night, Carrington, Sat 16 June 2018

Bogan night was a ripper Maaaaaaatte. fantastic night made possible by Charly, Gaye, The Complete Package (minus a few balls) Gareth and the compare with the great hair Vicki. These guys put on a great show which everyone enjoyed.

The club raised over \$800 on the night and thanks again to the above champions for making the night memorable.....in many many ways that only our solicitors need to know.

Thank you to those who attended and dressed up for the Bogan night, congrats to King and Queen Bogan....you know who you are and to all our members and their visitors.

Also thank you to Carrington Bowling Club and their wonderful staff for all their help.



## **Sports NSW Community Sports Awards, Parliament House, Sydney Thu 21 June 2018**

Our club was a finalist as Community Club of the Year together with Mark Bretag as Sports Administrator of the Year 2018. It was a privilege to be nominated and to represent our sport against all the other sports in NSW. To get to the final 6 in both categories was an amazing achievement and our members should be very proud. Thank you to PNSW and for Peter Tate attending on the night – their support to us has been truly amazing.



### **2017–18 Local Sport Grant Program - \$5,000 Grant**

An important part of raising funds for our members is undertaking the tedious job of grant applications. In line with our vision to support members with disabilities we applied to have a new double Sladecraft built with dual peddles. We are happy to say that the Office of Sport granted us \$5,000 towards this project and is in the process of being built on the Central Coast.

The craft will be all white to assist with the cost of reducing the costs to maintain its appearance.

We expect this craft to ready for Spring and it will be an important asset to our club in encouraging people with varying abilities to get on the water.



Length - 7.5m
Width - 0.635m
Weight - in-glass
26kgs

## Marathon Series – Round 7 Penrith – Sun 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018

The Orange Army descended on Penrith on the weekend for round 8 of the PaddleNSW Marathon Series race series.

We were met by an enthusiastic bunch of volunteers who supervised unloading and parking for everyone as well as providing one of the best Bacon and Egg sangas I've had this year. The frost on the grass was interesting touch.

The course was changed from the old racetrack between the bridges to an "up and back" course, with only one turn for every paddler, up the scenic Nepean River towards the gorge.

Guy and Charly set a cracking pace in the blue flash (SLR2) to win Division 5 well.

Guy Fiddes nailed Division 11, winning with his fastest time this year while Ian got third in the canoe.

A hard day at the office for Darren and Marni but they battled on to finish with a smile.

A great day on the water for us and on the bank for the spectators.



## Working Bee – Carrington Sat 7 July 2018

A big thank you to Darren Forbes, Malcolm Lewis and Mark Bretag for spending the time to place stickers on all club boats and assets to establish the asset register.

The club had 50 pre-numbered waterproof stickers made with an additional "50 logo only" for each member re-joining the club this year. We encourage all our members to place these stickers on their personal boats.



## Marathon Series – Round 8 Narrabeen – Sun 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Narrabeen Lakes and Manly Kayak Club put on a great show on Sunday for the Paddle NSW Marathon Series. Congratulations to the volunteers on and off the water and also to Paddle NSW for all the work and effort that these people manage to do to make the day for us mere mortals.

Results for Sunday:

Div 4 Charley Wellard and Guy Holloway 1:53 8th  
 Div 6 Darren Forbes 2:13 14th  
 Div 7 Marni Kay DNF but gallant effort  
 Div 8 Elizabeth Van Reece 1:40 13th  
 Div 10 Guy Fiddes 1:02 3rd  
 Div 10 Cheryl Bretag and Mark Bretag 1:05 10th  
 Div 11 Ian Davey 1:09 5th  
 Div 12 Michael Keegan 1:13 4th  
 Div 12 Malcolm Lewis 1:16 7th  
 Div 13 Kylie Read and Christopher Farthing

Welcome to Liz Van Reece who recently joined the club with her husband Murray and Michael Keegan from “Just Paddlers”. It was also the first race for Kylie Read and Christopher Farthing who did really well in the Div 13 5 km ranking race.

Also in the Harbour Series we had two Newy paddlers competing with:

Justin Borthwick in 1:18 35th overall  
 Steven Brinkley in 1:28 79th overall

A great effort with nearly 200 competitors in the Harbour series. The Orange Army Salutes you.

Lane Cove	8185
Manly Warringah	5729
Burley Griffin	5650
Sutherland Shire	3497
Newy	2932
Windsor	2493
Penrith	2265
Cronulla Sutherland	2076
Brisbane Waters	2009
Central Coast	1848
Hunter Valley	1547
Wagga Bidgee	469
Makai	457
Shark Island Paddlers	381
Just Paddlers	357
ACCA	317
Illawarra	279
Mitta Mitta Canoe Club	225
Sydney Uni	169
Pacific Dragons	147
Pacifica	99
Sloths	95
Northern Beaches	86
Ivanhoe Northcote	49



With 4 rounds left in the Marathon Series we are currently sitting 5<sup>th</sup> and punching way above our weight.

We are looking forward to an exciting finish to the year with also a number of our members competing in the Myall Classic, Hawkesbury Classic and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Murray Marathon.

### **Christmas Party – Carrington Bowling Club Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2018**

This will involve a light-hearted game of bare foot bowls and celebrating a great year for the club so keep this date free.



**Go the Orange Army**