



Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club Update

Tuesday 5 September 2023

2023 AGM

September 23rd – 1:15pm at Swallow Rock prior to the Port Hacking Marathon

Please come along and join us at the AGM to support the Club and show thanks to the current Committee and support our new Committee for the 2024 racing year.

We are always in need of new Committee members. Currently we are looking for a Vice President, Public Officer and Communications Person. Please do not be shy to put your hand up and join in!

On this day we will be having the Port Hacking Marathon Race which is up to 18kms. There will be the normal 5km race if you prefer. We will have a BBQ and raffle following this race. The days are getting longer and warmer, so please hang around.

Presidents Update



Image: Paddlers paradise. Image – Michael McKeogh.

We are flying through the year! Can you believe it is September already? The 30th of September is the last race of our season.

We have had a fantastic year of paddling. We have been blessed with the weather on most Saturdays and

the turn out to all of the races throughout our season has been great!

We have seen more people in K1's this year than we have for a very long time which has been great!

This has led to many of our members racing in the Marathon series in K1s which has promoted our club to the highest position it has been in in the interclub marathon point score for many years. Thank you to everybody that has been turning up to these races and representing the club so well.

We have held two interclub races for Paddle NSW this year. One being the Gunnamatta Bay Race/Pork Hacking Classic Harbour Series Race and the Marathon Race at Swallow Rock.

Our Committee and lots of helpers joined in to make both of these races a great success and from a completely biased point of view, the BEST races of the season. The organisation that went into each of these events is huge. It was done with so much enthusiasm and care, that it is impossible to not see how proud we are to be part of the club.

Thank you to all of the Committee and everyone that stepped into help on the day.

Cheers, Mike.



Special Mentions



Image: Chelsea Sutton racing World Marathon Championships in Denmark representing Paddle Australia and CSKC.

One of our junior members, Chelsea Sutton, was chosen to be on the Australian Junior Marathon Team. She has just this week competed at the World Marathon Championships in Denmark.

Our club donated \$1,500 to assist with her participation in the Australian Team. Chelsea finished in the top half of her field in her first ever major marathon race.

Congratulations to Chelsea from all of us at CSKC. We are looking forward to hearing the stories of your race and time away.



Image: Montannah Murray

Montannah recently competed at the "Gorge" Race in America where she finished 3rd in the women's open race and 8th overall. Which is a remarkable result! Congratulations to Montannah.

All the training and perseverance is really paying off.



Image: Darren Lee and Pauline Finlay

Presentation Night



Pauline Finlay did exceptionally well at the World Championships in Denmark.

In the K1 Women's race she received a bronze medal and she also raced in the doubles with Darren Lee where they placed 4th.

Darren Lee placed 14th in his K1 race in a very large and strong field.

Congratulations to both Pauline and Darren for such fantastic results.

The end of year party and presentation night will be on Friday the 3rd of November at the Miranda RSL.

We will need your RSVP to ensure that we book the right space. We will have no charge for the club to attend, but it will be pay your own way for food. This will be a two-course meal, alternate drop, and it will be \$45 per person.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. It has been such a fun night in the past, and with the success of the club this year we can imagine it will be our best one yet.

If anyone has any awards in mind or special mentions, please let us know! Even if there is anything you would like to see from the Club in general.