



CRONULLA SUTHERLAND KAYAK CLUB

CSKC SPRAY SHEET NOVEMBER 2025

November has been a quiet month for some, although there is still a strong group turning up for twilight racing on a Wednesday night with all sorts of fun and shenanigans.

Our club president is over in Perth and has competed in the Shaw and Partners 2025 race week and done very well. Results below.

At last month's 60th Anniversary and Presentation night, Kevin Nettle did such a great job sharing some of the club's history, so I will include some of it in this month's newsletter.



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SPOT THE CHAMPION

Congratulations Michael



The Shaw and Partners 2025 WA Race Week for ocean paddling runs between November 22-29 in Perth, Primarily at Sorrento Beach. This event is part of the Shaw and Partners Australian Ocean Racing Series.

I'm not sure if I've downloaded all the results because the website was a little confusing, but Michael finished 2nd Over in the 60's category through race Week.

- **Event highlights:**

- [Fenn West Coast Downwinder](#) (Nov 22)
- [Shaw and Partners Downwind International](#) (Nov 23)
- [Dr Benjamin Hewitt Sunset Surfski Series Race 2 & 3](#) (Nov 25 & 27)
- [Shaw and Partners Dash for Cash](#) (Date not specified,)
- [Shaw and Partners Doctor](#) (November 28)
- [Race One Twilight Dash](#) (November 26)





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Michael MCKEOGH



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Fenn West Coast Downwinder
22 November 2025

Gender : Male

Category : Over 60 Ski (60-69)

Secondary Category : Ski Overall

Secondary Category Pos : 52

Status : Finished

Club : Cronulla Sutherland KC

Points 1 : 1920

Points 2 : 1623

Pace : 10.9 km/h

Wave : FWCD 2 Female M060
M070

Start Time : 14:01:42.1

Time Behind : 00:01:07.3

Finish Time

02:06:52.7

OVERALL
64/206

CATEGORY
3/20

GENDER
52/157

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WA Series Ski Overall Points
22 November 2025

Gender : Male

Category : Ski Overall

Secondary Category : Ski Overall

Secondary Category Pos : 52

Status : Finished

Club : Cronulla Sutherland KC

Points 1 : 3250

Points 2 : 0

Wave : Wave 1

Start Time : 00:00:00.0

Time Behind : 03:05:05.6

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Finish Time

03:50:38.6

OVERALL
72/281

CATEGORY
38/215

GENDER
38/215

LEGS

	TIME
FWCD	02:06:52.7
SSS2	00:50:52.8
SSS3	00:48:53.0
D4C	00:04:00.0

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The Doctor

22 November 2025

Gender : Male

Category : Over 60 Ski (60-69)

Secondary Category : Ski Overall

Secondary Category Pos :

Status : Started

Club : Cronulla Sutherland KC

Points 1 :

Points 2 : 0

Wave : Doctor 3 Female M060 M070

Start Time : 11:21:54.3

Time Behind :

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HISTORY OF CSKC

The Early Years

The club was formed as the Lilli Pilli Kayak Club in 1965 from within the 1st Lilli Pilli Sea Scout Group. It began when two senior members of the Scout Group, Don Freeman and Don McNeice acquired kayaks for their sons who were members of the Scout Group. The interest this created led to the formation of the Kayak Club with Don Freeman as its first President. The Kayak Club was formed with an independent committee that acted as an auxiliary to the Scout Group, had its own constitution and was open to members who were not Scouts. A program of boatbuilding commenced with the assistance of Albert Hopkins, a long-time canoeist and life member of NSW Canoeing.

From the outset, the Club embarked on a range of activities, including flatwater slaloms, regattas, touring and racing, and water safety training. In 1967, club members first tackled white water events and in subsequent years gained placings in the State and Australian Championships. On flat water, the Lilli Pilli to Audley race, first paddled in 1966, was adopted in 1967 as the Club's annual race.

In the 1967/1968 season, the club affiliated with the NSW Canoe Association and was instrumental in • having Touring class kayak races at the State Sprint Championships, leading to club members gaining many places at the 1970 Championships. In fact, 1970 was a significant year for the club, as apart from the State Sprint championships. club members travelled to Perth for the Australian Whitewater Championships. But locally the highlight was the staging with the assistance of the club of a race from Audley to Gunnamatta Bay as part of the bicentenary Celebrations. This was the largest canoe race ever held in Australia, known as The Port Hacking lassie, comprising some 200 paddlers, including Olympians, in 150 boats, and it went on to become a popular annual event on the club's race calendar.

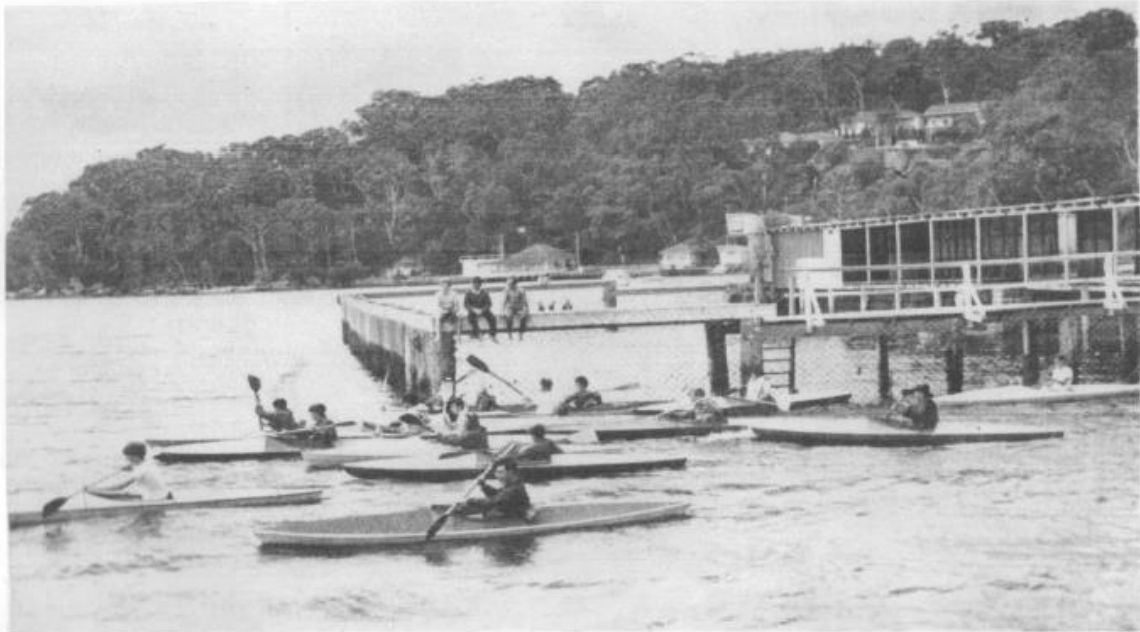
The 1970s were a period of growth in both membership and activities for the club. From a membership of 35 paddlers in 1967, the club had advanced to 115 active members by 1971. The emphasis on touring class kayaks gradually led to K1S, leading to a very high standard of racing and the development of a number of Lilli Pilli Paddlers, including one of those original Junior Scouts, into Australian representatives at the Olympics and World Championships. And for all the ordinary members of the club in provided a great social and sporting outlet.

The 1970s was also the beginning of Saturday afternoon races, initially at various locations on Port Hacking, Georges River and the Woronora but ultimately centring on Swallow Rock, Greys Point. The good standard of racing led to the inclusion of members of the Bate Bay surf clubs and also other clubs, including Manly Warringah, Sutherland and the former Nepean and Illawarra clubs, with upwards of 100 paddlers competing. With the introduction of the State Marathon Series races in 1982, the numbers dropped back to include only Lilli Pilli and the local surf clubs.

Lilli Pilli Kayak Club changed its name to Cronulla Sutherland Kayak Club in the early 2000, and Saturday racing continues with between 30-40 paddlers on a Saturday afternoon during autumn and winter, and a twilight race at 6pm on Wednesdays during daylight saving.



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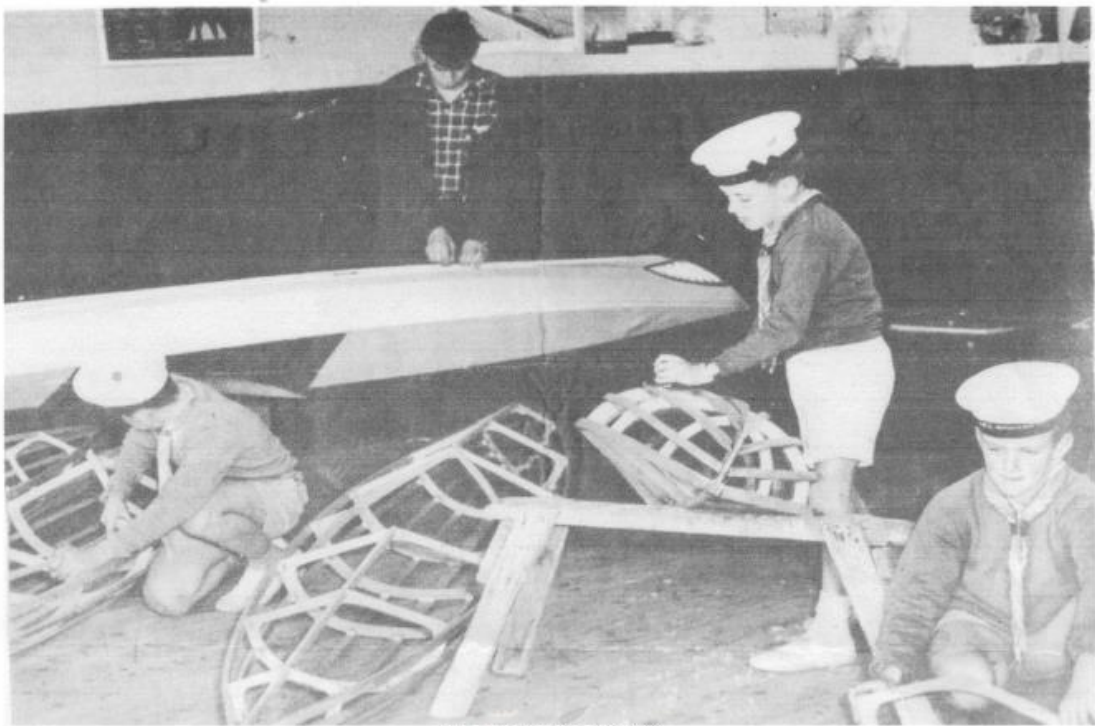
Start of Port Hacking Classic - 1980



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Start of Port Hacking Classic - 1970



Boatbuilding 1966



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