



## SUNSHINE COAST PADDLESPORTS CLUB

### OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

#### QLD CANOE MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS – A GREAT EFFORT

QLD Canoe Marathon Championships were held on the beautiful Lake Samsonvale, Cashmere on 7th October. Our club had eleven members competing in the event. The group bagged four Gold Medals, two Silver Medals and five Bronze Medals. Congratulations to all participants. They were –

- First - Stephen Mclay 8km K1 65/70 Age Group
- Second - John Smallwood 8km K1 65/70 Age Group
- Third - Geoffrey Pearce 12km K1 55/60 Age Group
- Fifth - Malcolm Buchanan 12km K1 55/60 Age Group
- First - Jason Keating 12km K1 45 Age Group
- Fourth - Terry Langton 12km K1 45 Age Group
- Second - Gregory Cairns 12km TK1 55/60 Age Group
- Third - Nicky Donaldson 12km TK1 50/55 Age Group
- Third - William Goulding 6km K1 14 Age Group
- Third - Joseph Goulding 8km K1 16 Age Group
- First - Jason Keating/Martin Wilshire K2 40/45 Age Group
- First - Bryn Davis/Geoffrey Pearce K2 60 Age Group
- Third - Nicky Donaldson/ Stephen Mclay TK2 Age group

#### QLD SCHOOLS CANOE SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS – WELL DONE

The Queensland State School Canoe Sprint Championships were held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Coomera Lakes, Gold Coast. Our club member, **Lachlan Bancroft**, competed in this event representing Maroochydore State High School. He competed in the K1 500, K1 200, K2 500 and K2 200 placing first in all of his races. Well done Lachlan.

## ULTRA MARATHON FOR SCPC PADDLERS – A GUTSY EFFORT



*Doug Brennan and Martin Wiltshire (pictured in the foreground) are supported by Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club Members before they head south to compete in the Hawkesbury Canoe Classic.*

The **Hawkesbury Canoe Classic** is an annual [marathon canoe](#) race taking place on the [Hawkesbury River](#) in Northwest [Sydney](#), usually at the end of October. The Hawkesbury Canoe Classic consists of a 111 km paddle downstream starting in [Windsor](#) and finishing in [Brooklyn](#). The Hawkesbury Canoe Classic has over 600 paddlers each year.

Paddlers left Windsor around 4pm on the Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October and passed 20 safety checkpoints during the night. The fastest craft arrived at Brooklyn on Sunday morning in less than 10 hours, but the average time was closer to 15 hours. The classic began in 1977 to raise money for the Arrow Bone Marrow Transplant Foundation to give hope to people suffering from diseases treatable by bone marrow and adult stem cell transplants. Over the 41 years the event has been running it has raised millions of dollars for the foundation.

**THE RESULT-** Both Marty and Doug completed the gruelling course. Marty accomplished a time of 10 Hours and 4 Minutes while Doug did 10 Hours and 36 Minutes. Congratulations fellas, you did a fantastic job both with the paddle and raising money for a very needy cause.

## **SCPC HELP HEAR AND SAY CENTRE – HELPING A GREAT CAUSE**

*Pictured is Doug Brennan handing over the cheque to the Hear and Say Centre coordinator Roxanne Innes with Tegan Moffat, Hayley Moffat (2 years old; wears bilateral hearing aids) and Cate Moffat (Hayley's mum).*



The Maroochy River Paddle, that was held last September was another successful event held by the Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club. There were 215 athletes who competed in a variety of craft on the day which was a record number for the event. The total monies raised for the Hear and Say Centre is \$3117 which again is another record. Hear and Say was established in 1992 and today provides services and programs to children, young adults and families including audiology, auditory-verbal therapy, occupational therapy and school hearing screening. As a not-for-profit organization they must raise more than \$10,000 each year to teach one child with hearing loss to listen and speak. It is hoped the paddle in 2018 will be bigger and better and the wider community gets right behind this event to help open worlds for more children with hearing loss on the Sunshine Coast.

## **CLUBHOUSE SECURITY – KEEPING OUR VALUBLES SAFE**

Can we all make sure that we lock the clubhouse up when we go for a paddle? The craft (club and personal) that is stored at our clubhouse is insured only while the premises are locked.

## **FUTURE EVENTS - OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET LIKE MINDED PEOPLE**

- 19<sup>th</sup> November – Third Sunday of the month. Team boat training session or time trial
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December – First Sunday of the month. Singles time trial.
- Maroochy River Paddle – August 2018

**Yours in Paddling - Malcolm Buchanan**



