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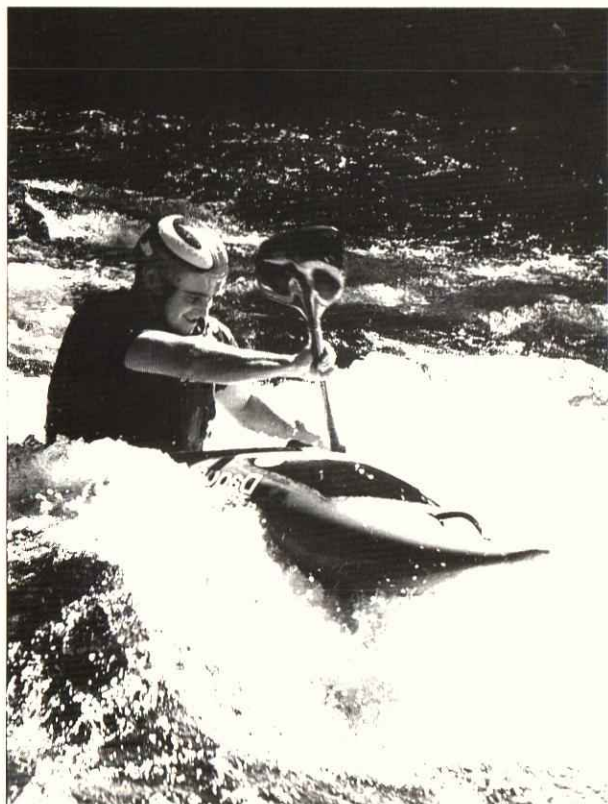
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- 2. To provide Australian Canoeing with a cost effective means of supporting the grass roots of the sport;*
- 3. To promote special offers exclusive to Australian Canoeing members;*
- 4. Facilitate word-of-mouth communication between Australian Canoeing members and potential Australian Canoeing members;*

*Another new initiative which I have much please in announcing is the sanctioning of the 1998 Mars Murray Marathon by Australian Canoeing. Both organisations should gain a long term benefit from the new relationship with canoeing in general to be the winner. The MARS Murray Marathon will be included in the International Canoeing Calendar.*

*Discussions have commenced with several other non-sanctioned races through-out the country and it is hoped that they will also come on board shortly.*

*Australian Canoeing Online has proved itself as one of the Worlds most popular Canoeing Internet sites, with over 20,000 hits during 1998. The site has won several awards and is a great communication medium for Australian Canoeing. In early December Australian Canoeing launched its complimentary E-news service, a weekly Email Newsletter, distributed to subscribers. I encourage you to visit Australian Canoeing Online at [www.canoe.org.au](http://www.canoe.org.au) to subscribe.*

*On behalf of Australian Canoeing I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

**Jon Bisset**

Welcome to the final issue of KC Magazine for 1998.

No wonder the price of gold is at an all time low at the moment, there seems to be so much of it about. Australia's Canoe Polo Teams found heaps of it in Portugal. Anna Wood and Katerin Borchet helped themselves to a double serving in Hungary. Our Junior Sprint kayak Team got a bagfull in Poland and Lisa Curry-Kenny's Riggeroo Outrigger Team even managed to find some amongst the palm trees in Hawaii.

Full details this issue.

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Hands up anyone who kept true to their 1998 New Year's resolution. No one, just as I thought. Yeah, me as well! I firmly believe that new Years Resolutions are overated. At that time of morning, it's tough enough making the decision to take a taxi let alone something that will effect your entire year.

Canoeing and Paddlesports in Australia is in good shape as we head into the final year of what has been a long century.

So bring on '99, and remember, the next sniffle or headache you get just may be Millenium Bug.

Have a great Christmas, we'll see you next year.

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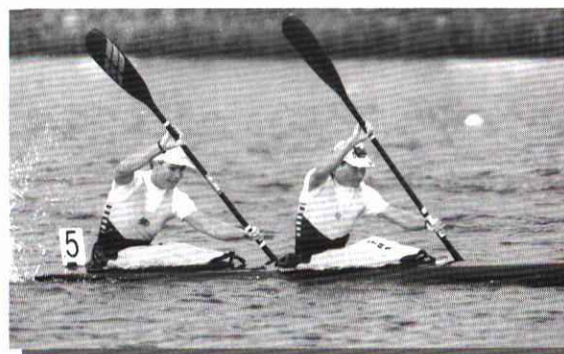
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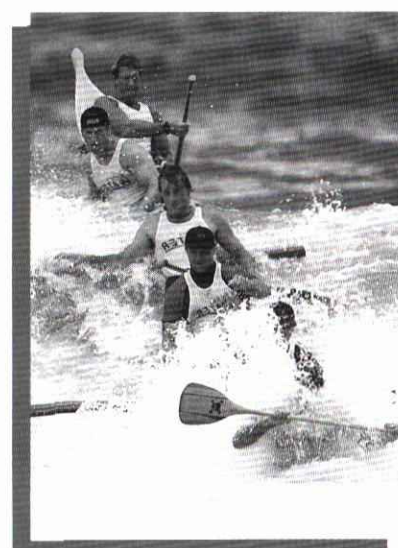
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# 1998 AUSTRALIAN CANOES DUAL WORLD CH

**Celia Coote carefully slotted home the last shot, the Canoes Plus Australian Women were Champions of the World**



# WOMEN'S CANOE POLO TEAMS CHAMPIONS

**W**ith the support of the Australian Sports Commission and the generous sponsorship of Canoes Plus and Fibreglass International, the FGI Australian Men's & Canoes Plus Australian Women's Canoe Polo Teams departed Australia on August 19th to begin

their campaigns to win the 1998 World Canoe Polo Championships in Aveiro Portugal.

The teams were to play three warm up competitions, the Flanderscup and Ieper International both in Belgium, and the Lochrist International in France. The Canoes Plus Australian Women were looking good after three

weeks with a Second at the Flanderscup behind Great Britain and two Firsts in the other two competitions. The FGI Australian Men had steadily improved with a 4th, 3rd and 2nd in each of the competitions respectively.

The Canoes Plus Australian Women had everything to play for in the World Championships having been defeated by Great Britain in Adelaide two years ago after winning in 1994 in Sheffield. The FGI Australian Men also had enormous motivation going for their third World title in a row.

The World Championships were to run from Saturday September 11th until Sunday September 20th. The first two days were filled with scrutineering, team leader meetings, referee meetings and limited training sessions on the main pool. Monday the 13th saw final training during the day whilst the players parade and opening ceremony began at 6.30pm. The round robin games would run for three days starting on Tuesday the 14th, with the 2nd round commencing on Friday, and minor placings, and semi-finals and finals running on Saturday and Sunday respectively.

Everything was set for a huge competition with twenty Men's and eleven Women's teams respectively. The venue, a 50m outdoor pool was adequate, although at times windy, with a huge grandstand down one side. The organisation was at times not up to scratch, with the opening ceremony and five hour debacle, and scrutineering not up to standard, however once the games began everything ran quite smoothly.

The Canoes Plus Australian Women were in a group of five for the round robin, with Germany their hardest opponents. All the minor round games went to plan with good victories over Brazil 10-1, Ireland 5-1, and Canada 11-1, and the women only had to beat Germany to top their group. They did this successfully, having stepped up a gear, to be leading the game 4-2 with less than three minutes to go, however that is where the controversy began. An illegal substitution saw Australia's Carolyn Cochrane receive a two minute send off and the girls should have been reduced to four players for the two minute duration. However the referee failed to remove the extra player from the field leaving Australia still

*Carolyn Cochrane, Anne Rosser and Joanne Vartanian. Photo: Claude Vartanian*

with five on the field, for about ten seconds until the referee realised his error. A second player was given a yellow card and removed from the field, which technically meant our girls should have been down to three players. The referee however let them continue playing with four players, and the in the remaining minutes the Germans could only score one goal, to see our girls win 4-3.

The German team officially protested this result and after much controversy involving the Competition Committee, and the ICF Jury, a rematch was ordered for 7.00am the following morning and the referee concerned was banned from further involvement in the competition. Many referees then threatened to resign in

The FGI Australian men meanwhile had a totally different run, without any great controversy. The men's competition was split into four groups of five, with our men drawing Belgium, Ireland, Portugal, and Japan. Belgium was to be the closest game with the final score 3-2, Ireland were also dispatched 5-1 and Portugal with a huge home crowd urging them on eventually lost 2-0. The men's final minor round game against Japan should have been a one sided affair, however some undisciplined shooting and general lack of intensity saw the men emerge victorious 4-0 however, far from happy with the performance. All the teams progressing to the next round were then placed in a hat to draw the groups at random. This is

Women played a superb game against Great Britain to win convincingly 3-0 and progress straight to the final. Goals from Juliette Makin and a change up from Carolyn Cochrane were the highlights. The FGI Men appeared to be a different team and certainly rose to the occasion of playing in the better teams for a chance at a medal. In a very tight and controlled game. The men emerged victorious 1-0 after some great one on one goalkeeping from Andrew Kennedy and Brad Baker in the final minutes to seal the win.

The men then played Italy for a chance to play in the final. Again the men rose to the challenge and in a tight tussle which was decided in extra time, our men emerged victorious. The highlights of the game were great goal keeping from Brett Houghton, and a sensational game from Andy Waters including two goals; one the golden goal during extra time to win the game 3-2.

The Great Britain ladies, shattered at losing 3-0 had a shocker against France and were losing 3-0 at half time. It was only through some individual brilliance from their best player Ginny Coyles, who despite being marked out of the game, scored three goals in the second half, including a paddle shot with less than ten seconds to go saw the game go into extra time. The G.B. girls then regrouped and scored the golden goal which saw an Australian- Great Britain Grand Final for the third championships in a row.

The Great Britain men likewise had to regroup as they took the long route to the final. They had to play Germany 6-3, Netherlands 1-0 and then finally Italy. Another close game saw G.B. men emerge victorious, again in extra time, to make both Grand Finals Australia against Great Britain.

The women's grand final proved to be a close and torrid affair. Great Britain, as they have done the previous two finals chose to play the whole game five on five without a goalkeeper. Our girls however were ready and great control from the senior players saw goals to Carolyn Cochrane and two to Anne Rosser. The British however also scored two goals and eventually tied the game at 3-3 with six seconds to go. For the fifth time so far that day, a game was into extra time, however this time despite several good chances by our girls to clinch it, the World Championships would be decided by a penalty shoot out. Tragically for the



Carolyn Cochrane, Photo: Claude Vartanian

protest and a petition was circulated from the team leaders refuting the authority of the ICF Jury. Australia refused to play the replay game the next morning.

Due to the refusal of the Australians to replay the match, Germany was awarded the game. The Australian women now played France and with a real fire in their bellies, demolished them 5-1, and then along with the rest of the crowd enthusiastically supported the Great Britain ladies as they defeated Germany 3-0. This left a replay of the Australian and German ladies, which in a tight game saw our girls emerge victorious 2-1 and into the medal rounds on Sunday. The tide of opposition against Germany was by this stage really having an effect as the French ladies- with much vocal support defeated the Germans 3-2 leaving them in 4th place, out of the medals, and wondering what might have been.

done to prevent teams deliberately winning, drawing or losing games in the first round so they get an easier draw in the 2nd round. The FGI Australian Men had the gods on their side as Great Britain and Germany were drawn in Group One, France and Italy in Group Four, leaving Australia (with South Africa and Spain) and Italy (with Ireland and Switzerland) in the easier groups.

The 2nd Round began on Friday and the Australian Men, having had a stern talk from coach Paul Carter came out and demolished South Africa 9-1 with strong defence and excellent shooting the key to the victory. The afternoons game was not quite as convincing against Spain, however a 2-0 victory, saw the men earn a rest day on Saturday, and join the women in the final rounds on Sunday.

Sunday dawned bright and sunny, and saw the two Australian Teams come out firing. The Canoes Plus



World Champions. Photo: Claude Vartanian

British team, Ginny Coyles, their star player and highest goal scorer of the competition, will go down in history as the girl who missed her penalty, and when Celia Cote carefully slotted home the last shot, the Canoes Plus Australian Women regained their title of World Champions.

The FGI Australian men then had the chance to complete the double gold for Australia and go down in History as Triple World Champions. The final was a replay of the earlier game and was extremely close with both teams playing committed defence and good controlled polo in attack. A great goal by Andrew Kennedy saw the men take the lead, however this was quickly equalised by the British. The scores remained even throughout the game with great saves by both goal keepers keeping each team scoreless, until Duncan Cochrane scored a sensational goal inside the zone, with less than a minute to go. With the game seemingly won the Aussies relaxed and some sloppy defence saw the British team draw equal with less than fifteen seconds to go. Once again, the final went to extra time. Like their female counterparts, both teams had opportunities to seal the game, but great defence and goalkeeping by both teams kept the game even. At the completion of extra time, both captains asked the organisers if they could continue playing extra time, as a fairer way to decide the result, however being contrary to the rules, this was denied and for the second time that day a penalty shoot out was started.

Unlike the women's final however, no player missed on the first round, so the shoot out became sudden death- the first to miss would lose. Once again the British succumbed as their highest goal scorer bounced his shot of the top bar to give Australia the World title for the third successive time.

After much poolside celebration and photographs, the presentations commenced. As the Australian Flag was raised, Advance Australia Fair was sung loudly, and the ICF flag passed to Brazil who are hosting the 4th World Championships in 2000. Then the real party began with all athletes and officials celebrating, commiserating or just enjoying the competition itself.

It was nice to see both Australian teams make the effort to console their respective opponents that had missed, and were extremely gracious in victory, and there is now a push on to have penalty shoot outs removed from the rules altogether. Thanks must go to our Team Manager, Marg Smith, Assistant Manager, Bruce Hummerstone, Team Coaches, Paul Carter and Chris Van Genderen and Team Physio, Mark Johnston, for their combined efforts. Special thanks to our sponsors Canoes Plus, Fibreglass International, and the Australian Sports Commission. Without your support these teams would really have struggled. And finally to the many supporters at home and who travelled to Portugal for your support and words of encouragement which urged these teams on to their success.

‘Advance Australia Fair’ was sung loudly as the Australian Flag was raised. The ICF flag was then passed to Brazil, hosts of the 4th Canoe Polo World Championships in 2000.



**T**he final day of competition at the Junior World Cup in Poznan finished with gold for Australia. The regatta finished with quite possibly Australia's best Junior team results ever. The men's K4 500m crew swept all before them, defying the washing machine type swell and 13 degree temperatures to claim the gold medal ahead of the German and Belarussian crews.

The crew of Alistair Carrie, Craig Rodgers, Stuart Mills and Glen Pickering got a great start and were in a line of five at the half way mark. With most of the crew backing up from Saturday's silver medal effort in the K4 1000m (Alistair Carrie replaced Steve Burns) the boys had dreams of gold in their sights. The result is remarkable when you consider the crew had only been training together for four weeks and was up against the strongest junior crews in the world.

In the men's K1 500m Jay Bolton paddled well again finishing in 6th position. Though Jay did not win a medal at this regatta he paddled outstandingly reaching the finals of all three events he contested. Jay finished the competition the 4th ranked boy in the world behind athletes from Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. Team manager Christine Duff said, "This was an amazing performance and one that Jay is unlikely to forget for some time."

Head Coach Brett Worth has coached the Australian Junior Team for the last three years and said, "This was clearly the best performance in that time and maybe ever." The Australians finished 7th on the pointscore over all - with all of the nations above them paddling both kayaks and C boats (Australia does not contest C boat events at present). On the men's kayak pointscore Australia finished 3rd out of 29 and on the women's Australia finished 5th out of 29.

# WORLD CUP GOLD TO AUSTRALIA

## *junior sprint world cup*

### **Australia claims silver in atrocious conditions**

The men's K4 1000m crew overcame appalling conditions to beat home the European powerhouses and claim a silver medal at the Junior World Cup in Poznan, Poland. The crew of Steve Burns, Craig Rodgers, Stuart Mills and Glen Pickering overcame a long delay at the start of their race which had them sitting on the water in the freezing conditions for an extended period, to come home strong and claim Australia's first medal at a major Junior International regatta since 1995. The crew were second behind the strong Hungarian crew with the Russians in third. Head Coach Brett Worth said, "This was an outstanding result with all of the Eastern European countries present and the boys can be very proud of what they have done."

Following three morning semi-final races Jay Bolton paddled an outstanding race in the K1 1000m. With 80

metres to go, Jay was a clear third and looked set for a medal. Unfortunately, the conditions took hold and with 60 metres to go, Jay was hit by a strong wave which threw his boat off balance. After being forced to brace to stop the boat capsizing Jay was passed by the Czech paddler with only metres to go

**"This was an outstanding result with all of the Eastern European countries present, the boys can be very proud of what they have done." - Head Coach, Brett Worth**

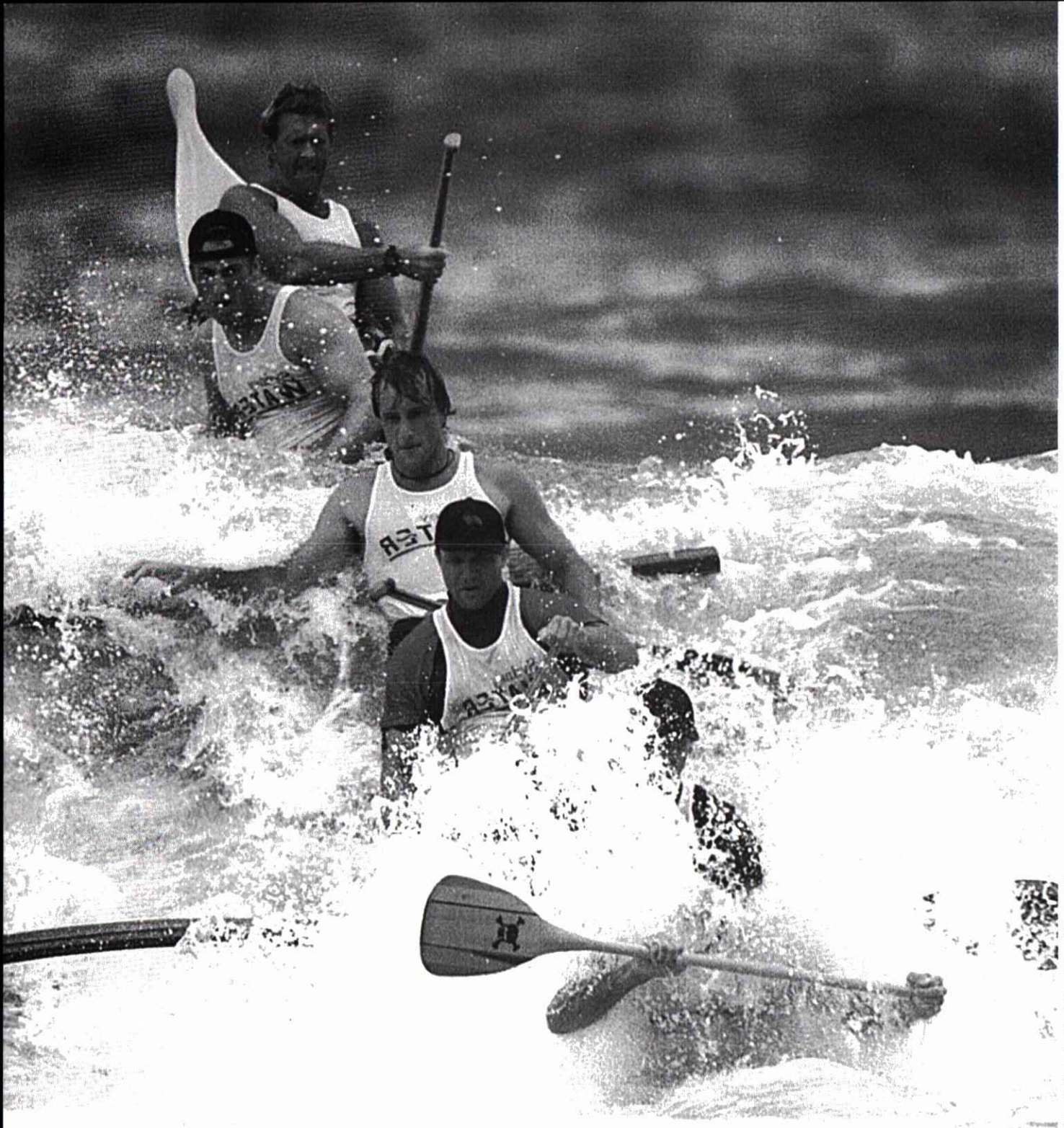
and finished a gallant 4th. Team Manager, Christine Duff said, "Jay

handled the loss of a certain medal with dignity and set the example for his team mates. He paddled outstandingly considering it was his fourth race of the day in terrible conditions."

In the other two finals contested by the Australian Juniors, the NSW pair of Toby James and Scott Casey were disappointed with their 8th placing but have vowed to return to next years World Championships with their goals clearly set at a medal winning performance. The medals were claimed by Poland, Slovakia and Hungary. In the ladies LK4 500 the crew of Rachel Simper, Lisa Oldenhof, Ashley Campbell, Sarah Wirth were eager to get on the water following the earlier-announcement that their event would be a straight final. Despite a good start the girls were unable to bring it home amongst the placings and finished a credible 6th place behind Hungary, Russia and Germany.

### **AUSTRALIAN RESULTS**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>ATHLETE / CREW</b>	
K1 500m	6TH	Jay Bolton	<i>(1st Poland, 2nd Argentina, 3rd Czech Republic)</i>
K2 500m	8TH	Jay Bolton/Steve Burns	<i>(1st Argentina, 2nd France, 3rd Poland)</i>
K4 500m	1ST	Alistair Carrie/Craig Rodgers/ Stuart Mills/Glen Pickering	<i>(2nd Germany, 3rd Belarusia)</i>
LK2 500m	4TH	Rachel Simper/Lisa Oldenhof	<i>(1st Hungary, 2nd Poland, 3rd France)</i>
LK1 5000m	7TH/20	Cara Targ	
K1 5000m	13TH/20	Alistair Carrie	
K2 5000m	10TH/19	Scott Leeson/Jono Chalmers	
LK2 5000m	7TH/14	Kate Barclay/Jessica Beck	
K1 1000m	4TH	Jay Bolton	
K2 1000m	8TH	Toby James/Scott Casey	
K4 1000m	2ND	Steve Burns/Craig Rodgers/ Stuart Mills/Glen Pickering	
LK4 500m	6TH	Rachel Simper/Lisa Oldenhof/ Ashley Campbell/Sarah Wirth	
LK1 500m	4TH IN SF	Rachel Simper	



Sydney Outrigger Open Mens. Photo by Mark Donaldson Photography.

# AUSTRALIAN OCEAN SPORT WORLD CUP

**A** couple of weeks prior to this year's inaugural Australian Ocean Sport World Cup paddling series, someone got hold of my arm as I walked down the Corso in Manly. For the life of me I can't remember who it was and that fact in itself doesn't surprise me 'cause Manly is a bit like that, people are always, as far as sport is concerned, checking out the scene, wanting to know what happening and who's performing, who's not. You know the story.

Anyway, whoever the hell it was that grabbed me wanted to know whom I thought was going to win this year's series. Now let me explain something, organising an event and competing in one are two horrendously different subjects and one tends to lose focus on the competitive side whilst desperately trying to concentrate on remembering the various things necessary to organise the day to day running of the event.

So off the top I've gone for Baggsey.

Nathan Baggaley, Byron Bay boy done pretty good over the past couple of years. Currently the K1 Champion of Australia on the flatwater and, with his Northcliffe team mates, Taplin Relay Champion of Australia in the surf. Baggsey was the defending champion of the Sydney Water International Ocean Sport Classic, now, the Championship Round of the Australian Ocean Sport World Cup. 1998's been a big year for Baggsey, firstly the defeat of Clint at the nationals out of lane 1, then the fight for the K1 spot in the national team at Duisberg through the middle of the year and then a semi-final appearance in the K1 at the World Kayak Championships in Hungary where he was just run out of a spot in the final by the two boys who ended up with gold and silver. Heading back to the Gold Coast after the world champs Baggsey had an International Canoe Federation ranking of around ten in the world. A decent resume if ever I'd seen one and I believe it gave me some sought of confidence to back him all the way from Round 1 in Mooloolaba through Byron Bay, Coffs Harbour and the fourth and final two day event in Sydney.

The Australian Ocean Sport World Cup, the brainchild of Guy Leech Events, was held in an eight week window from October through



*Manly Outrigger Open Mens.  
Photo by Mark Donaldson Photography*

November and aside from providing fifty thousand bucks in prizemoney for cash strapped kayakers, clubbies and outrigger paddlers, the series also filled a void in the competitive calender for all three disciplines.

The series was designed to provide solid competition at great venues and a relaxed social atmosphere. The competition was solid, the venues were great and I can guarantee you all that socially we were extremely relaxed.

So I'd backed Baggsey to win the whole show and on reflection over the days following my conversation in the Corso I began to think of myself as, perhaps, slightly crazy. The list of intending competitors was imposing to say the least.

Molokai Champions, current and former Senior and Junior Australian Kayak Team members of the calibre of Julian Norton-Smith, Heath Brown, Sean Abbot, Scott Austin, Craig Rogers and Jono Chalmers. Ironmen like Kane Huessner, Brad Stokes, Hutchings, Brett Tyack and Scott Thompson. Everywhere you looked there was a State or Australian Champion in either the kayak or the surf, but amidst it all stood a twenty five year old former Under 15 Australian Run Swim Run Champion, Under 18 Australian Ironman Championship medallist and Open Ironman Championship of Australia finalist.

Michael Clues, Cluesy to just about everyone, eased his way into the Sunshine Coast town of Mooloolaba with the dream of doing something pretty special mixing itself with the reality that he may not, just yet, have the strength and experience to make the dream a reality. As it turned out, Race 1 quickly showed us all that Cluesy certainly did have the strength to achieve greatness and as the series progressed so did he possess the experience needed to keep the very best at bay.

Race 2, over the distance of ten

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# AUSTRALIAN OCEAN SPORT WORLD CUP

Herman Chalupsky  
has pretty much  
won'em all. One of  
South Africa's greatest  
ever paddlers and if  
you don't believe me  
you can phone him up  
and ask him yourself.

kilometres, selected the first ten paddlers across the line and over a 250 metre stretch of water in front of a huge crowd at Fridays Bar on the Mooloolaba River one by one was eliminated. It was here that the sprinting class of Nathan Baggaley shone. In each of the nine races, held every three minutes, Baggaley blasted from the blocks and took control to the finish. Fellow Byron Bay boy and former Australian Junior Surf Ski Champion Kurt Tutt was also in exceptional form and his return from a two year University hiatus to this level of competition was remarkable. Out of the ten men in the final, Byron Bay supplied five.

As the series headed to Byron Bay, Michael Clues with a first and a fourth was tied in the overall World Cup lead with the giant Kurt Tutt. Tutt was now heading to very familiar ground and was guaranteed major support from the home town crowd.

How good is Byron Bay. The joint just reeks of holiday and kicking back. Sure, you've got to duck and weave the odd Hippie now and then but it's a small price to pay if you ask me.

Brook Harris strolled into Byron with two enormous victories in Mooloolaba and from what I saw, I thought she was a deadset cert to crank it all the way to Sydney. You know, Byron stood as one when the lady paddlers came to town, they don't grow sorts like this around here and most of 'em in town would've rather grabbed hold of a substance abuse instrument than a paddle. Nonetheless the show rolled on and in abominable rain and wind conditions a race field of more than 100 paddlers and Outriggers fought themselves and the conditions for two days and on Sunday afternoon both Baggaley and Clues had a victory each and shared the race leadership.

In the women's section, Jasmin Kelly and Alison Olandel threw enough challenges to Brook to make us all realise that it wasn't a one woman show.

As the circus headed to Coffs Harbour and the magnificent Pacific Bay Resort both Baggasy and Cluesy looked to be the men but others like the Rogers brothers from Byron, Tommy Woodriff, Sean Abbott, David Rhodes, Brett Monaghan, Jono Chalmers, Heath Brown, Matt Jones made life hell for the World Cup leaders.

Tim Jacobs, Freshie boy, just turned twenty one. Pretty lean sort of kid, very quiet, tall though, super long reach. Second on the Saturday, murdered them on the Sunday. God help'em when they get to Sydney.

It seemed only fitting that a series such as this would come down to one final race. The Sydney Water International Ocean Sport Classic was the final round of the Ocean Sport World Cup and the 24km Palm to Pines event, from Palm Beach, the northern extremity of Sydney's Northern Beaches to Manly Beach was the classic battleground.

Clues v Baggaley for the championship with Cluesy needing to beat Baggasy by one spot to claim what was arguably his biggest ever title. The field for the final race was unbelievable and with the inclusion of men like former World Champion Herman Chalupsky from South Africa, Australian Kayak Team member Scott Austin, Shane Suska, Bill Wilson, Kane Heussner and Western Australia's Ashley Nesbit it shaped to be one of the greatest ever.

It was.

Herman Chalupsky has pretty much won'em all. One of South Africa's greatest ever paddlers and if you don't believe me you can phone and ask him yourself. Herman has won races all over the world but never in Australia. As typical as a South African can be, Herman backs himself all the way but even he must have thought that this race, with a field of this quality, was going to be very difficult to win.

Big Herman was magnificent in victory.



Michael Clues, 1998 Australian Ocean Sport World Cup Champion. Photo by Mark Donaldson Photography

With the lead bunch through fifteen kilometres, Herman headed for the coastline whilst others like Austin, Baggaley, Clues, Wilson and Jacobs chose to stay wide. Clues fought and suffered like a dog to hold off Baggaley and his third place secured his finest moment in paddling. Big Herman held off Jacobs, just. If the race had of been five hundred metres longer he may not have been able to hold him out. But he did, and the one thousand dollars will look mighty good when it is turned into Rand later that week.

Brook Harris was crowned the Women's Champion but it came after one hell of a fight between herself, Olympian Yanda Nossiter, Australian Representative kayaker Natasha Leaversuch, Holly Heussner and Jasmin Kelly.

All in all it was a long but successful series and, hopefully we can do it bigger and better next time. To Sydney Water, Bundy Rum, Sustagen, Oceanmaster Watches, Dirty Dog Sunglasses, Bennett Paddles, Max Kayaks, Renegade Surf Craft, Dolphin Surf Craft, Burton Surf Products, Bladerunner Outrigger Canoes, Hayden Surfcraft, Ozflight Surfcraft, Mooloolaba Surf Club, Fridays, Sunshine Coast Tourism, Byron Bay Beach Hotel, NSW Canoeing, Australian Canoeing and the Pacific Bay Resort thanks for your support. Also to John Hayes, Ben Chalmers, Chris Kelly, Cliff Burvill, Chris Simpson and Mike Mills-Thom thank you all.

## OVERALL RESULTS

### AUSTRALIAN OCEAN SPORT WORLD CUP

#### Men Single Ski Open

1. Michael Clues
2. Nathan Baggaley
3. Brad Rogers
4. Tommy Woodriff
5. Brett Monaghan

#### Ladies Single Ski Open

1. Brook Harris
2. Jasmin Kelly
3. Alison Olandel

#### Ladies Junior Single Ski

1. Mikaela Belnap

#### Men Junior Single Ski

1. Jono Chalmers
2. Mathew Yopp
3. Dane Sloss

#### Men Over 35 Single Ski

1. Mike Mills-Thom
2. Jim Faulkner
3. Chris Bond

#### Men Over 40 Single Ski

1. John Gorley
2. Chris Bond
3. Chris Harris

#### Men Over 50 Single Ski

1. Brian Voller
2. Doug Andrew
3. Jeff Banks

#### Men Over 60 Single Ski

1. Norm Lewis
2. Brian Graber

#### Men OC6

1. Outrigger Australia
2. Cronulla
3. Sydney

#### Women OC6

1. Mooloolaba
2. Outrigger Australia
3. Sydney

#### Men Over 30 OC6

1. Cronulla
2. Panamuna
3. Sydney

#### Men Open OC 1

1. Brett Rice
2. Wayne Quill
3. Kerry Hall

#### Women Open OC1

1. Nancy Esse

#### Men Over 50 OC1

1. Gordon Jeffrey
2. John Hayes

The trip was sure to be an experience!  
What kind of experience, I was not sure of.  
When I left Melbourne in mid May,  
excitement was not the only emotion I carried  
but also the burden of the weight of a stupidly  
unfinished 5th year research paper.

## SLALOM TEAM IN EUROPE: WORLD CUPS 1-3

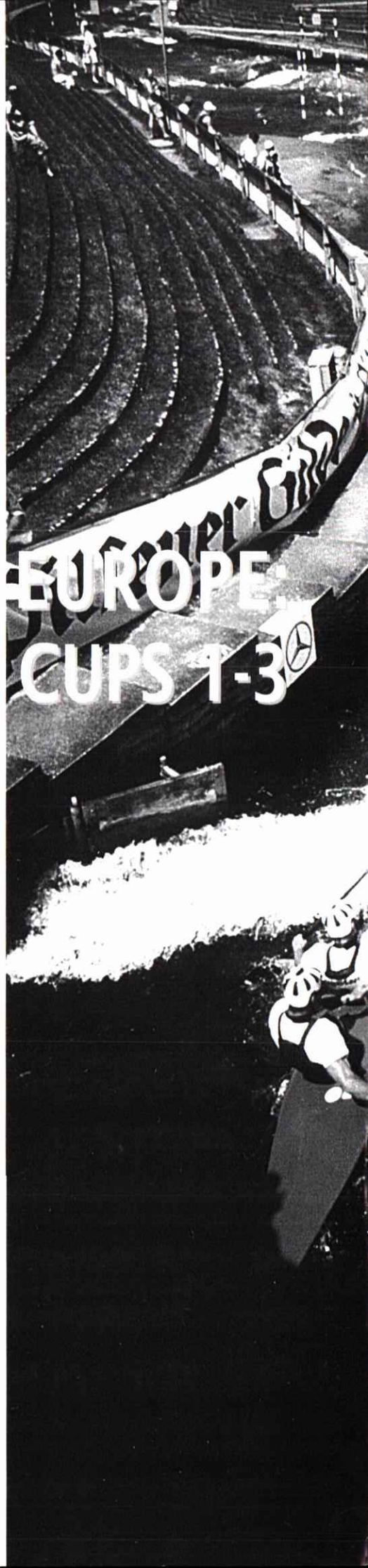
**F**or someone who's entire European experience had been two weeks of national training time (read: two weeks of four short, crowded sessions on unfamiliar and difficult courses) and two World Cup races, it was sure to be an experience. What kind of experience was something I was not sure of and so when I left Melbourne in mid May excitement was not the only emotion carried and the burden felt was not just the weight of reading for a stupidly unfinished 5th year research paper.

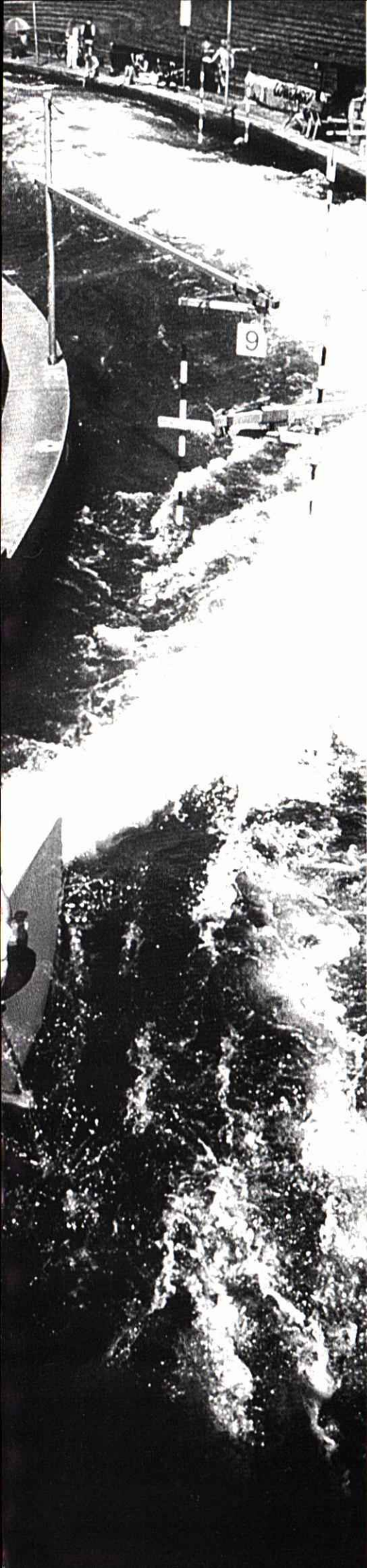
Arrival. The usual story - three of us flew in, at least one boat had to break. This time, however, we were party to the somewhat dubious pleasure of actually getting to witness the handling that most likely did the damage. But by the end of the trip and four tail breaks later, I'm sure even Lachie Milne would agree that it probably wasn't the end of the world - even though he had picked up the boat only several hours before. But, arrived we had and that at least is always a relief.

Our first destination in France was St Pe for a week of light training. This should have been an easy week to

recover from jet lag and rediscover white water. Sadly, after over zealous quaffing of the local tap water, too much of the water I saw was in the water closet - ad nauseam. Meanwhile out on the river, the Australians were joined by rehabilitating No.1 UK paddler Paul Ratcliffe which gave new insights into how fast kayaks can go and how flexible necks can be. Then it was off to La Seu d' Urgell in Spain - home of the '92 Olympic course and venue for the World Cup final this year and next year's World Champs.

With a reputation for excruciatingly tiring training, the program was supposedly light. Still, Seu still laughed in the general direction of lightness and it was little over a week later that I for one was pleased to be heading for weekend of R & R with an emphasis on R. For me, the last session was indicative of what a week of training at Seu can do physically and mentally. Four runs down the course, and two of them were rapid sprints. Three rolls later "Give me that R NOW!" However, at least I was not the only one suffering. Even the non-paddling contingent was being worn down with





video star and scholarship coach Lauren Sykes reporting RSI from unprecedented amounts of videoing - a non too pleasant premonition of things to come. Similarly, Richard Fox was beginning to display new obsessions.

Richard, as we were beginning to become accustomed to, was never one to shortcut on planning. It should, therefore, have been no surprise when we were greeted in the hotel lobby of our accommodation in Marseille (Richard's home town) by the aforementioned Mr Fox with a full list of options to aid our enjoyment. All we had to do was pick the option and it seemed the rest was done. Sure enough, soon we were on our way on a walk along the Mediterranean coast and for what must be the first time, postcards did not lie and expectations were exceeded as we meandered through the rugged coastline and visited sandy isolated coves and swam in beautiful azure water. After an extremely pleasant and casual weekend courtesy of Richard, it was time to travel to our first race at Bovec in Slovenia.

As in Marseille, we were greeted by beautiful water but this time it was the Soca River and not the Mediterranean. The course was a pleasant change from Seu in all aspects: natural features and flow, amazing green water, superb scenery and a great forty minute boulder strewn river trip above the course. Four days and four river trips later (surprise surprise) we had our first race. The highlight of Australia's racing may well have been Kai Swoboda and Andy Farrance medal in their first international race in C2. Danielle Woodward, Rob Bell and Justin Boocock also showed pace which, after a year off the international scene, was a good indication of things to come. The lowlight? Did I mention a research assignment above? Hmmmm. Since it was pretty much due, it was pretty much time to do it. Hints for other stupidly studying overseas travellers:

1) Walkmans at full volume when working are normally not that good but think again when you're having to do the assignment in:

a) a room full of noisy people, and  
b) a corridor. The ear plugs even block the much feared Wet Willy.

2) If you're going to be working all through the nights, perhaps do it at the

start of the trip when jet lag will lend its helping hand. Not leading up to a race.

3) When ready to e-mail work back to Australia, make sure you have

a) access to a phone line,

b) access to a plug adaptor that adopts to the quirks of the country of your choice,

c) have access to a phone line that accepts computer dialling,

d) have someone to send it to (thanks Barrie)

and finally - but this is a little hard to organise -

4) an understanding lecturer when you submit the worst work you've ever done, and it is late. If you can work this one out, tell me.

After a week of base training in Augsburg, we headed off for another international, this time at Goumois on the French and Swiss border. No, and despite fears to the contrary, passports were not required on each ferry or upstream. Water levels were low here which brought disappointment to most paddlers and made the river appear like a mossy version of Warburton. Nevertheless, Rob Bell performed strongly in the presence of the renowned French C1 team to place 2nd and win what must be of questionable value for a West Australian - a pair of Nordic ski boots.

Our final week before the start of the World Cups was spent at Augsburg staying in the accommodation centre at the course. It seems there is no limit of things that can be achieved with contacts and being Australian with the Olympics coming up. However, the joy was short lived as we discovered the Main Canal was shut down for the week. Oh well. Nothing wrong with training on flat water is there?

### **World Cup One: Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia**

Finally, the World Cups arrived. Our first race was in Slovakia at Liptovsky Mikulas. It was pretty much what one would expect from a former Eastern Bloc country. Lots of concrete, overgrown grass and rows of old women tending the fields nearby. Luckily, the course itself was pleasant to paddle. The top section was small and quick, with the crux section appearing about half way down the course - a medium sized drop and a confluence with immense boils that put all other artificial courses to shame. Or not. Hundreds of rolls and several

swims - even in the race - occurred here as paddlers were eaten by the boils. Following this section the river once again gained a natural, flowing feel with fast eddies, small stopper waves and narrow, twisting current. The Australian team was very fortunate to have Mike Druce co-coaching with Richard, enabling greater attention on each paddler. Alas, on his first run yours truly nailed the main section only to get stuck in what must surely be the smallest excuse for a hole three gates afterwards. To add injury to insult - I injured myself in the warm-up to second runs tearing my obliques. Doesn't really make for fun or effective paddling when you're left draw and reverse become virtually unuseable. With only Danielle making the finals, I was probably not the only one relieved when the race was over. Also, the excitement of knowing Tacen was next tends to cause impatience.

#### World Cup Two: Tacen, Slovenia

Tacen has held a pretty fearful reputation for most paddlers since it appeared as the Pre Worlds course in 1990. That year, the first three days of training saw over thirty swims and over eighty broken boats. Despite not being at full flow, Tacen still inflicted its usual quota in the boat break stakes with Rob, Lach, Waz and Mia all breaking their boats - Mia's quite tragically in the race before gate one. However, on the whole and eight years since the 1990 Pre Worlds, the course has probably become the most 'Yee Haa' race course used. Sadly, I experienced more aaargh than Yee and with my injury inflamed, I only completed one training session on the course and two runs down the main drop. On a more positive note, Rob and Justin both had storming runs in the prelims, placing 1st and 2nd on 1st runs and both advancing through to the finals which saw Justin achieve a great 4th place. It was spectacular racing viewed from the high banks overlooking the entire course, with about half a second between the top four boats. Meanwhile, in the kayaks, Matt Pallister displayed a turn of accuracy and power in 2nd runs that would have placed him well inside the top ten if the old rules of one run counting still applied. Sadly that was not the case. But it was, after all, a day of upsets in the kayak class. World Cup Champion Scott Shipley failed to medal for seemingly the first time in years and local

hero and Olympic silver medallist Andraz Vehovar had to be content with 2nd place as Paul Ratcliffe completed two amazing runs that were still far from his best. Fellow Brit Ian Rospin followed up his 3rd at Liptovsky with another bronze medal. The women's event was wide open with many struggling on a course renowned for its requirement of power and large white-water skill.

#### World Cup Three: Augsburg, Germany

The final race in the first part of the World Cup circuit was on the 1972 Olympic course at Augsburg. Probably more paddlers know this course better than any other course in the world and World Cups at Augsburg

The coaches - Richard Fox and Mike Druce - must be given thanks for their excellent coaching and keeping direction throughout this time - not just direction on the river - but also in a more general capacity. (But just hope you're not around Foxy in a few years if his computer proves susceptible to the Y2K virus). Thanks also to Roy Farrance for his planning and his role as international courier returning unwanted articles and delivering those forgotten. And on behalf of those video and split obsessed paddlers (you know who you are!) thanks also to Lauren Sykes.

Andrew Stamp



typically draw the strongest fields across all classes. As could be expected, the Germans flew on their own course just as the Slovaks had at Liptovsky and the Slovenian kayakers had at Tacen. The course was fairly straight forward barr the crux move near the end of the course at the Spin Dry which saw an inordinate number of penalties, recircs and great runs ending in tragedy. Out on the river, as I was impressing myself by hitting three gates per run and still achieving my best result (which isn't hard when, for the first time, you stay recirc free). Justin and Danielle were impressing the scoreboard with both making the finals and placing an exciting 6th and 5th respectively.

Red Rover

Since the 1990 Pre Worlds, the course has probably become the most Yee Haa race course used. Sadly, I experienced more aaargh than Yee.

Photo by Matt Newton



# AUSTRALIAN CANOEING

## 1998 COACH AWARDS

### NOMINATION FORM

Closing Date for Nominations 10 January 1998

Name of coach being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominating person: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The following general information is required by the Selection Panel (please tick more than one if required):

**1. Award that the coach is being nominated for:**

- Coach of the Year                       Presidents / 1st Year NCAS Accredited                       Coach Education Merit Award

**2. The number of years the nominee has been actively coaching:**

- Less than 2 years  
 3-5 years  
 6-10 years  
 more than 10 years

**3. Details of athletes coached:**

LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION	AGE OF ATHLETES	SEX OF ATHLETES
<input type="checkbox"/> Club / School	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-10	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
<input type="checkbox"/> Regional	<input type="checkbox"/> 11-15	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> 16-20	<input type="checkbox"/> Both
<input type="checkbox"/> National	<input type="checkbox"/> 21 and over	
<input type="checkbox"/> International	<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran	

LEVEL OF NCAS ACCREDITATION	STATUS OF COACH
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Full time
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Part time
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 3	

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Please complete the following sections in detail. Give specific examples and provide data wherever possible. Your responses should concisely and clearly show how the nominee exemplifies the following qualities through his/her coaching behaviour.

1. Demonstrates a proven capacity to improve the level of performance of the athlete(s).

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2. Shows respect for officials, opponents and supporters.

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3. Practices and espouses a philosophy of fair play acceptable to the Australian Canoeing.

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4. Presents a positive image towards coaching and the role of the coach.

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5. Demonstrates concern for the development of the athlete(s) in and out of the sporting environment.

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6. Demonstrates the application of relevant training theory and coaching practice.

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7. Other (include any outstanding qualities which are not covered above which you feel should be considered by the selection panel).

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*Please attach any other supporting material that is relevant to the nomination.*

Please send nominations to:

Australian Canoeing Coach Awards  
Peter Horne, Coaching Development Manager  
Australian Canoeing  
PO Box 666  
GLEBE NSW 2037  
Fax: 02 9552 4457  
**10th January 1999**

**Closing date for applications:**

# SLALOM WORLD CUP FINAL

## *An update from the Competition Committee*

**O**rganisation for the World Slalom World Cup Final is progressing very well. The event will be the first major event held at the Penrith Whitewater Stadium and will act as wonderful preliminary event to the Olympic Games in 2000. The World Cup Final will be held from September 30 to October 3, 1999.

A preliminary entry form was distributed to the National Federations for Canoe/Kayak in June 1998 and interest in the event around the world is increasing with many countries keen to send a team.

The Organising Committee is meeting on a regular basis and the Competition Committee (a sub-Committee of the Organising Committee) has now met several times. The members of the Committee are Donna Blay (overall management of competition organisation and International Federation liai-

son); John Felton (venue plans, temporary infrastructure and overlay for competition plus event presentation); Bob Boocock (timing and scoring systems [automatic and manual], technology equipment, competition communication and liaison with Swiss Timing and IBM); Kevin Songberg (sports equipment, course installation and modifications) and James Hunter (athlete entry process, medal ceremonies and competition technical document preparation).

Current work of the Competition Committee include the draft Competition Operations Plan and identification of the Technology available. By the end of December, the Competition Committee would have reviewed the sport equipment list for the event, finalised the Technical Officials Training Program, devised course construction and maintenance plan guidelines and have explored the possibility of having entry forms for

the event on the Internet.

The event itself should have approximately 45 countries attending with approximately 250 athletes and will be much larger than the Olympic Competition for Slalom. The competition schedule will run over four days and will mirror that of the 2000 Olympic Games Slalom event. The schedule will be:

**Day 1: Preliminaries C1 and LK1**

**Day 2: Finals C1 and LK1**

**Day 3: Preliminaries C2 and K1**

**Day 4: Finals C2 and K1**

The World Cup Final will also act as the test event for Slalom for the Olympic Games and as such provides an opportunity to build on the international event experience for the many volunteers required for the Olympic Slalom Competition. During the event, evaluations will take place on all the volunteers and technical officials to ensure that the highest calibre of staff are working at this event, are selected for the Olympic Games.

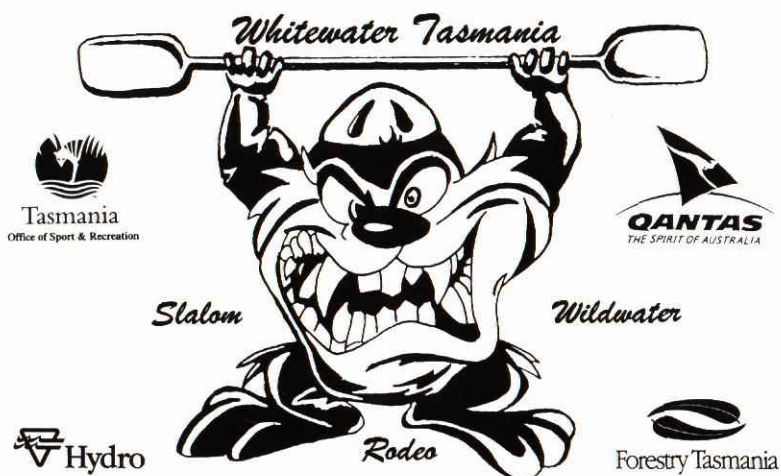
If you are interested in volunteering for a position to assist with the conduct of the competition (that is, positions outside those of the Technical Officials), you will need to complete one of the Registration of Interest forms to volunteer for the Olympic Games. These forms can be obtained from:

**James Hunter on (02) 9297 2472.**

The Penrith Whitewater Stadium will be a spectacular venue for the World Cup Final. All spectators will be able to see the entire 320 metre run of each competitor due to the unique horseshoe shaped design. The added benefit of this design is that all of the spectators will be very close to the action. It is going to be a fantastic spectacle for all.

Television has already expressed interest in televising the event which will expose it (and sport) to a huge number of people and do nothing but build on the sport's already growing popularity. It was reported from the broadcasters of the Atlanta Olympic Games that Canoe/Kayak was one of the popular televised sports worldwide!

## 1999 Australian Championships Carnival



Jan 1-3<sup>rd</sup> The Hydro 1998 Australian Schools Championships - Forth River  
Jan 4-10<sup>th</sup> Australian Slalom and Wildwater Championships - Mersey River  
Jan 14-16<sup>th</sup> Selection Slalom and Rodeo - Brady's Lake Course

**Canoe Tasmania Inc., Slalom and Wildwater Committee**

<http://www.tasod.cdu.edu.au/tasonline/canoctas>

For Event and Accommodation Information contact:

Bob Boocock  
03 63 301454 phone and fax  
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# 1999 National Rodeo Circuit

Well we've done it. We've taken a few isolated events and turned it all into a national circuit.

I sincerely hope it's an amiable monster, and not some bloodsucking freakynstein that will turn on it's creators and spoil all the fun we've been having.

**I**n 1999 there will be four events on the National Rodeo Circuit. (There will be other rodeos, and hopefully by 2000 the circuit will include WA and Northern Qld). These competitions will be open to novice and expert alike, and although they will be part of the selection process for the Australian team for the

Worlds in New Zealand in 1999, they are open to anyone who wishes to enter regardless of age, sex, experience or boat length.

All four events will run to an adapted version of NOWR rules. Event format will vary depending on the venues.

Although this circuit has been for-

malised to allow a team to be selected for the worlds in New Zealand in 1999, it does not exist purely for the ten people who might be capable of making that team. It exists for every paddler who wants to have fun and learn and enjoy the possibility of getting together to paddle with other boaters from all over the country.

The beauty of rodeo is that it is a freestyle event. You don't need to go out and buy a special boat, most modern river kayaks will play reasonably well. You don't need to go out and learn a whole new vocabulary (if you can't distinguish between a grind and a side surf or a split wheel and a cart-wheel that's not your problem). All you need is whatever it takes to get up, get out, turn up get yer bum in a boat and have fun. If you have no idea what a rodeo is or have no real desire to compete, these events are for you as much as they are for the top boaters who can do things in a boat that look vaguely immoral to we lesser mortals.

It's the best way to practice skills, learn some tricks, meet some other paddlers, tell lies and other stories and trade river info. I can't speak for any of the other events but Pig Day is basically a paddling party and the fact that it's a competition is kinda secondary.

So put your boat on the roof rack and get yourself to one or more of these, and you'd be amazed at how much legal fun you can have with your clothes on! See you all at Pig Day.

**The Venues are:**

Victoria  
27/28th February  
Mitta Mitta

Tasmania (National titles)  
Australian Rodeo Championships at Mersey  
13/14th March

Plastic Pig Day (Goolang Creek)  
1/2 May  
Nymboida, NSW

Penrith  
National White Water Centre  
Date TBA

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Further information can be gained from any of the above or from the Rodeo message board on the Aus Canoeing home page. NOWR rules are detailed on the NOWR home page. A slightly simplified version will be used in each of the above events. Contact the event organisers for precise details of format and rules. The team selection policy for the Aus team will be available soon. Check it on the home page, email:  
HYPERLINKmailto:dbk@ausinfo  
dbk@ausinfo.com.au  
for a copy or send an SAE to:

"Twisted"  
PO BOX 64  
Chirn Park, Qld, 4215

## Stop Press

Below are the Australian Positions from the NZ "Preworlds" at Full James rapid. Congratulation to all the paddlers. And congratulations and thanks to the NZ Freestyle committee for getting the results out so quickly.

### MEN K-1

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| 47. John Flett      | 62. Warren Lee    |
| 69. D.J Dubose      | 70. David Finlay  |
| 72. Gary Finlay     | 77. Wayne Thomas  |
| 78. Russell Sheehan | 81. Craig Chivers |
| 89. Leigh Whighton  |                   |

### WOMEN K-1

19. Georgia Leplastrier

### JUNIOR MEN K-1

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| 11. Ben Young | 18. Mark Killip |
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### C-1

6. Ben Young



# VICTORIAN WILD WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS

**T**he 'SunSmart' Victorian Wildwater Championships for 1998, held at Homestead road to Wittens reserve, Sunday 18th October, was a great event both for wildwater paddlers and canoeing in general. Templestowe Canoe Club, at the invitation of the young and growing VCA Wildwater Committee, agreed to organise the championships. Kirinari Kayak Club and the VCA Wildwater Committee, had one single purpose in mind: make everything work for the paddler on the day.

In addition, the support of SunSmart, Katmandu Clothing, Australian Handcrafted Timber, National Foods and Knox Gardens Medical Centre helped make it a day to remember.

There must have been at least one hundred and forty people in the car park at Homestead Road. There had been plenty of late entries and the car park was wall to wall with boats of all shapes and sizes. There was the usual last minute flurry of cars down the hill and up onto the grass verge delivering those who had attempted a quick run over the course earlier that morning. Paddlers were waiting for the next stage. The safety boats had departed.

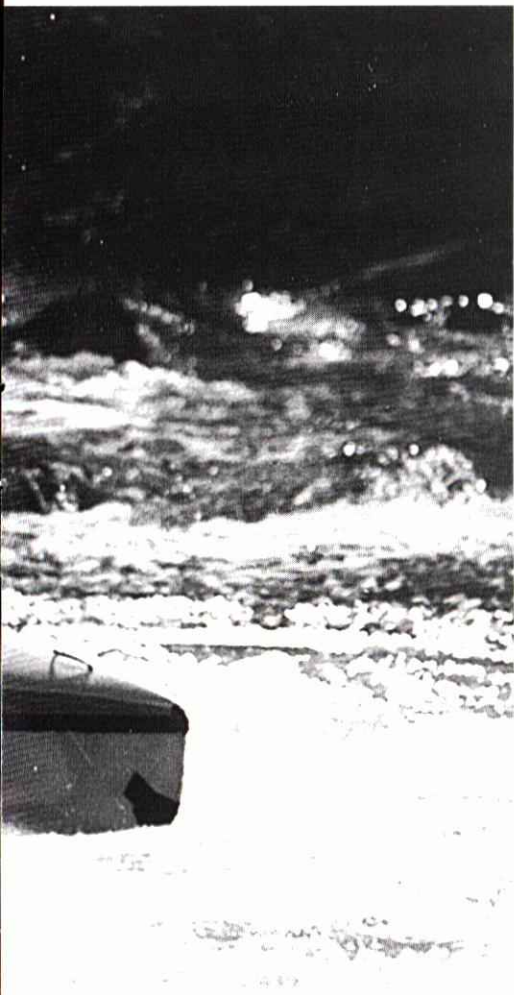
Phil Clark commenced his pre-race briefing at 9.30am and set the tone of the race organisation for the morning. Chris Blackwood picked his way around the boats as he scrutinised each boat and it's equipment. The race started at the familiar time of 10.00am.

Paddlers and supporters comment-

ed upon the friendly and supportive atmosphere at the race. Most paddlers at the end of the race had an opportunity to select a photograph of themselves in action in the vicinity of Bob's Rock. The photograph was made available to them through the good work of the Wildwater Committee.

The Yarra was running at eight metres, a good paddling level. Some paddlers would have liked the water level to have been much higher but this would have made the water less technical. Participation and skill were features of the event.

These championships followed the pre-Victorian Wildwater Championships conducted by the Kirinari Kayak Club on the previous Sunday. The race was a carbon copy of the Championships and



were held in similar conditions. During the intervening week, Susan Humphrey and Craig McAllister had conducted an evening meeting for parents and paddlers at Ivanhoe Northcote Canoe Club to describe and organise the Wildwater Junior Development program. Parents and paddlers who had attended both races plus the Junior Development briefing during the week must have had a feeling of overload when also given more information about the National Championships in Tasmania, January 1999 and the World Cup in New Zealand, February 1999.

Tim Murray was responsible for receiving entries and placing paddlers into classes. Tim's printed program booklet was a well received innovation and he has plans for making improvements to it in the future. Thanks must go to Susan Humphrey, who arranged the sponsorship and valuable prizes from Katmandu, and to Marye, who, as usual, administered a well ordered set of prizes and trophies behind the scenes according to paddlers placings.

Eric Jeffrey, Graham Cusak, Chris Donnelly, Bernie Boulton, and Neville Naisbett of Kirinari Kayak Club worked as safety boats. Many thanks to Russell Sheehan and Anne Duncan of

Templestowe Canoe Club also assisted with the safety boats. Nevertheless Templestowe Canoe Club carried the day. Phil Clark, Club Secretary, coordinated the day. Peta Clark, Pam Anderson and Mike Brookes slaved away in the kitchen. Peter Tunnaly and Craig Price conducted the starts, Chris Blackwood looked after scrutineering and Steve O'Connor did the finish times. Thanks to Templestowe for bring the whitewater disciplines together.

Since writing this account in early November the Wildwater Committee has had little time to reflect upon the progress made in the last eighteen months. The Junior Development Squads have been operating at a high standard under the leadership of Susan Humphrey and Craig McAllister. The return of Glen Singleton will strengthen the coaching program and provide quality opportunities for those younger paddlers seeking to consolidate their progress made in recent months.

The Wildwater Committee is examining its approach to general coaching and the need to expand its support base for the discipline. A sponsorship plan is also being considered. An availability of a rank for each wildwater paddler in Victoria is not too far away in the future. The purchase of Wavehoppers to establish a class for beginners is envisaged and plans for expanding the ever growing C2 Class are in hand. An increasing number of younger paddlers are now able to attain driving licenses and thus able to gain additional mobility. With the likelihood of rivers rising in 1999 special paddling activities on higher water are envisaged.

Some time has elapsed since serious discussions, about wildwater racing, took place at Blue Gums on the Goulburn River at the time of the 1995 Australian Championships. However, the efforts of a small group of Senior paddlers, strong parent, club and committee support have generated some impressive results for wildwater paddling in Victoria. Now that we have a basic race program established, a coaching program emerging, a small but highly active and effective, sometimes very overworked committee, there seems to be an opportunity to network with similar committees in other states and to learn from their experience.

David Humphrey  
**Chairman**  
(VCA Wildwater Committee)

## RESULTS

### Mens Open K1

1. Glen Singleton
2. Chris Humphrey
3. Paul Downes

### Mens Under 18 K1

1. Andrew Hewitt
2. Josh Pierini
3. John Dyett

### Mens Under 16 K1

1. Peter Wilson
2. Phillip Quayle
3. Tristan Lawrey

### Mens Veterans K1

1. Mike Wilson
2. Valdis Kahns
3. Ian De Kam

### Ladies Open K1

1. Susan Humphrey
2. Natalie Hunter

### Ladies Under 18 K1

1. Susie Wharton
2. Elise Hodgerson
3. Erin Murray

### Ladies Under 16 K1

1. Clare Beach
2. Helena Merrett
3. Sarah Plain

### Ladies Under 14 K1

1. Vanessa Beach
2. Susan Wilson
3. Leanne Guinea

### Open C2

1. P. Oman/T. Archbold
2. P. Naud/L. Crawford
3. G. Singleton/C. McAllister

### Junior C2

1. K. Pertile/K. Harding
2. S. Jenes/T. Beerens
3. K. Steer/K. Lam



# 1998 ASIA PACIFIC MASTERS GAMES

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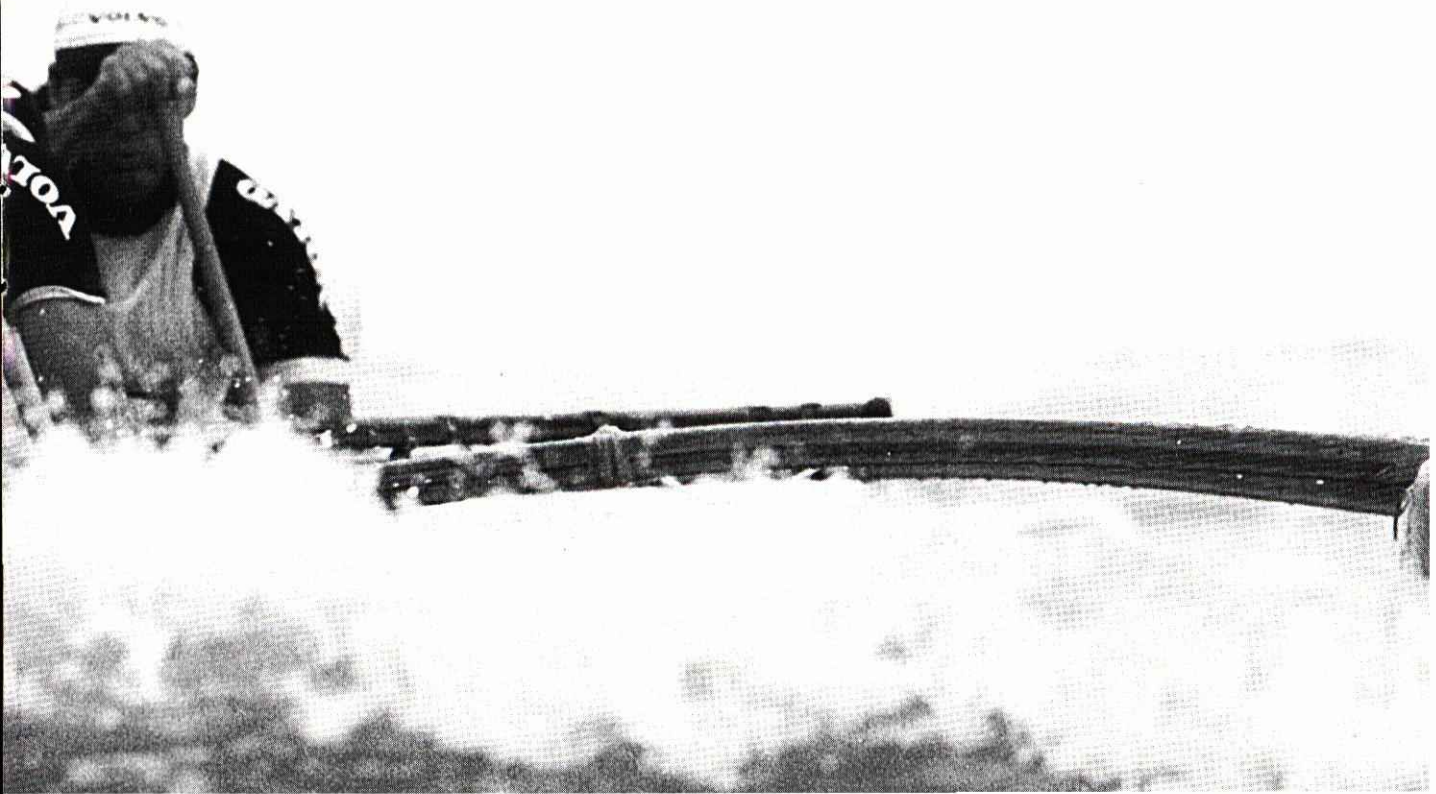
**A**fter many months of organisation the inaugural 1998 Asia Pacific Masters Games, commonly referred to as the ASPAC Masters Games, commenced. The ASPAC Masters Games is the expanded version of the Queensland Masters Games which was last conducted in 1996.

Queensland Canoeing undertook the task of conducting three canoeing events over the nine day period of the

Games. The co-ordination, pre event administration and organisation was undertaken by the Queensland Canoeing office with each of the discipline committees, sprint, marathon and outrigger having control over the on-the-day co-ordination of the individual event operations. In a time where volunteer discretionary time is limited, it was necessary for the success of the ASPAC canoeing program. A central co-ordination area which

would work closely with the discipline committees would be required.

Entries for the canoeing program doubled those of the 1996 Queensland Masters Games. The bulk of the entries in both the Sprints and Marathons were in the Men's 40 - 49 and 50 - 59 age groups. Organisers were able to split constituted classes into five year age brackets allowing for greater competition, however to allow for some competition on the day



ten year age groupings for all disciplines were decided upon.

Sprint racing was the first event conducted over the weekend October 31st and November 1st. To the joys of both Queensland Canoeing and the Gold Coast City Council, Hinze Dam, the newest regatta course in Queensland was ready for testing.

The Hinze Dam Regatta Course, located at the back of Nerang on the Gold Coast, was a project for the Gold Coast City Council for nearly eighteen months. After acquiring funding from the Queensland Government the Council commenced work on the course late 1997. Work finished at 7.30pm the Friday night of the Sprint regatta. The two weeks leading up to the event were very anxious especially when the starting pontoon was still being assembled on the Friday afternoon. Congratulations to Mike Lawton and his crew from the Gold Coast City Council for providing a national standard course.

Seventy-nine paddlers registered for the Sprint regatta with ages spanning from the babies of the Masters event, the thirty year olds, "Hi, Bruce and Cameron!", to the oldest competi-

tor Alison Worrall age seventy-five. The paddling experience of the competitors also covered a wide span from the recreational paddler, to the first time competition paddlers through to those paddlers with many masters games under their belts to nationals and international experienced paddlers. The craft for the Sprint event were K, TK and C boats. It was wonderful to see all helping each other and having fun doing so.

The first day's sprint racing program went to schedule. The 1000m events and some of the 500m events were scheduled. The biggest test of the day came with moving the start pontoon from the 1000m to the 500m line. Unfortunately due the lateness in assembling the pontoon the scheduled training for moving the 'hugggeeee' monster could not be done. As they say 'on the job training' was contingency plan two.

The moving process started, along with the day's entertainment. By the time it came to move the pontoon the course was experiencing a 'few' wind problems. 'All hands on deck' was the cry from the pontoon ship mates as the wind started to take the pontoon, and

the buoyed lanes, off to the left of the course. It was soon evident that the 500m starts would be without the pontoon. This appeared not to worry the competitors, they were there to get as much paddling in as they could and to have fun doing so. Day one outstanding paddling performances from Peter Yager collecting five gold, one silver and one bronze medals and Maureen Jackson collecting four gold and one silver medals

The first event for Day two of the sprint program was the 5000m K1 and TK1 events followed by the K2 and TK2 events. Day two was more weather effected than day one. The safety boats were being called upon at both ends of the course. By the time it came for the 200m events the wind was playing havoc with both the course and the paddlers. Two of the safety boats were committed to starting leaving one boat for safety. Gold Coast City Council policy stated that no boats other than the boats supplied with the course hire were permitted on the Dam waters. It soon became evident that the safety of the paddlers was being jeopardised by the limited number of safety boats on the water. The

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decision was made to move the course for the remaining 200m events.

The selected area was a sheltered cove to the right of the buoyed course. The decision to move the course was not appreciated by a select few who 'spat the dummy' and went home. Unfortunately these few paddlers could not see past their own wants. Safety is an aspect which dictates the management of all events and it is a shame that some paddlers are so self aware they do not care for the safety of others.

The Marathon program was the next canoeing event to be held. It was conducted over the weekend of November 7th and 8th at Budds Beach, Surfers Paradise. Many of the Sprint paddlers came back to try their hand at Marathon paddling. Again, it was a first for a number of these paddlers. They were there to have-a-go and experience the camaraderie of Masters Games.

The course, with some minor modifications, was similar to that used for the 1998 Australian Canoe Marathon Championships earlier this year. Those aged 30 - 39 completed a 25 kilometre course whilst those aged 40 and above completed a 20 kilometre course. There were no portages for the Masters event.

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Competition on the first day was for all single craft with the doubles racing on the Sunday. Over eighty craft were entered for racing on Saturday and another forty craft for the Sunday.

In the Men's 30 - 39 K1, Paul Gardner cruised to an easy victory over Ian Muir and Rick Fullarton. Paul's winning time of 2:13:49 was almost six minutes in front of Ian and ten minutes in front of Rick. All three are from the Indooroopilly Canoe Club.

Graeme Hudson showed his rapid improvement with a scorching win in the Men's 30 - 39 TK1. Graeme won with a time of 2:34:50 beating home Chris Woods by three minutes. David Bevan finished third in a time of 2:51:54.

The largest field of competitors was in the Men's 50 -59 TK1 with twelve entries of which nine finished. This class had the closest finish of the

day when Bob Dally held off the strong challenge of David Spencer to win by one second. Bob's winning time for the 20 kilometres was 2:06:03. Third place went to Denis Kendell who finished less than 30 seconds behind the eventual winner.

Competition was also hot in the Men's 60 plus TK1. Five competitors fought for the honours. Arthur Salaris won in a time of 2:11:32. Fred O'Neill filled the second place and John Deane third.

Comfortable wins were also recorded by Don McDonald (Men's 40 - 49 K1), Graham Bachelor (Men's 45 - 49 K1), John Newton (Men's 50 - 59 K1), Peter Yager (Men's 40 - 44 TK1), Scott Atkins (Men's 45 - 49 TK1), Maureen Jackson (Women's 40 - 49 K1), Susan Creece (Women's 40 - 49 TK1) and Barbara Williams (Women's 50 - 59 TK1).

Close and tight competition was on offer during the second day of racing.

Paul Gardner teamed with Bennett Maxwell (2:01:46) to defeat Cameron and Bruce Fairlie in the Men's 30 - 39 K2. A margin of fifty seconds separated the two boats at the finish. Third place went to Graeme Hudson and Don McDonald who finished over twelve minute further back.

In the Men's 40 - 49 K2, John Landers and Terry Sheridan won the Gold medal in a time of 1:43:44. Mal Clark and Graham Bachelor were awarded the Silver with a time of 1:44:09. The Bronze went to Peter Lang and Wynn Mitchell with a time of 1:45:05.

Bob Dally and Peter Yager recorded a win in the Men's 40 - 49 TK2. Their winning time of 1:55:33 was over three minutes in advance of the second place of Christopher Hurley and Peter McCormack. Third place was secured by Trevor Cliff and Kevin Gilliard.

Walter Link and Peter Molineux were able to come from behind to win the Men's 50 - 59 K2. They finished a narrow eight seconds in front of John Newton and Alan Young.

In yet another close finish David Spencer and Peter McGee held off the strong challenge of Denis Kendell and Ross McIntosh in the Men's 50 - 59 TK2. Both craft finished in the same minute with times of 1:56:06 and 1:56:54 respectively. Third place of Barry Gilliver and Lindsay Harris were less than a minute behind second.

The Mixed 60 plus TK2 saw a great tussle. Arthur and Elaine Salaris (2:09:30) pulled away to win by just over ninety seconds from Warren and Barbara Steadman (2:11:05).

Other wins came to the combinations of Fred O'Neill / Bevan Swaffield (Men's 60+ TK2), David Kair / Karen McPherson (Mixed 40 - 49 TK2), John Deane / Sal Gardner (Mixed 50 - 59 TK2), Virginia Head / Barbara Williams (Women's 50 - 59 TK2), Daryl Symons / Ladislav Hosi (Men's 40 - 49 TC2), Narelle Freeman / Gail Manson (Women's 40 - 49 TC2), David Bevan / Jackie Bevan (Mixed 30 - 39 TK2), Ian Muir / Maureen Jackson (Mixed 30 - 39 K2) and Jerry Dunn / Chris Woods (Men's 30 - 39 TK2).

Outrigging was the third canoeing program event scheduled for the ASPAC Masters Games. Queensland Canoeing only undertook the conduct of the outrigging by default as the outrigging fraternity did not want to organise the event on behalf of their paddlers. Congratulations to Rob Simpson who volunteered to organise the operational aspects of the event.

Unfortunately numbers were down on what was expected due to a conflict with another outrigging event scheduled after the publicised dates of the ASPAC outrigging. The outriggers who did register for the event were well rewarded with an exciting days events.

Thanks is extended to all involved with the organising of the ASPAC events. A special vote of thanks goes to Jeremy Dunn and Jonathan Clark who worked tirelessly as the Technical Director and Alan Roche as the Volunteers Coordinator for the marathon event. To Gayle Woodman, Moyra Holm, Marie McIntosh and Sharyn Bojcenko for their work with the Sprints and Jenni Sefton from the Queensland Canoeing office for the organisation of events in general.

Also a special thank you from Queensland Canoeing to the many volunteers who gave their time over the course of the ASPAC Masters Games.

## AUSTRALIAN MARATHON TEAM FOR 1999

The Marathon Racing Committee of Australian Canoeing Inc announces its intention to select a team to compete in the 1999 World Championships and Juniors World Cup at Gy'r, Hungary, 31 July - 1 August 1999.

The selection events are the singles and doubles events of the 1999 Australian Championships to be held at West Lakes, Adelaide on 3 and 4 April 1999 and Race Two of the Victorian Canoe Association Winter Series on the Yarra River, Melbourne on 16 May 1999.

Applications for selection close on 1 March, 1998.

Applications must be accompanied by the application form, two signed copies of the team agreement and fees of \$300, made up of a \$200 nomination fee and a \$100 fare-sharing fee. The nomination fee is refunded in the case of non-selection, or credited to the athlete's team account in the case of selection.

Late applications for selection may be lodged with the Marathon Secretary up to 5.00pm on 22 March, 1999. Late applications must be accompanied by an additional late fee of \$200, which is not refundable in the case of non-selection.

Applications not accompanied by the correct documents and fees will not be considered.

A copy of the selection policy, application form, team agreement and other information can be obtained from the Secretary at the following address:

**Dawn Mickelborough**  
**Secretary, Australian Canoeing Inc Marathon Racing Committee**  
**44 Mount Morton Rd**  
**Belgrave South, VIC, 3160**  
**Telephone (03) 9754 4292**



## Canoeing Recognised in 1998 the Year Awards and the 1998

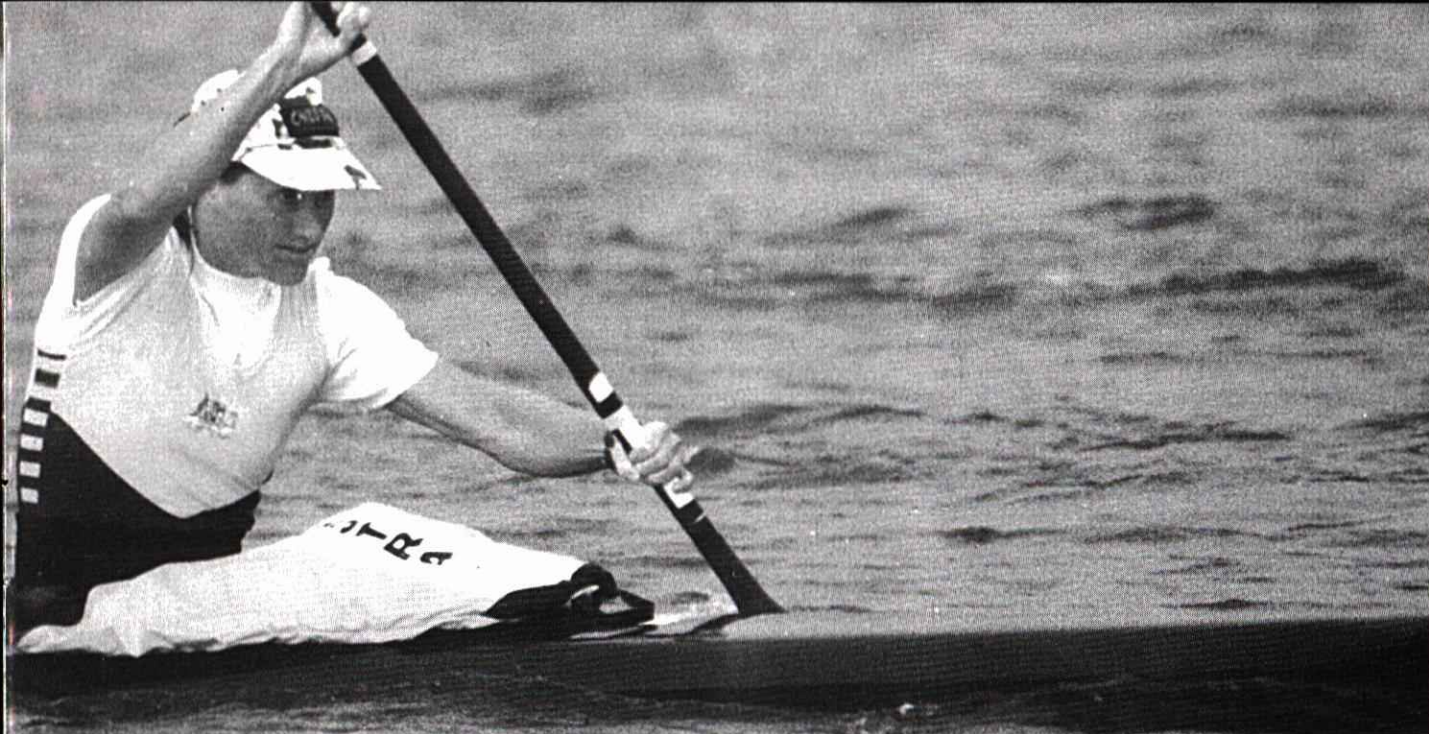
**T**he efforts of some of Queensland's canoeists, coaches, volunteers and administrators were recognised at the recent Queensland Sports' Awards gala nights. Anna Wood, Katrin Borchert, John Sumegi, Jeremy Dunn and Lynne Wenban were selected as finalists in a number of sports categories in a star-studded field of finalists.

Anna Wood and Katrin Borchert were rewarded for their 1998 canoe sprint racing accomplishments achieving finalist status in both the 1998 Queensland Sports Woman of the Year Awards and the 1998 Queensland Sports Awards. Anna and Katrin were nominated for their dazzling display of kayak racing at the 1998 World Sprint Championships to come away with the Gold in both the K2 500m and K2 1000m events with Katrin pushing her dominance in sprint racing with a further Silver in the K1 500m and a Bronze in the K1 1000m events.

Katrin and Anna were selected as finalists in an impressive field in the 1998 Queensland Sport Woman of the Year Awards with greats Susie O'Neill the 1996 recipient of the Award, Australian Women's Hockey team

vice captain Nikki Mott, Tanya Harding (softball) ranked unofficially number two in the world and Javelin thrower Joanna Stone the 1997 recipient of the Award. The unquestionable performance of all finalists made the final decision one not for the faint hearted. Susie O'Neill was eventually selected as achieving the most outstanding performance for a Queensland sports woman in 1998.

Katrin and Anna continued there accomplishments achieving the double honour of being selected as finalists in the gala night for the 1998 Queensland Sports Awards. They were announced as finalists in the category of 'Queensland Sports Team of the Year' with Katrin's Individual achievements recognised in the category of 'Queensland Sports Person of the Year'. The winner of the 'Team of the Year' went to the Bronco's who performed outstandingly in 1998 but questions have to be raised as to how do you rank National performance with Best in the World performances. Katrin's individual performance ranked along side that of the 1998 achievements of Michael Doohan, Pat Rafter, Allan Langer, Grant Hackett, Ian Healy and Susie O'Neill, the 1996 & 1997 recipient



# Queensland Sports Women of Queensland Sports Awards

of the Award. The Award ultimately going to the unquestionable International performance of Michael Doohan.

John Sumegi for the second consecutive year was voted as a finalist for 'Coach of the Year' along with John Buchanan - Bulls (cricket) and Wayne Bennett of the Broncos fame who took the honours. John's coaching achievements are well recognised in canoeing by the outstanding performances of his paddlers including Anna Wood, Katrin Borchert, Andrew Trim, Danny Collins and Trevor Hendy.

New comer in the gala night honours list was Jeremy Dunn being selected as a finalist in the category of 'Queensland Sport Volunteer of the Year'. Jerry was up against an extremely competitive field with such long term volunteers as Audrey McLaughlin from Softball, Heather Scraggs of Hockey and Ron Rankin Surf Life Saving who received the honours of Queensland Sport Volunteer of the Year. Jerry's contribution to Queensland Canoeing since his initial involvement with the sport at the 1994 World Masters Games has predominately been with marathon racing. He has been a 'prime mover' in the admin-

istration of marathon setting high standards for his successor in 1999. Jerry has decided to concentrate on his roll on the Queensland Executive Council in 1999 allowing new ideas into the marathon committee.

The final honour for Queensland Canoeing went to the Executive Officer, Lynne Wenban who was selected as a finalist for the second successive year as 'Queensland Sports Administrator of the Year'. Lynne's performance as Executive Officer of Queensland Canoeing over the past two years has been a dominate factor in the revitalisation of canoeing in Queensland and the survival of Queensland Canoeing during financial hardship.

Again an impressive field was assembled from Rugby League, Recreation Training Queensland, Queensland Cricket Basketball Queensland and Hockey Queensland. Queensland Sports Administrator of the Year being awarded to John McDonald of Rugby League.

Congratulations to all finalists - your achievement in the sport of canoeing continues to set high competitive standards not only within the sport but also for other sports to keep pace with.

*Anna Wood and Katrin Borchert, K2 500m and 100m World Champions*

# Bankoh *Molokai Hoe*

## *Outrigger World Championships*

**T**he race generally acknowledged as the world championships of Outrigger Canoe Marathon Racing (with changes) is held in the beautiful American State of Hawaii. This race, from the Island of Molokai to the island of Oahu, covers a distance of some seventy plus kilometres and takes anything from five to eight hours to complete. In this article I will attempt to give you some insight into this most special event by describing the 1998 men's race and what the Molokai Hoe is all about.

Logistically the event(s) is a nightmare. This year over seventy canoes were shipped by barge from Oahu to Molokai for the women's event which was held on the last weekend of September. Then two weeks later about one hundred canoes were again carried by barge to Molokai for the men's event.

The women's race is known as the 'Bankoh Na Wahine O Ke Kai', which loosely translated means 'women of the sea'. (See article in this issue). On this occasion I have been asked only to cover this year's men's event - sorry ladies!

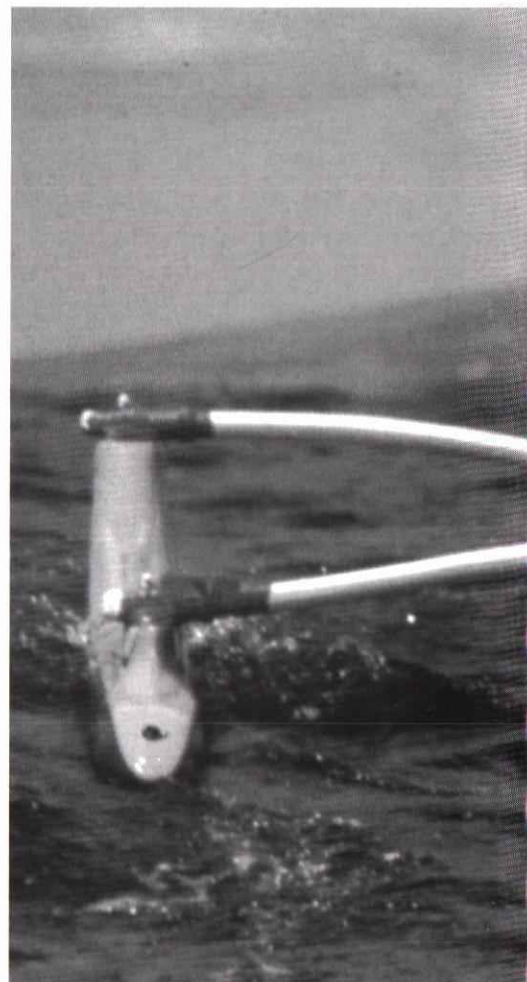
The men's event is known as the 'Bankoh Molokai Hoe'. Actually the men's and women's races are both generously sponsored by the Bank of Hawaii and are both held over the same course from Hale O Lono harbour on the Island of Molokai across the Kaiwi Channel to Waikiki Beach on Oahu. The only difference is that the women are allowed ten paddlers whilst the men are allowed nine. There are six persons in the canoe at any one time and the frequency of changes and number of personnel in each change are at each individual crew's discretion. Each canoe therefore, must also have an 'escort' power boat which carries the extra paddlers as well as the food, water and other liquids required to complete this most gruelling of tests.

Hiring a canoe from a local club costs about \$300US (which includes shipping by barge to Molokai) and escort boat hire can cost from \$350 to \$650US.

The vast majority of competitors fly over to Molokai at least two days prior to the race so as to rig canoes

When booking the flights the first question asked was, how much do you all weigh?

When the reply was given, the person on the other end of the phone nearly choked and said, 'Hey listen we can't take too many 115 kilo guys' To say we had a big crew was a definite understatement!



and look after any last minute issues. Many stay at the Kaluakoi Resort for at least the Friday and Saturday nights. All these costs do add up..... BUT the experience is worth every cent!

This year I was again fortunate enough to be in Hawaii to see my wife win the women's event in the Lisa Curry-Kenny inspired 'Riggeroos'

crew. The girls were simply awesome and despite a strong challenge from a similar 'All Star' Hawaiian crew they proved too good for the opposition.

That meant I still had two weeks in Hawaii before the men's race and plenty of hard training left to do. The guys at Outrigger Canoe Club of Hawaii are true ambassadors of the sport and they helped me out whenever they had a seat available for a training session. Mark Haine allowed me to use his OCI whenever I wanted and the club's Head Coach, Kala Judd also loaned me his surf ski. These guys plus Bill Pratt and the rest of the OCC guys went out of their way to ensure that the girls of the 'Riggeros', as well as Grant Kenny and I, fully enjoyed our stay.

As I did in 1996 I was also lucky

from Hawaii Kai down past Diamond Head to finish in the Ala Wai canal, all in total darkness with big following seas! During the Friday night session as we rounded Diamond Head in the pitch blackness the sky was suddenly ablaze with fireworks. Although we were all putting in 100% effort at the time I couldn't help thinking aloud, You just wouldn't be anywhere else!

During 1998 I was lucky enough to paddle with the Mooloolaba Masters team for division wins at Hamilton Island and the Gold Coast Cup and once again I was teaming up with them for Molokai. The boys flew in to Oahu on the Wednesday night and on Thursday morning we trained together in two canoes borrowed from the Outrigger Canoe Club. On the Friday

person on the other end of the phone nearly choked and said, 'Hey listen we can't take too many 115 kilo guys' To say we had a big crew was a definite understatement!

Anyway we all made it to Molokai in one piece, went straight to Hale O Lono Harbour, located and rigged our canoe and then selected a prime piece of real estate right next to the Outrigger Australia guys. (If you arrive too late to rig you are left with your canoe positioned 100 metres from the water. On race day this means you have to wait for everyone else to enter the water before you can move!)

In previous years I have stayed at the Kaluakoi resort with the majority of paddlers, but this year we were booked into the Molokai Ranch.

Riggeros - World Champions. Photo by Sue Neil Photography



enough to again hook up with the boys from the Hui Nahu club. These guys are all great people and possessed of the 'outrigger spirit'. They really looked after me and always made sure I had a seat at every session. They train at such a beautiful location and you had to be there to appreciate the long night runs

morning we then went out to the airport for the flight over to Molokai. We had not been able to arrange flights on the normal services so had booked with a small charter service. When booking the flights the first question asked was, How much do you all weigh? When the reply was given, the

Accommodation was in cowboy 'camps' made up of small groups of 'huts' scattered around a communal dining shed. It was comfortable and actually a great experience as Lanikai and a couple of other teams were also staying at the same camp, (and there was plenty of good food too!). After attending the

# Bankoh Molokai Hoe

final registration and briefing at the resort it was back to the camp for dinner and the boys from Lanikai filled us in a little on our main opposition in the masters category. We were told that 'Team Hawaii' were a strong nine. They had been given \$10,000 by the Kingdom of Tonga to represent them in this most prestigious of races and as such they had recruited well. The team from California was also an 'All Star' masters team made up of paddlers from all over California and beyond. We knew we were in for a tough race!

The wind whipped right up for the two days prior to the event and we were guaranteed a following swell - how big was anybody's guess! On the day of the race we were up and on our way by 5.00am and as we travelled down the familiar red dirt roads to the Harbour there were strong trade winds blowing. The harbour was it's usual hive of activity with about a thousand paddlers trying to locate their escort craft and place their food, water and belongings on board. There are also the last minute preparations to be made for the long day ahead. After the traditional blessing of the paddlers and the canoes we were finally into the water with the other hundred or so crews and heading to the start line.

This year for the first time thirty crews were 'seeded' and given a priority starting area between two pink buoys nearest to the shore. We lined up between the buoys and were the second closest team to the harbour entrance. We were in a great position, set up and ready for the start, when an official boat told us we must move to the seaward side of their boat or they would not start the race! As we and another crew backed away amid howls of protest..... the start gun went off! We still had to get around the other side of the official boat and now the other canoe was also in our path! We missed the start by about 100 metres!

Anyway, we settled down pretty quickly and powered our way towards Lau Point. With the first change this year not allowed until 45 minutes had elapsed that meant at least two paddlers (and the steersman) would be in the canoe for about one hour first up! The pace for that

first 45 minutes was frantic to say the least but at the first change we knew from experience that if you are behind the lead pack you cop escort boat wash for the whole race. We paddled hard and by the change had pulled back into a respectable position. Once past Al Point and into the channel the swell was about 8 feet and there was a strong following wind but as we were going straight into a heavy current conditions were not exactly perfect. We stayed in a very much direct route towards Diamond Head but many crews headed off all over the ocean. A few went north (including the eventual winners Outrigger Canoe Club of Hawaii) whilst Lanikai and the kiwis went south. Outrigger Australia were directly in front of us along with several strong Tahitian crews.

During the whole race we never caught sight of our main opposition but we knew they would not be far away at the end so we fought hard and paddled well all the way. We finished in 15th spot overall and ended up winning our division by about 5 minutes from Team Hawaii with California Masters several minutes behind them. We were stoked!

Doing the crossing was once again an incredible experience and paddling with such a professional team of guys just fantastic! Although I was happy to hear that Outrigger Canoe Club of Hawaii had won the event I couldn't help but feel a little sorry for the defending champions Outrigger Australia. Anyone who knows these guys know how hard they train for this race and the respect they have for the event as well as the opposition BUT above all I know they come to Molokai to win! They placed a gallant fourth but still were clearly disappointed. To their credit they had no excuses and were the first to congratulate the winners.

The awards banquet at the Ocean Club was a fitting finale to another great event and it is wonderful to mix

with such humble champions as the men from Outrigger Hawaii. The Bankoh Molokai Hoe is a truly special experience for all those that accept the challenge but I know that this race holds an even more important traditional and cultural significance for all Hawaiian paddlers. The beaming faces of the men from Outrigger Canoe Club of Hawaii said it all for me and I congratulate each and every one of them and their Master Coach Kala Judd for a job well done!

To put Molokai into perspective I should point out that this year I have been fortunate enough to compete at Hamilton Island, the Gold Coast Cup, Catalina and Molokai being in division winning crews at each of those races. Although I have special memories of each of these great events, the win in the Master men's division of the 1998 Bankoh Molokai Hoe definitely holds pride of place. I can truly recommend this race to everyone that can get there.

If your local club is not going but you really want to cross the Kaiwi Channel you can still do it! This year Dave Mordaunt and Kim Lorello from my own club in Sydney are a good example. Dave hooked up with Kihei (the men from Maui) over the internet, whilst Kim joined the 'Umbi Gumbis' (a women's crew made up of paddlers from just about everywhere) - just so they could complete the crossing and enjoy the experience. They both did just that and made a lot of new friends in the process. I know that this years races will definitely not be the last crossing for either of them.

Dave and Kim will both agree when I tell you that no matter how you get to do the Molokai crossing, 'Just do it!'

Yours in paddling  
Guy Wilding

# men's results

PLACE	NAME	DIVISION	TIME
1.	OAHU OUTRIGGER 1	OPEN	5:16:04
2.	OAHU LANIKAI 1	OPEN	5:17:25
3.	TEAM NEW ZEALAND	OPEN	5:19:42
4.	OUTRIGGER AUST.	OPEN	5:22:32
5.	RANGIROA TAPEATIA	OPEN	5:23:32
6.	TAHITI MAITAI 1	OPEN	5:25:36
7.	BIG ILD KAI OPUA	OPEN	5:27:03
8.	WAIKIKI BCH BOYS 1	OPEN	5:29:46
9.	TAHITI HINANO HOE	OPEN	5:31:07
10.	WAIKIKI SURF CLUB 1	OPEN	5:31:4
11.	CALIF LANIKILA	OPEN	5:33:53
12.	TAHITI FAAA	OPEN	5:36:17
13.	BIG ISLAND PUNA 1	OPEN	5:40:04
14.	HUNGARY KUANTUM	OPEN	5:41:24
15.	TAHITI MAITAI 2	OPEN	5:41:39
16.	AUST MOOLOOLABA	MAS	5:45:41
17.	OAHU LANIKAI 2	OPEN	5:46:54
18.	HAWAII TUI TONGA	MAS	5:50:24
19.	OAHU NUI NALU 1	OPEN:	5:51:17
20.	TAHITI TE UI VA'A	OPEN	5:52:55
21.	BIG ILD KAWAIHAE	OPEN	5:53:09
22.	DANA PT. CALIF	MAS	5:54:09
23.	OAHU KAILUA 1	OPEN	5:56:03
24.	HUI LANAKILA 2	OPEN	5:57:53
25.	MAUI HAWAIIAN 1	OPEN	5:58:41
26.	OAHU NORTH SHORE	OPEN	5:58:49
27.	OAHU KAILUA 3	MAS	6:01:05
28.	HUI LANIKILA 1	MAS	6:02:22
29.	OAHU LOKAHI 1	OPEN	6:04:22
30.	CANADA JERICHO	OPEN	6:04:34
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33.	WAIKIKI YHT CLUB 1	OPEN	6:07:22
34.	WAIKIKI SURF CLUB 2	OPEN	6:07:49
35.	MARYLAND KANU	OPEN	6:08:20
36.	OAHU O'RIGGER 2	SR.MAS	6:11:44
37.	OAHU LANIKAI 5	OPEN	6:12:28
38.	OAHU LANIKAI 3	MAS	6:12:48
39.	CALIFORNIA MARIN	OPEN	6:14:16
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42.	MALAMA ULA 1	MAS	6:18:34
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59.	LEEWARD KAI	OPEN	6:36:48
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62.	OAHU LOKAHI 2	OPEN	6:38:56
63.	OREGON MNT	OPEN	6:39:18
64.	HUI LANAKILA 4	OPEN	6:40:36
65.	KEAUHOU 2	SR.MAS	6:41:26
66.	OAHU KAILUA 5	SR.MAS	6:46:59
67.	MAUI HAWAIIAN 2	OPEN	6:48:28
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69.	KAILUA 6	OPEN	6:51:05
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74.	CANADAWARRIORS	OPEN	6:53:40
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88.	OAHU LANIKAI 6SR.	MAS	7:30:54
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92.	OAHU KAILUA 7	OPEN	7:40:25
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## women's results

PLACE	NAME	DIVISION	TIME
1	AUST RIGGEROOS	OPEN	5:54:26
2	WAIMANALO	OPEN	5:56:15
3	HEALANI	OPEN	6:06:25
4	WAILUA KAYAK & CANOE	OPEN	6:07:58
5.	OUTRIGGER	OPEN	6:14:40
6.	HUI NALU 1	OPEN	6:15:28
7.	HANOHANO	OPEN	6:19:12
8.	LOKAIHI 1	OPEN	6:21:41
9.	OFFSHORE	OPEN	6:23:52
10.	KAILUA 1	OPEN	6:25:54
11.	HO'OPILIJR.	MAS	6:28:25
12.	KAI ELUA	OPEN	6:29:18
13.	LANIKAI 1	OPEN	6:29:43
14.	WAIKIKI BEACH BOYS1	OPEN	6:30:10
15.	KONA ATHLETES	OPEN	6:34:57
16.	SANTA BARBARA	OPEN	6:39:39
17.	JERICHO	OPEN	6:39:50
18.	WAIKIKI YACHT CLUB 1	OPEN	6:41:55
19.	MAGNETIC ISLANDJR.	MAS	6:42:25
20.	WAIKIKI SURF CLUB 2JR.	MAS	6:44:30
21.	KAI OPUA	OPEN	6:44:50
22.	UMBI GUMBI	OPEN	6:45:59
23.	PUPU O HAWAII	JR.MAS	6:46:30
24.	KAIOLA 1	OPEN	6:48:19
25.	WAIKIKI BEACH BOYS2	OPEN	6:49:33
26.	KEAUKAHA	OPEN	6:49:41
27.	HAMILTON ISLAND	OPEN	6:53:23
28.	WAIKIKI SURF CLUB 1	OPEN	6:54:29
29.	NORTH SHORE 1	JR.MAS	6:54:58
30.	HUI NALU 2	OPEN	6:56:46
31.	LAE 'ULA O KAI	OPEN	6:57:53
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48.	IMUA - CALIFORNIA	OPEN	7:14:00
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Riggeroos - World Champions. Photo by Sue Neil Photography

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# The National Slalom Coaching Seminar



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6 January 1999

## The Presenters

**Richard Fox**, is the National Slalom Coach, Olympian and ten times World Champion. He was instrumental in the readmittance of Slalom back into the 2000 program.



Don't miss out



**Natalie McColl**, is a well regarded physiotherapist and currently works for the Prahran Medical Centre in Melbourne, under the well renowned shoulder injury expert Lyn Watson. Natalie has also lectured on Australian Canoeing Coaching Courses and regularly works with paddlers that have shoulder injuries.

### Seminar Location:

**Venue:** "The Guest House"

Mole Creek, Tasmania

**Time:** 7:00pm approx

### Mail or Fax To:

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### Seminar Registration:

Name:

Address:

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There is not cost to participate in the seminar, and it gives you update points for your NCAS Canoe Coaching Accreditation.

## *Drugs In Sport*

**T**here comes a time in every athletes life when the body cannot do what it used to do, or something else eg. work or family, become more of a priority. For the majority of athletes it simply means notifying the club that you will no longer be taking the field/track/water etc.

However - for athletes who are still at the elite level of sport and have their name on the National Drug Testing Register, the following procedures are required when retiring.

You must notify your National Sporting Organisation (NSO) that you intend to retire. It is best if this is in writing. It is then up to your sport's National Body to notify the Australian Sports Drug Agency (ASDA) of your retirement. It may be in your best interests to remind the NSO of their responsibility. ASDA will then delete your name from the National drug testing register.

### CHANGE OF MIND???

If you are an elite athlete and decide to make a "comeback" at a later stage you should let your National Sporting Organisation know.

Please note that some sports have special

policy conditions on retirement and reinstatement. These conditions may involve drug testing prior to re-selection into Australian Teams. It is best if you contact your National Sporting Organisation to find out what conditions apply in your sport if you are unsure.

For further information on this issue or other Drugs in Sport issues, contact the Australian Sports Drug Agency (ASDA).

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### DRUGS IN SPORT HOTLINE

Drugs In Sport Hotline  
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### Web Master - Australian Canoeing Online

Australian Canoeing Online is the premier canoe and kayak website in Australia. Australian Canoeing desires to appoint an honorary webmaster to oversee the development of the site.

The Web Master would work closely with the General Manager and other Staff to ensure a top quality, interesting and regularly updated site.

Further Information can be obtained from Jon Bisset on (02) 9552 4500.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

*Please note the change in email and web site address.*

NEW EMAIL: [bissetj@canoe.org.au](mailto:bissetj@canoe.org.au)  
NEW WEB SITE: [www.canoe.org.au](http://www.canoe.org.au)

## ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES

As we begin the summer/domestic season of competitions across all disciplines, it is a good time to introduce to you the athlete representatives for each of canoeing's competitive disciplines.

It is the role of each athlete representative to take to their Standing Committee meeting issues that are of concern to the athletes of that discipline. They are your link to the people who run your sport. Below are the three (3) incumbent athlete representatives and how you can contact them.

### SPRINT RACING

**Shelley Oates-Wilding** has been a member of the National team for eight years. Shelley was a member of the 1996 Olympic Team and is once again aiming for Olympic selection in 2000. Shelley was elected as the Athletes Representative at the 1997 Australian Championships.

Though Shelley is at the "elite" end of the spectrum as a competitor, she is keen to hear from and assist at all levels. If you have any questions or issues you would like raised at the Sprint Race Committee meetings you can contact Shelley on:

Mobile: 0414 441 660  
E-mail: oates@zed.com.au  
Post: 1/102 North Steyne  
MANLY, NSW, 2095

### CANOE POLO

**Antonia Kieran** is a newcomer to the Athlete Representative position, but as anyone in canoe polo would know she is not new to the sport. Antonia was a member of the Australian women's team that won the silver medal at the 1996 World Championships in Adelaide.

Antonia, based in Canberra, can be contacted on:

Mobile: 019 396 644  
Phone: 02 6251 6027 (h)  
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BRUCE, ACT, 2617

### SLALOM RACING

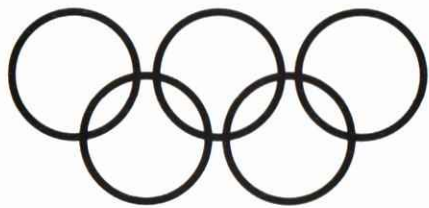
The athlete representative for the Slalom and Wildwater Committee is Barcelona silver medallist **Danielle Woodward**. Danielle has been the athlete rep for a few years now squeezing in this role with her many other roles as athlete, coach and Federal Police Agent and is happy to present athlete questions or issues to the Committee. If you would like to contact Danielle you can do so on the following numbers and e-mail:

Phone: 03 9697 7338 (w)  
Mobile: 0417 585 458  
E-mail: thehyatt@alphalink.com.au

### MARATHON RACING

At present the Marathon Racing Committee does not have an Athlete Representative. The election held at this year's Nationals was abandoned after the candidate withdrew mid-election.

There will be an election held at next year's Nationals being held in Adelaide over the Easter long weekend. So all you competitors out there, keep this in mind and get involved with your sport by standing for election - in the long run you will be helping not only yourself and your fellow competitors, but the sport as a whole!



# THE OLYMPICS

## *Olympic Lessons for Home Teams*

**I** was fortunate enough to be the USA Olympic Coach in Atlanta 1996. The experience provided me with an opportunity of being a coach at a HOME Olympics.

I learnt many lessons and have given numerous talks since arriving back on what we should prepare for in the year 2000.

Much of the preparation I refer to will need to be above the shoulders and I have the utmost confidence in our 'hands on coaches' to be taking the psychological considerations sincerely-even at this early time. Based on interviews with the 1996 US Olympic Athletes and Coaches the following general principles and lessons evolved.

Sean McCann directed much of this work.

It is my hope that this article gives you the marginal edge when racing for that four year pinnacle - the Olympic Games.

### GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Successful teams and athletes have a single minded focus. This focus helps them make decisions relative to distractions which arise at the games.

Peak performance results from a complex interplay of many factors-including many small details.

Detailed, focused and consistent preparation is needed.

There is a fine line between training intensity to gain an edge over your opponents and going too far and over-training.

Team relations and cohesion is a key factor for success for both individual and team sports. Many of the factors affecting performance seem simple, but in reality they are complex.

Olympians must be ready to deal with distractions generated from a variety of sources at the Games. Be careful to draw energy from the Olympic excitement, whilst not getting caught up in the distractions.

### LESSONS FROM US OLYMPIANS

#### **Distraction Preparation**

Weed out and take care of external distractions. At the games simplify your life relative to things such as media, family etc.

Don't stress about not being perfect.

Enjoy the Games, appreciate them but don't let them consume you.

Control what you can control and take your lead from the experienced team members. Learn from the people who have been to the Games before.

At the Games you must really stay focussed on staying in the present.

Realise that each Olympics will be unique in many ways. Be ready roll and change with the unexpected things, which will happen. Mentally deal with it and try not to get locked into expectations. Set expectations and focus on the things you can control.

Develop skills that allow you to focus in the face of distractions. Be conscious of distractions and make a decision that 'I can't be distracted - keep distance'. Expect obstacles and learn to adjust.

As the games get closer, organise yourself so there are less and less distractions.

Opening ceremonies are great but expect them to be chaotic.

Realise that you must struggle between preparing for competition at the Games and experiencing the whole Olympic experience. Simplify your life while at the Games.

#### **Learn to say No.**

Plans and Adherence to Plans

Attention to preparation is critical.

Talk to people who have been at the Olympics. Know what you are preparing for, pay attention to your preparation and stick to it.

You need to make a four year investment.

Realise that there is a fine line between winning and losing. Small advantages count and everything combined makes a difference.

Have a training and performance plan and stick to it.

Do Sport Science early.

#### **Optimal Physical Training**

Take mental and physical breaks prior to the Games.

Come to the Games prepared.

Develop a good physical break going into the Games, just in case you get injured.

Get in phenomenal shape.

Realise that there is a fine line between training too hard and doing too much.

# THE OLYMPICS



## **Mental - Preparation Training**

Don't ignore mental training.

In preparation for the Games, focus on winning every day; every day reach a goal. Every single day prepare as if you are going to compete in the Olympics. As a first time Olympian you may not want to believe what other Olympians tell you until you see it. Believe what they say.

You dream about the Olympics being the greatest moment of your life. Recognise however, that it won't be perfect. Let go of the non-perfect things, keep it going and keep up your efforts.

When you fail make it positive. Learn from the mistake, focus on having fun, have team support and work together.

Vent or work with a psychologist. Admit to yourself-that you had a bad day.

Be confident. Know where you stand and why you are at the Games.

Have a race by race focus.

Have expectations that you can control-that you want to focus on.

Realise that the Olympics will be different from any other competitions.

Be ready for it.

Learn from previous Olympians.

It is very mental.

Be yourself.

You must try to think of the Olympics as any other competition.

Don't worry about other competitors, worry about yourself.

Realise that no matter how hard you train, it is worth it.

You need a different mindset for the Olympics-it is a once in a lifetime shot at sporting glory- make it a good shot.

Be prepared that all other people will worry about are medallists-and that they will get all the attention.

Don't focus so hard that you end up focussing on nothing.

Use visualisation to prepare for the Games- it helps prepare and relax you.

Have fun and enjoy the experience. Use humour to your advantage.

Realise that the Olympic experience is good, but not what it looks like on TV.

Be prepared to deal with injuries.

Realise that to perform well you don't need a level of performance that you have never had- do what you normally do and focus on daily goals.

At the Games- Stay in the present.

Realise that how you respond with pressure is your choice.

Develop a thick skin.

Focus on yourself.

Don't dream; spend your time preparing.

Practice being bold- walking on the edge.

Leave nothing on your plate - play with your entire mind, soul and heart - so in the end you can say, 'I did the best I could'.

Never leave saying 'If only' or 'I should have'.

There may never be this opportunity again.

Develop faith that when the time comes you are prepared to do whatever is required.

## **Team Cohesion & Harmony**

Help the team bond together.

Team mate support is critical - encourage one another.

## **Coaching**

If you find yourself in conflict with your coach, remind yourself that he or she has the same goals.

Work on developing better Coach - Athlete communications.

## **Family & Friends**

The Olympics are long and draining and you're family will be drained if you let them. Learn how to say no.

Use a parent - friend buffer system that prevents unlimited access to athletes.

Stay focussed on reality in the face of unrealistic expectations to medal by family and friends.

## **Others**

Little things in the village make it normal ( eg newspaper, magazine, beverage and food ) Don't expect to go to many other events at the Games.

At the Games, remember to schedule transportation for free time activity.

Don't totally rely on others for help but at the same time don't be afraid to ask for help.

You only have to answer for yourself.

Practice at the venue prior to the Olympics.

It is my hope that these points will help in some way to preparing for a home Olympics. I am happy to answer any questions and help out where possible.

Reg Hatch



# FRANKLIN RIVER TRIP

MARCEL MULLER

**W**hilst grappling with the dilemma of what I was going to do with my Easter break, Warren Gould rescued me from my indecision with the simple question; how would you like to paddle the Franklin River at Easter. Apparently I have been called (as they were looking for someone who had previous experience on the Franklin River in 1991). My memory was a little sketchy, but I could remember all of the major portages.

So Warren did the ring around and assembled a relatively experienced team at short notice. The roll call for the trip was; Warren Gould, Canberra, Neil Grierson, Devonport, Kit Marshall, Canberra, Marcel Muller, Perth, John McDonald, Canberra, Ian Brown, Devonport and Matt Harrington, Melbourne.

## THE TRIP ACROSS

After stowing our overnight bags in record time we adjourned to the Tiger Bar to discuss the finer administration and safety aspects of the trip ahead and what we hoped to achieve from the trip. We had been in 'conference' for approximately twenty minutes when

Kit returned from the bar and commented that whilst he was standing at the bar he thought he must have been drunk as the bar seemed to be swaying; but this was more than likely due to the motion of the ship rather than any effect the alcohol may be having as he had only had a couple of beers. Another member of the team promptly pointed out that the ship was still docked and wasn't moving at all! (PS - the trip was not all beer and skittles).

After a comfortable nights sleep, as the Spirit of Tasmania ploughed through a substantial swell, much of the ignorance of most members of the team, we arrived in Devonport, Tasmania. We were greeted by the Tasmanian connection; Ian and Neil, who had organised all administration requirements at their end; food, transport, the raft and other miscellaneous bits of equipment. We then moved off to Queenstown.

After liaising with the ranger, to confirm our final trip details we were given a taste of typical SW Tasmanian weather, very cold and very wet. Queenstown is one of those sleepy little hollows that time has forgotten; where ugg boots and flannelette shirts

are the height of fashion. From Queenstown it was a quick trip to Mt McCauley road and the put-in track. Warren Gould demonstrated his navigational ability by underestimating the distance of the track by half. This caused a little bit of dismay among the group as Warren had planned all of the trip legs and we were hoping that our three day trip was not going to turn into a six day epic.

It had been raining almost continuously all day. This raised some fears, as we knew that the Franklin River was notorious for rapidly rising water levels. So after a quick meal of gluey pasta and slightly burnt meat we were ready for bed. We had debated the merits of going to the bottom track and checking the water level, but considering the distance down to, and more importantly the distance back up the hill, it was decided that it could wait until morning.

The weather that greeted us in the morning was no better than the previous day, so with much grumbling, the utmost care was taken to ensure that sleeping bags and clothes were packed dry and would stay dry throughout the day's trip.

**The first night's camp on the trip was spent on  
the rock slab at the bottom of Newlands  
underneath a substantial overhang. It was  
very dry and pleasant and there were only a  
handful of rodents, so not much food was taken.**

#### **THE WALK IN**

We were finally ready, at the top of the Mt McCauley walk in track, some considerable vertical distance above the start point. After much discussion about how to tackle the descent we came up with a simple plan, load the kayaks with all their gear and carry them down. The bags for the raft were backpacked and the raft was loaded onto the gear rack to be carried down.

The safety brief and the trip brief were given at the top and then we commenced our descent. Initially we thought the track couldn't be too bad as apparently the civilian companies use it for their trips. This proved to be the most inaccurate appreciation of the day as the track was muddy, slippery and very steep; at points it was so steep that we had to belay the kayaks down the track.

On the way down there was much discussion on how the rafting companies could possibly do such a horrendous trip with paying punters. The answer was at the bottom!

#### **DAY ONE**

After approximately two hours, we arrived at the bottom as shattered individuals, with a day's paddling still ahead of us. At the bottom we discovered the civilian companies secret, they prepositioned the rafts and food for the group which substantially reduced the loads that they had to carry.

There we were at the bottom looking at the water, which was flowing fast. I was referred to for my opinion on how high I thought the water level was and I decided that I would (as I couldn't remember this exact place) err on the side of caution and concluded that the water was indeed high and all due care should be taken.

The first day's paddling was the shortest, but would contain most of the major rapids for the trip. Due to the level of the water and the severity of some of the rapids (big raft eating stoppers) we portaged three of the rapids; the bottom of 'Ol Three Tiers', 'Pigs Trough, and 'Newland's Cascade'.

Both Pigs Trough and Newland's Cascade were long portages, taking approximately 1 hours for each one. Due to good teamwork and everyone's willingness to help, the portages were completed a lot quicker than could have been anticipated.

We were all hoping that Newlands would be suitable to shoot, however it was considered that the water level was too high and some of the stoppers were absolutely horrendous. Warren scouted this rapid from his kayak and just made the last chance eddie (slightly wider than his kayak), which if he had missed, he would have disappeared down a huge stopper!

The first night's camp on the trip was spent on the rock slab at the bottom of Newlands underneath a substantial overhang. It was very dry and pleasant and there were only a handful of rodents, so not much food was taken.

#### **DAY TWO**

There were no rapids of note (only grade 3) but the scenery an isolation of the Franklin is second to none. Unfortunately tranquillity is always short lived as the jocularly is always high and the high jinks numerous. Ian decided that he wanted to paddle a kayak, having never done it before. After establishing that he had no experience at all, we roundly chastised Neil for not getting him in a kayak before the trip. So after a quick five, which included a capsizing drill, basic strokes and leaning, we were off. The first Grade 1 rapid was on us in no time and as I was looking into Ian's dinner plate eyes as he slowly succumbed to the upriver lean and capsized, into the incredibly cold water of the Franklin, I thought that maybe we should have shown him the bow rescue to save him from doing an inevitable 'pop'.

After Ian came up spluttering I considered putting him back in the raft as I foresaw a day of continually recovering Ian from the frigid water. To Ian's credit he was determined to continue kayaking and wouldn't have a barr of getting back in the raft. So we punished Neil

for not having Ian familiarised with a kayak before the trip, by making him demonstrate the Bow rescue (the upside down part). The rest of the day was spent paddling grade 1-2 rapids, with Ian maintaining the upright position for the rest of the trip.

Warren had told us to look for a yellow rope hanging in the trees, as this was the marker for the campsite. The night's campsite is beyond description and was absolutely breathtaking. So amongst this scenery we set up camp and contemplated why it was worthwhile to paddle one of the best rivers in Australia.

#### **DAY THREE**

It had not been raining for a couple of days so the water level had dropped considerably. The last day consisted of a few rapids, one a grade 3 and the other, 'Big Fall' a portage. I remembered 'Big Fall' from the first time that I paddled the Franklin as it is very wide and has a very nasty stopper on river right. We paddled it back in '91 as the water levels were high and river left could be shot. However, Big Fall had the nastiest boil line that I have seen in a long time. After Big Falls there were no more rapids of note and only the long flat paddle left.

Just past the junction of the Franklin & Gordon rivers those personnel in the raft used their initiative and bludged a lift behind a local's tinny, much to the dismay of the kayakers (thankfully I had been relegated to the raft for the last half of the trip).

#### **LESSON LEARNT**

The Franklin Trip is an excellent three-day trip. There are a lot of portages, but the guidebook is very accurate and enables you to navigate down the river with a lot of confidence. A raft as a Kayak support vessel proved very successful. The Franklin has an excellent guide, which enables you to thoroughly plan a trip and map all of the hazards.

# THE WORLD CANOE / CHAMPION SZEGED,

**Event:** K1 1000m  
**Plan:** 1-2 to final, +3rd BT, rest out

Place	Crew
1	Holmann, Knut
2	Correa, Javier
3	Baggaley, Nathan

**Men**      **Semi-final 3**  
**Date:** 04/09/98

Country	Time
NOR	3.38.93
ARG	3.39.58
AUS	3.41.61

**Event:** K1 1000m

Place	Crew
1	Idem, Josefa
2	Brunet, Caroline
3	Borchert, Katrin

**Women**      **Final**  
**Country**      **Time**

ITA	4.05.19
CAN	4.06.00
AUS	4.08.55

**Event:** K2 1000m

Place	Crew
1	Rossi, Antonio / Negri, Luca
2	Janic, Mico / Janic, Stjepan
3	Adam, Attila / Vereb, Krisztian
4	Robinson, Clint / Morton, Brian

**Men**      **Final**  
**Country**      **Time**

ITA	3.28.72
YUG	3.28.96
HUN	3.29.72
AUS	3.32.23

**Event:** K2 1000m

Place	Crew
1	Wood, Anna / Borchert, Katrin
2	Fischer, Birgit / Plebmann, Ute
3	Karisson, Anna / Gunnarsson, Susanne

**Women**      **Final**  
**Country**      **Time**

AUS	3.52.89
GER	3.53.22
SWE	3.55.59

**Event:** K4 1000m

Place	Crew
1	Gutsche / Zabel / Bach / Ulm
2	Storz / Bartfai / Szadovski / Bauer
3	Tichtchenko / Verline / Tsyboulnikov / Ivannik
5	Trim / Hendy / Scott / Collins

**Men**      **Final**  
**Country**      **Time**

GER	3.06.55
HUN	3.07.37
RUS	3.09.77
AUS	3.11.47

**Event:** K1 500m

**Plan:** 1-2 to Final +3rd, rest out

Place	Crew
1	Holmann, Knut
2	Kolganov, Michael
3	Latvamaki, Kimmo
4	Scott, Peter

**Men**      **Semi-final 4**  
**Date:** 04/09/98

Country	Time
NO	1.40.48
ISR	1.41.05
FIN	1.42.11
AUS	1.44.04

**Event:** K1 500m

Place	Crew
1	Brunet, Caroline
2	Borchert, Katrin
3	Idem, Josefa

**Women**      **Final**  
**Country**      **Time**

CAN	1.55.174
AUS	1.56.722
ITA	1.56.774

**Event:** K2 500m

Place	Crew
1	Riszdorfer, Michael / Baca, Juraj
2	Bonomi, Benjamino / Negri, Luca
3	Bartfai, Krisztian / Horvath, Gabor
6	Trim, Andrew / Collins, Daniel

**Men**      **Final**  
**Country**      **Time**

SVK	1.32.042
ITA	1.32.286
HUN	1.32.938
AUS	1.34.114

**Event:** K2 500m

Place	Crew
1	Borchert, Katrin / Wood, Anna
2	Fischer, Birgit / Schuck, Anett
3	Dekamy, Kinga / Koban, Rita

**Women**      **Final**  
**Country**      **Time**

AUS	1.50.69
GER	1.51.06
HUN	1.52.10

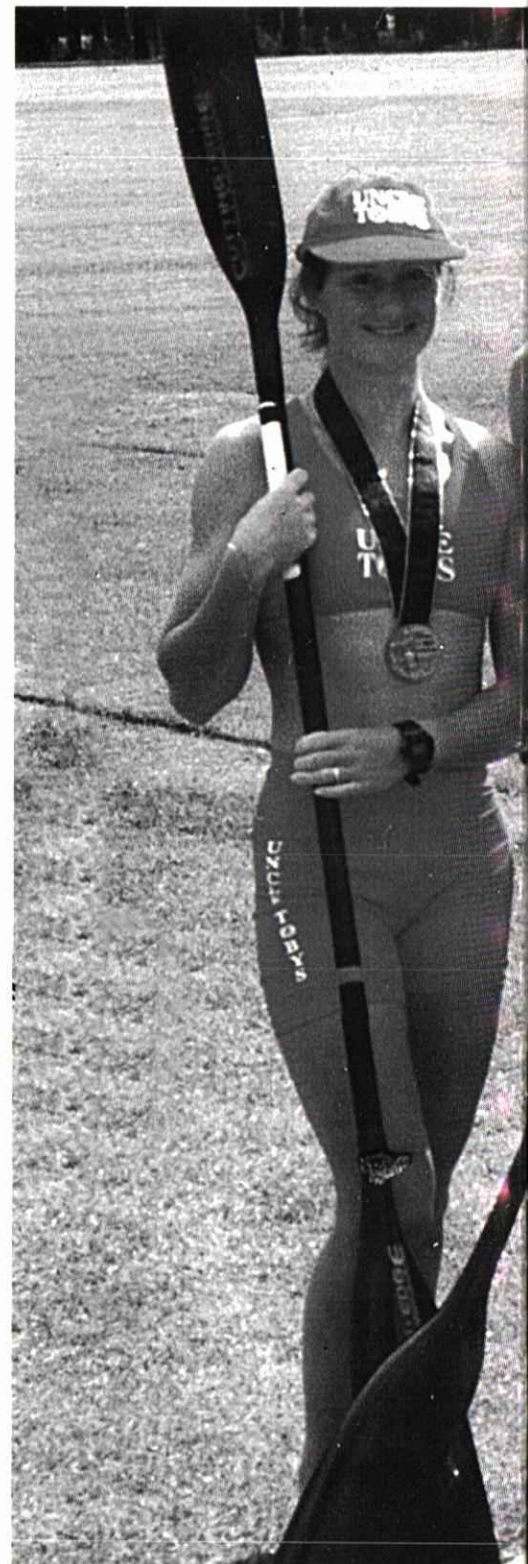
**Event:** K4 500m

**Plan:** 1-3 to Final, rest out

Place	Crew
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**Men**      **Semi-final 2**  
**Date:** 04/09/98

Country	Time
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1	Elminger / Green / Kjeldsen / Barker	NZL	1.24.90
2	Kalesnik / Kalesnik / Veraksitch / Degtiarev	BLR	1.25.07
3	Merkov / Kazanov / Sibinich / Tchoykov	BUL	1.25.10
6	Austin / Chaffer / McFadzean / Watkin	AUS	1.27.20

Event: K4 500m		Women	Final
Place	Crew	Country	Time
1	Fischer / Schuck / Mucke / Bednar	GER	1.42.939
2	Dekany / Szabo / Barcosi / Kovacs	HUN	1.43.991
3	Manchon / Aramburu / Penas / Sanchez	ESP	1.45.227
9	Oates-Wilding / Nossiter / Simper / McFadzean	AUS	1.47.487

Event: K1 200m		Men	Final
Place	Crew	Country	Time
1	Kolganov, Michael	IRA	00.36.232
2	Slivinskiy, Oleksei	UKR	00.36.460
3	Filipovic, Ognjen	YUG	00.36.568
8	McFadzean, Cameron	AUS	00.37.544

Event: K1 200m		Women	Semi-final 2
Plan: 1-3 to Final, rest out		Date:	05/09/98
Place	Crew	Country	Time
1	Donusz, Eva	HUN	00.45.374
2	Prolanter, Ursula	AUT	00.46.254
3	Pindjeva, Bonka	BUL	00.46.594
5	Oates-Wilding, Shelley	AUS	00.47.338

Event: K2 200m		Men	Semi-final 2
Plan: 1-2 to Final + 3rd BT, rest out		Date:	05/09/98
Place	Crew	Country	Time
1	Verline, Serguei / Tichtchenko, Anatoli	RUS	00.3.216
2	Douchev, Andrian / Merkov, Peter	BUL	00.35.736
3	Westphalen, Marc / Gunther, Jan	GER	00.35.992
6	McFadzean, Cameron / Baggaley, Nathan	AUS	00.37.396

Event: K4 200m		Women	Semi-final 1
Plan: 1-3 to Final, rest out		Date:	05/09/98
Place	Crew	Country	Time
1	Goulii, Natalia / Tissina, Elena	RUS	00.42.202
2	Colin, Kathy / Sorzano, Julia	USA	00.43.438
3	Herst, Alison J. / Ravetta, Rosetta	ITA	00.43.802
6	McFadzean, Leda / Nossiter, Yanda	AUS	00.45.070

Event: K4 200m		Men	Semi-final 1
Plan: 1-3 to Final, rest out		Date:	05/09/98
Place	Crew	Country	Time
1	Kajner / Fehervari / Bee / Hegedus	HUN	00.32.866
2	Gutsche / Zabel / Bach / Liwowski	GER	00.32.994
3	Turza / Becker / Kuzel / Szabo	SVK	00.33.210
5	Watkin / Austin / Chaffer / Robinson	AUS	00.33.730

Event: K4 200m		Women	Semi-final 1
Plan: 1-3 to Final, rest out		Date:	05/09/98
Place	Crew	Country	Time
1	Fumeaux / Gibeau-Ouimet / Jain / Rivard	CAN	00.39.809
2	Pastuszka / Sokolowska / Skowron / Kuczowska	POL	00.39.949
3	Colin / Sorzano / Rousset / Jenkins	USA	00.40.397
4	McFadzean / Oates-Wilding / Nossiter / Simper	AUS	00.40.493

Anna Wood and Katrin Borchert, K2 500m and 100m World Champions



<b>January 1999</b>	3	Aust- Schools Slalom Championships - Tasmania,
	1 - 3	The Hydro Australian Schools Championships - Forth River, Tasmania
	3 - 9	George Bass Marathon NSW
	9/10	Sprint Grand Prix
	10	Training Paddle, Narrabeen Lakes, 14km, 4.00pm
	4 - 10	The Australian Slalom and Wildwater Championships - Mersey River, Tasmania
	4	Close of entries QLD Sprint Championships
	6	National Slalom Coaching Seminar
	7	Aust Whitewater Championship - Tasmania Canoe Centre
	8	Aust Slalom Championships - Tasmania
	9/10	Aust. Canoeing Sprint Race Grand Prix #2 - Nagambie Vic.
	11 - 16	NSWCI Development Camp Narrabeen, NSW
	15 - 17	Level 1 Flatwater Coaching Course, Narrabeen, NSW
	16/17	Sea Kayak Proficiency #9901 - Sunshine Coast
	16/17	Level 1 Flatwater Coaching Course - Brisbane
	16	Junior Selection Slalom, Brady's Lake, Tasmania
	18	Training Paddle, Narrabeen Lakes, 14km, 4.00pm
	23/24	Queensland Sprint Race Championships - Hinze Dam - Gold Coast
	24	Junior Selection Slalom, Goulburn
	30/31	Basic Skills Canoe/Kayak Course #9901 - Fernvale
<b>February</b>	6/7	North QLD Sea Kayak Proficiency Course
	7	Dunlop Dash (Club: Nerang)
	8	Level 2 Coaching Principles - Correspondence Course: Sydney Academy of Sport (02) 9454 0200
	10	Close of entries - QLD Marathon Championships
	12-14	Aust. Canoeing Sprint Race Grand Prix #3 - Penrith NSW
	13/14	Basic Skills Instructor Training Course #9901 - Fernvale
	13	Sprint Grand Prix
	14	Harbour Challenge Sprint Grand Prix
	20-21	QLD Marathon Championships - Queensland Canoeing - Mackay
	20/21	Basic Skills Instructor Assessment #9901 - Colleges Crossing Ipswich
	20/21	Dragonboat Chinese New Year at Darling Harbour
	26 - 28	NSW Sprint Championships, Penrith
	28	Tingalpa Trot (Club: Wynnum Redlands)
	21	Slalom: Goulburn River
	<b>March</b>	2
6/ 7		Basic Skills Canoe/Kayak Course #9902 - Fernvale
6/7		Canberra Dragonboat Festival
7		Currumbin Capers (Club: Nerang)

	12 - 14	NSW Surf Life Saving Championships
	12 - 14	Australian Dragon Boat Championships, Melbourne
	14	Oxley Assent (Club: Brisbane)
	14	Wildwater: Goulburn Pondage to Picnic Ground (WWC1)
	16-20	Australian Sprint Race Championships - Penrith NSW
	13/14	Basic Skills Instructor Training Course #9902 - Fernvale
	14 - 20	Australian Sprint Championship, Penrith
	21	Nerang Bang (Club: Nerang)
	20-21	Level 2 Coaching Principles - Lecture Course - Sydney Academy of Sport (02) 9454 0200
	20/21	North QLD Sea Kayak Instructor Training Course
	25 - 28	Australian Surf Life Saving Championship, Kurrawa, Queensland
	27/28	Sea Kayak Proficiency #9902 -Gold Coast
	28	Ipswich Classic (Club: Ipswich & District)
	28	Penrith Valley International Slalom (incl Senior Selection), Penrith Olympic course
April		
	2 - 5	Australian Marathon Championship, Adelaide
	3	Slalom: (incl Senior Selection), Penrith Olympic course
	4	Slalom: (incl Senior Selection), Penrith Olympic course
	4	Slalom: Yarra Series Race 1, Warrandyte
	2/5	Australian Canoe Polo Championships - Hobart Tasmania
	2-4	Australian Marathon Championships - Adelaide
	3/4	Basic Skills Instructor Assessment Course #9902 Colleges Crossing
	10/11	Sea Kayak Instructor Training #9901 - Sunshine Coast
	11	Sunshine Challenge (Club: Sunshine Coast)
	18	Lourdes Hill River Race (Club: Lourdes Hill) TBA
		Canoe Polo South Bank Winter Competition
	25	Wildwater: Griffiths - Westerfolds (WWC2)
May		
	1-2	Level 2 Coaching Principles - Lecture Course - Sydney Academy of Sport (02) 9454 0200
	1/2	AOCRA NSW Titles, Port Stephens
	2	NSW Dragonboat Championship, Penrith
	2	Queensland School Sprint Race Championships Hinze Dam Gold Coast
	2	Gregory River Race ** (Club: North West)
	2	Mary 30 Race ** (Club: Maryborough)
	8/ 9	Basic Skills Canoe/Kayak Course #9903 - Fernvale
	9	Canoe Polo Referees Course Loc: TBA
	15/16	Whitewater Instructor Training/Assessment #9901 - Nymboida
	16	Pamphlett Bridge Race (Club: Brisbane)
	16	Slalom: Yarra Series Race 2, Finns Reserve
	23	Wildwater: Stiggants to Pound Bend (WWC3)
	23	Molokai to Oahu Ocean Kayak World Championship, Hawaii
	22/23	Basic Skills Instructor Training Course #9903 - Fernvale
	23	Island River Race (Karana District)
	28/29	AOCRA Australian Championship, Mooloolaba, Queensland
	29/30	Sea Kayak Instructor Assessment #9901 - Sunshine Coast
	30	Petrie Pursuit (Club: Newport Waters)
	30	Gladstone Race (Club: Gladstone)

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# VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT FOR THE 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES

**T**he volunteer recruitment drive to identify the 700 volunteers required to assist with the conduct of the Olympic Games canoe/kayak events is well underway. Several hundred volunteer Registration of Interest forms have been distributed through KC Mag and through the NSW club system, through individuals identified by Australian Canoeing as National and International Technical Officials, through the National squads for all Canoeing disciplines (Olympic and non-Olympic) and to any individual who in the past eighteen months has expressed interest in working in a voluntary capacity for canoe/kayak at the Games.

SOCOG has taken a two pronged approach to its canoe/kayak volunteer recruitment. One prong, has been through the National Federation as identified above. The second prong has been through the Penrith community. SOCOG has been trying to involve the Penrith community as much as possible through its volunteer recruitment process. There are many people in the area who are keen to participate and

SOCOG is hoping to build a legacy of interested people that can continue to be involved in the sport after the Games.

After the '96 Games, the community of Gainsville, North Carolina, (which has a similar proximity to Atlanta that Penrith is to Sydney) formed a canoe/kayak club, that now two years later, is producing National Junior Team members. This is a fantastic legacy that SOCOG, Australian Canoeing and the Penrith Community are hoping to emulate.

On Saturday 5th December, SOCOG held a community briefing at the Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC) to build on the already bubbling enthusiasm in the community, educate any new comers to the intricacies of the sport and what is required of the canoe/kayak volunteers.

Coincidentally, 5th December was the United Nations International Volunteers Day!

The day was extremely successful with about seventy people in attendance. Deputy Competition Manager - Sprint, Graham Halford, described the Olympic overlay for the SIRC, painting

the picture of the size and scope of the Games and its impact on the venue. Sherry Spurlin (Facility Manager, Penrith Whitewater Stadium) introduced those present to the slalom discipline and described the stadium and its operation. Also in attendance was Olympian, Yanda Nossiter who talked about her Olympic experience and provided an insight into how exciting it is to be involved in the Olympic Games.

After the presentation there was frantic activity from all present as Registration of Interest forms were completed and submitted. The next stage in the recruitment process will be the distribution of Volunteers 2000. Application Forms to those short listed from the Registration of Interest forms. These forms will be distributed before Christmas and are due back to SOCOG on 15th January 1999.

If you have any questions relating to the volunteer recruitment process for canoe/kayak volunteers, you can contact, James Hunter, Administration Manager, Canoe/Kayak, on phone (02) 9297 2472 or Fax (02) 9297 2019.

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**O**n the 26th of February 1998 Michael Knight, the President of SOCOG, launched the Olympic Club, giving all Australians the opportunity to win games tickets.

Mr. Knight praised the inception of the club saying: "The Olympic Club gives everyone the chance to really get involved, with benefits and privileges that make this great value. Another of its great aspects is that our Australian athletes will benefit. Funds will be paid to the AOC for use in the preparation, participation and recognition of the Australian Olympic team."

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All Australians can become members of the Olympic Club by calling 1800 659 2000.

**T**he Australian Flower Company has been appointed the Official Supplier for floral arrangements in 2000 and will provide over 2500 bouquets, for 295 Medal Ceremonies during the Sydney Games.

Ric Birch, Director of Ceremonies for SOCOG said the bouquets, presented to medallists will be treasured by their recipients and will also attract a great deal of television coverage.

"It is very important that the athletes, as well as the TV viewers around the world, see something that is uniquely Australian," he said.

# AUSTRALIAN FLOWERS FOR SYDNEY 2000

# SYDNEY 2000 INTERNET - A BIG HIT

**A** new International Olympic Committee Web Site - [www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org). Has been enhanced and upgraded as part of the first step in what will be a total relaunch of the site later this year.

The new site contains detailed information on all Sydney 2000 sports, the commitment to the environment, the Paralympics, the Olympic Arts Festivals and education. All of SOCOG's media releases will be available, providing the International media and public with the latest information.

The Sydney 2000 site content has been produced and designed in conjunction with Brainwave Interactive, which is a subsidiary of Team Millennium Olympic Partner, Fairfax.



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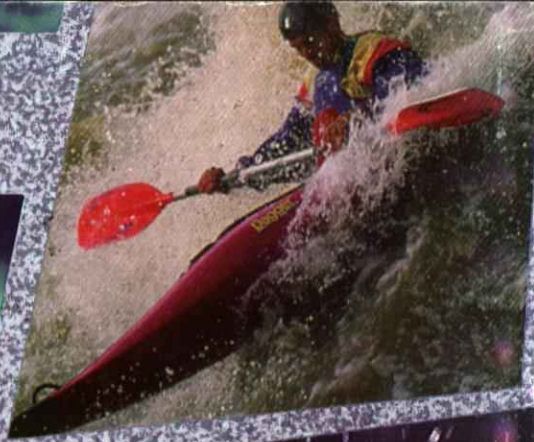
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