
PADDLNSW INC.

Club Affiliation Pack

2012-2013



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WELCOME

PaddleNSW (PNSW) takes pleasure in welcoming you as an affiliated club for 2012-13. As the peak body for the sport in NSW we are here to represent and support your club at the highest level. PNSW recognises that Clubs form the backbone of organised paddling in New South Wales.

As the peak sporting body for paddling NSW we want to hear from you. We encourage an open line of communication between clubs and the state association so that we may work together to assist you in developing paddling and participation. Suggestions and feedback from affiliated clubs are welcome at all times.

PNSW is here to support your club, and enable growth of the sport. We must move forward as an organisation and as a sport by encouraging new participation and supporting current membership. Please make use of all the facilities PNSW can offer and contribute when possible to the general benefit of all our members. PNSW is YOUR organisation, and here for your benefit. The way you conduct your club affairs reflects on the membership of PNSW as a whole.

ABOUT US

PNSW is run by a keen group of volunteers dedicated to providing member paddlers in NSW and the ACT with the best opportunities to pursue their sport or recreation.

As a member organisation of Australian Canoeing, PNSW members have the same access to AC services as paddlers in other states.

OUR OBJECTIVES

PNSW' objectives are to:

1. Provide services and support for all member paddlers engaged in paddle-related activities in NSW and the ACT.
2. Co-operate with and support any association, organisation, society or individual whose activities are similar to those of PNSW, and which will advance, promote or publicise canoeing and paddling related activities.
3. Provide for the collection and dissemination of knowledge relevant to canoeing, training, safety equipment and practices; and personal fitness.
4. Support the conservation of our waterways, bushland, native flora and fauna, and ensure that environmental considerations are taken into account in all paddling related activities conducted by PNSW.
5. Conduct, promote and assist in the organisation of safe paddling events and safe conduct in paddling.
6. Arrange insurance for the benefit of PNSW and all its members.
7. Promote and provide opportunities for people with a disability to participate in paddling activities.
8. Formulate and maintain the rules of competitive paddling events, including the classification of paddle craft.
9. Foster, regulate, organise and manage competitions, displays and other activities, issue certificates and award trophies where deemed appropriate to members (and others).



10. Conduct State Paddlesports championships and select representative state teams for national or international competitions.
11. Formulate, adopt, and implement by-laws and regulations for the conduct of paddling.
12. Enter into commercial arrangements, sponsorship, marketing and fundraising opportunities as are deemed appropriate to raise the awareness and further the objectives of PNSW.
13. Communicate and co-operate with Australian Canoeing to establish an affiliation fee structure to allow PNSW and its members to become and remain the principal New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory affiliated members of Australian Canoeing.
14. Liaise with the peak national governing body, Australian Canoeing, and the International governing body, The International Canoe Federation, or any other strategically aligned bodies in the pursuit of these objectives.

1. MEMBERSHIP

PNSW is funded primarily by membership fees. A choice of Premium membership provides some members access to National and International event participation. Australian Canoeing affiliation fees consume more than 40% of our membership income. The balance of this income is allocated to operational costs.

It is imperative that all paddling members of clubs share in this cost as members of PNSW. It is up to clubs to check their members for PNSW membership in order that they are compliant with the requirements of the insurance provided to them.

1.1 PNSW Affiliated Club Membership

PNSW provides your club and its members with a wide range of services designed to support and enrich your activities, and reduce the workload on your club committee.

Club Membership of PaddleNSW is from 1 July to 30 June of any one year.

It is important to recognise that clubs must uphold PNSW membership requirements for participation for affiliation to remain valid.

To renew your annual Club Membership, visit the PNSW website at www.paddlensw.org.au and click on the Membership tab, and follow the prompts for Category 2 - Club membership.

1.2 Benefits of Being a PNSW Affiliated CLUB

The following is a summary, highlighting various membership benefits:

- Insurance
- State Governance & Policy Management
- Education / Coaching / Official Training & Accreditation
- Paddle Sport Technical Committee Support (including Events)
- Representation at State Government forums
- Manage Member Database
- Lobby Government Departments / Authorities & Peak Industry Bodies
- State Team Selection / Representation
- Manage Disciplinary Proceedings
- PNSW By-Laws & Policies (e.g. Risk Management)
- Customer Service / Enquiries
- E-News & Monthly Online Newsletter



- Australian Canoeing Award Scheme
- Branding, Marketing & PR
- Grants (NSW Office of Communities, Sport & Recreation)
- Strategic Direction for the Sport in NSW
- Quality Assurance for Events
- State Canoe Safety Standards
- Implement State Projects
- Website Presence

Please refer to the [Membership page](#) of our website for more information and fees.

1.3 PNSW Individual Membership

Individual paddlers must join PNSW separately to their club memberships. Clubs should ensure that their members have PNSW membership prior to joining or renewing their club membership.

There are two levels of annual (and pro-rata thereof) Individual Membership: These are:

Standard (adult and juniors)

Standard membership is for club or individual recreational paddlers who do not wish to compete in national events. It gives paddlers access to all state-level activities (to suit all paddling abilities) where they are able to participate knowing they are insured and that their paddling activity is properly and safely conducted.

Non-paddling club volunteers do not need PNSW membership, but must register as volunteers with PaddleNSW for insurance purposes.

Premium (adult and juniors)

Premium membership is for paddlers who wish to participate in national and international level competition.

Premium membership also includes the same benefits as standard membership.

Currently, registered coaches, instructors and officials do not need this level of cover.

Please note that junior paddlers between the ages of 12 to 17 (as at 31 December of that year) in either category have a discounted fee structure.

Family members under 12 years (as at 31 December of that year) in either category, have free membership provided they are nominated on their parent's membership application.

1.4 New Activity Member

PNSW has been endeavouring to simplify the legal requirements for clubs when introducing new paddlers to our sport. While doing this, we must remain mindful of the limits of activities permitted by the various levels of membership.

Trialist

Trialist membership is for introducing new paddlers to a club. This applies to a new paddler attending a club to 'come and try' paddling. It is purely for the new paddler to experience the local waterway, get some introductory assistance from a club member, and remain in the company of that club member for the period of the trial. A qualified guide or instructor is not necessary, but an advantage to assist the newcomer.

The club may impose a fee for this participation, but there is no fee payable to PNSW.



The Trialist Membership form can be found on the PNSW website and **MUST** be retained by the club, and acknowledged up to two subsequent visits by a signature and date in the space provided. Up to 3 trial visits only are permitted.

There is no participation permitted in any timed or competitive event, and paddlers cannot be provided with number boards, bibs, transponders or the like.

They also cannot participate in an organised activity that has a defined start and finish point.

1.5 Single Event

Single Event Membership enables paddlers to participate in any club or state event.

This applies to a paddler attending any organised club event, and includes time trials, races, organised trips, etc. It gives the paddler limited insurance cover while they are participating in the event, but not at any other time. There is no limit to participation in any timed or competitive event, however every event requires a new single event membership application.

The cost is a minimum \$10 charged at the discretion of the club. \$5 of that sum is payable to PNSW, the remainder being retained by the club to cover processing costs.

There are two ways to obtain Single Event Membership:

- Single Event Membership forms are available on a pad (of 50 forms). These forms are available on request from PNSW. The club **MUST** retain the duplicate application form, and the original forwarded to PNSW with the sum payable, prior to the end of the calendar month that the event is scheduled for. PNSW will then keep a database of paddler details to assist with the possibility of future claims and pay for the insurance component of the application.
- Participants can use the online facility by visiting the PNSW website at www.paddlensw.org.au

Clubs must ensure that single event membership is taken by any paddler partaking in an event or organised club activity. These activities do not include those applying to Premium members - single event membership does not permit participation in Australian Canoeing organised activities.

It is imperative that at the end of each month (or event), all completed single event membership forms, plus the accompanying fee, be sent to the PNSW office indicated on the form. Each form is logged in a register and kept for future reference if claims are made.

1.6 New Membership

If you are a new member or if you wish to renew, visit the PNSW website, click on the Membership tab, select your membership option and follow the prompts to completion.

2. RISK MANAGEMENT

We are responsible to our members for the safe conduct of events, and the good governance of their associations and clubs. As we provide insurance for club activities, we ask that clubs act in the interests of PNSW membership as a whole.

In order to comply with the requirements of PNSW membership and insurance, clubs must demonstrate that they are conducting their affairs according to the principles of good governance, and that their events are run according to the appropriate guidelines.

In order for club activities to be classified as sanctioned events, guidelines for the conduct of events and appropriate safety procedures must be followed. As such, PNSW has developed an Event Management Pack to give you the tools to organise and conduct your paddling event with a



minimum of effort, and to bring about a level of risk management and safety to the recreational paddling industry.

We also publicise courses and other services, which will help clubs better manage their affairs.

As PNSW is a state organisation affiliated to Australian Canoeing, all insurance policies are organised by them for affiliated clubs, members, coaches and instructors.

2.1 Affiliated Clubs

PNSW provides Public Liability and Association Liability insurance. It is important to recognise that this insurance is available only where all participants in club-organised events are members of PNSW.

For a copy of the current standard Certificate of Currency visit the PNSW website at www.paddlensw.org.au. If your Club requires a more detailed certificate, please forward your request to admin@paddlensw.org.au.

2.2 Member

PNSW provides personal accident gap insurance for participating paddlers. We provide cover for any injuries sustained in non-negligent paddling activities which are not covered by Medicare or personal health insurance. The insurance is provided via Australian Canoeing and is administered by PNSW.

As part of Events, Single Event participation is covered by insurance.

For full details of all membership insurance, a summary brochure, or a claim form, please visit the PNSW website at www.paddlensw.org.au.

2.3 Boat

As an additional service to Members, PNSW has negotiated a policy whereby members can individually choose to insure their boats against loss or damage while on the water, in transport or in storage.

Details about the Boat Insurance Scheme, including how to apply, are available on the PNSW website on www.paddlensw.org.au

3. CLUB EVENTS

It is important to note that as an organisation PNSW on behalf of its members carry a certain amount of risk. In today's world there is always a headline of some type that refers to a sporting incident.

It is therefore extremely important that clubs understand that all participants in club paddling activities must have PNSW membership in order to be insured. They should also be members of the host paddle club, unless the activity is being organised through a PNSW Paddlesport Committee (such as the Marathon 9 series), and is open to the general PNSW membership. Failure to insist on PNSW and club membership places the club executive committee in direct jeopardy in the case of a mishap at a club activity.

Clubs must insist on conducting their activities according to those regulations in place for their sport. In general, on open waters lifejackets and lights must be used at night, and lifejackets worn in daylight hours if more than 100m from shore. Children under 14 must wear a lifejacket at all times on the water. For any activity involving competition in open (to the public) waterways, a Maritime Aquatic Licence is required. This can often be obtained on an annual basis if the activities are identical, such as regular Saturday races.



Safety craft are required for competitive events, with drivers required to hold a boat licence. PaddleNSW has an IRB available for clubs and paddlesport committees, fitted with a prop guard and first aid kit amongst other mandatory equipment. This craft is much better suited to rescue of paddlers than a 'tinny', and it can be booked for your event through the PaddleNSW office.

Clubs are recommended to send their executive committee to training courses regularly conducted by NSW Office of Communities, Sport & Recreation and the NSW Sports Federation. These courses outline the many and varied responsibilities required of club executive to firstly run their clubs in an efficient and proper manner, and also limit their personal liability should something untoward happen during their tenure.

3.1 Clubs Conducting Their Own Events

Clubs holding events for their own members, a group of clubs sharing event management, or events conducted under the direct governance of a PNSW Paddlesport Committee all need proper event management procedures.

The event must be conducted according to the conditions laid down by the relevant authorities, including NSW Maritime, local councils, National Parks & Wildlife or if in enclosed waters [such as the Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC)] the controlling body of that waterway.

The relevant guidelines provided by PNSW should be followed. An Event Management Pack is available on the PNSW website at www.paddlensw.org.au with specific guidelines as well as many other useful documents. A duty of care must be demonstrated by the organising club and this includes upholding the requirement of compulsory membership of PNSW (full or single event membership).

3.2 Clubs Sharing the Responsibility of Conducting Events

All the relevant conditions for conducting the event must be followed. There is only provision for one official to be nominated as being responsible for this event and this person must work in with all stakeholders.

There must be a written agreement between the clubs as to the sharing of proceeds and the general sharing of costs.

Only one club bank account can be used as the working account for the event. All participating clubs or organisations must be members of PNSW and participants must likewise all be members of PNSW. There is no PaddleNSW financial interest in the conduct of these events.

3.3 PNSW Events

PNSW conducts many events, either under its own management (e.g., canoe polo series) or by inviting clubs to assist in the running of each event (e.g., a round of the Marathon 9 series). In all cases, proceeds are distributed according to the pre-arranged formula, negotiated between the Committee and the Board of PNSW. In certain circumstances, the entire funds may be allocated to the Paddlesport Committee.

4. CLUB CONSTITUTION

The NSW Department of Fair Trading has developed new rules of incorporation of associations based more on business principles rather than the previous volunteer administration structure. The NSW Department of Sport & Recreation has adopted the new sporting association constitution model as the basis for a vertical constitutional structure where each tier fits in with the one above and the



one below. In the case of paddlesports, the constitutions of club, state and national associations will be updated and simplified, while accounting for more modern methods of communication.

This means your club constitution will need to be examined and updated with assistance from the Department of Sport & Recreation and PNSW. PNSW has also undergone renewal of its constitution. If you would like to download a copy of our constitution please visit our webpage at www.paddlensw.org.au and click on the 'Resources' tab.

4.1 Governance

The Office of Communities, Sport and Recreation <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au> for state based sporting areas and sports clubs, in particular, provide the assistance for setting up procedures and running of a club.

For Australian Canoeing policies and procedures for canoeing visit http://www.canoe.org.au/default.asp?MenuID=About_Us/93/0,Documents~_Policies_and_Bylaws/72/0

5. CLUB RULES

Paddle clubs exist to provide support, expertise and social company for like-minded persons, based around the sport of paddling.

In many instances those who arrive on the doorstep of a paddle club have had little or no real paddling experience. They have a range of needs, being primarily - how to paddle, what equipment to use and how to remain safe. The following explains their introduction to the sport being through a paddle club:

Your club needs to develop a policy around introducing new paddlers to the sport, based on:

- Initial assistance in technique and safety - a club member should accompany or observe the new paddler at all times.
- Swimming competency - prior to entry to the water, the new paddler must indicate if they are a competent swimmer, and whether they have any underlying medical conditions that will affect their own or other's safety.
- Self rescue - a new paddler will need to be shown how to fall out of a boat and swim the boat back to shore.
- Additional buoyancy - to assist a new paddler when the inevitable capsize happens. Even if they are experienced swimmers, the new conditions they find themselves in (with a boat full of water) will create additional stress and make swimming more difficult. For this reason, it is strongly advised that lifejackets be worn to ensure paddler safety and for an enjoyable experience on the water.
- Emergency details - a new paddler must indicate an emergency contact name and phone number to the club representative.

If a new paddler visits a club, it is because they want the above items addressed. If not, they could just as easily paddle by themselves elsewhere. A club has the responsibility not just to its own members, but also to the membership of PNSW as a whole to conduct their affairs with a duty of care. It is our (NSW paddlers') collective insurance that will be paying out for a claim of negligence against a club.

Once the new paddler has developed enough personal paddling skills, and most probably joined the club, they need to abide by club regulations, which will vary from club to club. The regulations should be adopted as by-laws to the club constitution, and be subject to regular discussion and



update.

If the club deems their regular activities require the wearing of lifejackets at all times, then so be it. If they do not like the rules then they should not join the club.

If the activities comprise mainly sprint training in K1s then lifejackets would most likely not be mandatory (except for juniors).

We should not let complacency blur our better judgment when looking after the needs of those less competent than ourselves.

6. PADDLESPORT COMMITTEES

Paddlesport Committees are assembled by the PNSW Board from nominations received at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), or at any other time as the need arises.

PNSW has an active interest in promoting all paddlesports in New South Wales. These 'disciplines', now widely known as "Paddlesports" include sprint, slalom, marathon, canoe polo, open water racing, dragon boating and recreational paddling.

The Paddlesport Committee is responsible for the conduct of the sport, including the management of state championships and nomination of host clubs for series events. They manage the rules and conditions governing the conduct of that paddlesport in New South Wales, bearing in mind the overriding PNSW policies for the constitution of classes and awarding of medals.

Each paddlesport committee has relative autonomy in conducting its affairs throughout the year. Paddlesport-specific funds which are accumulated, are available in their entirety for the committee to use as it sees fit, provided that this expenditure fits within the philosophy and financial management required by PNSW.

Most importantly, Paddlesport Committees must ensure the financial viability of the events they conduct, and of the committee in general.

Due to the large interest from paddlers, recreational paddling has received a substantial degree of attention and as a consequence, the recreational series of paddles has become a major feature of PNSW activities. Clubs are requested to assist in the promotion and hosting of these paddles, which should ideally be held every 3-4 weeks in many different locations state-wide.

7. SAFETY

A new Paddling Safety video produced by PaddleNSW, and funded by the National Marine Safety Council and NSW Transport Maritime will be released nationally by the end of 2012. It will be accompanied by on-line resources and printed media. It is expected that this initial 7 minute safety video will become mandatory viewing for all new paddlers, and PaddleNSW encourages all Clubs to support this project.

Maritime regulations in NSW require lifejackets to be worn more than 100m from inshore during daylight hours, and at all times when offshore or at night. PaddleNSW supports this policy.

Unfortunately, peer pressure and ignorance are two of the most likely reasons some paddlers may choose not to wear them. Inexperienced paddlers may not be aware of the speed in which weather conditions can change nor their ability to swim in less than ideal conditions - and peer pressure, whether overt or not, can influence a decision, especially in younger paddlers.

For more information, visit the NSW Government - Transport Maritime website on <http://www.lifejacketwearit.com.au/>



8. PADDLENSW WEBSITE

The PNSW website is very comprehensive and contains much information on events, club activities, education and other interesting news items. All current policies and guidelines, together with results from all state-based events are contained within this website.

Every affiliated PNSW Club has its own dedicated web profile page on our website. Information on this page will help potential members gain an insight into your club, and a temptation to join.

To login or create an account, go to <http://www.paddlensw.org.au/user/login>

To get access to update the club page, send an email to webmaster@paddlensw.org.au. Let us know your website username and what you would like to update.

For more information, please contact webmaster@paddlensw.org.au to find out how to ensure your page is updated regularly.

We have provided a new club resources page to assist your club in managing it's members. Please click on this link for more information <http://www.paddlensw.org.au/club/resources>.

Please also refer to the Website Policy on the PNSW website.

9. ACCOUNTING

Many clubs and paddlesport committees will conduct financial transactions through the PNSW bank account. Additionally, all of our event registrations are available on-line, with direct payments into our bank account.

Clubs which co-host paddlesport events, such as the Marathon Series and Sprint Regattas, will pass all proceeds to that Paddlesport Committee, together with a list of expenditure and substantiation so that a Reconciliation Form (available on our website) can be completed and submitted to the PNSW bookkeeper for dissemination. According to the agreed formula for splitting the proceeds (which will include direct deposits made via on-line registrations), the host club will be informed by the Paddlesport Committee of how much to invoice PNSW. Once an invoice is forthcoming, payment will be expedited.

Payments made to PNSW can be by cash, cheque or EFT, and are to include a brief description of the nature of the deposit sent via email or posted to the PNSW office for correct allocation and tracking purposes.

10. ANNUAL REPORTING TO PNSW

10.1 Club Report

In order to provide PNSW with the necessary information to complete its Annual Report, as a means to showcase a club to the wider market and to meet some of the criteria for available grants, we would like all our affiliated clubs to submit a 600-word (approx) Club Report reviewing the last fiscal year and covering such topics as:

- Type of paddling and general activities conducted by your Club
- Achievements
- Membership numbers
- Representation at national and international levels, if applicable (please include name of athlete, their chosen paddlesport and participation event)
- Education i.e., number of instructors, assessors, guides, etc and any training activities



10.2 Annual Sports Awards

Each year, PNSW likes to take the opportunity to recognise the achievements and outstanding contributions by individuals in many categories made to canoeing, kayaking and related paddlesports in New South Wales.

For more information, visit the PNSW website for a copy of the generic Guidelines and Nomination Form.

PNSW will endeavour to contact its affiliated clubs for submissions.

10.3 Annual General Meeting & Strategic Forum

We wish to encourage a representative (or representatives) from every affiliated Club to attend the PaddleNSW Annual General Meeting. A Strategic Forum will also be held, often in conjunction with the AGM.

The Strategic Forum, facilitated by the Chairman, offers all parties the opportunity to share information about Club matters and industry updates.

11. GRANTS AND EDUCATION

11.1 Education

PNSW as one of its objectives promotes education and training opportunities to its members, clubs, industry and the community to increase the quality of participation and to foster safety in paddling for recreation, events and competition.

PNSW is an AC National Training Provider (049) registered to deliver training and assessment from the Australian Canoeing Award Scheme (ACAS) as well as NCOS & AC Coach Awards and various other courses as deemed appropriate by the Board (AC operates under the auspices of the registered Training organisation, the Industry Training Council.)

The Education Committee, in conjunction with the Board, determines the focus for training each year. It will be dependant on grants available from the Department of Communities, formerly known as the NSW Dept of Sport and Recreation, and various other sources, education funding reserves and cost neutral delivery.

All courses are advertised on the PNSW website under Education with reminders on the relevant paddlesport specific pages.

As well as the PNSW delivered courses, other courses relevant to members will also be highlighted under the heading 'Other Courses'. It is most important to review these courses as they are specifically relevant to clubs and their governance and for coaches and instructors to remain aware of delivery requirements.

All clubs are invited to apply to PNSW to have courses run specifically for their Club or region. It is policy to provide courses to clubs on a cost neutral basis.

PNSW holds a register of preferred qualified coaches, instructors, guides and assessors who can deliver PNSW courses. *All qualified specialists are invited to provide PNSW with a CV for review and addition to the preferred list.*

PNSW Board members Lynn Parker in consultation with Chris Thompson administer the projects.



A Sub-committee of discipline Instructors, Assessors and Presenters from the PNSW membership provide advice on the development, content and delivery strategies for courses. Course evaluation informs participant satisfaction.

11.2 General Objectives

- PNSW' major education focus continues to be to increase the number of qualified Club coaches and instructors in NSW
- Raise awareness in Clubs to their responsibilities with regard to Club governance and training, coaching and guiding when administering Club events. Assist Clubs to develop an education plan
- Promote the need for education by financially resourcing Clubs to qualify at least one new coach/guide, and one new instructor each year. (This objective was originally resourced by grants from DSR. However, resources can be maintained from accumulated education funds).
- At least 10 - 12 courses delivered per year
- Double the number of course completions to gain an Award
- Assist young athletes to attend state based coaching and competition
- Deliver Professional Development to Club leaders, qualified educators and guides to refresh skills and knowledge when delivering training and coaching
- Conduct an Education Workshop to encourage course completions
- Deliver Assessor Coach and Instructor training courses
- Respond to the training needs of the Community and industry by running courses on a contractual arrangement
- Seek financial support from Communities - Sport and Recreation
- Continue to assist the Start Paddling DVD development
- Complete the Level 1 Coach Course for Open Water
- Continue to develop training resources for various forms of delivery: online and face-to-face.

11.3 Grants

Most of the grants available to PNSW and Clubs can be sourced through the Office of Communities, Sport and Recreation on <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants/>

- **Sports Development Program (SDP)** PNSW, as the State Paddling Peak body applies and has been successful in receiving \$20,000 per year for sport development which is designed to assist eligible state sporting organisations and peak industry bodies to work in partnership with the State Government to develop their sport and recreation activities at all levels in New South Wales.
- **Sport and Athlete Development Program** (is open only to the state organisation) PNSW has successfully won \$30,000 in previous years to increase the number of trained coaches, guides and instructors; to assist young country athletes to gain state based competitions and training camps; and to develop the pilot for the Start Paddling video.
- **Sport and Recreation Participation Program** is open to all Club and Community not-for-profit groups. The primary focus of the program is on increasing regular and on-going participation opportunities. This program incorporates the Disability Sport Assistance Program.
- **Sport and Recreational Facility Grant Program** is open to Community and not-for-profit organisations. The primary focus of this program is to assist with the funding for the development of local and regional level sport and recreation facilities. The aim of this program is to increase the availability, standard and quality of sport and recreation facilities in NSW.



- The **EasyGrants Newsletter** provides a monthly summary of all grant opportunities across Australia and various sectors. As PNSW subscribes to this, specific opportunities are then advertised in the PNSW monthly newsletter. There is a minimal fee and Clubs can subscribe to it directly.

12. RECREATIONAL SERIES

PNSW has made a big effort to promote and facilitate recreational paddling. The range of recreational paddles on diverse waterways, led by paddlers with great knowledge of their local areas is extensive.

PNSW is seeking to increase the number of recreational paddles around New South Wales and calls for interested clubs to add their paddles to the PNSW Event Calendar. Refer to the Website Policy located on the PNSW website.

13. THE ON-LINE REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND EVENTS

PNSW has introduced a new-online system to process registrations for membership for 2012-13. Access is via clicking on our Membership Tab on the PNSW Website. In addition PNSW understands that it is possible that some of our renewing / new members may have difficulty registering via the new process. Whilst we don't envisage any major difficulties as a backup we have retained the existing system via Register Now. So if you can't work the new process then please have your members renew via Register Now. As for registration for events RegisterNow is still the preferred process. To use RegisterNow go to www.registernow.com.au and follow the prompts.

14. RESOURCES

Please visit the PNSW website on www.paddlensw.org.au for extensive resource material.

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