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BIG EDUCATION INITIATIVE

In typical parliamentary fashion, news of PaddleNSW's '**big education initiative**' was leaked at the first round of the Marathon 10 series. Judging from the response, it was well overdue.

PaddleNSW wants to see a minimum of one qualified Coach, Instructor or Guide in EVERY paddle club in NSW.

Having surveyed and spoken to various club representatives, and referring back to our core values, PaddleNSW is now in the position to direct substantial funding toward the revival of paddler education across the state.

A minimum of **\$20,000** has been allocated toward refunding participant costs where the skills obtained from training courses are directed back into clubs. In short, take your skills to your club and be rewarded for it.

In just a few months, PaddleNSW has conducted 3 flatwater coaches' courses, has a guide course open for registration, and is putting the finishing touches on the first of several flatwater instructor courses to be offered in the coming months.

The **BIG NEWS** is that for many PNSW members, a substantial proportion of these course costs will be **FREE!**

To apply for this funding, clubs are requested to complete the on-line survey of current club qualifications, then briefly outline their paddler development plans. Once their nominated member(s) have undertaken their training, and clubs verify that these members are applying their skills at club level, they may receive the major proportion of their course costs as a refund.

The initiative will apply to any PaddleNSW club-nominated member attending guide, instructor or coaching courses run by PaddleNSW in 2010. Depending on demand, this initiative may be continued through to 2011, but this is not guaranteed.

So, if your club is predominantly recreational, a guide or instructor will be most useful. If your club is devoted to regular fitness paddles, more instructors will be an advantage. Those based predominantly on competition will benefit from more coaching expertise.

In addition, PaddleNSW is developing an Open Water (Ocean Racing) Coaching course that will form part of this initiative. Open Water paddle clubs...this is a great opportunity to develop your member paddling skills.

The process is as follows:

1. Clubs complete the **on-line survey** of member paddle qualifications. See <https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dFFEOWJDa0tUWmxnRE00RjRiUnVYNkE6MA>
2. Clubs submit a brief but comprehensive outline of their **paddler development policy** to admin@paddleNSW.org.au
3. **PaddleNSW** will contact the club representative with an offer to train a number of members.
4. Club nominated paddlers then pay for and **attend the appropriate course**, completing final assessment requirements. See the Education menu on the PaddleNSW website <https://www.paddleNSW.org.au>
5. These paddlers **conduct training**, guiding or coaching activities for their club.
6. Clubs **verify** that their training programmes are in place.
7. Nominated trainees have their **course fees** substantially **refunded**.

FIRST AID TRAINING

Part of the requirements for any ACAS qualifications is current **First Aid certification**. PaddleNSW makes this easy for you, with a special PNSW members-only single-day course held on the 15th May, at a special reduced cost.

Registration for this course is also available at

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?ID=2559>

This course is not limited to those undertaking additional training courses, but any member wishing to have first aid qualifications amongst their skills.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!

PaddleNSW Professional Development Conference - 29th & 30th May 2010

Do you want the latest information on our paddlesports industry?

Have you let your coach, instructor or guide qualifications lapse?

Do you need to renew your qualifications soon?

Are you interested in furthering your career opportunities?

PaddleNSW has industry leaders prepared to share their knowledge, and at the same time we get you requalified for FREE!

PaddleNSW will provide free assessment for members at the first annual PNSW professional development weekend

At this two-day seminar, you will hear from leaders in the industry, on wide-ranging topics including:

- Setting up or operating a small business
- Your rights and responsibilities as an employee or employer
- Recognised career opportunities in the recreational and elite sports industries
- New initiatives in paddler education
- New career opportunities in developing industry sectors
- How to manage on-line registration processing
- The insurance issues facing educators

The programme will run over a weekend, and is based at the **YMCA Camp, Springwood Rd, Yarramundi**.

Cost for PaddleNSW members is restricted to accommodation costs and premium membership upgrades where required. You will be amongst your peers, in an open forum designed to improve your access to information and ideas.

COST

Accommodation and meals package (Sat lunch, Sat dinner, Sun Breakfast, Sun lunch): **\$110.00**

Meals Package only: **\$60.00**

Assessment cost for Non-PaddleNSW members: **\$45.00**

Assessment cost for PNSW members: **FREE**

PaddleNSW premium membership upgrade: **\$25.00**

DISCOUNT: For early bird registration before 1st May

PNSW member's accommodation and meals package: **\$95.00**

Non-member's accommodation and meals package: **\$105.00**

How to enrol:

Go to the PaddleNSW **Education** menu, and register for the professional development course on-line.

Our education co-ordinator will contact you with all the information you require.

For more information, contact admin@paddleNSW.org.au with your enquiry.

The direct link to the registration site is:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?ID=2559>

Choose 'professional development' course options, plus any assessment options you need

FLATWATER SKILLS & GUIDE AWARD COURSE - 1st & 2nd May - Register now.

Holders of this award are assessed to lead or guide trips on inland waters such as lakes and rivers (not whitewater).

When: **May 1 and 2**

Where: **Sydney - River Canoe Clubhouse** and tour to Botany Bay – near to the airport for those flying in

Accommodation at the Clubhouse is available and FREE

Cost: PNSW members **\$180**

The direct link to the registration site is:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?ID=2559>

Bring your own equipment or you can request canoes or kayaks for a small fee.

Email admin@paddlensw.org.au for course details.

WHAT ELSE?

Don't forget the **State 10,000m** championships at SIRC on the 17th April.

And the **State 5000m** championships on the Nepean River at Penrith on the 16th May, featuring straight 5000m K4 races from the Narrows to the Weir!

The **Marathon 10 Round 2** at Cooks River, hosted by St George Kayak Club on Saturday 24th April

And the excellent **Harbour Racing Series, Round 4** at Rose Bay on the 18th April.

Check out the calendar on the home page of the PaddleNSW website for all upcoming events

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