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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter. The dust is well and truly off most Kayaks and canoes and the Murray Marathon is just around the corner.

The club is over \$1200 richer thanks to those members who have supported our two fundraising events and there are still plenty of calenders to sell.

Dont forget, any problems or suggestions (where to get money) contact any of the committee members. A merry Christmas to all members and have a great years canoeing.

Your committee for 90/91 consists of:

Margaret Buck	President	(879 2904)
Neil Grieson	Secretary	(489 3073)
Michael Loftus-Hills	Newsletter	(059 844 704)
Joe Alia	Building	(489 3787)

Whats Going on at the club????????????????

Good luck to all those members who are participating in this years Murray Marathon. It seems that recent rains have washed the slime out of the Murray and with a bit of luck the river will be running fast.

GARAGE SALE

After much worry and hours of organisation the first Fairfield Garage Sale is over. We made over \$700 on the day and thanks to all those members who helped and provided things to sell. Special thanks to Dot James, Jullie Perriman and John Ryan for there hard work.

FUNDRAISING DINNER

Although numbers were down on last years dinner the second Fairfield Canoe Club dinner was a great

success. Thirty five members and friends made over \$350 on the night. Thanks to all those members that made the effort and came.

### CALENDERS. WE HAVE HEAPS

Yes we have over 300 of them. All those members that didn't attend the dinner or make the garage sale must be feeling very guilty. Redeem yourselves. Sell, sell, sell. The committee in their wisdom have decided that to avoid the embarrassment of having to sell 1992 calendars in 1993, every member will have to sell six calendars. Sound complicated?. Give them away, wall paper the walls, as long as the club gets the money.

### Warning

After a recent visit from the Melbourne and Metropolitan Fire Brigade we remind members to only use the B.B.Q for any fires. Also make sure someone is supervising the fire at all times.

### DRAGON BOAT RACING

In my excitement I claimed that Fairfield members came second in Vancouver. We actually came third and Tony Payne has insisted that he have room in this newsletter to set the record.

#### **M.D.B.T in the land of 3M's**

It was way, way back on June 14th that the Melbourne Dragon Boat Team set off on an expedition far, far away to the land of Maple Syrup, Mooses and Mounties. (Hereafter Known as the land of 3M's).

We flew Kangaroo Airlines, no not QANTAS but one that went up and down more often than a pogo stick . For an 18 hour trip Melbourne to Vancouver it only took 30 hours, truly an efficient service.

The trip itself was uneventful, highlights being some spectacular scenery viewed from the air between San Jose and Vancouver. We were met in Vancouver by two Canadians and two large RV's (Recreational Vehicles) which proceeded to transport our touring party of 30 to our luxurious accomodation at the University of British Columbia. This was excellent accomodation, not least because it was free (part of our prize for coming second at Moomba) but also due to suitability for a large touring team. We had ready access to gyms, foodes of various kinds, pool and transport plus the scenery at the University itself was spectacular. Incredibly large trees and a variety of plants plus little squirrel running all over the place were just some of the features.

Being clever Aussies we arrived a full week before the racing started, plenty of time to acclimatise and get used to any diet or lifestyle variations. Unfortunately being Australians there was also a share of yobbos in the team who did little to act as good ambassadors for the country. It was a real pity that all thos hard months training in the cold of Melbournes winter was put in jeopardy the by excesses of a

few larikans.

However I'm pleased to say the Fairfield Canoe Club members in the team behaved admirably- well at least till after the races.

The team itself was a real mix of personalities and ages (ranged from 20-40) and it was some feat to get through the 10 days without any major personality conflicts. Those who know the F.C.C representatives in the boat of Joe Alia, Bass Wakim, John Golino, Michael Loftus-Hills, Alex James , Tony Payne and Paul Moser will know that there is not too much trouble amongst that lot, but per haps you dont know that also there is

- the best moustache in paddling
- the smallest steersman with the biggest voice
- at least two overweight but vastly experienced power houses
- the one and only paddling shortbread supplier.
- one of the skinniest paddlers in the business
- one who has given up 3 careers to continue paddling

And I guess your wandering how the racing went!:

Of course it depends who you ask but one view is that we absolutely blitzed them and if it wasnt for Jon Mayne giving away his coaching tips to the Canadian women we would even have won. But alas, 3rd in the final was the result, beaten by the local Canadian team and one from the U.S.A. The result of course isnt that important, the fact that we were there, participating as a representative of Melbourne, doing our very best and having a good time at the same time is what will be remembered.

You too can be in it -just talk to Joe Alia or any other club member who has paddled. See you on the river.

Tony Payne.

Fairfield members are presently training for a Dragon Boat Regatta in Christchurch

#### WHY NOT GET INVOLVED IN THE RUNNING OF THE CLUB

We are looking for someone to be in charge of allocating and organising storage of boats. You would be a contact for new members to find racking space, and after you have been abused several times for not providing boat space you would organise the construction of new racks. Contact one of the committee members.

#### COACHING AND TRAINING

Sundays: Beginners 1hr, 9.00 am  
Training Squad 2 hrs, 10-12 noon  
Thursday evening (contact Zoli to check times.)

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