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FAIRFIELD CANOE CLUB

NEWSLETTER No.1/89

This is the first edition of the new FCC newsletter, a newsletter which will provide you with information, ideas and a way to communicate to other members.

The newsletter aims to -

- * provide members with information on club functions, club contacts, progress on the building and other club activities
- * welcome new members and encourage others to join
- * advise on important dates in the paddling community
- * give members a voice for new ideas
- * help to rebuild a strong FCC spirit.

FCC is in a marvellous location and is a wonderful asset for members, their families and friends - LETS MAKE THE MOST OF IT!!

Report on Annual General Meeting

A successful AGM was held at Joe Alia's factory on 14th August, 1989. Elections were held for new Directors, the successful candidates were:

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| Foster Rossetto: | 350 Manningham Road
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Ph (H) 848 4390 (W) 660 4327 |
| Joe Alia | 18 Liverpool Street
North Fitzroy 3068
Ph (H) 489 3787 (W) 489 3314 |
| Michael Loftus-Hills | C/O Ministry for Planning & Environment
State Offices
1 Mckoy Street
West Wodonga 3690
Ph (W) (060) 556 255 after Oct 30 |
| Margaret Buck | 13 Paxton Street
Ringwood 3134
Ph (H) 879 2904 |
| Tony Payne | 84 Heller Street
West Brunswick 3055
Ph (H) 380 2863 (W) 603 2285 |

Should you have any queries regarding the club please contact any one of the above.

The Directors have undertaken to look at several areas for the forthcoming year. These include

- * Fund Raising - a concerted drive to raise money to complete the club house (ideas welcome contact Margaret Buck)
- * Insurance - thorough review of club insurances for building, property and liability
- * Club Maintenance - members input to general maintenance, gardening etc.
- * Building Project - upstairs changing room and toilet facilities.
- * The landing - repairs or replacement are urgently needed (money as well) and its not as easy as it looks.
- * Social Activities - aim to get more out of the facilities and appeal to a wider cross section of members.
(ideas to Michael Loftus-Hills or Margaret Buck)

Membership

We are currently introducing a new 'temporary' membership to the club to be available for up to a maximum of 6 months. This 'temporary' membership has been introduced to cater for the many paddlers who use the club facilities for a one-off attack on the Murray Marathon.

The temporary membership will cost \$20 per month and entitles the member to a key and boat storage (rack when available). On expiry of the temporary membership the person involved has the option to convert the temporary membership to an Associate or Full Membership by payment of the relevant outstanding amount.
(Contact Tony Payne or Foster Rossetto for further details)

In addition to the above, current membership options are:

- * Full Membership/Shareholder
After \$450 shareholding annual subscription of \$50.
- * Associate Membership
\$200 per year for three years resulting in shareholding.
After the three years, annual subscription of \$50.
- * Junior Membership (18 years and under)
\$50 per year.
- * Full-time students
\$50 per year.

Note: For all categories of membership one boat rack is the entitlement (when available). Additional boat racks are charged at \$15 per year.

MEMBER NEWS

We welcome three new members to the club in recent times.

Benjamin Lindner
Ian Aitken
Graeme Draaisma

Unfortunately both Jenny Gould and Chris Hammat have resigned due to a geographical move to the country. We wish them both good luck and hopefully they will return sometime in the future.

SOCIAL FUNCTION

The Christmas B.B.Q., family fun day,
will be held on the 3rd December 1989.

Mark this date in your diary now.

Spend a relaxed day on the banks of the Yarra. Have a paddle, a swim, or just a drink. Catch up with past and present club members.

ITS FREE JUST BRING FOOD AND DRINK, FRIENDS AND FAMILY

We are starting to think about next years fund raising B.B.Q., have you any ideas for improvements? Can you help? Contact Mike Loftus-Hills or Margaret Buck.

MARATHON RACES 89-90

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- * Echuca Mini Marathon (50 km) Red Cross
11.00 am Saturday October 21
- * Goulbourn Classic
28th, 29th October
- * Yarra Marra (32 km) Red Cross
Healesville to YarraGlen
11.30 am Saturday November 11
- * Tarwin Lower 26th November
- * Murray River Marathon (400 km) Red Cross
Dec 27th - 31st 1989

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29th April	Swan Hill
20th May	Essendon
10th June	Geelong
11th June	Footscray
1st July	Cobram
22nd July	Yarrawonga
12th August	City (south side)
2nd September	Echuca
23, 24th September	Vic. Championships Mildura
(Contact Ken Chandler for details (H) 818 4952)	

Most of the Winter Marathon races start at 11.00 am, but it is advisable to check prior. Ken Chandler is a regular participant in these races and wants everybody to know that you don't have to be a champion to participate. There are different classes of boats plus various age groups and a very wide cross section of abilities. The main thing is to participate, you are guaranteed to have fun while getting good exercise at the same time.

COACHING AND TRAINING

If you have been down to the club on a Sunday morning recently you will have noticed heaps of people training, mostly for the Murray River Marathon. Our on-site coach Zolli Szigeti continues to provide very moderately priced beginner lessons and training squads.

Times are:

Sunday Morning

9.00 am

1 hr Beginners class

10.00 am - 12.00

Training squad (Freeway straight)

Wednesday evenings

5.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Training squad

Contact Zolli on (H) 874 1260 for more details or just turn up and introduce yourself.

SPRINT RACES 1989-90

26th	NOVEMBER 89	CARRUM
10th	DECEMBER 89	BALLARAT
21st	JANUARY 90	GEE LONG
11th	FEBRUARY 90	CARRUM
24th/25th	FEBRUARY 90	STATE TITLES CARRUM

NOTE: Most of these races will start at 10:00am

Instead of registering on the day as in the past sprint races this year will require a prepaid entry form. These are being printed now and will be available from TONY PAYNE within the next two weeks. They can also be picked up at each of the races for the following events.

