

Bayswater Paddlesports Club Inc.

Presidents Report

2011/2012 season

Wow what a season; it has been arguably our most successful to date both on and off the water with our guppy program continuing to grow, to members off to compete at the London Olympics. This doesn't just happen and a lot of people work hard behind the scenes to bring it all together and I would like to indulge for just a moment to thank a number of these people, to those that I miss - I will apologies in advance.

- The 2011/12 general committee thank you for your support and guidance.
- The executive committee, Louise, Laurie, Peter, Carol, Kylie, Duncan, Kelvin and Steve a big thank you. You are the people that make the club tick without your efforts we wouldn't function.
- Janine our catering queen who has promised to ban me from future Club BBQ's unless I can learn to talk and cook at the same time.
- The Club's coaches Amanda, Rob, Julie, Louise, Peter and the guppy crew, with valued support and direction from WAIS coaches Ramon and Michael, without you we wouldn't have been named Champion "Sprint" Club for Australia in the 2011/12 season. Congratulations and thank you. We are all proud of the job you have done and efforts you put into our athletes.

BPC in 2011/2012 will end the year in a sound position with money in the bank, athletes at the Olympics and with representatives in most National Squads. This provides a great base from which to go forward in the 2012/13 season culminating in the Sprint Nationals in Perth in early 2013. The 2012/13 season will also produce a few new challenges with the introduction of the new coaching pathways and the opportunity for BPC to capture a number of new members from the surf life saving fraternity.

The Future

The most common question we receive is about space. As you can all appreciate, at present, it is very tight and taking on new members will only exacerbate this issue. I am happy to report that in conjunction with CWA, WAIS, the Rowing fraternity and the Sea Scouts we are in preliminary discussions with the City of Bayswater about what is possible in regards to the redevelopment of the site. I do stress this is very early days so don't expect changes over night but it is on the agenda. A special thanks to Laurie and Peter who are representing the Club.

On a club development point of view, I would like to see us continue to expand our Guppy program, develop a Marathon discipline program in conjunction with the current Sprint program and progress social paddling for those who just enjoy a paddle out on the water and who knows the President might even get wet.

This has been my 2nd season in the President/Vice President role and from having 0 exposure to kayaking prior to then, I am learning fast but I know that I couldn't do this job without the support of one person who takes on most of the things I can't plus extra - to Louise Carbone a big thank you, you are my left and right hand.

Should anyone have the passion and desire and would like to take on the Presidents role I am more than happy to step down. The travel and increasing pressures at work do make it difficult for me to be at the club on a regular basis. That being said if you still want me then I am happy to stay on as the current committee is a fantastic group of people and the club's future is so exciting.

All the best in Kayaking for the 2012/13 season

Stephen Fidge
President
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