

# Hurricane

## Members Club Update

SEPTEMBER 2025



### UPDATE

As we approach our Annual General Meeting (AGM), I want to take a moment to underline the importance of both the AGM and the upcoming Special General Meeting. These meetings are not just about procedure – they are about shaping the direction of our club, welcoming new committee members, and ensuring that our future remains strong and united. Your voice and your presence matter.

Over the winter months, our training numbers have been lower than usual, which is understandable given the season. However, as we move back into the busy part of our racing calendar, I strongly encourage everyone to re-engage with club training. Our strength has always come from paddling together, and we now have some big regattas ahead where we wish to perform at the highest level.

In the near future, we also have our exciting club-to-club race. This is an important opportunity to showcase the depth of our teams, and I have every confidence that Hurricane will perform exceptionally well across all divisions. Our A-Crew is targeting nothing less than first place, and with the commitment of our paddlers, I know we can achieve this.

Looking further ahead, our focus is clear – we are aiming to take out the Champion Club title for the fifth consecutive year. This would be a record achievement and a testament to the dedication of every member, from juniors to seniors, from novice to elite paddlers.

With new committee members stepping into roles at the AGM, I ask that we all continue to show respect for one another and make the best possible use of our facilities. The spirit of Hurricane has always been about inclusion, teamwork, and pride in our club, and it's that culture which drives our ongoing success. Thank you to each and every member for your efforts, both on and off the water. Let's continue to lift together, train hard, and make this season one that sets the standard for years to come. Looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM on the 12th.

### MEMBERSHIP

Hurricane membership numbers are constantly growing.

We are excited to welcome Hurricane's newest members -

Marie Rowe

Michelle Fowler

### Committee

Gordan Stimson—President

Justin Bloomfield—Vic President

Sharon Corsbie—Secretary

Gail Bricknell —Treasurer

Leigh Bricknell— Senior's Head Coach

Geoff Bryant—Senior's Team Manager

Rhys Robinson— Junior Coaching Director

Peta Long—Junior's Team Manager

Arlina Sulaiman—Committee Member

Beate Ruuck—Committee Member

Vivienne Wigg— Committee Member (uniforms)

Sunita Sebastian—Committee Member

Simone Wheeler— Committee Member

Sheryl Kelly - Committee Member

Peter Towndrow—Committee Member

# Accessible Bathroom

With the introduction of the Para program it was necessary to facilitate an accessible bathroom to accommodate our new members. The original ladies bathroom has therefore been remodeled to become a Unisex Accessible Bathroom complete with toilet and shower.



A larger door, toilet and hand rails to meet Australian Standards.

A new hot water system was also installed as we now have shower facilities in both bathrooms.

A huge thank you to all that contributed to this project — Stimo and the team at EnviroPlumbWA, Peter, Marco and Leigh.

As funds become available we will be looking at renovating the men's bathroom next.



# Hurricane PFD's

Limited stock available

**\$175.00**



2025 World Distance -  
Brazil 2025



Congratulations to Sharon Corsbie who represented Australia in the 2025 World Distance Championships.

Coming home with a silver medal, we are so proud of you.



2025-26  
**MEMBERSHIP AND STORAGE  
FEES ARE NOW DUE**

As the club grows so does their expenses and running costs.

This is the first time the fees have increased in the last 3 years and still represents extremely good value.

All fees are to be paid through the club website

Senior paddlers - \$350

Junior Paddlers - \$50

Storage Fee - \$125



**SEPTEMBER  
19th**

**Your attendance is importance.**

Please complete a proxy form if unable to attend.

Re election of the following committee positions :

Club President

Club Secretary

Team Manager



# PARA-CANOE



## Article from the West Australian



• East Freo para-canoeists Gary Hayes and Jack Cummins.

# Perfect paddling

by KATHERINE KRAAYVANGER

EAST FREMANTLE'S para-canoeists will brave the water with "independence and confidence" after securing a grant from the local council.

The Hurricane Outrigger Canoe Club was presented with the \$1000 grant this week, which will go towards tailored life-jackets fitted with hand grabs to streamline re-entry into capsized canoes.

The life-jackets, which can be altered to suit each paddler's disability, will also feature attachments designed to stop

one-armed canoeists losing their paddles while out on the water.

Hurricane para-canoe coach Tori Vidler says the grant will allow the club to provide water safety as "a priority" for disabled canoeists.

"Having access to life jackets, without the participant having to self-fund them, removes barriers for new para-paddlers to enter the sport," Ms Vidler said.

"It also allows them to paddle further from the sand with comfort and confidence.

"When our para-paddlers are ready, the life jackets will also provide high visibility and added safety for them to try ocean

paddling."

East Fremantle mayor Jim O'Neill says the Town is "proud" to have provided the grant for the Hurricane Club's "important" initiative to assist disabled canoeists on the water.

"This fund is more than just financial support, it helps our clubs and sporting groups with regular running costs such as buying new life jackets," Mr O'Neill said.

"These jackets are a wonderful investment towards equal access to para-canoeing, and it is great that everyone can enjoy our natural spaces safely and with confidence."

# UPCOMING EVENTS!

## SEPTEMBER

Fri 19th - Special Meeting followed by Hurricane AGM

Sat 20th - Hurricane club to club regatta & junior relay

Sat 20th - Waza AGM (after regatta)

Sun 21st - Race 3 V1/OC1 series Jervoise Bay

## OCTOBER

Sun 5th - Para Canoe Open Day

## NOVEMBER

Sun 2nd - Snapper Run Series *race 1*

Tues 4th - Snapper Run Series *race 2*

Thur 6th - Snapper Run Series *race 3*



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