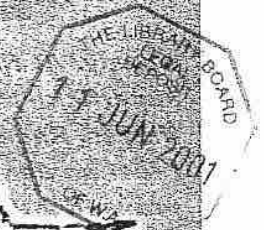


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# Presidents Report

*Howdy. At times I think not much is happening clubwise. Dut on the contry, after a less superficial assessment of the situation I recon plenty has been going on. Paddlewise that is. Recent southcoast and Lancelin trips, Carnac and Rotto crossings etc. However I feel an apology is due the Geraldton paddlers. In the last news letter they clearly expressed a desire to get a weekend happening over the labour day wekend. I myself though it was a good idea but got side tracked and forgot. Maybe others did likewise. Anyway when Les reminded us at the last meeting there was no enthusiasm for Jurien. No focus, no energy. Im sorry and I trust we will do better next time. Talking trips I've had this idea the calendar/program should or could be done differently. I've done it for a while now and don't mind doing it at all but I've just realised that whilst I think I put together a balanced program that may not be the case. So.... How about you the active membership choose a trip when and where you want to paddle. For the next clendar period think of one or two paddles (day or overnight) you'd like to do and be available for as contact. (No obligation to lead the trip) Towards the end of the calendar I'll ring you to get details and compile a program. Those who I don't ring (because you don't paddle often) can still nominate a paddle by ringing me. I warn you though if I get more than five requests for Shoalwater I might need to make amendments. Some members get twichy about toooo many Shoalwater paddles.*

## Shock horror Rotto cancelled

Unfortunately we had to cancel Rotto as we could not get enough people to commit to going. It cost us some money but know where near the money we would have lost if we did not get people over there. It is a real shame that this is the case. The suggestion is that next year we look at going some place for a week over a long weekend so people have a choice of taking holidays and staying or just going for the one weekend. My suggestion would be to run a "Rock and Roll" type of weekend from one spot. That way you could have speakers, slide shows, films skills and day paddles. We could go to maybe Albany or Geraldton and incorporate local paddlers as well. Maybe it could be discussed next meeting. Providing it's not Feb March or April next year I'll be there.

## Wanted

I need someone to take over the magazine. I will help you and write articles but have not the time to do the whole job myself. After the April trip to the Montebello's I have two films to do and will need to start training for the "Two Moons To Broome" trip next Febuary. This means the mag stops if I cant find someone to take it over. As I said I will help as much as I can so if you are not sure you can do it still put your hand up so we can assist till you gat the hang of it. All you need is a computer. I can give you the software to produce it on and have a printer to print it. All you really have to do is get people to write articles and then lay them into the format. Ok so you may have to write a little bit as fillers or harras other people to do that as well. The bottom line is some one has to take it up pleeeeeeeze.

# Calender March to April

Date	Time	Meeting	Program	Contact
Sun 18th March	8.00	Boat ramp Roberts St Quinns	Alkimos	Don 04484164
Sun 25th March	See Don	TBA	What people want	Don 94484164
Sun 1st April	8.00	South Beach	Carnac Island	Ian 93834319
Sun 8th April	8.00	Penguin Island Cafe	Rockingham to Kwinana Car shuffle	Ian 93834319
<b>Tues 10 April meeting 7.00 Eric's Shed</b>				
Friday 18th to Mon 16th	TBA	Down south maybe Blackwood to Hamelin Bay Open to sugges- tions		Ian 93834319 Don 04484164
Sun 22 April	8.00	Causeway	Garden Island safety gear needed	Ian 93834319
Sat 28 April Sun 29 April	Ring Don	Lancelin	Camp over- night to Lance- lin	Don 94484164 Ian 93834319

## .Up The Coast. By, Don Kinzett

Well after a full year of thinking and planning, my first long trip is about to start. 275 kilometers from Lancelin to Geraldton starting Boxing Day, I had intended to do this trip solo. But, about 12 days to go, I got a call from John Dinucci that an English woman here on holiday was keen to do the trip. It wasn't ideal, as we never got to meet until the Friday before Christmas, but I had been told that she was very fit and a great paddler. She also had a very interesting kayak, a three-piece bolt Together Explorer by Nigel Dennis (www.NigelDennisKayaks.com) with no rudder, a fantastic boat. Friday before Christmas we got together for a paddle. Another lady with an interesting kayak to come with us was Geisca Cannon with a folding Kleper. Andrew Linton very kindly drove us up to Lancelin on Boxing Day for an early start.

### DAY ONE:

With the summer weather pattern of SouthWest Winds, I couldn't make up my mind about taking my para-sail or just my sail. I decided on the sail only and I'm still trying to get to grips with the para-sail. We were on the water by 8:30 - fantastic weather. Hot NorthEast, but not very strong. Even for a long trip, the mirage still had plenty of room, but a loaded boat is still a shock for a while. Arrived at Wedge Island at 12:30 with a light SouthWest now. Had lunch at Wedge Island and after we left the Island, there was n wind. Found what we thought would make a good camp, but got swamped by bees, but we just put had to put up with them. The bees loved our beer, but can't fly very well pissed. After a day on the water, those cold beers were just fantastic. Only 34 kilometers today and we saw a few dolphins and seals.

### DAY TWO:

On the water by 6am. Fiona saw a baby seal swimming with a pod of dolphins. Most unusual; one seal played around her boat for about 200 meters. Soon reached the Fishing Shacks at Grey. People there told us they only had six months more before all the shacks along the coast will be pulled down. Fantastic country to paddle past! There was a light NorthEast, which soon picked up to fifteen knots. Due North last two hours into Cervantes, hard going. We stocked up on essentials (beer and ice) and left about 12.45. The wind now a light Westerly, which made fantastic paddling. Arrived at the mouth of the Hill River, fresh water in the sand hill. Decided to camp here. 34 kilometers today. A couple from Perth in a four-wheel drive; were fishing here - Chris and Kim. Had a few drinks with them and also did some fishing, too. Fiona caught the only fish, a good Tailor. Just beginner's luck, I think. There was some lightning down towards Perth - not good.

### DAY THREE:

About 12am, a NorthWest front came in and got so bad that my sand pegs pulled out. Had visions of blowing along the beach trapped in a tent. Had to pull out the poles and hold the tent down on top of me. Was buried in sand by morning, so was all our cooking gear. Rough seas and strong winds, but still got on the water by 10am. Hard going into the NorthWest, but made Jurien Bay in two hours. I asked a couple swimming where we could get some water. They (Graham and Lesley Loven) invited us up for a cuppa and shower. They also gave us some fresh veggies. Up to the store for more essentials (beer and ice, of course), we were invited to call again, if we ever went that way once more. Left Jurien about 1.30pm and were still in a strong NorthWest wind. Crossed Jurien Bay and discovered a good campsite, north of North Head. We travelled only about 20 kilometers today, but not bad considering the very strong winds. Only 29 kilometers to Leeman and the half way point. Not to mention a home cooked meal and a real bed. To be Continued...

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