

President's Blog – December 2022

Wishing you all a Safe Holiday in Preparation for a Cracker of a New Year

Time has raced by and now here we are in the closing stages of 2022. It seems to have been a quiet year with most clubs reporting smaller numbers attending events and trips. Let's make 2023 a bumper year for kayaking trips and getting out there again.

I'm back home having visited Nelson and Dunedin to deliver the Kayak Safe event there and getting home a week late with a little Covid present that I'm about over now.

So the KayakSafe programme has been delivered successfully across the Country and we are gearing up for **Kayak Fest** in under 8 weeks' time.



With less than eight weeks to go, the excitement is now kicking in and I am so looking forward to the event. It promises to be a cracker and will be excellent to be able to catch up with fellow paddlers from around NZ and get some fantastic instruction from the great overseas instructors we've got lined up. Check out the [details here](#).

There are limited spots available, so come, join us [register](#) and have fun.

The [2023 KASK Photo Competition](#) details are available [here](#) for those coming to Hahei so take a look through those stunning shots you took through the year and get them submitted before 15th January deadline.

KASK Annual General Meeting – 2023

With the next AGM to be held at Kayak Fest 2023, only a few weeks away, it is time to think about submissions for the agenda, nominations for election and nominations for the Graham Egarr and Paul Caffyn Awards.

Submissions for the agenda and nominations for election will close at 8pm on Wed 11th Jan 2023.

Those seeking election or re-election will be advertised in the AGM agenda with a photo and a short bio explaining what she or he can bring to KASK.

Quoting Mike Gilbert from KASK Magazine No 208.

*"Ask what not your paddle club or association can do for you, but what you can do for them."
"This is the time to ensure that you give as much support as possible to your local clubs and national association. Be sure they remain healthy and can serve their members needs, wants and desires. Their continued existence remains in your hands with your support".*

I stress that these are not 'junket' positions and committee members are expected to work on behalf of the paddling community.

KASK encourages diversity along with regional representation.

We are looking for paddlers with fresh initiatives, energy, and an understanding of governance. If you, or someone you know, would like to be a committee member, please get in touch with me via steve@kask.co.nz. I am happy to talk through any questions or concerns in more detail before any commitment is made.

This is your chance to have a say about the future of KASK, to step up and make a difference, but more importantly to ensure that KASK is the voice of sea kayakers from around the country.

Graham Egarr Memorial Paddle trophy for outstanding contribution to New Zealand Sea Kayaking ([click to go to the website and take a look](#))

The Graham Egarr Memorial Paddle Trophy is awarded to someone who has made a significant contribution to sea kayaking over the past year (or more). If you know of or are aware of, someone who is deserving, then please nominate them by getting in touch and sending a short portrayal by email to Steve@kask.co.nz. before **Wednesday 11th Jan 2023** .

The Paul Caffyn "Bugger! of the Year" award ([click to go to the website and take a look](#))



The Paul Caffyn Bugger Trophy is awarded for the most humiliating, embarrassing, humorous sea kayaking encounter over the past year. If you would like to nominate someone for this prestigious award, please do so by sending a short description of the event to me at Steve@kask.co.nz. before **Wednesday 11th Jan 2023** .