

Paddlepower – The Participation Award Scheme for Young People

Canoeing Victoria is seeking expressions of interest from clubs that would like to be involved in our Paddlepower pilot program during 2014.

Paddlepower is an exciting participation and award scheme targeted at 8-14 year-olds, designed to develop the skill level and confidence of young paddlers in any type of canoeing craft.

Originally developed by the British Canoe Union, it has been successfully delivered in Britain for over 15 years to tens of thousands of young people. Canoeing Victoria purchased the product to tailor and market in Australia.

Paddlepower starts as an introductory program where certificates are awarded as the paddler progresses their knowledge and achieves defined skill levels. For more information on Paddlepower see the flier below.

Pilot Program Details:

The initial pilot program will consist of a minimum of a 4 to 6 session beginner program which may be delivered once a week or more frequently (e.g. a holiday program) by the club between February and April 2014. It is anticipated that Paddlepower will run on a fee paying basis to enable clubs to at least cover the costs of delivering the program. Paddlepower resources and assistance to the club will be provided by Canoeing Victoria for the pilot program. Following the pilot, clubs may then choose to run Paddlepower as an ongoing youth program, helping to increase club participation, membership, coaching, and also a potential source of revenue.

Clubs interested in piloting Paddlepower that need more time to meet the requirements and/or need assistance in doing so should still register their interest, and may start at a later date.

Club Commitments:

- One person to administrate the program.
- An accredited coach to run all sessions - may be Australian Canoeing accredited Coach, Lifeguard, Guide, or Instructor (training available).
- An appropriate venue and facilities for 8-14 year olds.
- Appropriate equipment for 8-14 year olds - canoes/kayaks/sit-on-tops, PFD's etc (Canoeing Victoria assistance may be available).
- A defined calendar of Paddlepower sessions and programs.
- Fully defined and promoted program fees to participants.
- Commit to promoting a welcoming, inclusive and safe club environment for youth to participate.
- Participate in a review of the Paddlepower Pilot with Canoeing Victoria.



Canoeing Victoria Commitments:

- Paddlepower resources (Coaches Manual, Progression Booklets, Award Certificates, Activity Cards and Stickers).
- Assistance with sourcing suitable canoeing equipment (if required).
- Assistance with Coach training and accreditation (if required).
- Assistance with promotion and advertising.
- General guidance and assistance.

Timeline for Pilot:

Applications Close: Friday 31 January 2014

Applicants Notified: Friday 7 February 2014

Enquiries:

Please contact Warwick Draper at the Canoeing Victoria office for further details or to discuss.

Tel: 8846 4120. Email: cvpaddlepower@canoevic.org.au.

To register your club's interest:

Please complete and return the application form to Warwick Draper at Canoeing Victoria.

Email: cvpaddlepower@canoevic.org.au

Post: PO Box 1010, Templestowe, Victoria 3106.



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Paddlepower is an exciting participation and award scheme that has been designed to meet the needs of young people. It's colourful and youth centred approach aims to:

- Encourage more young people to come into and stay in the sport
- Provide progression and reward achievement in a wide range of topics
- Show them all aspects of the sport – both competitive and adventurous
- Provide signposts into clubs where their skills and development can be nurtured
- Provide a flexible structure for delivery according to venue/situation

The scheme comprises 5 Awards to support a young paddler's introduction and progress in Paddlesport.

The Paddlepower Awards

Paddlepower Start	An entry level award suitable for taster sessions or as part of a series of sessions.
Paddlepower Passport	Four progressive levels based on 24 topics which can be grouped into Safety Awareness, Paddling Skills, Varied Experiences, and Supporting Knowledge.
Paddlepower Discover	This follows on from Passport with a further 4 levels to take the young paddler to the next level in Paddlesport skills and knowledge.
Paddlepower Explore	Three different levels take the paddler on an extensive journey exploring the great variety Paddlesport, with topics focused on participation in events and journeys in the competitive and non-competitive disciplines.
Paddlepower Excel	Three levels to test the paddler on all elements of paddlesport including being responsible for self and others, participation in journeys, coaching sessions, training, events/competitions in a variety of disciplines, background knowledge of the sport; access, rules, environmental, nutrition and goal setting.