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Paddling Resume

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PERSONAL BACKGROUND

I, at 46 years of age am the proud parent of four delightful girls who are the apples of their father's eye! A Canadian by birth, I am the holder of Australian citizenship and am often heard to comment that it would take an earthquake to move me from New South Wales.

A self-described 'snow refugee', I have made my home and my life on the Central Coast of NSW and enjoy passing on the beauty, delights and hope of life to others through sea kayak paddling adventures in Sydney, regional Australia and overseas destinations.

I have been a keen paddler since the age of seven, although my Mother often says that it felt like I had a paddle in my hand when I was born!

I call my paddling a passion; sometimes it could verge on being considered a sickness!!

This passion has led me to paddle locations ranging from the East and West Coasts of North America, the Canadian Arctic, South East Asia, Australia, South America, Turkey and Greece.

In my opinion, there is still far too much of the world left to paddle.

PADDLING BACKGROUND AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Northern, Central and Southern, Alberta, Canada - 1967 - 1983**
 - Numerous day trips, over night and weeklong excursions on a variety of rivers and lake systems. Paddle trips included the Clearwater River, Upper Bow River, North and South Saskatchewan Rivers, Upper Athabasca River, Upper & Lower Red Deer River, Kicking Horse River, Upper Fraser, Upper Belly and Oldman Rivers.
- **Expedition Paddle - Pacific West Coast, Canada - 1979**
 - 150 km Pacific Coast paddle down the remote south west corner of Vancouver Island from Tofino to Ucluelet, across Barkley Sound to Bamfield and on via Clo-oose to Port Renfrew. This section is part of the now very popular West Coast Trail track.
- **Expedition Paddle - Northern Saskatchewan, Canada - 1980**
 - 500 km Northern Canadian paddle from Ile-de-la-Crosse on the Churchill River System to Flin Flon, Manitoba. Paddling a section of the historic old fur trade route.
- **Expedition Paddle - Canadian Arctic - 1981**
 - 550 km Beaufort Sea paddle following a section of the Northwest Passage from Tuktoyaktuk to Cape Parry in Franklin Bay. Paddled via Cape Dalhousie, Cape Bathurst and Horton River.
- **Expedition Paddle - West Coast Canada - 1982**
 - Paddled from Prince Rupert to Victoria, Vancouver Island on extended expedition over the summer.
- **Australia - 1983 to 1991**
 - While living in Sale, Victoria white water paddled most of the regional rivers including the Mitta Mitta, Howqua, Thompson, Mitchell, Wonnangatta, Snowy, Upper Yarra & Avon River.

- **Canada - 1991 to 1995**
 - Caught up in working rat race so Wayne didn't paddle as much as usual. Got out at least twice a fortnight to paddle various white water sections of rivers in Canada during the summer seasons.
- **Australia - 1995 to present**
 - Employed full time as a Sea Kayak Guide & Senior Instructor - Central Coast of New South Wales. Our company has led approximately 23000 clients on tours over the last eleven years on a range of tours and tuition programs from flat water to coastal expeditions including surf tuition, advanced sea skills, kayak navigation and oceanography programs and overseas expeditions.
 - During this time was contracted to the Army Adventurous Training Center to provide sea kayak instruction to leadership level on intensive one-month training programs on a yearly basis.
 - Have paddled the New South Wales Coast from Kempsey to Gabo Island on personal paddles over the last eight years, along with sections of the coastline of Victoria.
- **Expedition Paddle – Bass Strait Crossing, Australia - February 1998**
 - 300 km paddle across the Bass Strait from Wilson's Prom to Tasmania via Hogan Island, Deal Island, Flinders Island and Clarke Island with a group of six paddlers.
- **Expedition Paddle - North West Pacific Coast, Canada - May 1998**
 - 140 km solo paddle from Oona River, Porcher Island, British Columbia down Ogden and Petrel Channels and around Anger Island.
- **Civilian Instructor – Army Adventurous Training Wing – Port Stephens, NSW – October 1998**
 - Based from Port Stephens, provided 28-day sea kayaking instruction assistance & support.
- **Expedition Paddle – Mallacoota, Victoria to Disaster Bay, New South Wales - May 1999**
 - Paddled the remote SE coast via Gabo Island along the Howe and Nadgee Wilderness Areas.
- **Expedition Paddle – Whitsunday & Hook Island Groups, Queensland – June/July 1999**
 - 11-day expedition paddle around Whitsunday & Hook Island from Shute Harbor & return.
- **Civilian Instructor – Army Adventurous Training Wing – Jervis Bay, NSW – October 1999**
 - Based from Jervis Bay, provided 26-day sea kayaking instruction assistance & support to the AATW.
- **Civilian Instructor – Australian Army, Eco Challenge Team**
 - Surf kayaking and paddling training program for the Morocco Eco Challenge
- **Expedition Paddle Tierra del Fuego, Southern Chile – November/December 1999**
 - Expedition leader, two expeditions with two groups of clients in the remote Seno D'Agostini National Park region of Tierra del Fuego.
- **Expedition Paddle - Hinchinbrook Island – Lucinda to Mission Beach, Nth Queensland – July 2000**
 - Expedition leader, 10-day expedition paddles along Hinchinbrook Island - Lucinda to Mission Beach.
- **Expedition Paddle - North West Coast Tasmania, Australia – March 2001**
 - Expedition leader, 12-day expedition paddles around the remote NW Coast of Tasmania's Three Hummock, Robbins and Hunter Islands.
- **Civilian Instructor – Army Adventurous Training Wing – Eden, NSW – March 2001**
 - Instructor Development Program. Based from Eden, provided 19-day instructor development assistance & support during sea kayaking program for the AATW.
- **Expedition Paddle – Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey – Morto Bay to ANZAC Cove – July 2001**
 - Expedition leader, with clients to paddle the Dardanelles and the Gallipoli Peninsula.
- **Civilian Instructor – Australian Navy, Sea Kayak Skills Development Program**
 - Sea skills & paddling training program leading to initial trip leader training for HMAS Creswell.
- **Expedition Paddle – SW Tasmanian Coast, Strahan – Recherche Bay – Feb 2002**
 - Expedition leader, 15 day, 300 km expedition paddle around the remote SW Coast of Tasmania
- **Expedition Paddle – NE Tasmanian Coast, Strahan – Recherche Bay – Mar/Apr 2003**
 - Expedition leader, 17 day expedition paddle around the Furneaux Islands Group of NE Tasmania
- **Expedition Paddle – North Queensland MacKay to Airlie Beach – July 2003**
 - 17 day expedition paddle through the Smith, Cumberland and Whitsunday Groups of Islands
- **Expedition Paddle – Central Queensland Yeppoon to Thirsty Bay via Shoalwater Bay – Aug/Sept 2005**
 - 13 day expedition paddle through the Shoalwater Bay, Strong Tide Passage and Thirsty Bay Region

CURRENT PADDLING RELATED CERTIFICATIONS, ENDORSEMENTS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Workplace Assessor Certificate – BSZ401A, BSZ402A & BSZ403A
- Australian Board of Canoe Education – Level III Sea Instructor and Assessor
- Radio Operators Certificate of Proficiency (#2005160)

PAST PADDLING RELATED CERTIFICATIONS, ENDORSEMENTS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Civilian Instructor – Army Adventurous Training Wing – Sea Kayaking
- Australian Army – Unit Adventurous Training Leader - Sea Kayaking
- Australian Canoeing Inc. “Education & Safety Technical Committee” member



For those of you who got this far, no, I am not paddling with my little daughter Indy not wearing a PFD – we are sitting in 50 mm of water, with her pretending she is a kayaker, much like her father!



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