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Emma Lindsey
Coroners Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
Level 11, 222 Exhibition Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

Dear Ms Lindsey,

Court reference: COR 2011 001180



With regard to the recommendations made by the coroner:

"1. To promote the awareness of and compliance with PFD regulations amongst human-powered vessel occupants, I recommend that Canoeing Victoria, the Victorian Canoe Association Inc and Victorian Sea Kayaking Club consider the distribution of the Australia New Zealand Safe Boating Education Group's *Paddle Safe* brochure to their members".

The coroner's recommendation will be implemented.

Canoeing Victoria (the Victorian Canoe Association Inc) will distribute a link to the Paddle Safe brochure via an e-newsletter to our members as part of a broader safety communications campaign currently being developed with support from Transport Safety Victoria. We have recently met with Transport Safety Victoria and have an in principle agreement to work together on a paddle safety campaign, including the wearing of PFDs, which is expected to commence in May 2014.

Canoeing Victoria promotes safe practices for non competitive canoeing and kayaking activities as outlined in the Australian Canoeing Safety Guidelines available at:

http://www.canoe.org.au/site/canoeing/ac/downloads/Education/Safety/Safety_Guidelines_20130520_print.pdf

We offer training to educate both members and the general public, through the Australian Canoeing Award Scheme, with regard to safe canoeing activities, for example skills training, weather analysis, risk management and suitable equipment.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Flanigan
President
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