



April Edition

REDCLIFFE RED DRAGONS NEWSLETTER



AWARDS NIGHT

On Saturday, 21st April, 52 members, including some partners, gathered to celebrate the Redcliffe Red Dragons Presentation night for 2017/2018. Once again, it was held in the President's Room at the Dolphins Leagues Club. This is the fifth year the awards night has been in play and the third year of it being held at the Dolphins Leagues Club.



Huge Thanks to Dolphins for allowing the club to hold the presentation night at their facilities. Thanks to Kelvin for helping with the organising and also to the Leagues Club in refunding the fee for the room. The night always proves to be a huge success and good for club spirit and morale.

The President's room was wonderfully decorated thanks to Gillian and Co. in the Black and White theme for the night.

The night was kicked off with the club president, Cheryl welcoming everyone to the event and giving an overview of some of the events that had happened over the past year. She also thanked everyone for attending.

During the night there were various of awards presented, raffles drawn and fun games played.



The recipients of the Redcliffe Red Dragons awards were as follows:-



President's Award –
KAY ROPER

Paddlers' Paddler -
ANN MATTHYSEN

Coach's Award -
KAY ROPER

Club Person Award –
PAUL HOGG

There were also other presentations made during the night, the first of these being the distribution of the **DBQ and AUSDBF Certificates of Appreciation** for those who volunteered at this year's championships which were held at Kawana Waters.



With the help of Iciar, Gillian the certificates were handed out to **Bruce Brewster, Karin Wagner, Cheryl Rigby, Kay Roper, Lyn Stainlay (and Gillian Robinson** herself) who volunteered at the States Championships and to Cheryl Rigby, Kay Roper and Lyn Stainlay who volunteered at the AUSDBF Championships.

On behalf of the club, Iciar presented appreciation awards towards the outgoing club President, **Cheryl**, Vice-President, **Tina** and Treasurer **Rita** who were stepping down from their respective roles at the end of the year.



These three club members were awarded a plaque 'in appreciation of their years of commitment and contribution to the club' while in their respective roles along with a gift card and some delicious chocolates.



In her speech, Iciar outlined some of the many achievements achieved for the club by Cheryl, Tina and Rita and wished them well in their future roles in the club.

As always everyone enjoyed the delicious buffet meal during the night. There was a slideshow displayed during the night of previous and present members which everyone enjoyed and it brought back



many memories. In between awards and presentations, there were also lucky door prizes drawn along with two fun games -

THE BOTTLE TOSS (requiring skill and precision which Bruce – or was that Doug won) and the EGG AND SPOON RACE where the winning team reverted to some dirty tactics to win. All good fun!



Several people were recognised on the night for their marvelous efforts throughout the year for the club i.e. President of Redcliffe Red Dragons and Redcliffe Pink Snapdragons, respective Team Managers, the club Coach, and other committee members which without the help of the club would not function as well.



The Funny/Novelty awards were back again this year after being such a big hit two years ago. These awards were initially the brain child of Jane Kennedy and Karen Burns and as usual the girls were in fine form with Karen managing to keep a deadpan face while announcing the award recipients and the reasoning behind their awards and her helper Jane not being able to restrain herself from laughing when presenting the award.

These awards were as follows:-

HELEN FOSTER

set each of *pink and red Pom Poms* - for being the loudest voice when cheering for the club at regattas. Lyn Grigg previously held this honour, but she's now been bumped by Helen because she's much louder.

TONY ZEDDE - aka 'Tardy Tony'

alarm clock as he is notoriously late for training, and proved his tardiness tonight when he was even late arriving for this function! So no more excuses Tony, no more tardiness! Tony was also presented with a laminated club brochure which pictured a sinking dragon boat. Apparently at Tony's first regatta the boat overturned and he ended up in the water. Tony's complaint was that this aspect of dragon boating *'wasn't in the brochure'!!*

So now it is in the brochure Tony!

LYN STAINLAY

nurse's outfit as she is the club first aid officer who approaches people at Come and Try days and asks pesky questions about their health and ability. With the nurse's outfit Lyn will stand out and be recognised as the first aid officer.

ICIAR ARGUS

large smile statue - for the days when Iciar has left her smile at home or simply can't be bothered smiling, but we all have days like that, don't we? The smile also has teeth, because smiling is better with teeth. :-)

BRUCE BREWSTER

some bubble wrap - considered necessary to protect him as he had a unfortunate accident recently when he fell off the ladder and hurt his back (?).

DOUG TROTT

rest of the *large role of bubble wrap* because, as Bruce's Siamese twin, he too has inherited the clumsy gene with a number of incidents recently where he has suffered a few injuries due to his clumsiness.

TINA VAN KUYL - aka squeaky wheel

squeaky toy and an oil can. Tina's squeaky wheel persistence has recently resulted In The council approving concreting from the back of the shed to the toilet block for disabled access. Tina is renowned for never letting up, she is truly a squeaky wheel.

JANE KENNEDY

apron which pictured many kiwi birds. The apron is a product of 'Save the Kiwi' foundation, and we all agreed that if there ever was a kiwi that needed saving, it's Jane!



Courtesy of Karen Burns



After the completion of the awards, it was time to get down and boogie the night away to the songs lined up on the Jukebox. Overall, a great time was had by all, as always is the case where Redcliffe Red Dragons are concerned.





PINKS SOCIAL PADDLE

The Pinks first social paddle of 2018 took

place on a beautiful Saturday morning, 28th April. We had a great turn out of new Survivors, new potential sports paddlers and the old friends. Lyn Stainley led the warm-up and we were ready!



With everyone all Pinked up, not forgetting Paul in his tutu, we took 2 boats with 18 paddlers in each out on the water. Jason and Cheryl followed closely giving the safety boat a good run. Eva kindly gave a quick "how to paddle session" for the newcomers.

Everyone paddled well and had a brief stop in Moreton Bay to see Jayne Coe and let her know her legacy lives on.





Everyone joining in for the Snapdragons song

Back on dry land and after washing the boats and singing our much loved song we tucked into a sausage sizzle kindly cooked for us by John and Neil.



A great spread of savoury and sweet treats was also available to ensure we all got our blood glucose back up!!

Lots of chatter and hopefully new adventures for our 18 new people.



A wonderful morning with wonderful company

Thanks Everyone for coming and helping.



Courtesy of Sarah Firman

PADDLER'S JOURNEY

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This is a new section called the PADDLER'S JOURNEY where members are encouraged to send through details on how they got into the sport of dragon boating and became a member of Redcliffe Red Dragons.

The first member to kick off this section will be Norma Kelly who has been a member of our club since 2016/2017 year.



NORMA KELLY

"I was looking for a new sport and completely by accident I stumbled across Redcliffe Red Dragons after seeing the news article about the theft of the club trailer and equipment.

I started when everyone was training for the State Championships. I couldn't have started at the hardest time – everyone was very focus on training for the upcoming event and I couldn't even make it to the end of the first canal without pulling in. 😞

I made sure that I attended every training session and slowly but surely my fitness returned and I grew to become addicted to this great sport. Having to step outside my comfort zone, pushing myself to the next level, learning that I can do it and the natural high from the physical workout makes me want to come back for more.

I know that there is still so much to learn and harder training sessions to conquer.

Bring it on!

I enjoy being a member of the Red Dragons. Everyone is friendly, supportive and the encouragement is endless. It is comforting to know that you are part of a great team and we are all heading it the same direction."



Courtesy of Norma Kelly



MAY

Karen Rolfe

Deb Watson

Rosetta Lynis

Sonia Anger

Christine Law

Del Martin

JUNE

Leanne Speller

Peter Price

Terri Munroe

Lyn Stainlay



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Saturday 19th

Training with Lakers at Compound
Presidents Meeting/Workshop

Saturday 26th

COME N TRY – Moreton Bay Council
Club **Sport Sign On** Day 9am-1pm

Sunday 27th

Mullum2Brunswick 10km

JUNE

Saturday 2nd

KALBUR Sausage Festival

Sunday 3rd

BBQ Bunnings **REDS**
@Rothwell

JUNE

Saturday 9th

AGM – REDS
@ Paddlers's Den 9.30am

Saturday 16th

Paddle 4 Kids - DBQ Regatta

JULY

Monday 2nd-Monday 9th

IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival

Florence – Pink Snapdragons

Saturday 14th -Sunday 15th

Regatta- TIN CAN BAY

Sunday 22nd

J2J – Jetty to Jetty Fun Run