

December

**REDCLIFFE RED DRAGONS
NEWSLETTER**

*MERRY XMAS
and a
SAFE and PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR.*



CHRISTMAS PARTY!

December 2, we held our club Christmas Party at the **PADDLERS' DEN**. Festivities kicked off at 4pm, with background music & nibbles (& of course the odd drink or two), then onto the fun & games devised by Iciar & Peggy!

Everyone got into the party spirit, splitting into teams – **WRINKLY SACKS**, **TITMASES** and **PEGGY's SWINGERS** - to take part in Stocking Bowling, Pass the Noodle, Penny Drop, and Jingle in the Trunk - all hilarious, especially for the spectators !



Jason & Santa's little helpers then cooked up a storm on the BBQ, followed by desserts, and a decadent beautifully-decorated cake topped with pink & red dragons, made by Norma's talented friend; it was delicious.





We then enjoyed Secret Santa, with Cheryl's "twist", which meant that recipients could choose to steal someone else's opened gift before unwrapping their own. There were a couple of very popular gifts that changed hands many times! Surprise, surprise, bottles of wine were among them :)



One of our members brought some "Face Mats" which they had received from another Xmas party they had attended. These definitely gave us all a giggle trying them on.

A great night was had by all, & it was fantastic to be able to hold this event in our own venue where we could relax, party & enjoy ourselves.

Many thanks to all those who helped in the organisation, setting up the shed, and contributing with nibbles & desserts!



Courtesy of Ann Matthyssen



REGATTA NEWS

Saturday DECEMBER 10th

The last regatta, before Xmas, was held by TeWaka at Kawana Waters. Due to lack of numbers, Redcliffe were only able to submit two crews in this regatta – Women 20's 500m and BCS (Redcliffe Pink Snapdragons) 10's 500m.

Our Snapdragons' crew started their races in excellent form with a very close and well deserved win over **MISSABITATITTI (BRD)** and **DAGC PINK DRAGONS** in a time of 2.48.47. They managed to hold off a fast finishing BRD team only by a mere **.00.09secs**. There were lots of smiles on the girls' faces as they congratulated each other over their hard work and win.

The second heat produced a time of 2.48.00 which was .03.84secs behind the winning time of 2.44.16 by Missabitatitti. The finals saw more of the same with Missabitatitti crossing the line first 2.49.17 followed by Redcliffe Snapdragons 2.52.25 and DAGC Pink Dragons 2.53.94.



There were 11 crews in the Women 20's crew and Redcliffe Red Dragons came sixth in both their heats in times of 2.27.78 and 2.35.69 missing out on a berth in the finals. There were some paddlers for whom this regatta was their first. Hopefully they would have been bitten by the regatta bug and they will be back for more.



Mark Slater from **BRD** for helping out and sweeping our women's boat. Redcliffe were more than happy to contribute towards his

Level 3 sweep accreditation on the day.



OTHER NEWS

- Even though this year the club decided not to have the annual LOLLY RUN it was decided that on the last day of training the paddlers would, after a short training session, paddle up and down the canals looking at the many Xmas lights. It was a beautiful night for a paddle and there were lots of houses getting in to the Xmas spirit.



- In lieu of the annual Lolly Run, the paddlers got together for a BBQ and a technique/video session at the compound. While the food was being prepared some of our members were busily naming the shed by putting up the club sign

THE PADDLERS' DEN



After being fed, everyone gathered around the TV screen to view videos of club training sessions to discuss technique and provide feedback.



It gave everyone a good indication of their actual style on the water.

You are Appreciated

It was a great opportunity for club members to show their appreciation to two club members who have done an amazing job throughout the year

CHERYL RIGBY (club president) in all her efforts in obtaining the grant which made it possible for our shed to be built and the endless hours spent dealing with dragon bBoating matters when she could be out enjoying herself.

JASON PUKALLUS – for providing some of the muscle etc when it came to regattas and club events (BBQ) eg transport, set up and pack up at events, general maintenance around the compound amongst many other things.





*CHRISTMAS MESSAGE from
our club PRESIDENT
CHERYL RIGBY*

Hi Members,

*I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of
myself and the Committee to thank you all for
your contributions and support throughout the
year.*



*We wish you all the very best for a great Christmas and Happy New Year and
while still doing a little something to try and keep your fitness and strength
up, please enjoy a good break with Family and Friends and see you back at
training on Saturday 6th January.*



*MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND ALL
THE BEST
FOR 2018*

CHERYL



JANUARY

Sue Drinkwater

Karen Hitchcock

Paul Hogg

Jane Kennedy

Andrea Meade

Erlinda May

FEBRUARY

Jill Aplin

Margery Barnes

Sarah Firman

Linda Riedel

Vanessa McClennan

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

Saturday 6th Training resumes

Sunday 28th BROADWATER
regatta@ Emerald Lakes

FEBRUARY

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th

State Championships

@ KAWANA WATERS

MARCH

Saturday 3rd – Thursday 8th

National Championships

@ KAWANA WATERS