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REDCLIFFE RED DRAGONS NEWSLETTER



2016 Queensland Dragon Boat Championships

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REGATTAS



On a somewhat dismal Auckland morning, 11 intrepid paddlers – **DONNA, JASON, KAREN B, SARAH, KAYLENE, TOM, LORETTA, ,TINA, GORDON, CHERYL** and **BRITTNEE** and their supporters, from Redcliffe Red Dragons, entered the Auckland Viaduct to battle with Kiwi teams from all over the North Island in the **Auckland Anniversary Day Super 10's Regatta**. We were warmly welcomed by the organisers and they even had a tent for us with chairs. We were the very first Australian team to compete in the regatta so expectations were high. We did not disappoint, winning our first race. Cheryl swept and mastered the 10's boat amazingly taking a slightly zig zag course to give the other teams a chance!

We were stoked and the sun came out and stayed out for the rest of the regatta. Lots of red tinged shoulders could be seen by the end of the day. We paddled in 3 heats coming 1st, 2nd and 2nd. Our grand final loomed, we paddled hard and strong and came in 4th. It made our overall standing 12th from a field of 21 teams in the Mixed category. Celebrations commenced immediately in the Irish pub a few steps away from where we had marshalled!

It was a wonderful experience for the team and we had a lot of fun.



ROLL ON NEXT YEAR
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The team shirts, the paddlers were proud to wear, while over in New Zealand, were generously designed by one of our paddlers **GORDON**. He did a tremendous job incorporating the Red Dragon and the map of Australia. Our paddlers were welcomed by the locals with open arms.

After the racing duties were fulfilled, some of the paddlers decided to make the most of their stay in New Zealand and take in some of the sights, tourist attractions and the beautiful countryside.



COOMERA.

During the month, the last sports regatta for the season was held at Coomera. It was a great chance for the smaller clubs e.g. Lakers, Ipswich to experience what was involved in running a regatta. Thanks to the help of Norm from Tweed Dragons, the day was a huge success.

Redcliffe entered teams in the 4 categories - **Under 50's 1km, Under 50's Mixed 20's 100m (Last Man Standing), Under 50's Mixed 20's 200m and Open 20's 200m.** It was decided to enter in the Under 50's category in order to give our Master category paddlers some paddling time.

Some of our women joined with Redlands to paddle in the 200m 20's Women's team. While Redcliffe, did not reap any rewards on the day, as usual, all paddlers enjoyed themselves both on and off the water.



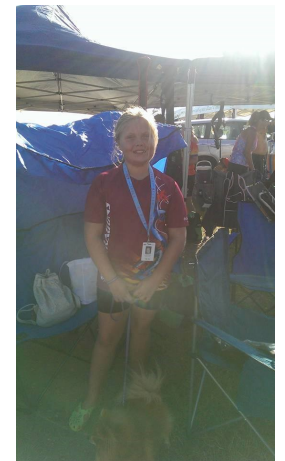
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Some of our juniors – **Tahlia, Alex, Skye and Ebony** - experienced their first regatta while paddling for the Sonics. The young ones all enjoyed their debut on the water.

Well done to these paddlers. You did yourself, your club and your family proud.

Keep up the hard work.

TAHLIA





DBQ STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the end of February, 26 of Redcliffe's sports paddlers ventured to **BUCCA Weir Rowing Course** - 30mins west of Bundaberg - to compete at the 2016 DBQ State championships over Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th February.

Some of the paddlers arrived a few days before the competition and checked into the Acacia Motor Inn in Bundaberg which Cheryl had so kindly arranged for paddlers.



The next day it was decided by some of us to do some sight seeing while in Bundaberg. We visited the **Bundaberg Barrel Ginger Beer Factory** where we got to sample some of the local produce.





After the factory visit, a trip to the Bundaberg Regional Council's Bagara Office was warranted to view the '***DENIZENS of the DEEP***' Woodwork Display carved, using local timber, by a renowned local – Arthur Clark. The attention to details in the carvings was just

OUTSTANDING



After a nice lunch was had at Bagara Beach, which included some delicious ice-cream, we met up with some of our other crew members to do a group tour of the ***Bundaberg Distillery***. We were lead through the distillery, finding out along the way, the makings of the famous BUNDY RUM.

At the end of the tour, we were able to have two sample drinks of their product. Some of us ended up with more than their fair share of drinks due to some not finishing their samples and handing them over to others

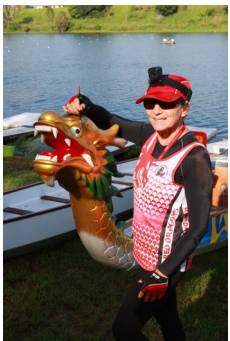


Due to an early start next morning, everyone decided to retire early to their respective rooms, where they settled down (hopefully) for a good nights rest before a big day of paddling .



Arriving at the regatta site, we were uncertain as to whether **Lyn S's** efforts the previous day, of reserving a prime position on the bank for our tents, would be fruitful. Much to our delight we arrived on site where we saw Lyn— standing next to her pink chair and the toilet paper still tied on the trees from the night before - ready to welcome us all.

After pitching our tent, we all settled down for a big day of 10's racing. On the first day, 25 Redcliffe paddlers were participating in 6 team categories:- **Senior A Mixed, Women, Open, Senior B Mixed, Women, Open and Senior C Mixed.**



Our **Senior A Mixed 10's** were first up and therefore involved in the Eye Dotting ceremony on the day. Lyn had the privilege of being one of the paddlers to participate in this ceremony.



At one stage during the day, it was full on with the racing and other times, there was time for paddlers to have a break before their next race. This was very much welcomed by all paddlers due to the warm conditions during the day.



Our proudest moment of the day was when the Club's **Senior C Mixed** (paddling with 8) – **DOUG, BRUCE, BOB, MARK, PEGGY, LYN, EVA and KAREN R**, drummer **MICHELLE F** and sweep **DEL**, won a bronze medal, just pipping 1770 over the line by **0.00.03**. Photo finish technology had to be used. The photo showed just exactly why paddling past the finish line is so imperative.



Although the other Redcliffe teams did not come away with any medals on the first day of racing, **Senior B Women 10's** made the Semi-Final while the **Senior A Open 10's** and **Senior B Open 10's** both made the Grand Final.

All paddlers put in 100% for the club, team and themselves on the day. Tomorrow was another day of racing and another chance to come away with some bling for the weekend.



Our juniors **Zharlea, Brittnee** (Maroon) **Skye and Tahlia** (Gold) were successful paddling with the **SONICS**. Zharlea and Brittnee **GOLD** in the **Junior Mixed 200m** and Skye and Tahlia **SILVER** in the **Junior Mixed 200m**. They also made the finals for the **Premier Mixed 500m**



SONICS IN ACTION



Dragon boating seems to be quite the family affair for some members.

Donna, Loretta, Kaylene and Toni, (the four sisters) **Tom** (Kaylene's hubby) **Zharlea** (Toni's daughter) **Brittnee** (Kaylene's and Tom's daughter) and **Tahlia** (Loretta's granddaughter) all paddling at the State Championships this year. There is only need for two more family members and they could enter a 10's boat all on their own.



Zharlea, Brittnee, and Tahlia



Another early start the following morning for the second and last day of racing. The day's racing was 20's 500m. Redcliffe entered 3 teams consisting of **Senior A Open, Senior B Mixed and Senior B Open**. Most of the racing on the day consisted of one heat and a final in each category due to the lack of team numbers with most paddlers experiencing the joys of paddling 6 x 500m races. Thankfully the conditions were cooler than the previous day of racing.

At the end of Sunday's racing, our club made all three grand finals and scored ourselves two silvers - one for **Senior A Open** and one for **Senior B Open**. Everyone came away from the State Championships with at least one medal be it bronze or silver.



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A great effort by everyone over the weekend and it proves just what you can achieve if you put in the time and effort into training.

CONGRATULATIONS

Senior A Open - SILVER

Senior B Open - SILVER

20's 500m

Well Done!

Tahlia— first attempt at drumming at a regatta. She did an excellent job considering she hadn't drummed before. It must run in the family. The Bribie Island Breast Cancer Survivors surely appreciated her assistance as they did Del's for sweeping their boat.



Michelle F— first attempt at drumming at a regatta also. As like Tahlia, Michelle did a tremendous job of drumming for the Senior C Mixed 10's on Saturday and the two Senior B 20's on the Sunday



Bruce and Rita achieving their sweep's certificates



A huge big **THANKS** must go to **KAYE PARFITT** who was kind enough to help out as Team Manager over the two days of racing at the Championship.

Without her assistance the two days would not have run as smoothly as it did and would not have been as enjoyable as they were.



Also a big **THANKS** to our three volunteers – **GILLIAN, MARION, and KIM** - who gave up their time and were kind enough to help out with the marshalling, boat handling and runner. Again without their effort and the efforts of all the other volunteers, the weekend would not have run as smoothly as it did.

Finally, and this certainly goes without saying, that the club needs to give a **MASSIVE THANKS** and much appreciation to **CHERYL** for organising all the details associated with attending the State Championship weekend i.e. accommodation, bus, sight seeing and celebratory dinner on Sunday.

This club would be lost without her dedication, time and effort for all the club's events.





Donna Stein will be collecting sanitary products, shampoo/conditioners, soaps, washing powders, deodorants etc for the **Share the Dignity** programme.

She will have a basket people can pop these donations in at training on Saturday mornings. These are then delivered to women who are forced to leave their homes through domestic violence etc with nothing.

Imagine having to choose between buying food your sanitary products. They have two collection months April & September. One small way we can help.



Also **Fran** is going to the Solomon Islands next month where bras are a luxury. If any of our ladies have any second hand but decent bras please give to Fran. Thanks.

**SHARE THE
DIGNITY
DONATION**



**Thank
you!**



MARCH

Kay Roper

Rita Beadsmoore

Doug Trott

Kaylene McGrath

APRIL

Cheryl Rigby

Laurie Nicholson

Tahlia Harle

Marla Harris

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please refer to

Following

Club Calender

Upcoming Regatta & Event Calendar for 2016

MARCH Sunday 13th - - Pinkies Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser @ Rothwell

Saturday 19th - Moreton Bay Council Adventure Come 'N' Try Program 10am – 12pm – Helpers Needed 40 people booked in

Wednesday 23 – Monday 28th - Australian Championships, Adelaide SA

Friday 25th - Easter Public Holiday

Monday 28th - Easter Public Holiday

APRIL Saturday 2nd - General Meeting 10am at Compound (TBC)

Saturday 9th - 10am – 2pm - **Council's Local Women / Local Clubs Program – Paddlers helpers needed –**
MAGGIE & ROSS Boyce from BRD coming to assist.

Sunday 10th - 8am to approx. 10.30 – 11am **Maggie & Ross coming to do a Club Crew Special Training Session**
from (Subject to Weather Conditions) Learn the new Paddling Techniques

Saturday 16th - **1. Management Meeting (Brekky at Compound) 2. then set up for the Proposed Moreton Bay Council Adventure Come 'N' Try Program 10am – 12pm – Helpers Needed 3. Sweeps workshop / Fun Day / Weekend at Wivenhoe Dam - please see Cheryl for more Info if interested in learning or gaining more knowledge of sweeping.**

Monday 25th Anzac Day - Public Holiday

APRIL	Saturday 30 th - DBQ Presidents / Coaches Meeting 11 – 1pm at Nudgee
	Saturday 30 th - Paddlers Paddler Nomination Forms to be returned by today to Lyn Grigg preferably by email or Into Perspex Box at Training with name on it , Please
MAY	Monday 2 nd - Labour Day - Public Holiday Qld
	Saturday 7 th - Petrie FernFitness Fun Day Regatta 1pm – 4pm (hopefully in the end of the Far Canal, TBA)
	Sunday 8 th - Mother's Day
	Saturday 28 th - Presentation Night – Dolphins HQ @ Redcliffe Leagues Club 6pm – Midnight – Buffet Meal & Juke Box \$36.00P/H
JUNE	Saturday 4 th - AGM - 10.30am Dolphins HQ @ Dolphins Leagues Club
	Wednesday 15 th - 2 Pinkies Boats being collected for below Regatta
	Friday 17 th & Saturday 18 th - DAA National Regatta, Lake Kawana
JULY	Saturday 9 th & Sunday 10 th July - Tin Can Bay Regatta on Sunday
	Sunday 17 th July - Jetty 2 Jetty (Pinks might have to do Water Stations)
	Saturday 30 th - DBQ Presidents/ Coaches Meeting - 11am – 1pm Nudgee

AUGUST Saturday 20th - DBQ Presidents/ Coaches Meeting - 11am Sports House

SEPTEMBER Sunday 4th - Father's Day

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th - Coffs Coast Regatta

OCTOBER 8th – 15th - The Emergency Services Games at Lake Kawana with possible Sports or Corporate Event & may need

Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th – **Proposed** Training for “Tug of War”

Saturday 22nd / Sunday 23rd - **Proposed** Training for “Tug of War”

Saturday 30th - Dolphins Health Precinct – “Tug of War” Dragonboat Fundraiser – We need to take boat next door to Health Precinct Pool & Bring back when finished.

NOVEMBER

Friday 11th & Saturday 12th - Pan Pacific Masters Games at Varsity Lakes

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APRIL 21ST – 30TH - World Masters Games, Lake Pupuke, Auckland, NZ - Over 40's